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PASSION SUNDAY

April 10, 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 6 pm
Weymouth
Sunday 11:30 am



This Week's Readings

	1st Reading	Gospel
Sun, Apr 10	ISAIAH 50.4-7	LUKE 22.14-23.56
Mon, Apr 11	ISAIAH 42.1-7	JOHN 12.1-11
Tues, Apr 12	ISAIAH 49.1-6	JOHN 13.21-33,36-38
Wed, Apr 13	ISAIAH 50.4-9a	MATTHEW 26.14-26
Thurs, Apr 14	EXODUS 12.1-8,11-14	JOHN 13.1-15
Fri, Apr 15	ISAIAH 52.13-53.12	JOHN 18.1-19.42
Sat, Apr 16	GENESIS 1.1-22	LUKE 24.1-12

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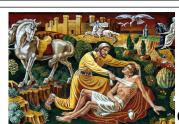
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Good Samaritan: Lent is

moving along. How are you doing being a Good Samaritan to others? Has anyone done a good deed to you? As we seek to follow Jesus more closely this Lent, let us open our hearts and minds to him to see where our brothers and sisters are hurting and to help them as best we can. A simple prayer for the hurting person can accomplish a great deal. Say a prayer for each hurting person you encounter this week.

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:

- · Weekly offering envelopes
- · Cash donations in the collection basket at Mass
- E-transfers directly to Corpus Christi's bank account:

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- PAR pre-authorized remittances from your bank account to Corpus Christi's bank account
- Mailing a cheque to the Kentville Office



Stations of the Cross

St. John's, Fridays at 6:30 pm

St. Anthony's, Fridays at 6:30 pm

St. Joseph's, Kentville Fridays at 6:30 pm

St. Monica's, Fridays at 2:00 pm

St. Alphonsus, Bridgetown Wednesdays at 4:00 pm

St. Louis', Fridays at 3:15 pm

St. Patrick's, Friday's at 7:00 pm

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

COMMUNITY LUNCHES - On Wednesdays at 11:30 am The Knights of Columbus Community 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. "The Knights of Columbus Bishop Gallagher Council 6297 are looking for volunteers who will prepare soup and sandwiches and provide cookies for the Take Out Community Kitchen between 11am to 12pm on Wednesdays of each week at St. Monica's Church, Middleton. If anyone is interested in volunteering, please contact Roger Lirette at 902-824-3467 or 902-765-3086 or email at tlirette@storm.ca

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, APRIL 9		
Kentville	4:00 PM	Deceased Members of the Kenny Family by Ann Young
Digby	6:00 PM	Kelly Mackintosh by Pat Levings
SUNDAY, APRIL 10		
Bridgetown	8:30 AM	Mona Bateman by Tom & Lois Porter
Berwick	8:30 AM	Graeme King by Joe & Bobbi McGrath
Kentville	8:30 AM	Liturgy of the Word with Communion
Annapolis Royal	9:00 AM	Tommy McClafferty by Marilyn Harry and Carolyn & Cynthia Gilbert
Middleton	10:00 AM	Helen MacDonald by Dan & Grace
Wolfville	10:00 AM	All Corpus Christi Parishioners
Weymouth	11:30 AM	Diane Amero by Cathy LeBlanc
Kentville/Online	11:45 AM	Nancy Pemberton by Mary, Russell & Nathan Gammon
Windsor	11:45 AM	David McDonald by Jan & Pony Poulin
MONDAY, APRIL 11		
Kentville/Online	8:30 AM	Souls in Purgatory by Wayne Barry
TUESDAY, APRIL 12		Chrism Mass at 12:00 PM in Halifax, St Mary's Cathedral
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13		
Kentville/Online	8:30 AM	St Joseph's CWL
Middleton	3:15 PM	Margaret Steeves by Gordon & Helen MacDonald
Weymouth	6:30 PM	William Tanner by Betty Rice
THURSDAY, APRIL 14		Holy Thursday
Kentville/Online	7:00 PM	Catherine Profit by Barbara Montford
Middleton	7:00 PM	Alan Foley by Peggy Foley
Weymouth	7:00 PM	Dave Gilhen by Marion & Greg MacDonald
FRIDAY, APRIL 15		Good Friday
Bridgetown	1:00 PM	
Annapolis Royal	3:00 PM	
Berwick	3:00 PM	
Kentville/Online	3:00 PM	
Middleton	3:00 PM	
Windsor	3:00 PM	
Wolfville	3:00 PM	
Digby	6:00 PM	
SATURDAY, APRIL 16		Easter Vigil
Digby	7:00 PM	Kelly Mackintosh by Carolyn McClafferty
Middleton	9:00 PM	Dan Bernard by Paul & susan Dill
Windsor	9:00 PM	Nancy Pemberton by Eleanor & Terry McKiel
SUNDAY, APRIL 17		Easter Sunday
Kentville	8:30 AM	Bernard & Viola MacDougall by Norma & Ann MacDougall
Annapolis Royal	9:00 AM	Russell Mackintosh by Betty & Lawrence Ritcey
Bridgetown	9:00 AM	Dick Herbst from the Family
Wolfville	10:00 AM	All Corpus Christi Parishioners
Berwick	11:00 AM	Brian Oliver by John McNeil & Colleen Stephenson
Kentville/Online	11:30 AM	Louisa Cooper by Bernie Cooper
Weymouth	11:30 AM	Louise, Daniel & Jacky Comeau by Joanne & Jerry Belliveau

