



October 20th 2024
29th Sunday of Ordinary
Time

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MASS INTENTIONS – October 19th – 27th, 2024

St. Ambrose Co-Cathedral (Yarmouth):


- Sat. 4 pm NO MASS (EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS)
 - Sun. 9am Parishioners
 - Sun. 11:15 am Anniv. Shannon Churchill
 - Tues. 6:30 pm Pierre Belliveau
 - Wed. 6:30 pm Peter Eldridge
 - Thurs: 9 am Antoinette Belliveau
 - Fri. 9 am Anniv. Frank Joseph Muise
 - Sat. 4 pm Rosemary & Barbara Feener
 - Sun. 9am Elizabeth Rottery
 - Sun. 11:15 am Parishioners
- Our Lady of Lourdes (Melbourne):**
- Sun. 10 am Oct. 20 Liturgy of the Word
 - Sun. 10 am Oct. 27 Claudette Taylor

REFLECTION: Jesus' Gentle Truth James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Jesus and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." He replied, "What do you wish me to do for you?" They answered him, "Grant that in your glory we may sit one at your right and the other at your left." What a bold statement from James and John. But notice the gentleness in Jesus' response. The other apostles, however, were not as gentle. We read that when they heard about this request from James and John, they "became indignant" about it.


In response, Jesus explains to them all that "whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all." Our fallen human nature is regularly tempted to desire worldly greatness, prestige, honors and admiration. We want others to think well of us and even to envy us. But this is a sin. Recall that this was one of the temptations that Jesus overcame in the desert. The devil tempted our Lord by promising Him earthly rule over all the nations. Jesus rejected this temptation and, by doing so, provides all the grace we need to do the same. One thing this passage reveals is that our Lord is patient with us as we work through our sin. He was patient and gentle with James and John while they attempted to gain places of honor next to Him. He was patient with the indignation of the other apostles when they struggled with envy and jealousy. And Jesus will be patient with us as we work through the sins that most tempt us. In addition to His patience, Jesus also provides us with the tools we need to overcome our own temptations. One tool Jesus provides us with is truth itself. Jesus' truth, found in His many teachings and in the example, He set, is often contrary to the wisdom of our age and the tendencies we experience within our fallen human nature. In fact, we can be certain that almost every tendency and desire we will experience in life will be disordered to a certain extent. This is because our human nature itself is disordered on account of original sin. The only way to reorder our desires and tendencies is to turn to the clear and profound truths our Lord has given us. Regarding the desire for worldly honors and greatness, Jesus provides the truth spoken above: "whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all." Do you desire to be a servant? And to go even further, do you desire to be the slave of all? Hopefully you do, but most likely you do not. The reordering of our desires and tendencies begins by gently confronting them with the truth Jesus spoke. It is helpful to see Jesus speak these words to us with all gentleness and love, just as He did to the apostles. Facing the truth within our fallen human nature does not have to be difficult. We only make it difficult when we refuse to admit our disorders. In reality, conversion of our hearts and

the reordering of our desires can be a gentle, peaceful and even joyful process if we allow our Lord to speak to us in the way He spoke to the apostles. Of course, when we become obstinate, self-righteous, or remain in denial, our Lord will become more severe and we will experience the pain of our sin. But when we face the truth with openness and with a willingness to let grace change us, we will convert more quickly and will experience the joy and freedom that the embrace of the truth bestows. Reflect, today, upon the disordered desires of these apostles. Reflect, also, upon Jesus' gentle correction of them. As you do, look into your own soul and seek to discover the disordered desires and tendencies that Jesus wants to reorder within you. Do not be afraid to face the gentle and freeing truths that our Lord wants to speak to you. Listen to Him, be open, and wisely accept what He says to you so that you will be free and will experience the joys that await. -My Catholic Life


KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER:

 This month's October 27th and next month's November 24th breakfast will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. The cost is \$10.00 for adults and \$7.00 for 12 and under. The proceeds are to go towards the new handrail for the wheelchair ramp here at the church.


CATECHISM CLASS: For those who have not

 registered yet, you can do so during the during class on the weekend.


QUOTE OF THE WEEK: Communion is the life of the

 soul. If you were to eat only one meal each week, would you survive? You must nourish your soul with the Holy Eucharist. -St. Andre Bessette

COFFEE SOCIALS: are being held after both of the


 Sunday masses this weekend. Saturday's coffee is cancelled this month because there is no mass. Come join us on Sunday in the Jubilee Room for a cup.

NET RETREAT: NET is a National Evangelization

 Team which travels across Canada putting on retreats for youth. We will be

having the NET team down to St Ambrose on Saturday November 2nd. There will be discussions, small group, skits and much more. It is for youth in grades 6 to 12. It will begin with registration at 12:00 pm and the main retreat will begin at 12:15 am. Supper will be provided and the day will include mass at 4pm and finish around 7:00 pm. We are asking to pre-register by October 28th. Please call the office at 902-742-7151. The gathering will take place in the Marian Hall. It's an event the youth will truly enjoy!

ULTREYA: The Yarmouth and Area Ultreya will be

 held November 7th, 2024 in Marian Hall at 7pm. We hope to see you then! De Colores!

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION:Confirmation for

Grade 8 and Grade 9 will take place tonight Sunday, October 20th, 2024, at 5:15 pm at the Parish Centre. **This meeting/registration is for parents and students, and it is mandatory to attend.** The first class starts, at 6:00 pm and end at 9:00 pm. Any questions please feel free to call Debbie Muise at 902-774-0373.



Our sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Dorothy Margaret Jacquard
 Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her.



Please welcome into our Christian community Mia Kay Walker who was baptised on Sunday October 13, 2024.
 Please keep Mia and her family in your prayers.