



## January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

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**Confession/Adoration** Wednesday 7:00-8:00

### MASS INTENTIONS -January 18<sup>th</sup> -Jan. 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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

**Sat. 4 pm** Beryl and Lawrence Melanson  
**Sun. 9am** Anniv. Frank Joseph Muise  
**Sun. 11:15am** Parishioners  
**Tues. 6:30 pm** Intentions of Neil and Janice Bourque  
**Wed. 6:30 pm** Special Intentions  
**Thurs: 9 am** Cathy Comeau  
**Fri. 9 am** Anniv. Ron Muise  
**Sat. 4 pm** Parishioners  
**Sun. 9am** Clifford Hipson  
**Sun. 11:15am** Special Intentions

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

**Sun. 10 am Jan. 19** Liturgy of the Word  
**Sat. 6 pm Jan. 25** Loring Clairmont

**REFLECTION:** The Book of Signs Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him. John's Gospel is commonly divided into four sections: the Prologue, the Book of Signs, the Book of Glory and the Epilogue (which contains the resurrection appearance in Galilee). Today's Gospel comes from the beginning of the Book of Signs, which begins at Chapter 1:19 and continues through Chapter 12. In this section, the Apostle


John presents us with seven "signs," which are seven miracles Jesus performed. Each sign has a deeper spiritual meaning that reveals Jesus' divinity and mission. In many ways, the entire Book of Signs prepares us for the Book of Glory in which Jesus' "hour" of glory is identified with Him taking up His glorious throne of the Cross, fulfilling His mission as the "Lamb of God" Who offers His life for the salvation of all, and pouring forth His grace and mercy from His wounded side. The first of seven signs Jesus performs in John's Gospel is the changing of water into wine at the Wedding of Cana, which was done in superabundance! The six stone jars, filled to the brim with water, were transformed into as much as 180 gallons of the finest wine. The changing of water into wine was done at the request of Jesus' mother, who told the servants to do whatever Jesus told them to do.

There is certainly much to ponder in this incredible miracle. One specific thing to consider, as we begin reading the first of these signs, is that Jesus uses His miracles to prepare His disciples for the "hour" of grace and glory that is to come. And though the hour of Jesus has already taken place in time, it's important to understand that each one of us needs to go through the process of preparing for that hour in our own lives. We must let Christ continuously prepare us for the hour of glory by which we receive Him and all the grace He won for us on the Cross. This preparation will take place in our lives, just as it was presented in John's Gospel. Jesus' seven signs, His miraculous actions, were performed to prepare His disciples to receive all that He bestowed on the Cross. We must not only prayerfully reflect upon these signs as recorded by John throughout the year, we must also look for the many personal signs that our Lord gives to each one of us.


Just as the participants at the Wedding of Cana were left in amazement at the miracle of Jesus, so we must allow ourselves to become continuously amazed at His action in our lives. The seven signs that are recorded in Scripture, as well as the effect of our spiritual pondering of them, must become beacons of light that prepare us to come to know our Lord more fully and to receive the grace won by His Cross of glory. Reflect, today, upon this, the first of Jesus' signs. Try to meditate upon this story as a way of preparing yourself to receive His grace more fully in your life. Think of the superabundance of the

miracle and ponder the fact that it points to the superabundance of grace God wants to give you. Reflect, also, upon the fact that it took place by the intercession of Jesus' dear mother. She also will anticipate your needs and pray for you with her motherly heart. Ponder the beautiful meaning and symbolism in this passage so that you will more fully share in God's abundant glory. -My Catholic Life

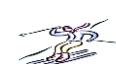
#### **STEUBENVILLE ATLANTIC CONFERENCE:**

 There will be an information session in the main church this Sunday January 19<sup>th</sup> following the 11:15 mass. This meeting is for youth going into high school in September and peer leaders ages 19 & 20 that would be interested in attending the Steubenville Atlantic High School Conference from July 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> in Halifax this summer. This weekend conference is a chance to gather with your peers and experience your faith in a way you never have before. We hope to see you there! Please bring a \$50.00 down deposit if you are planning to attend.

#### **COOFFEE SOCIALS:**

 Will be held after all the masses this weekend January 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> in the Jubilee Room. Come join us for a cup.

#### **ST. AMBROSE SKI TRIP:**

 The annual ski trip to Martock will be taking place February 15<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$45.00 a person. We have a limited number of spots so it will be first come first served. The event is for youth and families ages 8 and up. We will have to be fully registered by January 24<sup>th</sup> in order to participate. For more information, please contact the parish office 902-742-7151. This week is the last chance to sign up.


#### **DECREE OF NULLITY:**

"The Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth invites people with questions or concerns about the application for nullity process to contact the Marriage Tribunal Office. The office is open and ready to assist anyone who seeks additional information or guidance in how to begin the process. We can be reached by phone at 902-429-9800 ext. 321 or please visit the "Marriage Tribunal" on the Archdiocesan website [www.halifaxyarmouth.org](http://www.halifaxyarmouth.org) under "Pastoral Services"

#### **YOUTH LED MINISTRIES HAPPENING AT THE 11:15**

**MASS:** Once a month at St. Ambrose at the 11:15 am mass, the youth of our Parish will be doing the different mass ministries. There are 4 ministries which youth grades 3 and up can sign up for; Lector (reading), Usher, Altar Server, and Greeter. There will be a time to sign up immediately after the January 19th, 11:15 Mass, with Debbie Muise and Nikki Boudreau. Thank you for helping to serve in our Church.

#### **QUOTE OF THE WEEK:**

 Let us, therefore, have charity and humility and give alms because it washes the stains of or sins from our clothes. For, although people lose everything they leave behind in this world, they, nevertheless, carry with them the rewards of charity and the alms they have given for which they receive a reward and a fitting repayment from the Lord. -St. Francis of Assisi



Please welcome into our Christian community Winter Skye Punongbayan who was baptised on Sunday January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

Please keep Winter and their family in your prayers.



Our sympathy is extended to the family and Yvonne Zoe Surette and Robert James Rodgerson

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.