

CORPUS CHRISTI Parish



Bulletin for the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fr. John MacPherson, Pastor

Fr. Keith Billard, Associate Pastor

Fr. Raymond Odumoku, Associate Pastor

February 6, 2022

Mass Times

WINDSOR

Sunday 11:45 am

KENTVILLE Saturday 4 pm Sunday 8:30 & 11:45 am

WOLFVILLE Sunday 10 am

BERWICK Sunday 8:30 am MIDDLETON
Sunday IO:OO am
BRIDGETOWN
Sunday 8:3O am
ANNAPOLIS ROYAL

Sunday 9 am

DIGBY
Saturday 4 pm
WEYMOUTH

Sunday 11:30 am

Vision Prayer

Heavenly Father, by the power of Your Holy Spirit, we the faithful of Corpus Christi Parish, ask that You bless and sanctify us as we work together to implement our Vision. We ask that You guide us as we strive to love bravely, to serve radically and to meet all whom we encounter with humility and compassion. Help us to unite joyfully and lovingly as followers of your Son, Jesus, to take His message with us wherever we go. We know that by Your grace, we can make this Vision a reality. We ask this in the name of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Readings

	1st Reading	Gospel
Sun, Feb 6	ISAIAH 6:1-2, 3-8	LUKE 5:1-11
Mon, Feb 7	1 KINGS 8:1-7, 9-13	MARK 6:53-56
Tue, Feb 8	1 KINGS 8:22-23, 27-30	MARK 7:1-13
Wed, Feb 9	1 KINGS 10:1-10	MARK 7:14-23
Thu, Feb 10	1 KINGS 11:4-13	MARK 7:24-30
Fri, Feb 11	1 KINGS 11:29-32; 12:19	MARK 7:31-37
Sat, Feb 12	1 KINGS 12:26-32; 13:33-34	MARK 8:1-10

"From now on you will

be catching people."

LUKE 5:10, NRSV

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AND WE ENCOUNTER ALL

WITH HUMILITY AND COMPASSION.





Mass Intentions

SATURDAY,	FEBRUARY 5	,
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Digby 4:00 PM Ray Cosman by Marion, Peter, Michael & Christian

Kentville 4:00 PM Gordon Gould by Theresa & Floyd Preston

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6

Bridgetown 8:30 AM Bob Porter by Tom & Lois Porter Berwick 8:30 AM Rose Storms by Diane Loranger

Kentville 8:30 AM Liturgy of the Word with Communion
Annapolis Royal 9:00 AM Tom McClafferty by Karen McClafferty
Middleton 10:00 AM Bernard Quinn by St Monica's CWL

Wolfville 10:00 AM Sean Lombard by Claire, Greg & Karen Bishop Weymouth 11:30 AM For deceased family members by Evelyn Melanson

Kentville/Online II:45 AM All Corpus Christi Parishioners Windsor II:45 AM Jackie Pothier by Diane Brown

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Kentville/Online 8:30 AM Jamie Smith by Pat Fitzgerald & Family

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Kentville/Online 8:30 AM Michael Walsh by Helen Walsh

Digby 6:30 PM Suzanne Kavanagh by Bob & Theresa

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Kentville/Online 8:30 AM St Joseph's CWL

Weymouth 6:30 PM Intentions of Denis Boudreau by Doris Boudreau

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Kentville/Online 8:30 AM Souls in Purgatory

Weymouth 10:30 AM Shirley Tanner by Betty Rice

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Kentville/Online 8:30 AM For a special intention by Helen Walsh Digby 9:00 AM Denis & Mary Comeau by Bob & Theresa

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Digby 4:00 PM Kelly Mackintosh by SCIC Associates

Kentville 4:00 PM Alphée d'Entremont by Barb & Dennis Nash

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Bridgetown 8:30 AM Liturgy of the Word with Communion
Berwick 8:30 AM Wilfred "Yogi" Muise by Rita & Tony Roefs

Kentville 8:30 AM Lorraine Pottie by Hattie O'Rourke

Annapolis Royal 9:00 AM Richard Theriault by Barbara & Donald Theriault Middleton 10:00 AM Walter & Martha Ausserleitner by Carolyn Gilbert

Wolfville 10:00 AM All Corpus Christi Parishioners

Weymouth II:3O AM For a special intention by Joan Nelson Kentville/Online II:45 AM Louisa Cooper by Bernie Cooper Windsor II:45 AM Phyllis Grant by Owen Stephens

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Covid Reminders

Join us This Weekend

Covid Guidelines were updated by the Province on December 22, 2021.

