



Fr. John MacPherson, Pastor  
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24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 11, 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, Sep 11	Exodus 32.7-11,13-14	Luke 15.1-32
Mon, Sep 12	1 Corinthians 11.17-26,33	Luke 7.1-10
Tues, Sep 13	1 Corinthians 12.12-14,27-31a	Luke 7.11-17
Wed, Sep 14	Numbers 21,4-9	John 3.13-17
Thurs, Sep 15	Hebrews 5.7-9	John 19.25-27
Fri, Sep 16	1 Corinthians 15.12-20	Luke 8.1-3
Sat, Sep 17	1 Corinthians 15.35-37,42-50++	Luke 8.4-15

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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, SEPT 10**

Bridgetown	4:00 PM	Donald MacDonald by John & Linda MacDonald
Kentville	4:00 PM	Leo Doucette by Edna & Clay Moran
Digby	6:00 PM	Lorna Burnham by Lorraine Bell

## **SUNDAY, SEPT 11**

Windsor	8:30 AM	Harry Chapman by Jan & Tony Poulin
Annapolis Royal	9:00 AM	Erwin Schnetzer by Maria Schnetzer
Berwick	9:00 AM	Helen MacDonald by Rita & Tony Roefs
Kentville/Online	10:15 AM	Nelson Osmond by Pat & Darryl Crossman
Middleton	11:00 AM	For Adora & Herb Parsons on the 65th Anniversary by Carolyn Gilbert
Weymouth	11:30 AM	Pete Comeau by Ronnie Muise
Wolfville	11:45 AM	Joop Wellink by Truus Ueffing

## **MONDAY, SEPT 12**

Kentville/Online	8:30 AM	No Mass
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## **TUESDAY, SEPT 13**

Kentville/Online	8:30 AM	Bridget Hann by Theresa Coffey
Digby	6:30 PM	No Mass

## **WEDNESDAY, SEPT 14**

Kentville/Online	8:30 AM	In Remembrance of Michael Walsh by Helen Walsh
Middleton	3:15 PM	Intentions of Marion Hole by St Monica's CWL
Weymouth	6:30 PM	No Mass

## **THURSDAY, SEPT 15**

Kentville	8:30 AM	Souls in Purgatory
A.R. Nursing Home	10:30 AM	Camilla Johnstone by Betty & Lawrence Ritcey
Weymouth	6:30 PM	Maximin Doucet by Marion & Greg MacDonald

## **FRIDAY, SEPT 16**

Kentville/Online	8:30 AM	Armeline Guay by Selba Perkins
Digby	9:00 AM	Kerstie (Herron) Schneider by Marion & Peter Croft

## **SATURDAY, SEPT 17**

Bridgetown	4:00 PM	Mary Grant by Adora Parsons
Kentville	4:00 PM	James Barry by Wayne Barry
Digby	6:00 PM	For the deceased and living members of the Marzouca/Therriault families by Carol

## **SUNDAY, SEPT 18**

Windsor	8:30 AM	Nualsri Pimpasuth by Paul DuMesnil
Annapolis Royal	9:00 AM	For the well being of Betsy & David Akim on the occasion of their 32nd Anniversary
Berwick	9:00 AM	Peter O'Neil by Helen Oliver
Kentville/Online	10:15 AM	Bernard Joseph MacDougall by Ann & Noram MacDougall
Middleton	11:00 AM	Helen MacDonald by Rose Longley
Weymouth	11:30 AM	Camillie & Judy Muise by Ron Muise
Wolfville	11:45 AM	Anneke Remy-teBraake by John teBraake



# Children and Youth

## Ready for Sacraments?

Do you have a son or daughter in grade 3 (or older)? If so it is time to register for: **Empowered by the Sacraments!** First Reconciliation and First Communion.

