



**July 14<sup>th</sup> 2024**  
**15<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary**  
**Time**

**Pastor:** Fr. Henry Smolenaars  
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**Confession/Adoration** Wednesday 7:00-8:00

**MASS INTENTIONS –July 13<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024**

**St. Ambrose Co-Cathedral (Yarmouth):**

**Sat. 4 pm** Fidelis Moulaison  
**Sun. 9am** Margaret Chisholm  
**Sun. 11:15 am** Parishioners  
**Tues. 6:30 pm** Special Intentions  
**Wed. 6:30 pm** Robert Revert  
**Thurs: 9 am** Caroline LeBlanc  
**Fri. 9 am** Margo Wilkinson  
**Sat. 4 pm** 101<sup>st</sup> Birthday of Fr. Clarence Thibeau  
**Sun. 9am & 11:15 am** No Mass at the Church  
**Sun. 10 am** Parishioners (At Ellenwood Park)

**Our Lady of Lourdes (Melbourne):**

**Sun. 10 am July 14** Anniv. Roland Surette  
**Sun. 10 am July 21** Anniv. Vincent Surette

**REFLECTION: Trusting in Providence** Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick—no food, no sack, no money in their belts. They were, however, to wear sandals but not a second tunic. If you felt called by God to go forth to another land to spread the Gospel message, you most likely would plan ahead and pack all that you needed for the journey. You would bring extra clothing, money, and various

other provisions. But in the Gospel above, Jesus instructs the Twelve to go forth on a mission with nothing but a walking stick. He instructs them to rely upon divine providence for the physical necessities of daily living while on their journey. Though there was nothing wrong with planning ahead and taking care of their physical needs, Jesus' instruction was given to teach the Twelve a more important spiritual lesson. In their mission of preaching the Gospel, curing the sick and casting out demons, they had to learn to rely upon the power of God and not on their natural abilities. Therefore, by learning to rely upon providence for things like food, clothing and shelter, they were more prepared to also rely upon divine providence in their apostolic mission. As you ponder this passage, try to imagine what might have gone through the minds of the Twelve as they traveled. Imagine them walking for many miles and arriving at a town as the sun began to set. Since they had no money or food, they would have been tempted to fear and worry. They could not rent a room for the night. They could not buy anything to eat. This was a test of their trust in God. Imagine further that these same Apostles suddenly encountered God's providence. To their surprise, they were offered free lodging for the night and a meal. The next day, the same thing happened. As they trusted, journeyed, preached, healed and drove out demons, they found that they had what they needed every day and every night. This experience of God's providence would certainly have affected their personal faith. But it also would have affected their ministry. As they witnessed God providing for their physical needs, they would also have grown in their trust in grace to more fruitfully fulfill their mission. Just as the Twelve had to learn to rely upon the providence of God in all things, so God wants the same for you. He might not call you to go forth on a mission without any physical provisions, but He does want you to learn to trust Him always. Perhaps that means donating more than a tithe of your money to the poor or to the mission of the Church as a way of showing you trust God with your money. Perhaps it means buying less for yourself and learning to live more simply. Or perhaps it means taking a step in faith by speaking to a friend about the Gospel, engaging in an apostolic ministry at Church, or stepping out in faith in some other

way while you learn to put your trust in God. Trust in God means you overcome fear and worry as you journey through life and fulfill the mission God has given to you. Reflect, today, upon the fact that God wants you to learn to trust Him in all things and to especially trust that He will use you to share the Gospel with others. If you find this fearful, that is a good interior discovery. It means that you have found the fear holding you back. Whatever that may be, step forward in faith and conquer that fear.  
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**EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS: Introducing Eucharistic**



**Congress keynote speaker**

Archbishop Richard W. Smith He was born in Halifax, Nova Scotia on April 28, 1959. He studied at St. Mary's University, graduating with a bachelor's degree in commerce and at the Atlantic School of Theology in Halifax, where he earned a Master of Divinity degree in 1985 and was ordained to the priesthood on May 23, 1987 for the Archdiocese of Halifax. Within the Archdiocese of Halifax, he served in a number of positions including vicar general and he was responsible for the pastoral ministry of French-speaking Catholics in Halifax. Archbishop Smith was chaplain to the deaf community in Halifax from 1986-1991. He was also a professor of theology at St. Peter's Seminary in London, Ont. in addition to serving simultaneously as pastor of three communities. He was appointed Bishop of Pembroke on April 27, 2002 by Pope St. John Paul II and ordained to the episcopate on June 18, 2002. He received his episcopal consecration on the following June 18 from Archbishop Marcel Gervais, with Archbishops Terrence Prendergast, S.J., and Austin-Emile Burke serving as co-consecrators. Pope Benedict XVI appointed him to the Metropolitan See of Edmonton on March 22, 2007. Archbishop Smith serves as President of the Catholic Bishops of Alberta and the Northwest Territories, and is past president of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops from 2011-2013. He has also been a member and chairman of the Episcopal Commission for Christian Education, and spiritual adviser to the Catholic Women's League of Canada. Archbishop Smith is currently a member of the Board of the Canadian Catholic Bioethics

Institute. For more information or to register go to <https://www.halifaxyarmouth.org/congress2024>.

**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. Please use the sign-up sheets in the entrance of the church so we'll know how much food to prepare. This is a community building event meant to help us get to know one another better. Please remember to bring a chair. Fr. Henry

**WANT TO BECOME CATHOLIC?** Are you a non-



Catholic interested in the Catholic faith? Are you thinking you might want to become Catholic? Are you a Catholic adult who never celebrated your 1st Communion and/or Confirmation? Then RCIA is for you. RCIA will be starting this fall at St. Ambrose. If you are interested then please contact the office for a form you can fill out to sign up. Come and join us this fall!

**KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS NEWS: Monthly Meeting:**



**4<sup>th</sup> Degree Meeting** will be on July 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. **Antique Show Community Breakfast** Saturday July 20<sup>th</sup>.



Our sympathy is extended to the family and friends of  
**James Alfred Clements**  
 Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him.