MASKS MUST BE WORN

The formal gathering limit is now 25% of a room or venue's capacity to a maximum of 50, The size for household or close social groups that do not need to be physically distanced is now 10.

Due to the highly infectious nature of the Omicron variant, congregational singing is not permitted. Singing can only be performed by one singer.

You must stay home and participate online if you have any Covid symptoms



Call your nearest Parish Office to arrange a Baptism.



To register in the next First Communion or Confirmation class, or to get more information about Children's Faith Formation, contact



You can arrange Confession by appointment.
Call or email your nearest Parish Office.

Baptism

If you are planning on getting married at a Corpus Christi church, contact the Parish Office nearest you.

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Exploring becoming Catholic?
Contact the Kentville Parish
Office.

Communion may only be received in the hand

You are encouraged to use the hand sanitizers

provided at the entrance to the church

Limit washroom use as much as possible

Proof of vaccination is not required, however

everyone is encouraged to get vaccinated

There will be no entrance procession at Mass.

Collection baskets will remain at the entrances/

exits for weekly offerings. Consider making your

offering via e-transfer or PAR.

Daily Mass attendance must follow these

protocols.

You can review all the protocols at the <u>Archdiocese website</u>.



Please PRAY for those affected by COVID-19

Prayer to St. Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

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From the Archdiocese

Canada's Bishops Announce Indigenous Reconciliation Fund to Support Projects Across Canada

Canada's Catholic Bishops have agreed to establish a new registered charity to support and advance healing and reconciliation initiatives. The charity is expected to manage the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund, which will accept contributions from 73 dioceses across Canada in order to fulfill the \$30 million financial commitment made by Canada's Bishops in September.

The fund will publish annual reports and will be subject to an audit by an independent accounting firm each year. Any administrative costs will be on top of the \$30 million being raised and will not be deducted from this principal amount.

We recognize that there has been considerable disappointment with a previous Catholic fundraising campaign tied to the Indian

Residential School Settlement Agreement. While the CCCB was not party to the agreement, we have recognized the shortcomings of this campaign and learned critically important lessons to ensure that the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund is fully funded and well managed with appropriate oversight. Additional information on the "best efforts" campaign led by the Catholic Entities Party to the Indian Residential School Settlement can be found here.

The establishment of this national framework builds on existing fundraising from local Catholic entities including the Archdioceses of Winnipeg and St. Boniface, the Bishops of Saskatchewan, and the Archdiocese of Vancouver. The CCCB will continue to provide regular public updates on this work, including on the appointment of Directors, as part of the ongoing journey towards healing and reconciliation.

You can read the full text of the news release at the CCCB website, www.cccb.ca or follow this <u>link</u>

February 11: World Day of Prayer for the Sick

Next week, on February II, the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, the faithful world wide are invited to recognize World Day of Prayer for the Sick. This year marks the 30th World Day of the Sick. Pope Francis released a message for this day that says in part:



here.

Dear brothers and sisters,
Thirty years ago, Saint John Paul II instituted the
World Day of the Sick to encourage the people of
God, Catholic health institutions and civil society to
be increasingly attentive to the sick and to those
who care for them.

We are grateful to the Lord for the progress made over the years in the particular Churches worldwide. Many advances have been made, yet there is still a long way to go in ensuring that all the sick, also those living in places and situations of great poverty and marginalization, receive the health care they need, as well as the pastoral care that can help them experience their sickness in union with the crucified and risen Christ.

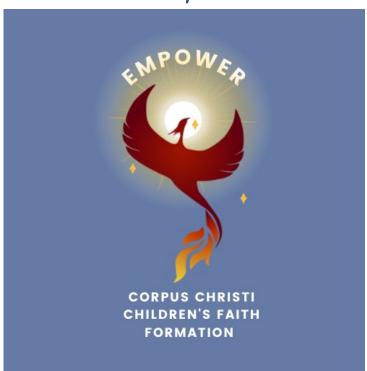


Children and Youth

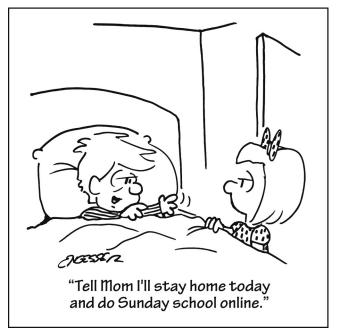


Little Church takes place during the Liturgy of the Word at Sunday Mass. This children's liturgy of God's word invites children to experience the elements of the liturgy through music, prayer, readings and interactive reflections adapted to their understanding. Parents are welcome to accompany their children or stay in Mass while children participate in Little Church.