Follow this link to register: <https://forms.gle/oBEDRmSsfZWR5WBP6>

If your son or daughter is in grade 9 (or older), it's time to register for **Empowered by the Spirit!** Confirmation

Follow this link to register: <https://forms.gle/vTNUMBo9xT3UUNs5A>

Or, contact: Jennifer Moore, 902 799 1250, [familylifeandyouth@corpuschristins.ca](mailto:familylifeandyouth@corpuschristins.ca)

## Little Church

We need to build a team of [parent volunteers](#) to support [Little Church](#) at Saint John's, Windsor and Saint Joseph's (Kentville). A parent volunteer just needs to tag along to Little Church once in a while - if there are not two leaders present at Mass. If we have two adults present, we can provide Little Church every week for our littlest disciples! **All volunteers will be required to go through the Responsible Ministry Protocol.** If you are interested please contact Jennifer: 902 799 1250, [familylifeandyouth@corpuschristins.ca](mailto:familylifeandyouth@corpuschristins.ca)

**Are you interested in becoming an altar server at St. John's? We are looking for more altar servers and training will be held this fall. If you or your child are interested, please contact Patty Burgess or Jerone Cleveland.**

## Back to School Support

As you probably know, there are already a number of initiatives taking place in the church communities of Corpus Christi Parish and in our communities, in general, by groups and individuals reaching out to support families trying to supply their children with "*back to school supplies*".

If you would like to help **financially** this effort in your local church, please e-transfer the parish or if by cheque, make the cheque out to Corpus Christi Parish (earmark it Back to School Supplies) or indicate on the envelope, if submitting cash. As well, please indicate your local church community. Any excess money will remain in the local community ... to help people who may need assistance, in one form or another.

*Thanks – Fr. John MacPherson*

***On Sept 18, there is a special collection envelope for Religious Education. These donations are used to support religious education/faith formation for the youth such as First Communion, Confirmation, etc.***

# Rationalizing Our Anger and Moral Indignations

by Fr. Ron Rolheiser o.m.i.

I have come to set the earth on fire and how I wish it were already blazing. ... Do you think that I have come to establish peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. From now on a household of five will be divided, three against two and two against three.

This saying of Jesus is one of the most misunderstood teachings in all of scripture and, because of this, from the time of Jesus' birth until this very day, we have been able to cloak a lot of our lack of charity, lack of respect, bitterness, and hatred inside the mantle of prophecy, claiming that the divisions we cause are the divisions to which Jesus is referring when he said he is bringing fire to the earth. But we are wrong. Why?

First, the fire that Jesus passionately longs to bring to this earth is not the fire of division and polarization, but the fire of the Holy Spirit, the fire of Pentecost, namely, the fire of charity, joy, peace, goodness, understanding, and forgiveness. And this fire unites rather than divides. Moreover, in answer to his question: "Do you think that I have come to establish peace on earth?" the answer is: absolutely, without doubt. Jesus came precisely to bring peace to this earth, as the angels proclaim at his birth, as his entire ministry attests to, and as he powerfully witnesses to in his death. Jesus came to bring peace to the world; no one may doubt that.

Then how does division enter? And why does Jesus tell us that his person and teaching will bring about polarization, hatred, and division? If the fire that Jesus brings to this earth is meant to unite us, why does it so often divide us?

It is not Jesus' message that divides; it is how we react to that message that divides. We see this already at the time of his birth. Jesus is born, and some react with understanding and joy, while others react with misunderstanding and hatred. That dynamic has continued down through the centuries to this very day when Jesus is not only misunderstood and seen as a threat by many non-Christians, but especially when his person and message are used to justify bitter and hate-filled divisions among Christians and to justify the bitterness that invariably characterizes our public debates on religious and moral issues. Jesus still divides, not because his person and message are one-sided, divisive, or hate-filled, but because we too often use them in that way.

In effect, from the time of his birth until today, we have perennially used Jesus' to rationalize our own anger and fears. We all do it, and the effects of this are seen everywhere: from the bitter polarization within our politics, to the bitter misunderstandings between our churches, to the hate-filled rhetoric of our radio and television talk-shows, to the editorials and blogs that demonize everyone who does not agree with them, to the judgmental way we talk about each other inside our coffee circles. We are all venting, mostly unhealthily, but forever under the guise of bringing the fire of love and truth to the planet. However, if the truth be told, more often than not, the fire we are bringing is more the fire of Babel than of Pentecost. Our moral fevers invariably bring about more division than unity.

