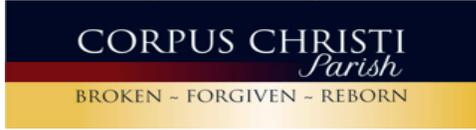




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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 16, 2022



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This Week's Readings

	1st Reading	Gospel
Sun, Oct 16	Exodus 17.8-13	Luke 18.1-8
Mon, Oct 17	Ephesians 2.1-10	Luke 12-13-21
Tues, Oct 18	2 Timothy 4.9-17a	Luke 10.1-9
Wed, Oct 19	Ephesians 3.1-12++	Luke 12.39-48
Thurs, Oct 20	Ephesians 3.13-21++	Luke 12.49-53
Fri, Oct 21	Ephesians 4.1-6	Luke 12.54-59
Sat, Oct 22	Ephesians 4.7-16	Luke 13.1-9

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at any time.
Call your nearest
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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, OCT 15

Bridgetown	4:00 PM	Mary Grant by Rose Longley
Kentville	4:00 PM	Arsena Robichaud by St Joseph's CWL
Digby	6:00 PM	Kelly Mackintosh by Louise McCauley

SUNDAY, OCT 16

Windsor	8:30 AM	Harvey, Mildred & Clary Wilbur by Mary-Alma Smith
Annapolis Royal	9:00 AM	Philip Gallagher by Pat & Alan Dill
Berwick	9:00 AM	Len Stephenson by Don & Marie Sanford
Kentville/Online	10:15 AM	Brian Avery by Dennis & Barb Nash
Middleton	11:00 AM	Helen MacDonald by Marilyn Harry
Weymouth	11:30 AM	Marin Deveau, by her brother, Earl & Family
Wolfville	11:45 AM	Health & Wellness of Nancy Henry by Vicky Dekker

MONDAY, OCT 17

Kentville/Online	8:30 AM	No Mass
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TUESDAY, OCT 18

Kentville/Online	8:30 AM	Souls in Purgatory
Digby	6:30 PM	Mass of Thanksgiving for Chuck & Margaret Mills

WEDNESDAY, OCT 19

Kentville/Online	8:30 AM	Roger Walker by St Alphonsus Ladies Auxilliary
Tideview Terrace	10:30 AM	Edgar & Elma Robicheau by Pamela
Middleton	3:15 PM	Frank Pugh by Carolyn Gilbert
Weymouth	6:30 PM	Sarah Lyons by Greg & Marion MacDonald

THURSDAY, OCT 20

Kentville	8:30 AM	Bernie Fitzgerald by his Wife & Son
A.R. Nursing Home	10:30 AM	Erwin Schnetzer by Maria Schnetzer
Weymouth	6:30 PM	Mary Harvieux by Marion & Greg MacDonald

FRIDAY, OCT 21

Kentville/Online	8:30 AM	Adora Parsons on her 85th Birthday by Tom & Peggy Foley
Digby	9:00 AM	Lorna Burnham by the Donnelly Family

SATURDAY, OCT 22

Bridgetown	4:00 PM	Ken Craig by Patsy Sabeau & Family
Kentville	4:00 PM	Albert Walzak by Taya Shields
Digby	6:00 PM	Intentions for Margaret Theriault by her Mother and family

SUNDAY, OCT 23

Windsor	8:30 AM	Linda Strickey by Frank Strickey
Annapolis Royal	9:00 AM	Ruby Dalton by Eric & Leah Brown
Berwick	9:00 AM	Delores & Derek Roefs by Tony & Rita
Kentville/Online	10:15 AM	Ambers Jones by Theresa Coffey
Middleton	11:00 AM	Erwin Schnetzer by Adora & Herb Parsons
Weymouth	11:30 AM	Mary & Henry Belliveau by Joanne & Jerry Belliveau
Wolfville	11:45 AM	Anneke Remy-teBraake by Truus Ueffing

What Is True Religion?

by Fr. Ron Rolheiser o.m.i.

