



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

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 24, 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

	1st Reading	Gospel
Sun, July 24	Genesis 18.20-32	Luke 11.1-13
Mon, July 25	2 Corinthians 4.7-15	Matthew 20.20-28
Tues, July 26	Sirach 44.1,8,10 - 15	Matthew 13.16-17
Wed, July 27	Jeremiah 15.10, 16-21	Matthew 13.44-46
Thurs, July 28	Jeremiah 18.1-6	Matthew 13.47.52
Fri, July 29	Jeremiah 26.1-9	John 11.17-27
Sat, July 30	Jeremiah 26.11-16, 24	Matthew 14.1-12

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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 directed to Corpus Christi (email: 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?

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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



Kentville Parish Office

Open hours
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Digby Parish Office

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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

	Jan - May 2022	Jan - May 2021
Income		
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
Total Income:	\$313,668.70	\$284,978.57
Expense		
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
Total Expense:	\$352,467.50	\$255,769.86
Net Ordinary Income (Loss):	(\$38,798.80)	\$29,208.71
Capital Expenditures	\$0.00	\$5,748.91
Net Income (Loss):	(\$38,798.80)	\$23,459.80

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).



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, JULY 23

Bridgetown	4:00 PM	Mona Bateman by John & Linda MacDonald
Kentville	4:00 PM	Thanksgiving by Drew Lyka Marie Babula & Lindsay Daine Babula
Digby	6:00 PM	Kelly Mackintosh by Lorraine Bell

SUNDAY, JULY 24

Windsor	8:30 AM	Guy Smith by Laura Joyce & Wanda Zwicker
Annapolis Royal	9:00 AM	Camilla Johnstone by St Louis CWL
Berwick	9:00 AM	Louise Sommers by Rita & Tony Roefs
Kentville/Online	10:15 AM	Leonard & Margaret Long by Floyd Priddle
Middleton	11:00 AM	Leo Paul Lirette by Roger & Theresa Lirette
Weymouth	11:30 AM	Lorna Burnham by Cathy LeBlanc
Wolfville	11:45 AM	Souls in Purgatory

MONDAY, JULY 25

Kentville/Online	8:30 AM	Souls in Purgatory
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TUESDAY, JULY 26

Kentville/Online	8:30 AM	Mary Beks by John & Family
Bear River	11:00 AM	In Honour of the Feast of St. Anne's
Digby	6:30 PM	Victor Halliday by Pamela

WEDNESDAY, JULY 27

Kentville/Online	8:30 AM	Leo Gallant by Judy & Rick Coulombe
Middleton	3:15 PM	Marie Turner by Carolyn Gilbert
Weymouth	6:30 PM	For the Parishioners of Corpus Christi

THURSDAY, JULY 28

Kentville/Online	8:30 AM	Laurie (Long) Murphy & Bill Long by Bette MacIsaac
Weymouth	6:30 PM	Steve Huston by Ron Muise

FRIDAY, JULY 29

Kentville/Online	8:30 AM	Holy Souls in Purgatory by Shirley & Gene
Digby	9:00 AM	Mario Villarroel by Nancy Robinson Villarroel

SATURDAY, JULY 30

Bridgetown	4:00 PM	Frank Pugh by St Alphonsus Ladies Aux.
Kentville	4:00 PM	Tyler Harvie by brother, Jordan
Digby	6:00 PM	Don Ward by Mike & Blanche Gilhen

SUNDAY, JULY 31

Windsor	8:30 AM	George Robert Carson by Alice Kimball
Annapolis Royal	9:00 AM	For the well being of Marsha Thibideau by Marilyn Harry
Berwick	9:00 AM	Brian Oliver by Helen & Family
Kentville/Online	10:15 AM	Maynard Barry by Wayne Barry
Middleton	11:00 AM	William Gerrior by Bill & Donna Underwood
Weymouth	11:30 AM	Theresa Elaine Thibault by Cathy LeBlanc
Wolfville	11:45 AM	Souls in Purgatory

