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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 18, 2022



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This Week's Readings

	1st Reading	Gospel
Sun, Sep 18	Amos 8:4-7	Luke 16.1-13
Mon, Sep 19	Proverbs 3.27-34	Luke 8.16-18
Tues, Sep 20	Proverbs 21.1-6, 10-13	Luke 8.19-21
Wed, Sep 21	Ephesians 4.1-7, 11-13	Matthew 9.9-13
Thurs, Sep 22	Ecclesiastes 1.2-11	Luke 9.7-9
Fri, Sep 23	Ecclesiastes 3.1-11	Luke 9.18-22
Sat, Sep 24	Ecclesiastes 11.9 – 12.8	Luke 9.43b-45

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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)
- 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?

To Whom Can We Go?

By Fr. Ron Rolheiser o.m.i.

"To whom else shall we go? You have the message of eternal life." Peter says these words to Jesus. But they are spoken in a very conflicted context: Jesus had just said something that upset and offended his audience and the gospels tell us that everyone walked away grumbling that what Jesus was teaching was "intolerable". Jesus then turns to his apostles and asks them: "Do you want to walk away too?" Peter answers: "To whom else can we go?" But that's more a statement of stoic resignation than an actual question.

His words function at two levels. On the surface, they express an unwanted humility and helplessness that sometimes beset us all: "I have no alternative! I'm so invested in this relationship that now I have no other options. I'm stuck with this!" That's a humble place to stand and anyone who has ever given himself or herself over in an authentic commitment will eventually stand on that place, knowing that he or she no longer has another practical choice.

But those words also express a much deeper quandary, namely, where can I find meaning if I cannot find it in faith in God? All of us have at some point asked ourselves that question. If I didn't believe in God and had no faith or religion, what would give meaning to my life?

Where can we go if we no longer have an explicit faith in God? A lot of places, it seems. I think immediately of so many attractive stoics who have wrestled with this question and found solace in various forms of what Albert Camus would call "metaphysical rebellion" or in the kind of Epicureanism that Nikos Kazantzakis advocates in *Zorba, the Greek*. There's a stoicism which offers its own kind of salvation by drawing life and meaning simply from fighting chaos and disease for no other reason than that that these cause suffering and are an affront to life, just as there is an Epicureanism that meaningfully grounds life in elemental pleasure. There are, it would seem, different kinds of saints.

There are also different kinds of immortality. For some, meaning outside of an explicit faith, is found in leaving a lasting legacy on this earth, having children, achieving something monumental, or becoming a household name. We're all familiar with the axiom: *Plant a tree; write a book; have a child!*

Poets, writers, artists, and artisans often have their own place to find meaning outside of explicit faith. For them, creativity and beauty can be ends in themselves. Art for art's sake. Creativity itself can seem enough.

And there are still others for whom deep meaning is found simply in being good for its own sake and in being honest for its own sake. There's also virtue for virtue's sake and virtue is indeed its own reward. Simply living an honest and generous life can provide sufficient meaning with which to walk through life.

So, it appears that there are places to go outside of explicit faith where one can find deep meaning. But is this really so? Don't we believe that true meaning can only be found in God? What about St. Augustine's classic line? *You have made us for yourself, Lord, and our hearts are restless until the rest is you.* Can anything other than faith and God really quiet the restless fires within us?

Yes, there are things that can do that, but all of them – fighting chaos, curing diseases, having children, living for others, building things, inventing things, achieving goals, or simply living honest and generous lives – leave us, in an inchoate way, radiating the transcendental properties of God and working alongside God to bring life and order to the world. How so?

Christian theology tells us that God is *One, True, Good, and Beautiful*. And so, when an artist gives herself over to creating beauty, when a couple has a child, when scientists work to find cures for various diseases, when artisans make an artifact, when builders build, when teachers teach, when parents parent, when athletes play a game, when manual laborers labor, when administrators administrate, when people just for the sake integrity itself live in honesty and generosity, and, yes, even when hedonists drink deeply of earthly pleasure, they are, all of them, whether they have explicit faith or not, acting in some faith because they are putting their trust in either the *Oneness, Truth, Goodness, or Beauty* of God.

Lord, to whom else can we go? You have the message of eternal life. Well, it seems that there are places to go and many go there. But these aren't necessarily, as is sometimes suggested by misguided spiritual literature, empty places that are wrong and self-destructive. There are, of course, such places, spiritual dead-ends; but, more generally, as we can see simply by looking at the amount of positive energy, love, creativity, generosity, and honesty that still fill our world, those places where people are seeking God outside of explicit faith still has them meeting God.