When Did We Lose Basic Respect For Each Another?

by Fr. Ron Rolheiser o.m.i.

When did we lose it? When did we lose that deeply-engrained, forever-sanctioned sense that however much we might disagree with each other or even dislike each other, we still need to accord each other basic courtesy, respect, and politeness?

We've lost that, at least for the most part. From the highest levels of government to the crassest platforms on social media, we are witnessing the death of respect, courtesy, and basic honesty. Nobody, it seems, is accountable any more for even the most basic manners or for honesty. Things we used to punish our kids for doing (name-calling, ethnic slurs, taunting, lying, and blatant disrespect of another) are now becoming acceptable in the mainstream. Even more worrisome is the fact that we feel justified morally in doing it. To be seen as courteous, respectful, and polite is no longer judged as a virtue but as a weakness. Civility has died.

What's behind this? How did we move from Emily Post to what happens today on social media? Who gave us permission, societal and sacred, to do this?

Blaise Pascal once famously wrote that "men never do evil so completely and cheerfully as when they do it from a religious conviction." Many people quoted that after the September terrorist attacks of 9/11, as they recognized this in radical Islamism where mass murder was justified and deemed as necessary in God's name.

No doubt, it's easier to see this in someone else because, as Jesus says, it's easier to see the speck in your brother's eye than the beam in your own. That same false belief that gave Islamic terrorists moral permission to bracket all the rules of decency is taking root everywhere today. Why? Religious passion for what one believes is right and the belief that one may get ugly in the cause of truth is prevalent everywhere today and is giving us moral permission to become disrespectful, dishonest, and discourteous in the name of truth, goodness, and God. This justifies itself as being prophetic, as armoring us as warriors for truth.

Nothing could be further from the truth. Hatred and disrespect are always the antithesis of prophecy. A prophet, says Daniel Berrigan, makes a vow of love, not of hatred. Like Jesus, a prophet weeps in love over any "Jerusalem" which meets his or her prophecy with hatred. A prophet never brackets the non-negotiable mandate always to be respectful and honest, no matter the cause. No cause, societal or sacred, grants one an exemption from the rules of elementary human courtesy.

Many people argue against this, pointing out that Jesus himself could be very harsh with those who opposed him. Harsh he was. Disrespectful and discourteous he was not. Moreover, underneath his challenge to those who opposed him, there was always the empathic yearning love of a parent for an alienated child, not the ugliness you see today in our government circles, in social media, and in the *stare-you-down* hatred we often see between various ideological factions today.

The truth can be harsh and confront us with a very strong challenge, but it can never be disrespectful. Disrespect is an infallible sign that one is not right, that one does not have the moral high ground, and that in this instance one is not speaking for God, truth, and goodness. To bracket the most elementary rules of love is to be a false prophet, caught up in self-interest and self-serving truth.

It is not easy to keep one's balance in a bitter time. The temptation to slide down the ideological roof on one side or the other and please "one's base" seems humanly irresistible. However, irrespective of which side we slide down, right or left, there always comes with this a prescribed rhetoric, a prescribed discourtesy, a prescribed disrespect, and not infrequently a prescribed dishonesty. Along with that slide also comes the self-same righteousness of those who opposed Jesus and believed that they were justified in being disrespectful and doing violence in God's name.

Bitter times, a milieu of hatred and lies, and finding ourselves on opposing sides from each other, tempts us towards what comes naturally: name-calling, disrespect, lack of graciousness, and dishonesty whenever a truth or a lie serves us. Paradoxically, the challenge is in the opposite direction. Given the breakdown in civility today, the call from truth and from God is to be more careful, more scrupulous, and more uncompromising than ever in the respect, courtesy, and graciousness we accord to others.

We hope to be spending eternity with each other, dining at a single table. We do not prepare ourselves nor those we disagree with to take a place at that table by facing off with each other with hatred, dishonesty, disrespect, and coercion, as if that table could be taken by power and violence.

