

3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT

March 20, 2022



## Mass Times

### Windsor

Sunday 11:45 am

### Wolfville

Sunday 10 am

### Kentville

Saturday 4 pm

Sunday 8:30 &  
11:45 am

### Berwick

Sunday 8:30am

### Middleton

Sunday 10 am

### Bridgetown

Sunday 8:30 am

### Annapolis Royal

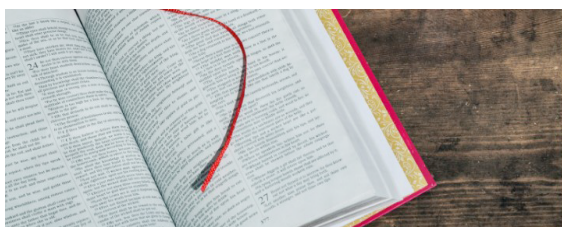
Sunday 9 am

### Digby

Saturday 4 pm

### Weymouth

Sunday 11:30 am



## This Week's Readings

### 1st Reading

Sun, Mar 20

EXODUS 3:1-8, 13-15

Mon, Mar 21

2 KINGS 5:1-15

Tues, Mar 22

DANIEL 3:25, 34-43

Wed, Mar 23

DEUTERONOMY 4:1, 5-9

Thurs, Mar 24

JEREMIAH 7:23-28

Fri, Mar 25

ISAIAH 7:10-14; 8-10

Sat, Mar 26

HOSEA 6:1-6

### Gospel

LUKE 13:1-9

LUKE 4:24-30

MATTHEW 18:21-35

MATTHEW 5:17-19

LUKE 11:14-23

LUKE 1:26-38

LUKE 18:9-14

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In the second week of Lent, how are you doing with Good Samaritan deeds? How many times have you been Jesus to other people? It is exciting to see all the good deeds posted on the bulletin boards in our churches. Please continue to bring in a list of your good deeds to post on your church bulletin board or you can email them in to the liaison in your church so they can print them off and post them for you. Your liaison address is: [yourchurch@corpuschristins.ca](mailto:yourchurch@corpuschristins.ca)

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:

• W\_e\_e\_k\_l\_y\_o\_f\_f\_e\_r\_i\_n\_g\_e\_n\_v\_e\_l\_o\_p\_e\_s\_

• C\_a\_s\_h\_d\_o\_n\_a\_t\_i\_o\_n\_s\_i\_n\_t\_h\_e\_c\_o\_l\_l\_e\_c\_t\_i\_o\_n\_b\_a\_s\_k\_e\_t\_a\_t\_M\_a\_s\_s\_

• E-transfers directly to Corpus Christi's bank account: [finance@corpuschristins.ca](mailto:finance@corpuschristins.ca)

• PAR - pre-authorized remittances from your bank account to Corpus Christi's bank account

• M\_a\_i\_l\_i\_n\_g\_a\_c\_h\_e\_q\_u\_e\_t\_o\_t\_h\_e\_K\_e\_n\_t\_v\_i\_l\_l\_e\_O\_f\_f\_i\_c\_e\_



### Reconciliation for Lent

**Middleton** - Tuesday, March 29<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 pm

**Digby** – Tuesday, March 29<sup>th</sup> – 10:00 am (in the church) & Tuesday April 5<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 pm

**Berwick** - Thursday, March 31<sup>st</sup> - 6:30pm (Mass at 6 pm)

**Annapolis Royal** – Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>– 10:30 am

**Kentville** - Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 pm

**Weymouth** – Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 pm & Thursday, April 7<sup>th</sup> – 11:00 am

**Windsor** - Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup> - 7pm (Stations of the Cross at 6:30 pm)

**SOUP KITCHENS - On Wednesdays at 11:30 am The Knights of Columbus Soup Kitchen at Corpus Christi St. Monica's, Middleton and on Fridays at 11:30 am St. Pat's Community Kitchen, Digby both continue Free Take Out Meals.**



# Mass Intentions

## **SATURDAY, MAR 19**

Digby	4:00 PM	Anne Hutchinson by Marion
Kentville	4:00 PM	Winnie Wall by Theresa & Floyd Preston