Mass Intentions

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 & living members of the Marzouca/Therault 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 32rd 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

MONDAY, SEPT 19

Kentville/Online	8:30 AM	No Mass
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TUESDAY, SEPT 20

Kentville/Online	8:30 AM	Souls in Purgatory by Wayne Barry
Digby	6:30 PM	Peter Loughran by Angela O'Neil & Family

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 21

Kentville/Online	8:30 AM	St Joseph's CWL
Tideview Terrace	10:30 AM	Sandy Mills and deceased family members by Chuck Mills
Middleton	3:15 PM	Ronald Douglas Melanson by Ann Melanson & Family
Weymouth	6:30 PM	Hector Saulnier by Joanne & Jerry Belliveau

THURSDAY, SEPT 22

Kentville	8:30 AM	George Carless by Martina Smolenaars
Weymouth	10:30 AM	For the deceased members of the CWL

FRIDAY, SEPT 23

Kentville/Online	8:30 AM	Intention of Mike Rasmusson by Shirley & Gene Samson
Digby	9:00 AM	Special Intentions for Heather Fraser by Marion & Peter Croft

SATURDAY, SEPT 24

Bridgetown	4:00 PM	Donnie MacDonald by Tom & Lois Porter
Kentville	4:00 PM	Jim Donnelly by John & Mary Boulter
Digby	6:00 PM	Dave Gilhen by Sheila Donovaro

SUNDAY, SEPT 25

Windsor	8:30 AM	Guy Smith by Alan Grant
Annapolis Royal	9:00 AM	Cora Thibeau by Betty & Lawrence Ritcey
Berwick	9:00 AM	Wayne Lively by Rita & Tony Roefs
Kentville/Online	10:15 AM	Jean Stevenson by Dennis & Barb Nash
Middleton	11:00 AM	Intentions of Mary Crooks for her birthday by Carolyn Gilbert
Weymouth	11:30 AM	Sister Irene Legere by past members of the CWL
Wolfville	11:45 AM	Intentions of our twinned conference of St Vincent de Paul in the Dominican Republic by the St Francis of Assisi Conference, Wolfville



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

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

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

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.

A "Taste of India" Social Event

The Knights of Columbus (Kentville) are organizing a social event after 10:15am Mass on Sunday September 25th in the Multi-Purpose Room of St. Joseph's Church. Members of the Indian community of our church have worked with Chrismaria Family Restaurant New Minas to provide us with Indian cuisine. This is a good way for us to get to know members of our church community on a social basis and try some delicious food. It will be served buffet style. All is free of charge.

Corpus Christi Catholic Books & Gifts: Illustrated books titled *"Our Father and Hail Mary"* introduce children to these Scripture-based prayers that are foundational to our Catholic faith and devotions. These prayers bring comfort and hope throughout our lives, and unite us with the Church all over the world. (\$2.95) Available at St. Monica's church hall after Sunday Mass or call Mary Crooks (902-825-6495) to arrange a time, or for special requests.

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HOME CUT FRIES, LEMON WEDGE
AND TARTAR SAUCE
KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS
BISHOP GALLAGHER
COUNCIL 6297**

**FISH FRY
FRIDAY
October 7th**

**St. Monica's Church Hall Middleton, NS
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Assembly of the People of God – Evangelization!

On Saturday, September 24th, **Ryan O'Hara** will be speaking in Halifax on Evangelization – *ie. what it is, what it means for you & me etc.*

In 3 locations in our parish - **Digby, Middleton & Kentville** – you are invited to attend a live-streaming of Ryan O'Hara's presentation.

These will begin at 9am and conclude by 11:15am.

Welcome Corpus Christi parishioners!

Becoming Who We Really Are

by Fr. Richard Rohr o.f.m.

God takes human life seriously. To come into this world we will discover ourselves as beloved son, daughter, brother, sister, mother and father. This is not just a time-consuming preliminary; it is the entire process. The end is summed up in the beginning.

Baptism, our initiation into the new family of God, is everything all at once, symbolized and celebrated. It takes the rest of our life to understand it, to suffer it and live it. The reality precedes the word and gives authority to the word. The reality must be lived with first and only then spoken about. Christian life, then, is a matter of becoming who we already are.

from **Sojourners**, *"My People, I Am Your Security"*



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