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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 9, 2022



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This Week's Readings

	1st Reading	Gospel
Sun, Oct 9	2 Kings 5.14-17	Luke 17.11-19
Mon, Oct 10	Galatians 4.22-24,26-27,31-5.1	Luke 11.29-32
Tues, Oct 11	Galatians 5.1-6	Luke 11.37-41
Wed, Oct 12	Galatians 5.18-25	Luke 11.42-46
Thurs, Oct 13	Ephesians 1.1-10	Luke 11.47-54
Fri, Oct 14	Ephesians 1.11-14	Luke 12.1-7
Sat, Oct 15	Ephesians 1.15-23	Luke 12.8-12

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Confession

*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, OCT 8

Bridgetown	4:00 PM	Sharon Gallant by Wayne Gallant
Kentville	4:00 PM	Maynard Barry by Wayne Barry
Digby	6:00 PM	Alfred "Dick" Saulnier by Bill & Jacqueline Amirault

SUNDAY, OCT 9

Windsor	8:30 AM	Celeste McGrath by Terry & Eleanor McKiel
Annapolis Royal	9:00 AM	Sue LeBlanc by Mary Gilbert & Marilyn Harry
Berwick	9:00 AM	Frank Lee by John McNeil & Colleen Stephenson
Kentville/Online	10:15 AM	Fausta Castsro by the Romero Family
Middleton	11:00 AM	Intentions of Mary Crooks (L) by Carolyn Gilbert
Weymouth	11:30 AM	Glendon Cromwell by siblings, Sharon & Keith
Wolfville	11:45 AM	Intentions & Well Being for Medical Conditions of Mary June Davison

MONDAY, OCT 10

Kentville/Online	8:30 AM	No Mass
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TUESDAY, OCT 11

Kentville/Online	8:30 AM	Paul Dill by Rita & Tony Roefs
Digby	6:30 PM	Laurie Avery by the Avery Family

WEDNESDAY, OCT 12

Kentville/Online	8:30 AM	St Joseph's CWL
Middleton	3:15 PM	Ian Bowers by Fred & Marion Hole
Weymouth	6:30 PM	Paul Belliveau by Theresa Bouchard

THURSDAY, OCT 13

Kentville	8:30 AM	Jim Donnelly by Ann & Gerard Burke
Weymouth	6:30 PM	Irene Leger by Marion & Greg MacDonald

FRIDAY, OCT 14

Kentville/Online	8:30 AM	Souls in Purgatory
Digby	9:00 AM	Kerstie Schneider by Pat Levings & Family

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	Marion Deveau, by her brother, Earl & Family
Wolfville	11:45 AM	Health & Wellness of Nancy Henry by Vicky Dekker

On October 9, there is a special collection envelope for the Poor & Needy. These donations are used to support your church's social outreach programs such as Christian Concern, Community Outreach, Benevolent Fund, etc.

Community Kitchen at St. Patrick's: More volunteers are needed to open up for in-house lunches on Friday's each week. In the past two years we were serving only take-out lunches. Specifically, we are looking for Men and Women to help with food preparation, serving and dishwashing. The lunch at the Community Kitchen is a particular outreach program. It is the only place in town that clients can come to socialize while eating. If you would like to help, please contact the Digby Parish Office or Chuck at 902-250-0033

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!

Unite the Clans Pro-Life Town Hall

St. Vincent de Paul Church, 320 Flying Cloud Drive in Dartmouth

Saturday October 15th from 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Nova Scotians United for Life (NSUL) are hosting a Unite the Clans Pro-Life Town Hall meeting. All pro-lifers from across the Maritimes are invited to attend this event which will include distinguished speakers sharing their personal perspectives and pro-life journeys.

The purpose of this event is:

1. To create a community of pro-lifers so that no one feels isolated whether they are from Yarmouth, Miramichi or Charlottetown.
2. To provide tools and resources that pro-lifers can take back to their communities.
3. To capture ideas and best practices in small group discussions.