What is the essence of true religion? What, in the end, constitutes authentic discipleship? There is a lot of tension within and among the churches today about precisely that question.

For some, religion is all about proper identity, boundaries, doctrine, morality, liturgy, laws, and rubrics. The anxiety then is about measuring up, about being faithful to a tradition.

For others, religion means justice and concern for the poor. The anxiety then is always about proper sensitivity to every structure and action that impacts the poor.

Finally, for some, religion means proper interiority, inner peace, harmony with the earth and with others, forgiveness, being big of heart, and having a personal, intimate relationship with God.

Who is right? In some ways, they all are.

When we look at the development of Judaism, which gave us Jesus, we see that their understanding of religion went through three phases: Deuteronomy, Prophecy, and Wisdom.

Deuteronomy: When the Jewish people first began to form into a religious community, their religious practices (and anxieties) were very much concerned with establishing an unique identity, having proper boundaries, adhering to a certain moral code, and observing, and quite rigorously too, a huge number of rubrics. And this did make for a certain clarity as to who was in and who was out, who belonged and who did not, who was faithful and who was not.

Prophecy: But that notion of religion was eventually challenged. After a time, prophets came along who looked at their religious community and, in the name of true religion, demanded a different focus. Simply put, they began to say: "God cares less about our religious observance than about the poor!" True religion, for them, was about caring for the poor. This became their mantra: The quality of your faith is judged by the quality of justice in the land, and the quality of justice in the land is judged by how the poor, the most vulnerable in society, are faring. Nobody gets to heaven without a letter of reference from the poor.

Wisdom: But the Jewish scriptures do not end with the prophets, eventually something else developed. Another group of religious leaders and teachers came along who, while not discounting the value of proper boundaries and morality or care for the poor, brought another insistence, namely, compassion, the need for a huge, generous heart that can embrace differences. True religion then became compassion, understanding, a wide, generous heart.

Where does Jesus land? He ratifies all of these.

On the one hand, he makes it clear that proper identity, teaching, morality, doctrine, and liturgical practices are not negotiable items that may or may not form an integral part of religion. He warns, clearly and strongly, not to be cavalier about the commandments, the law, community practices, the tradition.

However Jesus is also clear, as were the great Jewish prophets, that, at a point, religion is about how we care for the poor, pure and simple. There is perhaps no more frightening text in scripture than Jesus' teaching on the last judgement in Matthew's Gospel, chapter 28. He tells that, on the last day, we will be judged by God on one basis: Did we care for the poor? Did we give bread to the hungry, drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked? Notice that there are no orthodoxy tests, no creedal formula to recite, no catechetical requirements to measure up to, nor even questions about private morality, only the question of how we treated the poor.

But there is still a further strand of teaching in Jesus that challenges even beyond the requirement of caring for the poor. He tells us, "Be compassionate as your heavenly father is compassionate." True religion, for Jesus, is, at a point, about the size and quality of our hearts, about how wide or narrow they are, about how mellow or bitter they are, about how forgiving or angry they are, and about how much they can imitate God's love which goes out warmly and equally to all, to the bad as well as the good. The final challenge of Jesus is for each of us to have a heart that, like the father of the prodigal son and the older brother, can embrace both the weakness of one and the anger of the other. God's heart is not a ghetto, neither is heaven, and for us to go to heaven we need to have hearts that are not ghettos.

Perhaps this perspective can help us sort through some of the tensions we live in today as different groups claim one or the other of these emphases as the core of religion. Boundaries, identity, morality, liturgy, rubrics, are important, as is a non-negotiable commitment to the poor.

But, in the end, all of these have to be shaped by a heart that radiates God's all-embracing compassion, understanding, forgiveness, gentleness, warmth, and non-discriminating love. Otherwise it is an easy and logical step to bitterness, hatred, and violence – all done in the name of God and true religion.



