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21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 21, 2022



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This Week's Readings

	1st Reading	Gospel
Sun, Aug 21	Isaiah 66.18-21	Luke 13.22-30
Mon, Aug 22	2 Thessalonians 1.1-5, 11b-12	Matthew 23.13-22
Tues, Aug 23	2 Thessalonians 2.1-3a, 14-17	Matthew 23.23-26
Wed, Aug 24	Revelation 21.9b-14	John 1.45-51
Thurs, Aug 25	1 Corinthians 1.1-9	Matthew 24.42-51
Fri, Aug 26	1 Corinthians 1.17-25	Matthew 25.1-13
Sat, Aug 27	1 Corinthians 1.26-31	Matthew 25.14-30

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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 (to include your name and church) 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?



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, AUG 20

Bridgetown	4:00 PM	Jill Taylor by Patsy Sabeau
Kentville	4:00 PM	Daniel Moran by Enda & Clay Moran
Digby	6:00 PM	Vanessa Gennette by Bill & Jacqueline Amirault

SUNDAY, AUG 21

Windsor	8:30 AM	Guy Smith by Laura Joyce & Wanda Zwicker
Annapolis Royal	9:00 AM	For the well being of Brendon Gillis by Leah & Eric Brown
Berwick	9:00 AM	Louise Sommers by John & family
Kentville/Online	10:15 AM	Ellen Foley by Barbara Montford
Middleton	11:00 AM	For Dan & Grace Bernard on their 70th Anniversary by Carolyn Gilbert
Weymouth	11:30 AM	Paul Belliveau by his sister, Lucille Saulnier
Wolfville	11:45 AM	Helen MacDonald by Lisa Piggott

MONDAY, AUG 22

Kentville/Online	8:30 AM	No Mass
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TUESDAY, AUG 23

Kentville/Online	8:30 AM	Pauline Williams by Doris & Family
Digby	6:30 PM	Cemetery Mass at St. Anne's, Bear River

WEDNESDAY, AUG 24

Kentville/Online	8:30 AM	Doris Dandurand by Barbara Montford
Middleton	3:15 PM	Yolanda Scalza by Carolyn Gilbert
Weymouth	6:30 PM	Cemetery Mass at St. Joseph's, Weymouth

THURSDAY, AUG 25

Kentville	11:00 AM	For Dan & Grace Bernard on their 70th Anniversary by Tom & Peggy Foley
Weymouth	6:30 PM	Cemetery Mass at St. Theresa's, Southville

FRIDAY, AUG 26

Kentville/Online	8:30 AM	John & Isabelle Foley by Tom & Peggy Foley
Digby	9:00 AM	Tony Villarroel by Nancy Robinson Villarroel
Annapolis Royal	6:30 PM	Cemetery Mass at St. Louis, Annapolis Royal

SATURDAY, AUG 27

Bridgetown	4:00 PM	Marjorie Marshall by Peter Newton
Kentville	4:00 PM	For the Parishioners of Corpus Christi
Digby	6:00 PM	Bruce Avery by the Avery Family

SUNDAY, AUG 28

Windsor	8:30 AM	For the upcoming wedding of Ashley Britten & Todd Angevine
Annapolis Royal	9:00 AM	Int. of Barb & Donald Theriault (65th Anniv.) by Mary Gilbert & Cynthia Hamilton
Berwick	9:00 AM	Shirley MacCarthy by Rita & Anthony Roefs
Kentville/Online	10:15 AM	Doris Dandurand by Laura Joyce
Middleton	11:00 AM	For Mary & Leonard Canfield on their 62th Anniversary by Carolyn Gilbert
Weymouth	11:30 AM	John Drew by his wife, Irene, Greg & Heather
Wolfville	11:45 AM	Henk & Annie teBogt by Joanne teBogt

Sustaining Ourselves By Keeping the First Commandment

by Fr. Ron Rolheiser o.m.i.

One of the great Christian mystics, Julian of Norwich, once described God as both smiling and relaxed. Jesus would agree with that description. Unfortunately, too few Christians, past and present, agree with it.

In the past, our concept of God was often too much a projection of our own anger and incapacity to forgive one another. Hence, we tended to paint God as a punishing God, a God with a great recording book within which every one of our sins was written and who subsequently demanded some kind of payment for every one of those sins. He was a God who had drawn up some very strict criteria ("the narrow way") for salvation. Hell-fire awaited those who could not morally vault over that rather lofty high-jump bar. We lived in fear of that God.

Today that God has fallen on hard times, both inside and outside the churches. There is no preacher, secular or religious, who does not make it his or her mission to dethrone that punishing, exacting God. Sadly, however, we have not replaced Him with anything much better.

In conservative religious circles, the old punishing God has been replaced by the God of orthodoxy. He is still a God whose primary facial expression is a frown. He (and in conservative circles God is always a He) is looking at the world and seeing there a confused, morally lax, lazy, and sexually permissive rabble. He cheers up once in a while when we pull ourselves together a bit, but his first mode of reaction to us is still displeasure.

