



May 12th, 2024 Ascension of the Lord

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MASS INTENTIONS –May 11th– 19th, 2024

St. Ambrose Co-Cathedral (Yarmouth):

Sat. 4 pm Anniv. Victor Boudreau
Sun. 9am Shawn Fowler
Sun. 11:15 am Parishioners
Tues. 6:30 pm Russell Rodgeron Sr.
Wed. 6:30 pm Deceased Knights of Columbus Members
Thurs: 9am Petronella Muise
Fri. 9 am Richard Moulaison
Sat. 4 pm Parishioners
Sun. 9am Sandy Fevens
Sun. 11:15 am Jerry MacKenzie

Our Lady of Lourdes (Melbourne):

Sun. 10 am May 12 Edith LeBlanc
Sun. 10 am May 19 Larry DeViller

REFLECTION: Consecrated in the Truth

Reflections them in the truth. Your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world. And I consecrate myself for them, so that they also may be consecrated in truth." What does it mean to "consecrate" something or someone? Consecration is, of course, a very familiar term within our faith. We speak of the bread and wine being consecrated

and becoming the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus our Lord. The consecration of the mere earthly substances of bread and wine transform them into God Himself. Thus, "consecration" is a powerful word. Another familiar use of this word is in reference to those women who have been called by God to enter religious life so as to dedicate themselves to God as spouses of Christ. They become "Consecrated Religious" through their solemn lifelong vows. They are dedicated, taken out of the world and presented to Christ in a unique way. Among the laity, there are many who have consecrated themselves to our Blessed Mother, or to the Sacred Heart, or to our divine Lord through some other special form of devotion. In all of these cases, to "consecrate" is to dedicate, set aside and make holy. Another translation for the word "consecrate" above is "sanctify." To "Sanctify them in the truth" is to make them holy by the truth. This is Jesus' prayer in the above-quoted passage. This line comes from Jesus' beautiful High Priestly Prayer in which He prays to the Father for His disciples and for all who will eventually become His disciples—and that includes you! Jesus' prayer is not only effective as a prayer, it is also effective as a lesson on holiness. How do we become holy? Simple. We allow the Word of the Father to consecrate us in truth. In other words, we allow God's holy Word to engage us, challenge us, change us, call us from sin, point us to Heaven and transform every aspect of our lives. God's Word is the Truth, and we will become holy if we are transformed by this Truth. In what ways do you need the Truth, spoken by the Father in Heaven, to engage you? What are the truths of our faith that you especially need to know, accept, profess and believe? One of the best ways to answer this question is to commit yourself to an in-depth, prayerful reading of the Word of God. By prayerfully reading the Scriptures, you will open yourself to all that God wants to reveal to you. And as the voice of God speaks to you through His Word, you will be invited to change. His Word will combat the confusion and lies of the world and the evil one and set you upon the path to holiness, to true sanctity and interior consecration. Reflect, today, upon the transforming power of the Word of God. Reflect upon how fully you have allowed His Word to speak to you, call you out of the world, set you apart for holiness and direct you toward Himself.

Engaging the Word of God must become your daily spiritual food, and it must paint for you the picture of your glorious life to which you are called. *My Jesus, Word of the Father, You are Truth Itself. You are the Living Word Who has come to set us free. Give me the grace I need to listen to Your holy voice so that Your Truth will engage me in the depths of my soul, transforming me into the person You have called me to be. I open myself to You, dear Lord, and to all You wish to say to me. Jesus, I trust in You. -My Catholic Life*

CATHOLIC SUMMER CAMP: August 4th - 9th at



Johnston Christian Park, South Range, Digby County. \$225.00 early bird fee if registered by June 30th. After this registration will be \$250.00. It's for youth ages 10 to 14 and you can get a registration form at the Parish office or on the website. **SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY:** If you are able and would like to make a contribution to help, send a youth to camp, please submit your donation into the collection at Mass (with pertinent information) or stop by the parish office. Please mark that you are sponsoring for summer camp.

SHARE A CUP OF LOVE ON MOTHER'S DAY: CWL



members will be selling teacups filled with a variety of little plants as Mother's Day gifts. The cost is \$10 and proceeds will go to charities that support Moms in our community. May 11 & 12 - \$10 - after masses in the Jubilee room

KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS NEWS: Tuesday May 14th,



all members invited
 5:30pm executive meeting
 6:30pm supper
 7:30pm general meeting
4th Degree Meeting Tuesday May 21st 7pm.

Annual Baby bottle Fundraiser will start on Mother's Day weekend May 11th and 12th. The Knights of Columbus members will be handing out the bottles after all the masses and then collecting them on Father's Day. These funds are in support of the Tri County Pregnancy Care Centre. **"The Knights of Columbus Council 2181** will be hosting a Memorial Mass in remembrance of deceased members. Spouses, family members and friends are invited for this Mass, which will be held

on May 15th, 2024 at Saint Ambrose Co-Cathedral at 6:30 pm. Following the Mass there will a coffee social in the Jubilee Room. All are welcome".

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: Those who want to bear the



mark of the Spirit and the fire that Christ baptizes with must take the risk of renouncing everything and seeking only God's reign and justice. -St. Oscar Romero

OFFICE CLOSED: The office will be closed Monday May 13th and Friday May 17th to accommodate staff vacation.

SAVE THE DATE - Archdiocesan Eucharistic



Congress October 18 to 20, 2024 in Halifax. Guests speakers include Halifax native and past president of the CCCB Archbishop Richard W. Smith of Edmonton, and past president of the CCCB Archbishop Paul-André Durocher of Gatineau. More details to follow.

COFFEE SOCIALS: are being held after all the



masses next weekend May 18th and 19th. Come join us for a cup.

HAPPY 76th ANNIVERSARY FR. THIBEAULT: On

May 23rd, Fr. Thibeault celebrates 76 years of priesthood. Come and join us in celebrating this event following the 11:15 mass at the coffee social.

ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY: Happy Anniversary

Fr. Henry Smolenaars. He will be celebrating his anniversary to the priesthood this coming week on May 14th. Please keep him in your prayers.



Our sympathy is extended to the family and friends of
 Julian Kenneth Surette
 Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him.