Little Church is Coming Soon! To Corpus Christi St. John Windsor and St. Joseph Kentville.



Please keep our young persons preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion in your prayers. They are meeting with our director of Family Life and Youth, Jennifer Moore, on a weekly basis as they journey toward the Sacraments.





Steubenville Atlantic -July 8 - 10, 2022

Watch for more information as plans unfold for this amazing teen experience!

"I have told you this so that you might have peace in me. In the world you will have trouble, but take courage, I have conquered the world."

- John 16:33 NABRE



Children and Youth



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The Confirmation Team led our youth preparing for Confirmation in a Youth Session. Participants were able to share their thoughts, feelings,

ideas and hopes for the Church.

This Synod provides the whole Church with an opportunity to evaluate the way we integrate young people into the Life of the Church.

"...the objective of the current Synod is to listen, as the entire People of God, to what the Holy Spirit is saying to the Church. We do so by listening together to the Word of God in Scripture and the living Tradition of the Church, and then by listening to one another, and especially to those at the margins, discerning the signs of the times."

Pope Francis

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The Confirmation Class is participating in Coldest Night of the Year. This annual walk takes place in February across Canada and the US. The Coldest Night of the Year is a winterrific family-friendly walk to raise money for local charities serving people experiencing hurt, hunger, and homelessness. It's cold out there... but there's no place like home.

The best way to donate is to follow this <u>link</u> and donate online at the CNOY website. Your donation will go to the Corpus Christi Confirmation Team. Or you can drop a cheque in the collection plate with CNOY Corpus Christi Confirmation Team in the memo line or send an e-transfer to finance@corpuschristins.ca with CNOY Corpus Christi Confirmation Team in the comment box.



A Note of Appreciation from your St Francis of Assisi Vincentians

The Society of St Vincent de Paul received tremendous support once again from the parish and greater community to realize success in their Annual 2O21 Christmas Campaign. To the many parishioners and friends who gave money to purchase store gift cards, as well as those who donated baking supplies, gift bags and stocking stuffers, or who knitted hats and mittens to add to our deliveries, we extend a heartfelt wish that your generosity will be returned to you in a multitude of blessings! A total number of 41 gift cards were given out to 23 families this year in the Wolfville and Canning areas. THANK YOU ONE AND ALL!



A Good Read

Rich Kids Growing Up Without Money - or Understanding

by Fr. Ron Rolheiser o.m.i.

Gloria Steinem once confessed that, while never having been overweight, she has always been concerned about her weight because the genes she inherited from her parents predisposed her in that direction. So, she says, *I think of myself as a fat woman who is slim at the moment.* Her comment helped me to understand something I misunderstood years before in a classroom.

Early on in my seminary studies, taking a course on the sociology of poverty, I was struggling to accept our professor's explanation as to why poverty isn't always the consequence of personal failure, but is often the product of unchosen circumstances, accidents, and misfortune. Many of us in the class weren't buying it, and this was our logic. Most of us had come from very humble economic backgrounds and believed that we had pulled ourselves up by our own bootstraps. Why couldn't everyone else do the same?

So we protested: we grew up poor. We didn't have any money. We didn't get free school lunches. We had to work to pay for our clothes and books. Our parents never took any handouts. Nobody helped them – they took care of themselves. So have we, their kids. We resent those who are getting things for nothing. Nothing came to us free! We've earned what we have.

Our professor answered by telling us that this is precisely why we needed a course on the sociology of poverty. He wasn't buying the notion that we had grown up poor and had earned things by our own hard work. Then, this surprising phrase: "None of you were poor as kids; you were rich kids who grew up without money; and where you are today isn't just the result of your own hard work, it's also the result of a lot of good fortune."

It took me years (and Gloria Steinem's comment) to understand he was right. I was a rich kid who grew up in a family without money. Moreover, so much of what I naively believed that I'd earned by my own hard work was in fact very much the product of good fortune.

I doubt our society understands that. A number of popular clichés have us believe that one's

background should

never be an excuse for not being a success in this world, that success is open equally to everyone. We've all inhaled the clichés. Any poor kid can grow up to be President of this country! Any poor kid can go to Harvard! Anybody industrious can make a success of his or her life! There's no excuse for any healthy person not having a job!

Is this true? Partially, yes; kids from poor economic backgrounds have become president, thousands of poor kids have found entrance into the best universities, countless kids who grew up poor have been highly successful in life, and people who are motivated and not lazy generally do make a success of their lives. However, that's far from the whole story.

What really makes for the separation of rich and poor in our world? Is everyone really on equal footing? Is it really virtue that makes for success and lack of it that makes for failure?