Liberal circles are different, but no closer to what is described by the first commandment. Their God tends to be a God of liberal ideology and is a very anxious, worried, hypersensitive, politically correct, workaholic, and generally whining God. This God still wears a frown and when he or she looks at the world the spontaneous reaction is not one of blessing, but one of disapproval at the world's stupidity and lack of social conscience. The liberal God sees a Yuppie rabble down here.

The God whom Jesus calls his Father does not see the world as rabble. When we read the first pages of the Bible, we see that, immediately upon creating each item within creation, God looks at it and says: *"It is good!"* Then, after all of creation is finished, God looks at everything, the world and all its people, and says: *"It is very good!"* God's first gaze upon us is still of appreciation.

We see a reiteration of that at the beginning of the Gospels, when Jesus is baptized: *"This is my beloved child in whom I am well pleased."* Again, as at the original creation, God is looking down upon the earth, his child, and seeing it as good.

Awareness of that, God's smile upon the planet, was very much part of the consciousness of Jesus. When Jesus looks at the poor, the hungry, and the weeping and sees them as blessed, it is because first of all he is hearing God's voice inside of himself, telling him that God is seeing him and the world that way.

There is a contemporary Buddhist parable that can help us to understand what is being said here: One day the Buddha, badly overweight, was sitting under a tree. A young soldier, trim and handsome, came along, looked at the Buddha, and said: *"You look like a pig!"* The Buddha replied: *"Well, you look like God!"* *"Why would you say that?"* asked the rather surprised young soldier. *"Well,"* replied the Buddha, *"we see what's inside us. I think about God all day and when I look out that is what I see. You obviously must think about different things ..."*

What we see outside of ourselves is very much coloured by what is, first of all, inside of us. Thus, Jesus had within him a concept of a God who was relaxed, smiling, and blessing the earth. Hence, Jesus too looked out at us and saw, in us, something worth smiling at and blessing.

from **The Holy Longing**



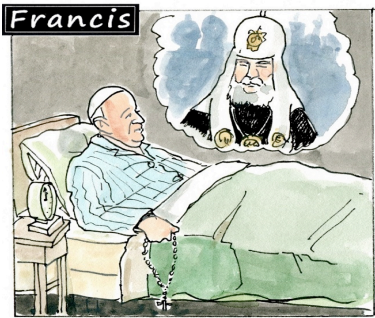
Children and Youth

Little Church

Children's Liturgy of the Word
During 10:15 AM Mass in St. Joseph's, Kentville
You're Invited

- Aug 21 You're Invited!
- Aug 28 Let's think of others!
- Sept 4 We are Disciples!
- Sept 11 Lost and Found!
- Sept 18 True is True!

Parents are welcome to accompany children



NCRonline.org/cartoons

Church Divisions

by Fr. Richard Rohr o.f.m.

Often I feel like a juggler in this Church, trying to hold many truths together. I can't make the great issues of the Reformation key in my life. Especially when I see that so many of the questions were asked entirely by comfortable, white male clerics (on both sides) and, usually, were questions of power and righteousness! If we had to divide, why couldn't we divide over who was doing a better job of feeding widows and orphans?

from The Other Side, "Poverty and Surrender"

Retreats and Confronts

by Fr. Richard Rohr o.f.m.

For every retreat we should make sure there is at least one confront. We all should take retreats, but for some people retreats are an entire way of life. Every few months, they come out for a retreat. It's obvious with a lot of these people that they aren't involved in ministry, with serving anybody else. They're navel gazing. In the name of searching for God, they are actually running from God. There is no more effective way to run away from God than to be overly religious, to be involved in pious and holy things for their own sake.

A good balance between masculine and feminine energy is to balance your life between retreats and confronts. Make sure you do pull back and reflect in your solitude or in your prayers, but make sure also that there is some engagement, involvement, incarnation, some activity.

from A Man's Approach to God



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Joyous and Prayerful Congratulations to Dan and Grace Bernard on the celebration of their 70th Wedding Anniversary! May the grace of the Sacrament of Matrimony grow deeper in your hearts each day! May you, your family, and your home be richly blessed in faith, hope, love, peace and gratitude.



Concerts at the Cathedral – 5221 Spring Garden Road Halifax –
Wednesday's at 7:00 pm in August

Admission by freewill donation

August 24th – Lindsay O'Rourke – soprano

August 31st – Michael Gnemmi – organ

Volunteers Needed at St Patrick's: We are looking for volunteers to work at St. Patrick's Church Parking lot for Wharf Rat Rally on September 2, 3 and 4. Contact Chuck Mills at 902-250-0033 if you can help out in any way.

Kentville: Christian Concern Fund

Thank you for your generosity in the past – it really is inspiring! The Christian Concern Fund helps with food vouchers (30+ /month), pharmacy bills, eyeglasses, utilities, rent, travel to medical appointments, the Christmas Hamper Program in December etc. It is a fund that is being utilized 12 months/year.

In the coming month, we will be looking at how we can be involved with "Back to School Support" (ie. sneakers & backpacks). Please keep the fund in mind!
- Fr. John



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