



June 2nd, 2024 Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

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MASS INTENTIONS –June 1st – 9th 2024

St. Ambrose Co-Cathedral (Yarmouth):

Sat. 4 pm Kenneth Bourque
Sun. 9am George D'Eon
Sun. 11:15 am Parishioners
Tues. 6:30 pm Intentions of Brandan Johnston
Wed. 6:30 pm Violet Muise
Thurs: 9 am Anniv. Rick Muise
Fri. 9 am Betty Surette
Sat. 4 pm Parishioners
Sun. 9am Alcide Landry
Sun. 11:15 am Bernard Bourque

Our Lady of Lourdes (Melbourne):

Sun. 10 am June 2 Rebecca LeBlanc
Sat. 6 pm June 8 Nancy & Enos Jacquard

REFLECTION: Wonder and Awe Before the



Eucharist While they were eating, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take it; this is my body." Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many." At the holy Mass, as soon as the priest pronounces the words of the

consecration, transforming the bread and wine into the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ our Lord, he genuflects, rises, and then says, "The mystery of faith." What is "the mystery of faith?" Oftentimes, when we say that something is a mystery, we mean that the conclusion is hidden but that there are certain clues to help solve the mystery. And once the mystery is solved, everything is clear and it is no longer a mystery. "The mystery of faith" is much different. Those words are spoken at Mass immediately after the consecration as a way of drawing the faithful into a holy awe and amazement of what just took place. But this mystery can only produce wonder and awe if the reality of what just took place is understood through the gift of faith. Faith is knowing and believing without perceiving the reality before us with our five senses or through logical deduction. In other words, faith produces true knowledge of a spiritual reality that can only be known, understood and believed through spiritual insight. Therefore, if we attend the Mass and have been gifted with the knowledge of faith, then as soon as the consecration of the bread and wine takes place, we will cry out interiorly, "My Lord and my God!" We will know that God the Son is present before us in a veiled way. Our eyes do not perceive, nor do any of our senses reveal to us the great reality before us. We cannot rationally deduce what just took place. Instead, we come to know and believe that the Son of God, the Savior of the World, is now present before us in His fullness, under the veil of mere bread and wine. In addition to the divine presence of our Lord and our God, the entire Mystery of our Redemption is made present. Saint Pope John Paul II tells us that in this moment there is a "oneness in time" that links the *Paschal Mystery*, that is, the Life, Death and Resurrection of Jesus, to every moment that the Eucharist is celebrated and made present through the words of consecration. And that unity between each Mass and the *Paschal Mystery* "leads us to profound amazement and gratitude" (*Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, #5). Do you sense and experience this profound amazement and gratitude each time you attend the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass? Do you realize as you attend the Mass and as the words of consecration are spoken that the entire Mystery of your redemption is made present before you, hidden from your eyes

but visible to your soul by faith? Do you understand that it is God the Second Person of the Most Holy Trinity Who descends to us to dwell with us in that moment of time in this glorious Sacrament? Reflect, today, upon the hidden but real Mystery of Faith. Allow yourself to be drawn into a wonder and awe at what you are privileged to attend. Let your faith in the Most Holy Eucharist grow by being open to a deepening of this gift of faith through spiritual insight and belief. Behold this great Gift of the Eucharist with the eyes of faith and you will be drawn into the wonder and awe that God wants to bestow upon you.

My ever-glorious Eucharistic Lord, I do believe that You are here, made present in our world under the form of bread and wine, every time the Holy Mass is celebrated. Fill me with a deeper faith in this Holy Gift, dear Lord, so that I may be drawn into wonder and awe every time I witness this holy Consecration. Jesus, I trust in You. -My Catholic Life

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: It's because of faith that we



exchange the present for the future.
-St Fidelis of Sigmaringen

SAVE THE DATE - Eucharistic Congress: October 18-

20, 2024 A Eucharistic Congress is time when we are all invited to gather to worship Our Lord in the Eucharist through the communal celebration of the Mass, hear talks, and intentionally pray with, reflect on, and respond to the Eucharist.

It can be a very powerful time to manifest the unity of the Church. These gatherings reaffirm and re-emphasize the source and summit of our faith, putting Jesus where he belongs—at the centre. The planning for the event has begun in earnest and more information will be available shortly. Stay tuned for further details and mark your calendars!

KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS NEWS: Monthly Meeting:



Tuesday June 11th, all members invited 5:30pm executive meeting, 6:30 supper and 7:30pm general meeting. **4th Degree Meeting** will be on June 18th at 7:00 pm.

Baby Bottle Campaign is ending on Father's Day weekend. If you have not picked up your bottle there are spares at the entrance of the church. Thank you for your support!

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.

ULTREYA: The Yarmouth and Area Ultreya will be



held June 6th, 2024 in Marian Hall at 7pm. We hope to see you then! De Colores!

FOOD BANK: Next weekend, June 1st and 2nd 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: Catholic Women's



League ladies current, past and friends are invited to a pot-luck get-together on Thursday, June 6 at 6:00 p.m. in the Jubilee room. Bring a dish to share. Join us for a spiritual program, social time, and the results of Our Share A Cup of Love, teacup sale. Thank you to our parish community for your support in making our teacup plant sale a huge success. We raised over \$1050, and the monies raised will go to charities that support moms in our community.

SPRING CONCERT: with St. Ambrose Co-Cathedral



Choirs **Sunday June 2nd at 7:00 pm.** Freewill offering in aid of the Tabitha Center.

MASS OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY -CHOIR:

Mass of the Assumption of Mary – Choir - We will have a choir during the mass on August 15 as part of the World Acadian Congress 2024. We are looking for interested people. - Mass will take place on Thursday, August 15 at 10:30 a.m. in Ste-Anne Church. - The first practice for the choir will take place on Sunday, June 9 at 6:30 p.m. in Ste-Anne Church. Music will be distributed at practice and we will sing in parts. Come and celebrate Acadian Day! Information: devillerclayde@gmail.com, 902-740-1338