In a best-selling book, *Elderhood*, Louise Aronson, makes this comment about her mother and Queen Elizabeth, both who aged wonderfully and gracefully: "They both were born into privilege: white, citizens of developed countries, wealthy and educated. Both were gifted with great genetic DNA, and both had the good fortune of not ever having been assaulted, abused, felled by cancer, or in a debilitating car accident. ... These advantages are not a matter of character. *Indeed, willpower and capacity for wise decisions are often by-products of fortunate lives.*" (Emphasis, mine)

Success isn't predicated only on personal character, hard work, and dedication. Neither is failure necessarily the result of weakness, laziness, and lack of effort. We aren't all born equal, set equally into the same starting blocks, have equally gifted or abusive childhoods, are allotted equally the same opportunities for education and growth, and then are parceled out equally the same measure of accidents, illness, and tragedy in life. However, it's because we naively believe that fortune is allotted equally to all that we glibly (and cruelly) divide

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Synod News

Sometimes the word "synod" refers to an assembly of the **Synod of Bishops** – which happens once every three years. Recent synods have examined themes such as new evangelization, the family, young people and the Amazon. The next Synod of Bishops, in 2023, will focus on the topic of synodality itself.

An Invitation to Participate in the Synod



There's a Place for You!

The word "synod" also refers to "journeying together" - being a community that is united in purpose and mission, moving together in the same direction in this earthly pilgrimage.

So, in preparation for this 2O23 Synod of Bishops, Pope Francis has asked all of the bishops to consult and pray with their own dioceses to help determine how synodality is being lived out in their midst and how we need to grow in our experience of journeying together.

Our parish of Corpus Christi began to participate in this process in November ... as representatives (Community Life Teams - CLTs) from our 9 church communities took part in 3 regional meetings. After these meetings, each CLT was tasked with bringing the synodal process to each church community. Most of our CLTs were looking at hosting in-person meetings in January But, as we all know, the Omicron Variant appeared on the scene, and in-person Synod meetings were postponed.

So, here we are!

If you missed the Zoom meeting on February 4—there will be additional opportunities to participate in the next few weeks. We'll be sending out more info via Flocknote (are you on the mailing list?) and via the bulletin, so watch your inbox.

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people into winners and losers, judge harshly those we deem losers, blame them for their misfortunes. and congratulate ourselves on what we have achieved, as if all the credit for our success can be attributed to our own virtue. Conversely, we see those who are poor as having only themselves to blame. Why can't they pull themselves up by their bootstraps? We did!

But ... some of us have genes that predispose us to become fat, some of us are rich kids who grow up without money, and willpower and capacity for wise decisions are often the products of a fortunate life rather than a matter of character. Recognizing that can make us less cruel in our judgments and far less www.ronrolheiser.com smug in our own successes.

The purpose of this Synod is not intended to produce more documents but to inspire people to dream about the Church we are called to be, to make people's hopes flourish, to stimulate trust, to bind up wounds, to weave new and deeper relationships, to learn from one another, and to restore strength to our hands for our common mission.

Prayer for the Synod

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way

we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.



Get Involved



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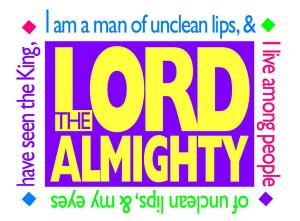


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Our Holy Mother Church begins the calendar year with the Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God. Let us take our rosaries in hand each day this year to be our strength as we go forth bravely in faith, hope, and the courage to be joyful. We have olive wood

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Knights of Columbus Council 5030 meet at St. Joseph, Kentville

In person meetings will resume when Covid protocol allows. For more info contact John Boulter johnboulter7@gmail.com



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several weeks so that the office staff can update our Parish Register. Thank you!!

If you need envelopes, please contact the Kentville Parish Office.

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Contact the Parish

The Kentville Parish Office is open Monday, Tuesday and Friday from 9 am to Noon

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MATTERS!

Give Now

Thank you for your donations to Corpus Christi.

Your Parish Administrative Team, that includes many volunteers, manages the counting of collections each week, making bank deposits, doing the bookkeeping, issuing annual tax receipts, and many other aspects of Parish Giving.

You can donate through:

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- Cash donations in the collection basket at Mass
- E-transfers directly to Corpus Christi's bank account: finance@corpuschristins.ca
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- Mailing a cheque to the Kentville Parish Office.



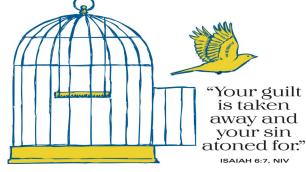
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