## **SUNDAY, MAR 20**

Bridgetown	8:30 AM	Mona Bateman by St. Alphonsus Ladies Auxillary
Berwick	8:30 AM	<i>Liturgy of the Word with Communion</i>
Kentville	8:30 AM	Living & Deceased Members of Moe & Edna Harquall Family
Annapolis Royal	9:00 AM	For the well being of Rosemarie Miller by Eric & Leah Brown
Middleton	10:00 AM	Marie-Ann Keddy by St. Monica's CWL
Wolfville	10:00 AM	Margo teBogt by Joanne teBogt
Weymouth	11:30 AM	Agnes Boudreau by Herbert Boudreau
Kentville/Online	11:45 AM	All Corpus Christi Parishioners
Windsor	11:45 AM	Linda Strickey by her Family

## **MONDAY, MAR 21**

Kentville/Online	8:30 AM	Holy Souls in Purgatory
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## **TUESDAY, MAR 22**

Kentville/Online	8:30 AM	Mary Beks by Tina Smolenaars
Digby	6:30 PM	For the people of Ukraine by Thru Mary Prayer Group

## **WEDNESDAY, MAR 23**

Kentville/Online	8:30 AM	Terrence Thompson by Alexandra Jardine
Middleton	3:15 PM	Margaret Steeves by Gordon & Helen MacDonald
Weymouth	6:30 PM	Peter Comeau by Marion & Greg MacDonald

## **THURSDAY, MAR 24**

Kentville/Online	8:30 AM	Terrance Lee by Peggy Foley
Weymouth	10:30 AM	Anita Germaine by Betty Rice

## **FRIDAY, MAR 25**

Kentville/Online	8:30 AM	Anne Redmond by Jean Gaudet
Digby	9:00 AM	Suzanne Kavanagh by Anna & Danny Corbett

## **SATURDAY, MAR 26**

Digby	4:00 PM	Vanessa Gennette by Angela O'Neil & Family
Kentville	4:00 PM	All Corpus Christi Parishioners

## **SUNDAY, MAR 27**

Bridgetown	8:30 AM	Catherine Brown from the Brown Family
Berwick	8:30 AM	Joseph Marchaud by John McNeil & Colleen Stephenson
Kentville	8:30 AM	<i>Liturgy of the Word with Communion</i>
Annapolis Royal	9:00 AM	Perley Kelly by Eric & Leah Brown
Middleton	10:00 AM	Abin Joseph by Carolyn Gilbert
Wolfville	10:00 AM	Anthony Ueffing by Truus Ueffing
Weymouth	11:30 AM	Nesly Valbrun by Cathy LeBlanc
Kentville/online	11:45 AM	Nancy Pemberton by the Lombard Family
Windsor	11:45 AM	Marguerite Robichaud by Terry & Eleanor McKiel

# Lenten Ashes

by Fr. Ron Rolheiser o.m.i.

We enter the season of Lent by putting ashes on our foreheads. What's symbolized here? Perhaps the heart understands better than the head because more people go to church on Ash Wednesday than on any other day of the year, including Christmas. The queues to receive the ashes in many churches are endless. Why? Why are the ashes so popular?

Their popularity, I suspect, comes from the fact that, as a symbol, ashes are blunt, primal, archetypal, and speak the language of the soul.

Something inside of us knows exactly why we take the ashes. No doctor of any kind needs to explain this. Ashes are dust, soil, humus; humanity and humility come from these. Ashes have always been a major symbol inside all religions. To put on ashes, to sit in ashes, is to say publicly and to yourself that you are in a penitential mode, that this is not "ordinary time" for you. Smudging oneself with ashes says that this is not a season of celebration for you, that some important work is going on inside you, and that you are, metaphorically and really, in the cinders of a dead fire, waiting for something fuller in your life.

All of this has deep roots. There's something innate in the human soul that understands, understands that every so often, one must descend, be smudged, lose one's luster, and wait for ashes to do their silent work. All ancient traditions, be they religious or mythical, abound with stories of having to sit in the ashes. For example, we all know the story of Cinderella. This is a centuries-old, wisdom-tale that speaks about the value of ashes in life. The name Cinderella itself speaks to this. Literally, the name Cinderella means, "the young girl who sits in the cinders, the ashes." Moreover, as the tale makes plain, before the glass slipper is placed on her foot, before wearing the beautiful gown, before going to the ball, before dancing with the prince, and before marrying him, there must first be a period of sitting in the cinders, of being humbled, of being waiting patiently, while you are being readied for a sublime joy and consummation. In the story of Cinderella, we can see a spirituality of Lent.

