



Fr. John MacPherson, Pastor  
 Fr. Keith Billard, Associate Pastor  
 Fr. Raymond Odumuko, Associate Pastor

15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 10, 2022



## Mass Times

**Windsor**

Sunday 8:30 am

**Wolfville**

Sunday 11:45 am

**Kentville**

Saturday 4:00 pm

Sunday 10:15 am

**Berwick**

Sunday 9:00 am

**Middleton**

Sunday 11:00 am

**Bridgetown**

Saturday 4:00 pm

**Annapolis Royal**

Sunday 9 :00 am

**Digby**

Saturday 6 :00 pm

**Weymouth**

Sunday 11:30 am



## This Week's Readings

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

**Gospel**

Sun, July 10

Deuteronomy 30.10-14

Luke 10.25-37

Mon, July 11

Isaiah 1.10-17

Matthew 10.34 -11.1

Tues, July 12

Isaiah 7.1-9

Matthew 11.20-24

Wed, July 13

Isaiah 10.5-7, 13-16

Matthew 11.25-27

Thurs, July 14

Isaiah 26.7-9, 12, 16-19

Matthew 11.28-30

Fri, July 15

Isaiah 38.1-6,21-22,7-8

Matthew 12.1-8

Sat, July 16

Micah 2.1-5

Matthew 12.14-21

Sunday - July 24 - 7pm  
 St. Joseph's, Kentville  
 Freewill

"Ecumenism...must be like the fruit borne by a healthy and flourishing tree which grows to its full stature." -John Paul II

## Praise & Worship

We are grateful to invite you once again to spend a little time with us, worshipping in song. Whether you are believing, questioning, curious, weary, thirsty.....welcome.

Come.

## Giving to Corpus Christi Parish

Corpus Christi is blessed to have so many gifted volunteers, but there are still many areas of your Parish that require financial support, services that are unable to be completed by volunteers. Your Parish Finance & Administrative Council strives to control and minimize expenses without compromising services, but without your donations this task is futile. There have been many challenges over the last few years and expenses have been kept to a minimum, but if we are to be able to offer expanded programs, to reach those requiring our help, we need your financial support. Considering giving?

There are many ways to donate to Corpus Christi Parish:

- 1- Weekly Offertory Envelopes (envelopes are available at your church communities)
- 2- Cash donations (deposited in collection baskets at Mass)
- 3- E-Transfers (to include your name and church) directed to Corpus Christi (email: [finance@corpuschristins.ca](mailto:finance@corpuschristins.ca))
- 4- PAR (pre-authorized remittances) from your bank account to Corpus Christi's (application forms available upon request)
- 5- Through the mail (directed to Corpus Christi Parish – Kentville Parish Office)

Corpus Christi Parish thanks you for your financial support – How else could we fulfill our mission?

**Corpus Christi Catholic Books & Gifts: "The Men of St. Anthony's and Friends Choir" have two CD's of uplifting hymns, ballads and songs for enjoyable listening on a road trip, or as a souvenir for your summer visitors, or as a thank you gift for your hosts when you are the guest. Easy to carry with you and lightweight to mail. \$10.00 each (no tax). Available at St. Monica's Church after Sunday Mass, or contact Mary Crooks 902-825-6495 for special requests or to arrange another time.**

### **St. Monica's Church, Middleton**

**A fundraising event (for the paving of the front parking lot) is planned for Sunday, July 17 at St. Monica's Church starting at 3:00 p.m. followed by a barbeque. There will be a concert performed by Men of St. Anthony's and Friends and a free will offering. Come and enjoy fellowship and beautiful music!**



### **Kentville Parish Office**

**Open hours**

**Monday, Tuesday & Friday**

**9:00 am to 1:00 pm**

**Box 486, 48 Belcher St., Kentville, NS**

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### **Digby Parish Office**

**Open Hours**

**Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday**

**9:30 am – 5:00 pm**

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**Please forward all notices for bulletin to [bulletin@corpuschristins.ca](mailto:bulletin@corpuschristins.ca) before 5:00 pm on Tuesday**