Valley Care Pregnancy Centre (Kentville): On behalf of the young couple who came to us looking for an abortion and returned last week saying how much they appreciated the support they received because now they are keeping their baby, **thank you all so very much for partnering in this mission and participating in the Baby Bottle Campaign!** The six congregations (from Windsor to Bridgetown) of your Parish have contributed \$6,152.62 to the grand total this year (so far) of \$13,601.63. We look forward to what God will do in the days ahead as He puts these resources to good use through the Valley Care Pregnancy Centre in sharing the love and compassion of Jesus in our community. (Please note - Annapolis Royal, Digby and Weymouth supported the centre in Yarmouth).



Praise & Worship

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

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.



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Eat in 5 – 6:30 PM - To order: Contact Novy 902-349-8838
Email – kofcevent6297@gmail.com

St. Anthony's Berwick - Demand for food at the Berwick Food Bank has increased drastically in the past few weeks" ...August 7th is Food Bank Sunday at St Anthony's. This will continue every month thereafter. Please bring non-perishable items for distribution.

Halifax based Ursa Duo will be presenting a concert of contemporary classical music for cello and piano on Sunday, July 31st at 7pm. At Port Williams Baptist Church. The program is made up of all Canadian composers and includes some newly commissioned works and premieres. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at the door. (Sponsored by Arts Nova Scotia.)

Corpus Christi Catholic Books & Gifts: Children's Colouring and Activity Books are great for summer vacation at home, cottage or travelling. Through pictures, word games, puzzles and mazes, they are a fun way for children to learn more about their faith. (\$2.50 - \$2.95) Available at St. Monica's Church after Sunday Mass, or contact Mary Crooks 902-825-6495 for special requests, or to arrange another time.



Children and Youth

Little Church will be offered twice monthly at Saint John's (Windsor) and Saint Joseph's (Kentville) throughout the summer. Boys and girls are invited to celebrate God's Word as we explore Jesus' messages of love, peace and friendship. Parents are welcome to join us or send little ones along with leaders.

Kentville dates: July 24, Aug 7 and 21, Sept. 4

Windsor dates: July 31, Aug 14 and 28

(More dates may be available).

THE NATURE OF FAITH

by Fr. Ron Rolheiser o.m.i

God made us in his image and likeness, and we have never stopped returning the favor.

We are forever creating God in our own image and likeness. We picture God, what we believe God to be and stand for, according to what we imagine God should be like. Sometimes that speaks for what's best in us and sometimes it does the opposite. In either case, we are usually a long way from the God that Jesus revealed. That is why we often believe in and preach a God who, like us, is jealous, arbitrary, legalistic, unfair, fearful, consumed with protecting himself, vengeful, unforgiving, and violent.

It is no accident that in every age, including our own, the worst violence, bigotry, and murder are usually justified in the name of God, even when this is done in the name of atheism or secularity. At some point, somewhere, invariably there is divine justification for something that is unjust based upon a "God" who has been shaped according to human imagination, with its very real limits, biases, wounds, and self-protective instincts.

When C.S. Lewis was struggling with his decision to become a Christian, one of his major hesitations came from the fact that he was unable to imagine for himself the mystery of redemption, of how Jesus' death could have a saving effect upon others. One of the turning points in his decision to become a Christian came as the result of challenge from J.R.R. Tolkien, the author of Lord of the Rings. Hearing Lewis express his doubt, Tolkien simply said: *"That is a poverty of imagination on your part!"* Nothing could be more true.

God, and the great mysteries, are indeed beyond our imaginations and sometimes when we try to imagine them we experience an agnosticism precisely because we end up meeting ourselves rather than the true God. And we shouldn't believe in ourselves!

We struggle mightily to attune ourselves to real religion, to stop forming God in our own image and likeness. That is why faith is often felt as a darkness rather than as a light, as a yearning rather than as a certainty, and as a feeling of painful absence rather than as a sense of joyful presence.



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