



**November 3<sup>rd</sup> 2024**  
**31<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Ordinary**  
**Time**

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

**MASS INTENTIONS – November 2<sup>nd</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

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

**Sat. 4 pm Parishioners**  
**Sun. 9am** George Bain  
**Sun. 11:15 am** Anniv. Jadon Robinson  
**Tues. 6:30 pm** Mariette & Richard Trefry  
**Wed. 6:30 pm** Anniv. Albani DeViller  
**Thurs: 9 am** Carol Ann Bullerwell  
**Fri. 9 am** Special Intentions  
**Sat. 4 pm** Anniv. Hilda Gloade  
**Sun. 9am** Parishioners  
**Sun. 11:15 am** Anniv. Louise McKee

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

**Sun. 10 am Nov. 3** Mass of Remembrance  
**Sat. 6 pm Nov. 9** Intentions of the Harris Family

**REFLECTION: Seekers of Truth** The scribe said to him, "Well said, teacher. You are right in saying, 'He is One and there is no other than he.' And 'to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself' is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices." This scribe got it. He posed a question to Jesus after Jesus was challenged by some of the Sadducees who did not accept Jesus' teachings about the resurrection of the dead. The Sadducees were trying to trip Jesus up, and this scribe listened

carefully to Jesus' answer and found it to be well said. Therefore, this scribe asks Jesus his own question. He doesn't ask this question in an attempt to trap Jesus, but because he appeared to sincerely want to hear Jesus' answer. So, he asked Jesus, "Which is the first of all the commandments?" To that question, Jesus gives a summary of the whole law of God saying that we must first love God with our whole heart, mind, soul and strength and then love our neighbor as ourselves. We must all try to imitate this scribe. It was risky for him to show support of Jesus. Many of the other scribes were quite hostile toward Jesus. Therefore, by openly expressing His agreement with what Jesus taught, he was putting himself at risk of being criticized. But it appears he was not concerned about that. He was a seeker of truth, and Jesus ended up paying him a huge compliment by saying, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." In our growingly secular world, there are many truths of God that are being openly questioned and challenged. Agreement on what are the moral truths is becoming more of the exception than the norm. As a result, we will all find ourselves experiencing hostility from the world simply by being seekers of the truth. Many people even find that a mere refusal to openly support objective immorality will make them a target of the secular world. Are you a seeker of truth? Do you recognize the holy truths of God when you hear them? If so, do you have the courage you need to pursue those truths and articulate them in accord with the mind of God in the presence of others? Evangelization is different from proselytism. Proselytism is a hostile and forceful preaching of the truths of God. It is argumentative and lacks basic respect for the freedom and dignity of others. Evangelization, on the other hand, is an essential practice that every follower of Christ must engage in. At the heart of evangelization is an honest and humble seeking of the truth in every situation. One who evangelizes does not attack another. They do not criticize and condemn. Instead, they seek to understand the full truth themselves and then openly share that truth with those who are open to it. In many ways, this scribe did just that. He listened, understood, inquired, and then freely shared his faith in what Jesus said. Those who listened to him, especially other scribes, might not have agreed with his conclusions. They might have

even criticized him among themselves. But the witness of this scribe might have opened the minds and hearts of others who were listening. Some would have sensed his openness, his understanding, and his joyful response and allowed his conversation with Jesus to affect them for the good. Thus, by openly seeking the truth, this scribe also evangelized others and Jesus praised Him for his good work.

Reflect, today, upon the way that you share your faith with others. Are you one who tends to be argumentative and condemning? Or do you allow the joy of your own discovery of the truths of God do the evangelizing? Be a seeker of Truth. Do so openly and with joy. If you do, others will discover in you the truths of God that they need and will be invited to imitate your truth-seeking in their own lives. -My Catholic Life

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



Tuesday November 12<sup>th</sup>, all members invited 5:30pm executive meeting, 6:30 supper and 7:30pm general meeting. 4<sup>th</sup>

**Degree Meeting** will be on November 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. There will be a Healing Rosary on the 19<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:30 pm for all our sick brother Knights.

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK:** If you are looking for the way



by which you should go, take Christ, because he is the way, -St. Thomas Aquinas

**BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE:** At the start of



November, our Book of Remembrance will be in the church for you to write the names of your deceased loved ones. They will be prayed for throughout the month of November.

**MATTHEW 18 RENEWAL MEETINGS:** We take our

name from the scripture Matthew 18:20 which states: "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." We meet every Monday night at 7pm in the Jubilee room, unless it is a holiday or storm, " If the schools are closed, due to storm, there is no meeting." **Who are we?** We part of the Catholic Renewal, approved by the last several Pope's, and have representatives in Rome who report to the Pope. **What to expect?** We open the meeting with an opening prayer, then we sing songs of praise and

worship, inspired scripture readings or inspired word from God. There's a time for sharing how God is working in our lives, or maybe how a reading or song struck a core in us. We finish the evening with prayers of petitions and 3 structured prayers. All are welcome to join us at any time. Maybe we are the spiritual nourishment you are needing in your life at this time. If you have any questions about our group, you can contact one of the Core members: Lorraine Manser at 902-749-1903, or Cheryl Harding at 902-740-3816.

**CHURCH CLEANING:** Please join us on Monday



November 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am if you are able. Bring a bucket and gloves. Many hands make light work. Fr. Henry

**FOOD BANK:** This weekend, November 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>, is



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

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:** We are beginning to

collect our annual dues. You may put your \$35 in an envelope marked CWL dues with your name, address, phone number in the collection on weekends or drop them in the mailbox at the parish or for pickup call (902)749-7504.

**ULTREYA:** The Yarmouth and Area Ultreya will be



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



God's abundant blessings upon Kyle Michael Bourque and Kate Nicole Hanna who were married on October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at St. Ambrose Co-Cathedral.

As you begin your married life together, may you trust and rely on God's Holy Presence for guidance, direction and strength.