### **Help us Make Hantsport a Home for the World**

We are fortunate to know the comfort of living in a community that is open, hospitable and peaceful, and that supports those in need. We are a group of volunteers working to reunite a refugee family from Syria with their sister and mother here in Nova Scotia. They will be coming to Hantsport through the Government of Canada's refugee sponsorship program. Our fundraising goal is \$40 000. In order to start the application process, the government requires that we have \$21,525 in our bank account. We have raised \$14,360 of this so far. We need another \$7,165 before we can apply, and then we will work to raise the additional funds while we wait for the application to be processed. We are currently accepting monetary donations and can issue tax receipts for amounts over 20.00. You may donate by cheque or e-transfer. (Facebook: Hantsport Refugee Sponsorship Committee ... [hantsportrsc@gmail.com](mailto:hantsportrsc@gmail.com) Mailing address: Hantsport Refugee Sponsorship Committee, 681 Lockhartville Road, Hantsport, NS, B0P 1P0 ... 902-684-0524.



# Mass Intentions

## **SATURDAY, JULY 9**

Bridgetown	4:00 PM	Mona Bateman by Dorothy McIntosh
Kentville	4:00 PM	Glinda Long by Gerald & Sharon Long
Digby	6:00 PM	Dora Gaudet by Edna & Blair Saulnier

## **SUNDAY, JULY 10**

Windsor	8:30 AM	Liz Pereira by Alice Pereira
Annapolis Royal	9:00 AM	Russell Mckintosh by Adrian & Margaret Vandenburg
Berwick	9:00 AM	Leona Schaeffer by Rye Stoetting
Kentville/Online	10:15 AM	Helen MacDonald by Pat Crossman
Middleton	11:00 AM	Intentions of Nan Ferguson-Loiser (66th B-day) by Carolyn Gilbert & Marilyn /
Weymouth	11:30 AM	Lizzie & Felix LeBlanc by Amselm LeBlanc
Wolfville	11:45 AM	Souls in Purgatory

## **MONDAY, JULY 11**

Kentville/Online	8:30 AM	No Mass
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## **TUESDAY, JULY 12**

Kentville/Online	8:30 AM	Intentions of Darren Porter by Mary Gillis
Digby	6:30 PM	Lorna Burnham by Edna & Blair Saulnier

## **WEDNESDAY, JULY 13**

Kentville/Online	8:30 AM	St Joseph's CWL
Middleton	3:15 PM	No Mass
Weymouth	6:30 PM	Daniel LeBlanc & his grandfather Paul Theriault by Alvina & Micheal LeBlanc

## **THURSDAY, JULY 14**

Kentville/Online	8:30 AM	Souls in Purgatory by Wayne Barry
Weymouth	6:30 PM	Intentions of Joanne & Jerry Belliveau by Lucille Saulnier

## **FRIDAY, JULY 15**

Kentville/Online	8:30 AM	Tony Charon by Paul DuMesnil
Digby	9:00 AM	Luke Seabrook by Marsha Thibideau

## **SATURDAY, JULY 16**

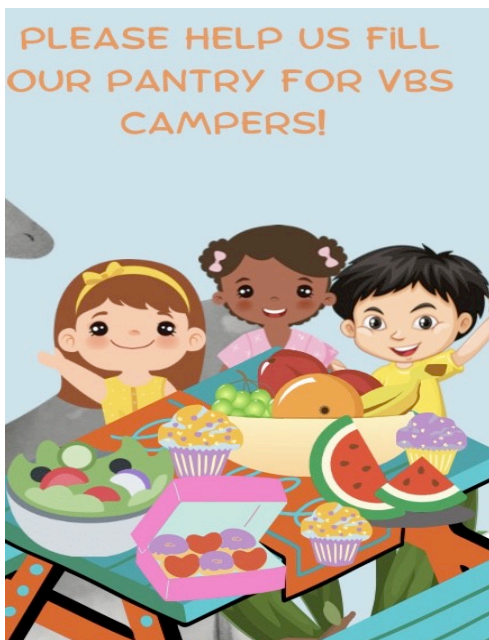
Bridgetown	4:00 PM	Catherine Brown by Elwin & Jacqueline Brown
Kentville	4:00 PM	<i>Liturgy of the Word with Communion</i>
Digby	6:00 PM	Robert Saulnier by Edna & Blair Saulnier

## **SUNDAY, JULY 17**

Windsor	8:30 AM	Bernice Miller by Ann & Joe Troke
Annapolis Royal	9:00 AM	Camilla Johnstone by Eloise Mailman
Berwick	9:00 AM	Brian Oliver by Helen & Family
Kentville/Online	10:15 AM	Bernard Fitzgerald by Lillian & Bernie Jr
Middleton	11:00 AM	Intentions of Darlene & Don Thibodeau (56th Anniv) by Carolyn Gilbert
Weymouth	11:30 AM	Lillie & Grady Thibodeau by their daughter, Evelyn
Wolfville	11:45 AM	Souls in Purgatory



Families and friends gathered to celebrate Confirmation on July 4 at St. Joseph's in Kentville, and on July 5 at St. Joseph's in Weymouth with Archbishop Dunn. Congratulations to the Newly Confirmed!