Native American traditions too have always had an important place for ashes. In some Indigenous communities, there was the concept that occasionally someone would have to spend time in the ashes. Nobody knew why a specific person was called at a particular moment to sit in the ashes, but everyone knew that this was a natural thing, that ashes do an important work in the soul, and that eventually that person would return to his or her regular life and be better for having spent time in the ashes.

To offer one example: Certain native communities used to live in what they called longhouses. A longhouse was the communal building, in effect, the house for the whole community. A longhouse was long, rectangular, with large sloping sides, with the center of the roof open so that this could function as a natural chimney. Fires were kept burning, both for cooking and for warmth, along the entire center of the longhouse. People gathered there, near the fires, to cook, eat, and socialize, but they slept away from the fires, under the roofs that sloped down either side of the open center. Every so often, a man or a woman for reasons they didn't have to explain, would cease adhering to the normal routine. Instead, he or she would, become silent, sit just off the fire in the ashes, eat very sparingly, not social, not go outside, not wash, and not go to bed with the others, but simply sit in the cinders.

Today we would probably diagnose this as clinical depression and rush that person off for professional help. For their part, they didn't panic. They saw this as perfectly normal, something most everyone was called upon to do at one time or another. They simply let the person sit there in the ashes until one day he or she got up, washed the ashes off, and began again to live a regular life. The belief was that the ashes, that period of silent sitting, had done some important, unseen work inside of the person. You sit in the ashes for healing.

The church taps into these deep wells of wisdom when it puts ashes on our foreheads at the beginning of Lent. Lent is a season for each of us to sit in the ashes, to spend our time, like Cinderella, working and sitting among the ashes, grieving some of the things we've done wrong, refraining from the dance, refraining from the banquet, refusing to do business as usual, but rather waiting in patience as some silent growth takes place within us. Lent is a time to be still so that the ashes can do their work.

And we need not understand exactly what the ashes are doing. They have a long history of being very patient with us.

Nova Scotia is moving into Phase 3 of its re-opening **effective March 21<sup>st</sup>**.

The following are what it means for Eucharist in the  
Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth and Corpus Christi Parish:

- **Social Distancing** – is no longer required, however, in some of our churches, there are areas (because of location and A/V feed) where those who wish to seek some level of social distancing can be seated. (For example: Wolfville – church hall, Kentville – chapel/overflow and Multi-Purpose Room, Berwick – church hall, Middleton – church hall, Bridgetown – church hall)
- **Masks** – are no longer mandatory. However, parishioners and visitors who feel more comfortable wearing a mask are most welcomed and invited to do so.
- **Entrance Procession** – at the beginning of Mass, can now begin at the main doors of the church.
- **Congregational Singing** – is now permitted without a mask. Choirs are encouraged to keep a 6-foot distance from the congregation. Choir members are no longer required to maintain social distance from each other.
- **Collection** – the monetary collection can take place during Mass as it did prior to the pandemic, however, in some churches of our parish, due to local circumstances, we may simply still offer only a basket at the doors of the church.
- **Holy Communion** – will be distributed at Communion time as we did prior to the pandemic. Priests/Deacons/Eucharistic Ministers are to sanitize their hands before distributing Communion and they are to wear a mask during distribution. Communion on the tongue is still not permitted at this time.

**Fish Chowder Supper:** A fish chowder supper at Saint Joseph's, Kentville will be available following the 4:00 pm Mass on Saturday March 26th in the multi purpose room. There will be sit down and take out. Proceeds will go towards purchasing a HEPA air filter machine. On line orders can be mailed to [counc5030@gmail.com](mailto:counc5030@gmail.com)

“Breaking Open the Word” continues at St. Anthony’s, Berwick on Tuesdays at 10:00 am. This will be followed by Adoration and the Rosary at 11:00 am.



