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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 4, 2022



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 before 5:00 pm on Tuesday**



This Week's Readings

	1st Reading	Gospel
Sun, Sep 4	Wisdom 9.13-18	Luke 14.25-33
Mon, Sep 5	1 Corinthians 5.1-8	Luke 6.6-11
Tues, Sep 6	1 Corinthians 6.1-11	Luke 6.12-19
Wed, Sep 7	1 Corinthians 7.1,17,25-31++	Luke 6.20-26
Thurs, Sep 8	Romans 8.28-30	Matthew 1.18-23
Fri, Sep 9	1 Corinthians 9.16-19, 22b-27	Luke 6.39-42
Sat, Sep 10	1 Corinthians 10.14-22a	Luke 6.43-49

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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?



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, SEPT 3

Bridgetown	4:00 PM	Mary Grant by Paul & Susan Dill
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	Ronald Fraser by Anne MacInnis
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

MONDAY, SEPT 5

Kentville/Online	8:30 AM	No Mass
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TUESDAY, SEPT 6

Kentville/Online	8:30 AM	No Mass
Annapolis Royal	10:00 AM	Camilla Johnstone by Carolyn Gilbert
Digby	6:30 PM	Cemetery Mass at St. Patrick's Cemetery, King St.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 7

Kentville/Online	8:30 AM	No Mass
Tideview Terrace	10:30 AM	For deceased family members by Pamela
Middleton	3:15 PM	Intentions of Dan Thibodeau by Carolyn Gilbert
Weymouth	6:30 PM	Walter & Lillian Melanson by their daughter, Joan Nelson

THURSDAY, SEPT 8

Kentville	8:30 AM	No Mass
Weymouth	6:30 AM	Paul Belliveau by Theresa Bouchard

FRIDAY, SEPT 9

Kentville/Online	8:30 AM	No Mass
Digby	9:00 AM	Stanley & Ethel Comeau by Wayne & Nora Comeau

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 Schntzer by Maria Schntzer
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



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

St. Monica's Catholic Women's League will meet on Tuesday, September 6 at 2:00 pm at St. Monica's church hall. All CWL members, interested women, and newcomers to our church community are warmly welcomed to come for fellowship and refreshment, learning and prayer. We will be happy to see you!

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!

Corpus Christi Catholic Books & Gifts: Greeting cards bring messages of hope, encouragement, and celebration in keeping with the Spiritual Works of Mercy. We have attractive inspirational greeting cards, individual or boxed, with Scripture quotations, for special and sacramental occasions, such as Birthday, Anniversary, Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Ordination, Wedding, New Baby, Get Well, Thinking of You, Godparents and Godchild, Graduation, Retirement, Christmas, Sympathy, and Sympathy Thank You cards. 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.



Canadian Food for Children
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**This is a letter received from
Canadian Food for Children
explaining what the collection of
reading glasses are used for,
that we have collected in our
Parish.**

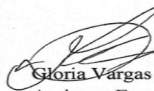
June 13, 2022

Archdiocese of Halifax - Yarmouth

Dear Friends,

We would like to acknowledge receipt of a donation of reading glasses for the poor. *You* always sends the donations to us through post office. The boxes arrived to our office and we already ship them to Peru. On behalf of the poor we would like to thank you for your gifts. The families we help are always looking forward to see what is packed in our containers. They appreciate everything we send.

May God bless your kindness,



Gloria Vargas

Assistant Executive Director

Fundraising Update

The **Hantsport Refugee Sponsorship Committee** extends gratitude to Corpus Christi Parish for generously donating funds to sponsor a Syrian refugee family. Parishioners donated over \$2000 during the summer. Thanks to additional fundraising and donations, the committee is now only \$3,500 away from being able to process the application. Thanks to everyone who supported this endeavour!

Pilgrimage

by Fr. Richard Rohr o.f.m.

We are always looking to the next moment to be more perfect. We're a people always rushing into the future because we're not experiencing a wholeness in the present. Yet, this moment is as perfect as it can be. When we haven't grasped the present, we always live under the illusion – and it is an illusion – that the next moment is going to be better: when I get around this corner, when I see this church, when I get to Jerusalem, when I get to the hotel, whatever it might be. Everything we do is for the sake of something else, a means toward some nebulous end.