In the end, not everyone at that table will have liked each other this side of eternity, but everyone will be most gracious, respectful, and honest on the other side.

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Schedule for the Easter Triduum

Holy Thursday

7pm Kentville

7pm Middleton

7pm Weymouth

Good Friday

1pm Bridgetown

3pm Windsor

3pm Wolfville

3pm Kentville

3pm Berwick

3pm Middleton

3pm Annapolis Royal

6pm Digby

Easter Vigil (Saturday)

7pm Digby

9pm Windsor

9pm Middleton

Easter Sunday

8:30am Kentville

9am Annapolis Royal

9am Bridgetown

10am Wolfville

11am Berwick

11:30am Weymouth

11:30am Kentvville

CANCELLED - Dinner Theatre Information Session – Due to Covid exposure it was decided to cancel our dinner theatre information session this Sunday, April 10th. We will reschedule at a later date.

YARD SALE TIME AGAIN:

St. Patrick's, Digby will be having their ANNUAL SPRING YARD SALE on Friday, April 29^{th} 5 - 8 pm and Saturday, April 30^{th} from 9 am – 1 pm. Items for this sale can be dropped off at the church hall on Monday April 25^{th} from 1 – 4 pm or on Thursday from 1 - 4 pm.

St. Anthony's in Berwick will be having their ANNUAL YARD SALE ON SATURDAY, JUNE 25TH. Please save all your good items this spring clean-up and we will tell you when and where to deliver all the goodies.

St. John's, Windsor: There will be fundraiser for Ukraine at St John's Hall on April 24 after Mass. There will be Hospitality with a free will offering. If you are interested in contributing a plate of food or helping out, please contact Lisa Bradley at 902-757-2637 or marklisabradley@eastlink.ca.

<u>Fish Chowder Supper:</u> St. Anthony's in Berwick will be having a fish chowder after the Good Friday service. It will be from 4 to 5:30 with both eat in and take out.

The Kings Kikima Grannies will be holding a Spring Sale of Jewelery, Jewelery Art, Plants and More. Saturday April 23rd....., Wolfville Lions Hall......9 am-2 pm. We continue to support Grandmothers in Kikima Kenya who are now raising their grandchildren whose parents were lost to HIV/Aids. Thank You for supporting our project.

St. Monica, Middleton: An alfombra (carpet) will be constructed and on display over Easter in the hall of St.Monica's Church. This is a custom in many Central American countries and churches during Lent. It is made of natural materials, often depicting the themes of Easter. Come and view it during the Triduum.

Way of the Cross at St. Monica's at 2:00 pm on Fridays during Lent. The Catholic Women's League invites all parishioners to join us in praying that the peace of Christ may reign in the Ukraine and Russia, the suffering be eased, the refugees find safety, and all who labour for justice, mercy, and compassion be strengthened.

Corpus Christi Catholic Books & Gifts: As Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday, we have "Divine Mercy: Diary of Saint Faustina", as well as Divine Mercy prayer books, prayer cards, pictures, and medals. Also, First Holy Communion crosses, rosaries, lapel pins, and cards. Available at St. Monica's church hall after Sunday Mass, Wednesday Adoration, and Friday Way of the Cross, or call Mary Crooks at 902-825-6495.



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, familylifeandyouth@corpuschristins.ca or 902 799 1250



The Confirmation class is hosting a **Good Friday Movie** at Saint Joseph's, Kentville. Join us for '**Son of God**' at 12:15 PM in the multi purpose room followed by Good Friday Service at 3 PM. Seating is limited as we are mindful of providing some physical distance. To reserve your seat contact Jennifer Moore by email, call or

text, familylifeandyouth@corpuschristins.ca or 902 799 1250.



It's almost time to register for Steubenville Atlantic! Who's coming!

We now have 17 teens and 9 adults interested in attending the conference in July. Stay tuned for registration information!

Contact: Jennifer

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Confirmation candidates and their parents prayed The Stations of The Cross at

Saint Joseph's, Kentville.

Did you know?

Date of Easter

Early in Christianity, a controversy arose over setting the date of the annual Pascha. Some, called the Quartodecimans (Latin, "fourteenth"), claimed that it should be celebrated annually on the precise date of Jesus' historical Passover: the 14th of Nisan, (first day of the full moon that followed the Spring equinox), usually a weekday.

Others insisted that it always be a Sunday, because Christ was raised from the dead on the first day of the week. This controversy was a high priority on the agenda of the Council of Nicaea called by Emperor Constantine in 325 A.D. The decision was that it be observed on the Sunday following the first full moon after the Spring equinox. In the West, only the Celtic church in Britain and Ireland refused to accept the date until 664 A.D. because of their own Celtic calendar.



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