## Suggested Donations

- Rice Krispie treats (3 doz)
- chocolate pudding cups (3 doz)
- ranch dressing (4 bottles)
- Pretzels (3 bags)
- crackers (4 boxes)
- juice (lots!)
- freezies
- frozen treats
- Cheese (6 blocks)
- apples, oranges, bananas
- watermelon
- berries
- grapes
- muffins (4 doz)
- oreo crumbs (1 box)

Non-perishable items may be dropped off at the church office.  
Fresh food will be graciously received in the kitchen on camp mornings.



On June 22, CWL members of St. Joseph Parish Council (Kentville, NS) came together to join Fr. John MacPherson, Spiritual Advisor, who blessed the 'Burning Bush' [*Euonymus alatus*] in honour of their 95 Years as a Council. Afterwards, they gathered in the parish hall to socialize and partake in tea and sweets.

**The Annual Meeting of the Plympton Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery will be held on Wednesday, July 20<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm. Location : ALMA THIBAULT'S - 10 French Road, Plympton.**

**On July 17, there is a special collection envelope for Cemeteries. These donations are used for the upkeep of our cemeteries. You can designate your donation to a specific cemetery or to the general Corpus Christi Parish Cemetery account.**

**Dear Parishioners of Corpus Christi Parish,**

The financial statements for Corpus Christi Parish (CCP) for the 5 months up to May 31, 2022 show that 7 of our 9 church communities are running deficits. The total deficit for our parish for this period is approximately \$40,000. There are several factors that are contributing to this deficit but specifically of concern right now is the cost of furnace oil for heating our facilities. Currently heating oil prices in Nova Scotia are approximately \$1.00/litre more than they were 1 year ago. In 2021 CCP used approximately 60,000 litres of oil to heat our buildings. With no end of high oil prices in sight, this means that it could cost our parish an additional \$60,000 or more to heat our churches during the next heating season than it did last winter. This will increase our current deficits and force our church communities to withdraw money from savings to pay the oil bills. This is not sustainable for our parish.

The Parish Finance and Administrative Council (PFAC) recognizes the need to develop a plan to reduce the cost for heating our churches next winter, while still allowing our parishioners to practise their Catholic faith in an acceptable way. The PFAC would like your input as a parishioner of Corpus Christi Parish.

**What should/could we do to reduce heating costs for the 2022/2023 heating season and beyond?**

We ask that you submit your suggestions prior to July 30th. Thanking you in advance for your consideration and input.

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**Corpus Christi Parish Profit & Loss - May 2022 vs 2021**

	<b>Jan - May 2022</b>	<b>Jan - May 2021</b>
<b>Income</b>		
Ordinary Revenue	\$233,897.25	\$220,191.55
Extraordinary Revenue (Includes: Cemetery & Capital Projects)	\$76,065.55	\$64,787.02
Social Outreach	\$3,705.90	\$0.00
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>\$313,668.70</b>	<b>\$284,978.57</b>
<b>Expense</b>		
Church Expenses	\$133,583.26	\$114,329.72
Hall Expenses	\$9,208.96	\$6,440.84
Residence Expenses	\$18,026.64	\$14,837.08
Shared Expenses – Community (Includes: Admin, Worship Needs, Priests, Travel)	\$117,061.21	\$103,895.57
Shared Expenses – Formation (Includes: Family Life & Youth, Bible Studies, Faith Formation)	\$18,449.21	\$14,834.21
Shared Expenses - Mission/Outreach	\$11,658.85	\$0.00
Diocesan Assessment	\$39,207.00	\$0.00
Cemetery Expenses	\$5,272.37	\$1,432.44
<b>Total Expense:</b>	<b>\$352,467.50</b>	<b>\$255,769.86</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income (Loss):</b>	<b>(\$38,798.80)</b>	<b>\$29,208.71</b>
Capital Expenditures	\$0.00	\$5,748.91
<b>Net Income (Loss):</b>	<b>(\$38,798.80)</b>	<b>\$23,459.80</b>

**Notes:**

Up to May 2021, there was a COVID Subsidy available and there was no Diocesan Assessment. For 2022, there is no longer a subsidy available and the Diocesan Assessment has been reinstated. Extraordinary Revenue includes Cemetery and Capital Projects Revenue that have designated purposes (i.e. not for General Purposes).

