



June 30th 2024
13th Sunday of Ordinary
Time

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MASS INTENTIONS –June 29th– July 7th, 2024

St. Ambrose Co-Cathedral (Yarmouth):

Sat. 4 pm Parishioners
Sun. 9am Marie Marcadet
Sun. 11:15 am Special Intentions
Tues. 6:30 pm Intentions of Xavier Johnston
Wed. 6:30 pm Anniv. Stan & Paula Bishara
Thurs: 9 am Barry & Theresa Doucette
Fri. 9 am Steubenville Atlantic Youth Conference
Sat. 4 pm Bob LeFave
Sun. 9am Parishioners
Sun. 11:15 am Michael D. Bourque

Our Lady of Lourdes (Melbourne):

Sun. 10 am June 30 Ernest DeViller
Sun. 10 am July 7 Harvey & Alice Saulnier

REFLECTION: The Faith of Jairus: He took the child by the hand and said to her, “*Talitha Koum,*” which means, “Little girl, I say to you, arise!” The girl, a child of twelve, arose immediately and walked around. At that they were utterly astounded. He gave strict orders that no one should know this and said that she should be given something to eat. Jairus was the leader of the synagogue in Capernaum. In that position, he would have been pressured to be in opposition to Jesus. But his daughter was ill, and his daughter was more

important to him than the opinions of the other religious leaders of the time. So, he humbly came to Jesus by himself, fell at Jesus’ feet and pleaded with Him to heal his daughter. Jairus makes two acts of faith in Jesus. The first was his request that Jesus heal his infirmed daughter. But the second took even more faith. On the journey with Jesus to see his daughter, he received the sorrowful news that his daughter had died. Jesus’ response to this was to turn to Jairus and say, “Do not be afraid; just have faith.” Clearly, Jairus responded to this command of love with faith and trusted that Jesus could even raise his daughter from the dead. As you ponder the faith of Jairus, consider this interior tension he must have been experiencing. He was tempted by the political and peer pressure of the scribes and Pharisees who opposed Jesus. He was tempted to despair while his daughter’s illness became increasingly worse. And when he heard she had died, he would have been tempted even more to despair when faced with the apparent fact that Jesus was too late. But he didn’t give in to these temptations. He remained in hope and trust. When Jesus arrived at Jairus’ home, He saw many people who were “weeping and wailing loudly.” When Jesus questioned their acts of despair, He said to them, “The child is not dead but asleep.” But upon hearing this, they ridiculed Him. Clearly, the other people present did not have the hope and the faith that Jairus had. Therefore, it is also helpful to prayerfully meditate upon the contrast of Jairus and the others present. The story concludes with Jesus raising the girl from the dead. He then told those present to keep this miracle quiet. Jesus did not heal her to gain fame. He did not heal her to prove to the people who were despairing and without faith that they were wrong. Instead, He primarily healed her on account of the faith manifested by the girl’s father. Finally, Jesus’ divine love shining through His humanity is clearly seen when He says that “she should be given something to eat.” Jesus did not stand there expecting praise from those present. Rather, His loving compassion shone through as He expressed His concern that this little girl must have been hungry. His love led Him to address this minor detail. Reflect, today, upon how you would have acted were you Jairus. What would you have done in the face of spiritual and moral opposition? Would you have turned to our Lord in

trust and confidence? And when all human hope seemed lost, would you have maintained your trust in our Lord? Pray that the faith and hope of Jairus will inspire you, and commit yourself to follow his holy example. *-My Catholic Life*

EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS: October 18-20, 2024.

Communion to Heal the World
 Leading up to the Congress in October we ask you to pray. Copies of the prayer can be found at the entrance of the church. You can find more information at www.halifaxyarmouth.org/congress2024
 Parishes have been invited to recognize the First Thursdays of every month as a day to pray specifically for the Congress. Archbishop Dunn will celebrate Mass this Thursday July 4th with us at Saint Ambrose at 9:00am. Please plan to join.

RED PANTRY BY THE TENNIS COURTS: As I



mentioned last weekend at mass, a group in town called Acts of Kindness reached out to us recently about partnering with them in helping feed those in need in our community. You may have seen these red "boxes" around town because other churches have already partnered with them. Food security is becoming an issue and these pantries are a part of combating this. It's true we have the Foodbank which does a lot in helping our community, but many people in need of help don't have a car. And taking a taxi to the food bank is expensive for them. Thus, these little pantries can help. Acts of Kindness received a substantial grant from the Provincial Government to help less fortunate people in our community and are supplying \$1000 per month to help us fill our pantry. This initiative coincides with what our Bishop asked each parish to do, which was to do something about homelessness in their community. Anyone who wants can put food in it any time. Please keep in mind that we should be putting food that is not expired. Fr. Henry

FOOD BANK: next weekend of July 6th & 7th, is our

turn to support the Yarmouth Food Bank. Non-perishable goods and monetary donations are appreciated. Knights of Columbus members will be on hand to receive the donations.

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC: This year, we are trying something different. We will be having an outdoor mass at 10:00 am on Sunday July 21st at Ellenwood Lake Provincial Park located 1888 Mood Road in Deerfield. Following this mass will be a barbecue which will be cooked by the Knights of Columbus with the food being supplied by the parish. To do this, we will be canceling both the 9 am and 11:15 am masses at Saint Ambrose that morning. For those who would not like to attend at Ellenwood, there is still the 4:00 pm mass at St. Ambrose on Saturday and the 10:00 am mass on Sunday at Our Lady of Lourdes in Melbourne. There will be sign-up sheets at the entrance of the Church for the next few weeks for those who wish to attend so we know how much food is needed for the Barbecue. This is a community building event meant to help us get to know one another better. Please remember to bring a chair. Fr. Henry

MASS OF MINISTRIES: (Lector) - Bruce Muise - As

he continues his journey towards the priesthood, Bruce will receive the Ministry of Lector at a Mass celebrated at St. Ambrose Co-Cathedral in Yarmouth on Sunday, June 30 at 11:15 a.m., presided by Archbishop Dunn. All are invited to join Bruce for this very special Mass.

ULTREYA: The next Yarmouth Area Cursillo



Movement Ultreya is on July 4th, 2024 at 7pm at St. Ambrose Marian Hall.

OFFICE CLOSED: The office will be closed on

Monday July 1st for the Canada Day holiday and Friday July 5th for staff who will be attending the Steubenville Atlantic Youth Conference in Halifax.



Our sympathy is extended to the family and friends of
 John Ernest DeViller and Frances Ann Saulnier
 Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.