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22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 28, 2022



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before 5:00 pm on Tuesday**



## This Week's Readings

	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
Sun, Aug 28	Sirach 3.17-20,28-29	Luke 14.1,7-14
Mon, Aug 29	Jeremiah 1.17-19	Mark 6.17-29
Tues, Aug 30	1 Corinthians 2.10b-16	Luke 4.31-37
Wed, Aug 31	1 Corinthians 3.1-9	Luke 4.38-44
Thurs, Sep 1	1 Corinthians 3.18-23	Luke 5.1-11
Fri, Sep 2	1 Corinthians 4.1-5	Luke 5.33-39
Sat, Sep 3	1 Corinthians 4.6 -15	Luke 6.1-5

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*By appointment  
at any time.  
Call your nearest  
Parish Office.*

### 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?

# Mass Intentions

## **SATURDAY, AUG 27**

Bridgetown	4:00 PM	Marjorie Marshall by Peter Newton
Kentville	4:00 PM	For the Parishioners of Corpus Christi
Annapolis Royal	4:00 PM	Int. of Barb & Donald Theriault (65th Anniv.) by Mary Gilbert & Cynthia Hamilton

## **SUNDAY, AUG 28**

Windsor	8:30 AM	For the upcoming wedding of Ashley Britten & Todd Angevine
Digby	9:00 AM	Bruce Avery by the Avery Family
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
Wolfville	11:45 AM	Henk & Annie teBogt by Joanne teBogt

## **MONDAY, AUG 29**

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

Kentville/Online	8:30 AM	Daniel Moran by Doris & Family
Marshalltown	6:30 PM	Cemetery Mass at Madonna's Cemetery, Marshalltown

## **WEDNESDAY, AUG 31**

Kentville/Online	8:30 AM	Catherine Voila MacDougall by Norma & Ann MacDougall
Middleton	3:15 PM	Intentions of Barbara Hamilton by St Monica's CWL
Plympton	6:30 PM	Cemetery Mass at Holy Cross Cemetery, Plympton

## **THURSDAY, SEPT 1**

Kentville	8:30 AM	Frank Lee by Russell & Carolyn Turner
Weymouth	6:30 PM	Daniel Moran by Greg & Marion MacDonald

## **FRIDAY, SEPT 2**

Kentville/Online	8:30 AM	Souls in Purgatory by Helen Walsh
Digby	9:00 AM	Dennie & Ella Bonnenfont & son Louis by Nora & Wayne Comeau

## **SATURDAY, SEPT 3**

Bridgetown	4:00 PM	For the Parishioner's of Corpus Christi
Kentville	4:00 PM	Daniel Moran by St Joseph's Rosary Cenacle
Annapolis Royal	4:00 PM	Frank V. Dennis by Michael Dennis

## **SUNDAY, SEPT 4**

Windsor	8:30 AM	Phyl & Bernie Grant by Alan Grant
Digby	9:00 AM	For the Intentions of the Bicknell Family
Berwick	9:00 AM	Len Stephenson by Colleen Stephenson & John McNeil
Kentville/Online	10:15 AM	Souls in Purgatory
Middleton	11:00 AM	For Peggy & Tom Foley on their 53rd Anniversary by Carolyn Gilbert
Weymouth	11:30 AM	Steve Huston by Ron Muise
Wolfville	11:45 AM	Deceased Members of the Geverinck Family by Joanne teBogt

***Please Note - Mass change: St. Louis Annapolis Royal Mass will be at 4:00 pm on Saturday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> and St. Patrick's, Digby Mass will be on Sunday, September 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am due to the event "Wharf Rat Rally".***

# The Humiliation of God

by Fr. Ron Rolheiser o.m.i.

One of the characteristics of divine revelation is that it often breaks through where you least expect. Grace invariably catches you unaware, a surprise. Frequently too the surprise is not a pleasant one for God shines brightly in our humiliations, unafraid to be embarrassed in this world.

Let me risk the following example: At age fifteen, Therese of Lisieux made the decision to enter a Carmelite monastery. She thought she had prepared herself fairly well for what she would meet there and indeed she had. She was under no illusion about what lay ahead for her, both in terms of the austerity of the life she was taking on as well as in terms of how some of the nuns would react towards her. She knew it would be hard: early rising, long hours in chapel, poor food, inadequate heating, a small cell with a straw mattress, days spent mainly in silence, hard menial work, rules forbidding her at times to talk to her own blood sisters, and little or nothing in the way of earthly compensation. She was even prepared for the fact that many of the nuns would react badly towards her – questioning her motivation, seeing her as a spoiled child, misunderstanding her vocation, treating her with coldness or, alternately, doting on her as the community baby. She had thought all of this through beforehand and felt ready for whatever met her in that monastery. Thus when she entered its gates, she was well-prepared, ready ... for everything except what actually happened.