PILGRIM ICON PROGRAM OF SAINT JOSEPH --- OCTOBER 19, 2022

The local Knights of Columbus Council 6297 will Sponsor a Pilgrim Icon Prayer Service in Honor of St. Joseph. Any questions please contact: Brother Robert Esty at 902-804-1611.

An icon of St. Joseph will be the centerpiece of a special prayer service at St. Monica's Church in Middleton on October 19, 2022, at 6:00 PM. (A similar service took place in Kentville on October 5th).

All members of the community are encouraged to join Knights of Columbus, Bishop Gallagher Council 6297 in Middleton at St. Monica's to pray for the intercession of St. Joseph in raising, guarding and preparing future generations. Please Spread the Word! Bishop Gallagher Council 6297 is one of 17,000 Knights of Columbus councils that make up the world's largest Catholic fraternal service organization. Founded in 1882 to assist working-class and immigrant Catholics in the United States, today the approximately two million members of the Knights put their faith into action through a broad range of charitable causes locally, nationally and internationally with financial contributions and hands-on service.

Visitors

In the last century, a tourist from the United States visited the famous Polish rabbi Hafez Hayyim. The visitor was astonished to see the rabbi's home was only a simple room filled with books. The only furniture was a table and a bench.

"Rabbi, where is your furniture?" asked the tourist.

"Where is yours?" replied Hafez.

"Mine? But I am only a visitor here."

"So am I," said the rabbi.

Fr. Anthony de Mello, Song of the Bird

A fundraising event is planned for Sunday, October 16 at St. Monica's Church starting at 3:00 p.m. There will be a concert performed by Men of St. Anthony's and Friends and a free will offering. Come and enjoy fellowship and beautiful music!

"Infinitely More" presents the "Keeping the Light on Tour" Inspiring Songs of Grace, Gratitude and Faithfulness, Sunday Oct 23, 7:00 p.m. Annapolis Royal Baptist Church, 762 St George Street, Annapolis Royal. Freewill offering

October 19th - Take Out Luncheon – Port Williams United Baptist Church from 11:30am to 12:15 pm. The Loyal Workers' Corn Chowder/Hamburger Soup luncheon will include a bowl of your chosen soup, bread and butter and either Apple Crisp or Carrot Cake with Cream Cheese Icing all for \$10. Call to order by October 17th to Carol Ann Burden, 902-542-3681 or Ruth Blenkhorn, 902-542-7141 and we will call you back with a pick-up time on October 18th. Looking forward to seeing you!

"The Atlantic Marian Gathering has scheduled its annual Marian Gathering on October 21 and 22, with participants being invited from around the Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth. Registration will begin at 5 pm, at Christ the King Parish, St Vincent de Paul site, followed by the Celebration of the Eucharist at 6:30 pm and the first of a series of talks by Father Bill Burke, Diocese of Antigonish, and Archbishop Brian Dunn, on our theme, **Mary the Mother of Mercy**, which will continue on Saturday. There will be an opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Friday evening, and on Saturday morning, the Eucharist will be celebrated by Archbishop Brian Dunn. Registration fees are \$25.00 for the 2-day Gathering plus \$10.00 for the lunch on Saturday. The afternoon will close with the Divine Mercy Chaplet. For pre-registration and further information, connect with www.atlanticmariangathering.ca (Highlight, right click and "open link in new window")

Open to Others

Through prayer we can join with Christ in redeeming the world. If we pray only for ourselves or about ourselves, we have not yet learned to pray, for prayer is outward-reaching and all-embracing. A good barometer of where we are in the spiritual life is whether or not our prayer reaches out to all people. If my prayer centers mainly on myself, then that is where I am. The true prayer accepts Christ's challenge to join with him in opening his arms to all people. As one's prayer becomes more cosmic and other-centered, so does the thinking and attitude of the one who prays.

*Fr. Murray Bodo
Song of the Sparrow*

Please join us for Father Raymond's session on The Creed using Bishop Barron's dvds. Next session October 17th at 11:00 am in the lower hall of St. Patrick's Church, Digby (First Ave entrance). Open to all who are interested, near and far.



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