Anyone wishing to contribute to the purchase of flowers for Easter, please place your donation in the collection basket indicated on the envelope.

**Dinner Theatre:** St. Anthony in Berwick is hoping to stage a pre Christmas production and is looking for people with a love of acting. Depending on the response this could be a small one day event or a weekend dinner theatre, like we had before Covid. If you are interested, please call Gisela Currie at 902 847 1739 or send an email to [the.curries@eastlink.ca](mailto:the.curries@eastlink.ca). Please indicate if we could cast you in any part or only a small one.

### Stations of the Cross

St. Monica’s Fridays at 2:00 pm

St. John's Fridays at 6:30 pm

St. Anthony's Fridays at 6:30 pm

St. Joseph’s, Kentville Fridays at

St. Louis’ Fridays at 3:15pm

St. Patrick’s – Friday’s at 7:00 pm

St. Joseph’s, Weymouth Friday’s at 6:30 pm

### **Did you know**

**Pretzels** — A popular snack, had their origin in early Christian lenten practices. Because fat, eggs, and milk were forbidden during Lent, a special bread was made with dough consisting of only flour, salt, and water. These little breads were shaped in the form of arms crossed in prayer and were called *bracellae* (Latin, “little arms”). Among the Germans, the Latin word became “bretzel.” These pretzels were a common Lenten food throughout the Middle Ages in Europe and became an all year round snack, in its original shape, only in the last century.



**Fish & Fries Friday**

All Proceeds Going to Support Humanitarian Relief for Ukraine

Sponsored by Knight's of Columbus Council No. 6297

St. Monica's Church Hall — 41 Connaught Ave Middleton

25 March 2022 4 pm to 7 pm

PRE-ORDERS ACCEPTED until 5pm 23 March 902-840-3093

TAKE OUT ONLY FREE WILL OFFERING




Knights of Columbus will resume in person meetings on the first Wednesday of each month in the Multi-Purpose Room at Corpus Christi, St. Joseph's, Kentville at 7 pm.



## Children and Youth

**Little Church:** Would you like to support faith formation for our littlest disciples? Volunteers are needed at Saint Joseph's (Kentville) and Saint John's (Windsor) once or twice a month. Little Church takes place during the Liturgy of the Word and provides an introduction to the Liturgy through gospel readings, prayers of the faithful and more. For more information please contact Jennifer Moore, [familylifeand youth@corpuschristins.ca](mailto:familylifeand youth@corpuschristins.ca) or 902 799 1250

### Feed the Teens:



Thank you to everyone who has already generously supported our Confirmation group with snacks and treats. We are excited to welcome our teens back to in person gatherings and need your support in stocking our cupboards. Snacks and treats may be dropped off at Saint Joseph's (Kentville). Also, an envelope (marked, 'Feed the Teens') may be dropped in any collection basket or e-transferred to: [finance@corpuschristins.ca](mailto:finance@corpuschristins.ca). Thank you!

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The **Digby & Area Housing Coalition Society**, headed up by one of our parishioners, is pleased to announce that we will receive funding for a Tenant Advocacy program in Digby and area. We are now working on buying and retrofitting a motel for transitional and permanent housing. We are a non-profit and can accept charitable donations through the **Community Foundation of Nova Scotia**: <https://cfns-fcne.ca/ourfunds/>.

### What are you doing July 8 - 10, 2022?

Come to Steubenville with us! We are looking for high school teens, young adults (peer leaders) and adults (chaperones) from across the parish to join us for this exciting summer conference!

For more information please contact Jennifer Moore, 902 799 1250

### Steubenville Atlantic Fundraisers

Look for these fundraisers (and more) in the coming weeks and months!

We will need your support to take our young people, and their leaders, to this youth conference.

Rosary Bracelets, handcrafted (by our youth)

Frozen Food, order your selections and pick up at Saint Joseph's (Kentville)

The Apple Blossom Parade Parking Lot: parking available at Saint Joseph's (Kentville)

Bottle Drives



### Prayers for our Confirmation Candidates!

Did you know? We have Confirmation Candidates in Windsor, Wolfville, Kentville, Berwick, Digby and Weymouth. Our candidates and their dedicated leaders are journeying together in faith with the blessed assurance that their entire parish is praying for them!