That attitude is essentially wrong. As long as we think happiness is around the corner, we have not grasped happiness. Happiness is given in this moment. Everything is right here, right now, the total mystery of Christ; totally hidden and yet perfectly revealed.

Though pilgrimages are good for the spirit, if you can't find Jesus in your hometown, you probably aren't going to find him in Jerusalem. If you haven't already entered into a relationship with Mary before, you probably won't find her at Lourdes. We go on pilgrimage so we can go back home and know that we never need to go on pilgrimage again. Pilgrimage has achieved its purpose when we can see God in our everyday and ordinary lives.

*from On Pilgrimage With Fr. Richard Rohr
(written at Lourdes, France)*

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.

How Jesus Takes Away the Sin of the World

by Fr. Ron Rolheiser o.m.i.

Jesus is the lamb of God who takes the sin of the world! That formula, expressed in various ways, lies at the centre of what we believe about Jesus. What is meant by it? How does his sacrificial giving of himself take away our sins? How can one person take sin out of the world?

In trying to answer that, we should be careful not to fall into a common misunderstanding. Because of certain biblical and doctrinal ways of expressing this, the impression can be given that Jesus' suffering and death took away the sins of the world by somehow paying off a debt to God, namely, that God took Jesus' suffering as compensation for our sin – implying that God had lived in anger since Adam's sin, waiting for someone to adequately pay the debt before that sin could be forgiven. The images and metaphors used to express Jesus' expiation for sin can, if taken literally, give that impression, but that is not what they mean. What do they mean?

There is a rich background to this concept: Many pre-Christian cultures had rituals involving a scapegoat. It was not enacted the same way in every place, but in essence it went something like this: At regular intervals, a community would try to purge itself of the evils that were besetting it (divisions, rivalries, jealousies, violence, warfare, theft, anger, murder, and the like) by a ritual designed to take these things out of the community. The ritual went like this: They would take a goat and would, through some symbol (which often included draping the goat in purple and putting a crown of thorns on its head), figuratively load on its back all that they felt was wrong inside of their community. The goat was then driven out into the desert to die. The idea was that the goat was taking the sin of the community away with it. Curiously, this generally had a certain effectiveness. For a time afterward, there would more unity within the group.

Of course no real transformation took place. Nothing really changed. Jealousies and anger remained as before, even if for a time people were able to live together more harmoniously. A goat, driven into the desert to die, does not take sin out of a community. How then does Jesus, as the lamb slain, take sin out of a community?

Jesus, as the lamb of God, does not take away the sin of the world by somehow carrying it off so that it is no longer present inside of the community. He takes it away by transforming it, by changing it, by taking it inside of himself and transmuting it. We see examples of this throughout his entire life, although it is most manifest in the love and forgiveness he shows at the time of his death. In simple language, Jesus took away the sin of the community by *taking in hatred and giving back love; by taking in anger and giving out graciousness; by taking in envy and giving back blessing; by taking in bitterness and giving out warmth; by taking in pettiness and giving back compassion; he taking in chaos and giving back peace; and by taking in sin and giving back forgiveness.*

This is not an easy thing to do. What comes naturally is to give back in kind: hatred for hatred, anger for anger, coldness for coldness, revenge for hurt. Someone hits us so we hit back. But then sin stays inside of the community and no amount of scapegoating, ritualized in liturgy or otherwise, is of any real value in changing things because we are not transforming anything but are simply acting as conduits, passing on the identical energy that is pressed on to us. Jesus did otherwise. He did not simply pass on what was done to him. Rather he took it in, held it, carried it, transformed it, and eventually gave it back as something else. This is what constitutes the sacrificial part of his love, namely, the *excruciatingly* pain (*ex cruce*, from *the cross*) that he had to undergo in order to take in hatred and give back love. But that is the only way that sin can ever leave a community, someone has to take it in, hold it, carry it, and, through a certain excruciating sacrifice of self, transform it into something else. For this reason Christianity, among all the religions and philosophies of the world, is the only one that worships the scapegoat.

Moreover this dynamic is not just something we are asked to admire in Jesus. The incarnation is meant to be ongoing. We are asked to continue to give flesh to God, to continue to do what Jesus did. Thus our task too is to help take away the sin of the world. We do this whenever we take in hatred, anger, envy, pettiness, and bitterness, hold them, transmute them, and eventually give them back as love, graciousness, blessing, compassion, warmth, and forgiveness.

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