Shortly after she walked through the gates of that convent, her father, whom she had adored and who had loved her so purely and deeply and who had throughout her whole life radiated so much of the love and compassion of God, went insane. Moreover, his insanity (a form of mental illness not understood at the time) led him to do strange, humiliating things. He became as helpless as a child, constantly got lost, had inexplicable mood swings, grew silent, reacted angrily at times without cause, could not be trusted to be alone, did embarrassing things, and was once even caught carrying a revolver. Therese had so idealized this man and had been so proud of him. For her, until now, he had embodied God – as love, as stable, as predictable in goodness, and as utterly trustworthy. Initially, therefore, her father's insanity shattered her world entirely (not just in terms of her family life but also, and especially, in her understanding of God). How could someone so trustworthy, good, stable, and loving suddenly become so different? Beyond that too, some of her relatives blamed her for her father's illness, saying that her leaving him for the convent had broken his heart. It took a long time, a lot of pondering, and a much deeper understanding of God, before Therese was able to make her peace with all of this.

Eventually, however, she learned something from this experience that profoundly reshaped her spirituality. What she learned was this: to know God, one must begin to grasp the humiliation of God in this world. What is implied in this? Where do we see the humiliation of God in this world?

Whenever we see someone who is unable to protect herself or himself against pain, especially the type of pain that humbles and humiliates, we are witnessing the humiliation of God in the world and if we have the eyes of faith we are standing at that place where the deeper secrets of heaven are being revealed.

We see this clearly already when we look at little children. They are so helpless and needy that they cannot hide what needs to be hidden. Spit, urine, mucus, feces, and tears are always in evidence around them. We see this too whenever we see anyone who, for whatever reason, is perceived by others as naive, unattractive, stupid, irrational, or in some other way is seen as an embarrassment to himself or herself, and we see it especially in those people who because of age or illness are being humiliated in their bodies. In an adult body ravaged by age, handicap, or terminal disease – unlike the case for babies where a stunning physical beauty and wholeness more than compensate for the embarrassment and even the smell of feces is sweet – there is real humiliation. Here the smell of feces is not sweet.

I recently visited a friend dying of cancer. Her fifty year-old body, once remarkably beautiful, was grossly disfigured, wasted, smelled of death, and, like the face of the Suffering Servant in Isaiah, was as much an object of revulsion as of attraction. A proud spirit, she lay humble, embarrassed, humiliated in her body. And God lay with her in that humiliation, shining forth, revealing secrets, tearing the temple veil from top to bottom and revealing what was revealed on the cross, namely, that faith and understanding begin at that exact dark point where the world thinks they must end.



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***This summer, our Rosa Harvey Middleton Library is collecting school supplies for children at our elementary school. Donations can be dropped off at the Middleton Library until the end of August. The teachers will distribute them discreetly to children in need of supplies to help them learn and progress with greater confidence. Thank you!!***



Concerts at the Cathedral – 5221 Spring Garden Road Halifax –  
Wednesday's at 7:00 pm in August  
Admission by freewill donation  
**August 31<sup>st</sup> – 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

*Corpus Christi Catholic Books and Gifts: The crucifix is a reminder to us and to all who enter our homes that we place our trust in the love and mercy of God, revealed in the cross transformed to hope in new life through Christ. May the crucifix be at the heart of our Catholic homes as a symbol of our faith and gratitude. We have a selection of affordable crucifixes in wood or metal. Available at St. Monica's church hall after Sunday Mass, or call Mary Crooks 825-6495 to arrange a time or for special requests.*



# Children and Youth

***Coming Soon:*** Registration for Empower family programs including: **First Communion, Confirmation and children's faith formation, will be available soon. Watch for registration information.**

## I Will Be With You

Fr. Richard Rohr o.f.m.

Moses said to God, "*Who am I to go to Pharaoh and bring the people out of Egypt?*" (Exodus 3:11). The Lord answers, "*I shall be with you.*" That's all. Simply, I'll be with you! He wouldn't tell Moses how to do it. He doesn't give him a timetable, any directions, simply – "*I'll be with you.*" (3:12).

Moses' power is the presence of the Lord. That's all! In every religious experience in the Bible, a person comes to an experience of God and God says, simply, I shall be with you. I will do it. Trust me. The directions come as you walk the journey. The word is not fully given until the first steps are taken.

This is perfectly borne out as the Hebrews journey through the desert. Moses said to Yahweh's face, in his fourth attempt to get out of the job, "*I am slow of speech. Why should Pharaoh listen to me?*" (Exodus 4:10). Yahweh again comes back to him and says, I've given you the command. Go ahead. I will be with you. Do it! (4:12).

*from The Great Themes of Scripture*

## The Commandment

by Fr. Richard Rohr o.f.m.

In the final chapters of the Book of Joshua, we hear Joshua's last words to the people. He sets a vocation before the people and asks them, once again, to choose the Lord. He says, "*Stand firm ... and fulfill all that is written ... never turning aside from it to right or left*" (23:6). Then he says to obey the commandments, which we immediately think refers to the Ten Commandments.

The commandment, in fact, is to trust the one God. That is the commandment they are called to live by. It is in that relationship that they find their power. "*Do not utter the names of (other) gods. Do not swear by them*" (23:7).

To our world God says: Do not put your trust in gods that cannot save – your looks, intelligence, money, your home. Do not put your trust in your children, wife, husband, your high position. They cannot save you. What is your money going to do for you? God is security, the rock of our salvation. No one has trusted in God and ever been put to shame.

*from The Great Themes of Scripture*

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