# On Not Locking Our Doors

by Fr. Ron Rolheiser o.m.i.

In his book *The Secret*, Rene Fumoleau has a poem entitled *Sins*. Fumoleau, who was a missionary priest with the Dene People in Northern Canada, once asked a group of Elders to name what they considered the worst sin of all. Their answer:

*The ten Dene discussed together, and after a while Radisca explained to me:*

*"We talked it over, and we all agree: The worst sin people can make is to lock their door."*

Perhaps at the time this incident took place and in that particular Dene village, you could still safely leave your door unlocked, but that's hardly sound advice for most of us who are safe only when we have double locks and electronic security systems securing our doors. Still these Dene Elders are right because at the end of the day, they're speaking of something deeper than a security bolt on our outside door. What does it really mean to lock your door?

As we know, there are many kinds of doors we lock and unlock to let others in and out. Jean-Paul Sartre, the famed French existentialist, once wrote: *Hell is the other person*. While this may feel very true emotionally on a given day, it is the antithesis of any religious truth, particularly Christian truth. In all the great religions of the world, in the end being with others is heaven; ending up eternally alone is hell.

That's a truth built into our very nature. As human persons we are constitutively social; meaning we're built in such a way that while we're always individual, private, and idiosyncratic at the same time we're always social, communitarian, and interdependent. We're built to be with others and there's no ultimate meaning or fulfillment to be found alone. Indeed, we need each other simply to survive and remain sane. Still more, we need each other for love and meaning because without these there's no purpose to us. To end up alone is death of the worst kind.

This needs to be highlighted today because both in society and in our churches too many of us are locking a select number of our doors in ways that are both destructive and genuinely unchristian. What's our issue?

Twenty years ago, Robert Putnam looked at the breakdown of community within our culture and named it with a catchy phrase, *Bowling Alone*. For Putnam, our families, neighborhoods, and wider communities are breaking down because of an excessive individualism within the culture. More and more, we're doing things alone, walking within our own idiosyncratic rhythms rather than within community rhythms. Few would dispute this assessment.

However, what we're struggling with today goes further than the individualism Putnam so playfully names. In the excessive individualism Putnam describes, we end up bowling alone but mostly still inside the same bowling alley, separate from each other but not locked out. Our problem goes deeper. Metaphorically, we're locking each other out of our common bowling alley. What's meant here?

Beyond an isolating individualism, we're struggling today in our families, communities, countries, and churches with a demon of a different sort, that is, with doors locked in bitterness. Politically, in many of our countries we're now so polarized that the various sides are unable to even have a respectful, civil conversation with each other. The other is "hell". This is true too inside our families where conversation at the Thanksgiving or Christmas dinner has to carefully avoid all references to what's going on in the country and we can only be at the same table with each other if we keep our political views locked away.

Sadly, this is now mirrored in our churches where different visions of theology, ecclesiology, and morality have led to a polarization of such intensity that each theological and ecclesial group now stays behind its own solidly locked door. There's no openness to what's other and all real dialogue has been replaced by mutual demonization. This lack of openness is ultimately what the Dene refer to as the worst sin of all, *our locked doors*. Hell then really is the other person. Sartre must be smiling.

It's interesting how evil works. The Gospels give us two separate words for the evil one. Sometimes the evil one is called "the devil" (*Diabolos*) and sometimes the evil one is called "satan" (*Satanas*). Both describe the evil power that works against God, goodness, and love within a community. The "Devil" works by dividing us, one from another, breaking down community through jealousy, pride, and false freedom; whereas "Satan" works in the reverse way. Satan unites us in sick ways so as to have us, as groups, demonize each other, carry out crucifixions, and cling to each other feverishly through sick kinds of hysteria and ideologies that make for scapegoating, racism, sexism, and group-hatred of every kind. Either way, whether it's satan or the devil, we end up behind locked doors where those outside of ourselves are seen as hell.

So it's true, "the worst sin we can make is to lock our doors."



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