



November 17th 2024
33rd Sunday of Ordinary
Time

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MASS INTENTIONS – November 16th– 24th, 2024

St. Ambrose Co-Cathedral (Yarmouth):

Sat. 4 pm Irene Amirault
Sun. 9am Ian MacPherson
Sun. 11:15 am Parishioners
Tues. 6:30 pm Caroline LeBlanc
Wed. 6:30 pm Joan Surette
Thurs: 9 am Alan Thibeau
Fri. 9 am Yvette King
Sat. 4 pm Parishioners
Sun. 9am Jerry MacKenzie
Sun. 11:15 am Sandy Fevens

Our Lady of Lourdes (Melbourne):

Sun. 10 am Nov. 17 Elaine Geary
Sun. 10 am Nov. 24 Vincent Surette

REFLECTION: The Tribulations to Come Jesus said to his disciples: “In those days after that tribulation the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from the sky, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. The “tribulation” of which our Lord speaks, refers to a great persecution of the Church and of those with faith. Regarding this tribulation, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states: Before Christ’s second coming the Church must pass through a final trial that will shake the faith of many believers. The

persecution that accompanies her pilgrimage on earth will unveil the “mystery of iniquity” in the form of a religious deception offering men an apparent solution to their problems at the price of apostasy from the truth. (#675). Is this “final trial” happening today? Though it is impossible to apply Jesus’ prophecy and the *Catechism’s* teaching to one specific moment in time, the fact remains that this trial and tribulation will take place. That is for certain. But how and when it will take place we do not know. It might be that it already has taken place or that it is taking place right now. Only God can properly interpret these prophetic words. With that said, this final trial and “mystery of iniquity” does take place in all of our lives in various ways. When we devote ourselves to the love and service of God, we can be certain that our faith will be tested and that persecution will be experienced in one way or another. Knowing this, however, should not frighten us. On the contrary, it was spoken by our Lord to prepare us and to help us endure whatever trials we experience in life. Jesus’ words must instill hope within us when we endure the suffering caused by evil. Jesus also said that when we see persecutions, trials and tribulation, we must “know that he is near, at the gates.” In other words, the greater the suffering one endures for their faith, the more present God is. He is there, at the gate of your heart, waiting for you to run to Him in trust and hope. As we approach the end of our current Church year, most of our readings at Mass will focus upon the end times. We will read about Jesus’ glorious return in glory, the end of the world, and the establishment of His permanent Kingdom as Heaven and earth are united as one. It could take place today or tomorrow, or it might not take place for thousands of years. But it will happen. On that day, the day of the final judgment, the only thing that will matter is our fidelity to God. For that reason, we must daily strive to live as if that day were today. We must diligently prepare for that day and live for that glorious moment alone. If life is easy right now, we should work to be more selfless and sacrificial so as to be prepared. If life is challenging right now, we must enter those challenges with hope and trust, uniting every suffering to Christ’s sufferings as a sacrifice of love. Reflect, today, upon Jesus’ prophecy that “the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its

light, and the stars will be falling from the sky, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.” As you do, know that these are words spoken not only to the Church as a whole, but also to you. Jesus wants you to know that any suffering and tribulation you endure, every “darkening of the sun” or any way that you feel “shaken” are opportunities for you to turn to God in trust. Invite our Lord into these experiences and know that they are signs of His closeness to help purify you and prepare you for the glorious day of His return. -My Catholic Life

QUOTE OF THE WEEK Love cannot remain by itself



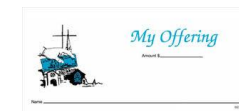
– it has no meaning. Love has to be put into action and that action is service. -St. Teresa of Calcutta

CHURCH CLEANING: Please join us on Monday November 18th at 9:00am if you are able. Bring a bucket and gloves. Many hands make light work. Fr. Henry

COFFEE SOCIALS: The coffee socials will be held *Coffee Social* after all the masses the weekend of November 16th and 17th. 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.

COLLECTION ENVELOPES: Please remember to pick up your collection envelopes for 2025 in the entrance of the church.



KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS NEWS: Monthly Meeting: 4th Degree Meeting will be on November 19th there will be a Healing Rosary on the 19th starting at 6:00 pm for all our sick brother Knights followed by the installation of officers at 7:00pm.

Community Breakfast Fundraiser: This month’s Community Breakfast will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm November

24th. 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. We appreciate your support!

OFFICE CLOSED: The office will be closed on Friday November 22nd.



BLESSING OF THE BOATS: This year’s Blessing of the Boats will be held Saturday November 23rd, 2024 in Pinkney’s Point at 10:00am and Little River Wharf at 10:45am. All are welcome!



GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP: The group support is to provide a safe welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. It takes place Saturday December 7th, 10:00am to 1:30pm and lunch will be provided. Please register with Joan Tufts at joantufts@gmail.com or 902-778-1402. Please let them know of any food restrictions.

ACADIAN GROUP AA OPEN MEETING: There will be a 45-year Group Anniversary on Friday, November 29th at 8pm with a guest speaker. All are welcome and we will be gathering at the Amirault’s Hill Fire Hall 48 New Road, Amirault’s Hill. All are welcome. Contact Leland at 902-648-2243

ADVENT CANDLES: The parish office has limited numbers of Advent Candles. Anyone wishing to purchase them may do so at the parish office between the hours of 9:30 and 1:00 Monday to Friday.



CHRISTMAS MUSIC CONCERT: Saint Ambrose is having their annual *Night of Joy Christmas concert* on Sunday, December 15 at 7:00 p.m. Proceeds to Tabitha Centre.



ROSARY AFTER 9:00 AM MASS THURSDAY AND FRIDAY: Come join us after 9 am mass on Thursday and Friday to pray the rosary. We gather in the front pews to the left. Intentions for peace and conversion of hearts. Come and grow closer to God through the Blessed Virgin Mary.

