



November 24th 2024 Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe

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MASS INTENTIONS – Nov. 23rd– December 1st, 2024

St. Ambrose Co-Cathedral (Yarmouth):

Sat. 4 pm Parishioners
Sun. 9am Jerry MacKenzie
Sun. 11:15 am Sandy Fevens
Tues. 6:30 pm Laura Letteney
Wed. 6:30 pm Kent Scott
Thurs: 9 am Anniv. Chris Latter
Fri. 9 am Donald Parnell
Sat. 4 pm Madeline Moulaison
Sun. 9am Parishioners
Sun. 11:15 am Hans Weidenfeld

Our Lady of Lourdes (Melbourne):

Sun. 10 am Nov. 24 Vincent Surette
Sun. 10 am Dec. 1 Hilda and Alfred Harris

REFLECTION: **May Thy Kingdom Come!** Jesus answered, “My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom did belong to this world, my attendants would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not here.” Today, on the final Sunday of our Church year, we celebrate the glorious Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Next Sunday begins Advent. On this day we profess the profound truth that our Lord is King! He is the King of all



things. He is King of the Universe. And He is King of Heaven and all spiritual realities. However, in the Gospel passage quoted above, Jesus responds to Pilate who was questioning Him about whether or not He was the King of the Jews. Jesus is clear that He is a King, but that His Kingdom does not belong to this world. So where is His Kingdom? We can look at Jesus’ statement from two points of view. First of all, if Jesus would have claimed that He were an earthly king, one with civil authority, then Pilate would have judged Him to be guilty of trying to overthrow the Roman authority. This would be unlawful and would be punishable by death. In that case, Jesus could have been found legally guilty of violating civil law. But Jesus was purely innocent. He was morally perfect in every way, and that included His obedience to all legitimate civil law. But Jesus was a King. He was The King of all Kings! Therefore, so as to exercise His Kingship, He declared that His Kingdom was not of this world. In other words, it was not a Kingdom that was in competition with the Roman authorities or any other civil authority. To that, Pilate did not know how to respond. Today and always, God desires that His glorious Kingdom reign in every way. God begins by reigning in our souls. He invites us to invite Him to enter in and take control of our lives. He desires to be the ruler of every passion, desire, thought and action that is ours. When this happens, His Kingdom is firmly established within us. It also needs to be pointed out that Jesus wants His Kingdom to grow. First, it must grow in the minds and wills of all people. But from there, He wants every person to then work to conform every part of our society to the governance of Him as King. This means that as the hearts of civil leaders are converted, they will be called to enact laws that fully support and build up God’s Kingdom on earth. It means that business leaders, as they convert, are called to govern their businesses in accord with the will of God so that their businesses contribute to the establishment of God’s Kingdom here and now. It means that as the leaders of our schools, sports programs, social programs and the like all invite Jesus to reign in their hearts as King, The King of the Universe will then guide them to conform all of their endeavors to His will and to the continued upbuilding of His Kingdom. The first duty of the Christian, in regard to the governance of every

aspect of society, is not to impose God’s law from without, as a ruthless authoritarian would. Rather, it is to convert minds and hearts so that God’s governance comes forth from within. As God’s Kingdom is established in the lives of His people, all objectively grave evils embedded within our earthly laws must be overturned. For example, the legalization of abortion stands out as perhaps the greatest of moral evils, since it involves the taking of a completely innocent life. This and countless other immoral earthly laws must be replaced by the laws of God as hearts and minds are converted to His Truth. Reflect, today, upon your duty to help bring forth the Kingdom of God here and now. Start by seeing your duty to allow God’s Kingdom to grow within you and your family. From there, be open to the many ways that God wants to use you to help others do the same. As you do, do not be afraid to work toward the external establishment of God’s Kingdom in all that you do and in all that falls within your responsibility. Jesus is King, and He desires to reign everywhere. Cooperate with Him, and His Kingdom will indeed come. -My Catholic Life

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: A humbel person can do great things with an uncommon perfection because she is no longer concerned about incidentals, like her own interests and her own reputation, and therefore she no longer needs to waste her efforts defending them. – Thomas Merton



KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS NEWS: 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!



FOOD BANK: Next weekend, November 30th-December 1st, 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.



MISSALS: If you are looking for The Living with Christ yearly missals, they are still available in the entrance of the church for \$6.00 each.



THANK YOU: to all the people who came to help with the pre-Christmas church cleaning. It was greatly appreciated and a job well done!



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.



USHERS NEEDED: We are in need of more ushers for the 4:00 mass on Saturdays. If you are interested, please contact Ron Surette at 902-742-7482.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: Anyone wishing to donate towards Christmas flowers for **Our Lady of Lourdes** in memory of a loved one may do so at the office or you can put your donation in an envelope with your name and envelope number on it along with “in memory of _____” written on it and place it in the collection basket.

