



**November 10<sup>th</sup> 2024**  
**32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary**  
**Time**

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

**MASS INTENTIONS – November 9<sup>th</sup>– 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

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

**Sat. 4 pm** Anniv. Hilda Gloade  
**Sun. 9am** Parishioners  
**Sun. 11:15 am** Anniv. Louise McKee  
**Tues. 6:30 pm** Eric Warner  
**Wed. 6:30 pm** Holy Souls in Purgatory  
**Thurs: 9 am** Anniv. Bert Surette  
**Fri. 9 am** Sandy MacKinnon  
**Sat. 4 pm** Irene Amirault  
**Sun. 9am** Ian MacPherson  
**Sun. 11:15 am** Parishioners

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


**Sat. 6 pm Nov. 9** Intentions of the Harris Family  
**Sun. 10 am Nov. 17** Elaine Geary

**REFLECTION:** Giving Your Whole Livelihood Jesus sat down opposite the treasury and observed how the crowd put money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents. If you were in charge of the Temple treasury, which would you prefer? The rich putting in large sums of money? Or one poor widow putting in two small coins? Of course, an honest answer to that question might be hard to give. Much good can be done with large sums of money, right? Wouldn't it be better to


accept more than a few cents? The dilemma one would experience in this situation reveals a misperception that we regularly encounter in life. Is more better than less? Is wealth better than poverty? Is success better than failure? It all depends upon the spiritual reality at hand. Take, for example, success vs. failure. Say one person sets off on a selfish and immoral business venture that quickly produces a huge income. Many would consider that a success. Say another person prayerfully sought to fulfill the will of God and started some other business. After years of trying, that business failed and went into bankruptcy. Which situation is better? Clearly, the one who sought to fulfill the will of God is the winner. Why? Because the spiritual fruit of fidelity to the will of God, despite worldly setbacks, produced an eternal treasure more valuable than earthly wealth. God judges the heart, not the worldly outcome. In fact, from a worldly perspective alone, Jesus' life was a complete failure. He was arrested, charged with a capital crime, beaten and killed. His earthly kingdom—desired by many of his followers—was never established. Many of them abandoned Him when He was killed. Even after He rose from the dead, He didn't establish an earthly kingdom. Of course, in the spiritual realm, the realm of eternal realities, Jesus' life was infinitely successful. His death destroyed death itself, and His Resurrection enabled all who believe in Him to share in eternal life. His spiritual Kingdom is now in full bloom and will one day be visible to all. Back to our original question. If you were in charge of the Temple treasury, and you were given the same option that Jesus pointed to of receiving the large sums of money from the rich, or the two coins from the poor widow, it would certainly be better to accept the two coins. If that is hard to comprehend, then it is a sign that you live more according to the values of the world than the values of the spiritual Kingdom of God. The poor widow gave more than two small coins; she also gave the spiritual gift of her generosity and complete trust in God. She gave all she had and trusted that God would take care of her and use her gift for good. This is infinitely more fruitful for the building of the Kingdom of God than the gift of someone's excess of money. God does not need our money, but we need to give it, be detached from it, and be ready and willing to give

everything we have, all that we are, our entire livelihood to God. This is trust. This is a spiritual gift that will have far greater eternal ramifications for the salvation of souls than all the money in the world. Reflect, today, upon the compliment Jesus pays to this poor widow. "She, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood." Do you contribute your whole livelihood? Do you dedicate everything you have, all your energies and gifts, and all that you are to the service of God for His glory? We are called to give everything to God—not just a portion of our lives. Reflect upon how well you imitate this poor widow and seek to follow her holy example. -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** We become saints not by

 voiently overcoming our own weakness, but by letting the Lord give us the strength and purity of God's Spirit in exchange for our weakness and misery -Thomas Merton

**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


**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.

**COFFEE SOCIALS:** The coffee socials will be held

 after all the masses the weekend of November 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. Come join us in the Jubilee Room for a cup.

**CHRISTMAS TEA AND CRAFT SALE:** – November 17,

 2024, 2-4p.m., \$8.00 per person. Club Acadien, Ste-Anne-du-Ruisseau. Come enjoy apple pie and ice cream. Craft vendors will be on site to begin your Christmas shopping. Music with Young at Heart. Sponsored by Village Friends.



Our sympathy is extended to the family and friends of  
 Evelyn Mary Robichaud, Rosalie Stanley, Betty Ann Scoville  
 Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.