Several years ago, for example, I was at a clergy meeting at which each of the priests present was asked to state publicly what he felt was the salient gift that he brought to his ministry. One of the priests, who had a long history of being a problem-child to both his bishop and his parishioners, self-confidently described himself in this way: *"My gift is that I'm an agitator! I stir things up! I don't let people get comfortable. I bring Christ's fire! I'm prophetic!"* He was certainly right about the agitation, the discomfort, and the fire. His bishop had no end of phone calls attesting to that. But there was a lot of skepticism as to his being a prophet. His approach to things and his rhetoric too much resembled that of an ideologically-driven talk-show host who divides the world up too-neatly between angels and demons, absolute right and absolute wrong, and has a too-facile division as to who is on God's side and who is on the devil's side. That kind of talk is mostly bitter, hate-filled, one-sided, and high divisive, but it justifies itself under the banner of truth and love, self-proclaiming itself as prophetic.

Daniel Berrigan rightly suggests that a real prophet makes a vow of love, not of alienation. It is easy to get this in reverse, and we frequently do.

Granted, there is a fire that divides, even while remaining the fire of love and Pentecost. But it is as fire that is always and everywhere respectful, charitable, and inclusive, never enflaming us with bitterness, as does so much of our contemporary religious and moral rhetoric.

**Corpus Christi Catholic Book & Gifts: Beautifully matted and framed picture in soft colours (approx. 24 in wide by 12 in high) of mother and child (Mary and Jesus) in a garden with flowers and bird. Lovely for a child's bedroom, playroom, family room, or a mother's favorite quiet space. Available at St. Monica's church hall after Sunday Mass, or call Mary Crooks 825-6495 to arrange a time, or for special requests.**

Happening at St. Anthony's, Berwick on Sunday, Sept 11, an information session on the many ministries that keep our church community running. Stay for our "After Mass Social" to find out how you can serve. On September 18th, signing up for the actual ministries that interest you will take place.

First-of-the-Season Takeout Corn Chowder/Hamburger Soup luncheon on **Wednesday, September 21st from 11:30 to 12:30** at Port Williams United Baptist Church. Cost is \$10 for your chosen soup, bread and butter and either Cheesecake or Apple Crisp. Please call 902-542-3681 or 902-542-7141 by Monday September 19th to order. We will call you on September 19th with a pick up time.

**St. Patrick's – We would like to thank God for a safe, beautiful and prosperous long-weekend. We collected \$950.00 from Wharf Rat Rally parking. Thanks for his angels, Chuck, Helene, Monika, Margaret, Sean, 2 Bills and 2 Harolds all of whom collected and/or assisted clients into parking spaces.**

### *Friendship Sunday returns to St. Francis!*

Starting Sunday, September 11 and on the first Sunday of October (Oct. 2), November (Nov. 6) and December (Dec. 4), there will be 2 opportunities for fellowship at St. Francis. In the Community Hall (basement), from 10:30 - 11:30 am there will be coffee/tea/hot chocolate offered for those wishing to socialize before Mass. Following Mass from 12:45 - 2:00 pm there will be a free lunch (free-will offering to offset costs). Come join us!

**The Digby Cancer Help Fund Association will be having a tea on September 15, 2022, from 2 to 4 p.m. at St. Joseph's Church Hall in Weymouth. Free Will Offering at the door. Please come and support this worthy cause to help raise funds to help people from the Municipality and Town of Digby, who needs travel assistance to cancer appointments. We appreciate your support. Thank you.**

If you are looking for a Catholic speaker for your parents, young people, young adults or catechists look no further than Ryan O'Hara. In my 20+ years of evangelistic work with these audiences, I rate Ryan in the top tier of communicators who effectively engages, equips and inspires in the Faith. I have Ryan on my speaker's list every year and I encourage you to seriously consider him for your group. You'll not be disappointed! — Joe Roueche, NET Ministries Outreach Coordinator. Ryan is the keynote speaker at our Assembly of the People of God on September 24th. This will be live-streamed to Digby, Middleton and Kentville.



**Chris Palmer**  
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