Although there is no charge to attend, pre-registration is required as seating is limited. Registration deadline is Monday, October 10th. The Knights of Columbus Council 11456 will be providing a no charge lunch for attendees. Interested parties are asked to RSVP to David Palmer at davidjpalmer62@gmail.com or call 902-423-3114.



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!

Discovering the Little Way

by Fr. Richard Rohr o.f.m.

I have often mentioned my love for Thérèse of Lisieux, a French Carmelite nun with minimal formal education, who in her short, hidden life of only twenty-four years captured the essence of Jesus' core teachings on love. Thérèse was declared a Doctor of the Church in 1997, which means her teaching is seen as thoroughly reliable and trustworthy. She "*democratized* holiness," as Brother Joseph Schmidt (1934–2022) said, "*making it clear that holiness is within the reach of anyone willing to do God's will in love at each successive moment as life unfolds.*"

Thérèse came into a nineteenth-century Catholic Church that often believed in an angry, punitive God, perfectionism, and validation by personal good behavior—which is a very unstable and illusory path. In the midst of this rigid environment, Thérèse was convinced that her message, taught to her by Jesus himself, was "totally new." The gospel of radical grace had been forgotten by many Christians, so much so that Thérèse had to call it "new."

Thérèse called this simple, childlike path her "little way." It is a spirituality of imperfection. In a letter to priest Adolphe Roulland (1870–1934), she writes: "*Perfection seems simple to me. I see it is sufficient to recognize one's nothingness and to abandon oneself as a child into God's arms.*" Any Christian "perfection" is, in fact, our ability to include, forgive, and accept our imperfection. As I've often said, we grow spiritually much more by doing it wrong than by doing it right. That might just be the central lesson of how spiritual growth happens, yet nothing in us wants to believe it.

If there is such a thing as human perfection, it seems to emerge precisely from how we handle the imperfection that is everywhere, especially in ourselves. What a clever place for God to hide holiness, so that only the humble, "little," and earnest will find it! A "perfect" person ends up being one who can consciously forgive and include imperfection rather than the ones who think they are totally above and beyond imperfection. It becomes rather obvious once we say it out loud.

Near the end of her life, Thérèse explained her little way to her sister, and this became part of her autobiography *Story of a Soul*. In contrast to the "big way" of heroic perfectionism, she teaches, in essence, that as a little one "with all [her] imperfections," God's love is drawn toward her. God has to love her and help her because she is "too small to climb the rough stairway of perfection." With utter confidence, she "*believed herself infinitely loved by Infinite Love.*"

Obstacles to Prayer

by Fr. Ron Rolheiser o.m.i.

Jan Walgrave once commented that our present culture constitutes a virtual conspiracy against the interior life. He wasn't suggesting that somewhere there is a deliberate force that is consciously scheming to keep us from interiority and prayer, but rather that an accidental flowing-together of forces and circumstances in history are making it difficult for us to live the examined life.

What are these forces? They're simply the daily headaches and heartaches that afflict us.

First, the headaches: Thomas Merton was once asked what he considered to be the major spiritual disease in the Western world. His answer: *"Efficiency. The major spiritual disease in the Western world is efficiency because from the government offices down to the nursery we have to keep the plant running and, afterwards, we've no energy left for anything else."* He's right.

The first problem we have with prayer is that we're too-busy and too-preoccupied to make time for it. There's never, it seems, a good time for prayer.

Always we're too-busy, too-stressed, too-tired, or too-preoccupied to sit or kneel down to pray. We rise early, groan as our alarm-clocks startle us from sleep, rush through breakfast, ready things for the day, fight crowds and traffic enroute to work, settle into a task that's demanding and draining, gulp-down a quick lunch, end the work-day tired, commute back home, ready another meal, tend to the needs of loved ones, share a meal with others who are just as tired and restless as we are, then, often enough, have still another meeting or event to attend in the evening. The day simply takes us, consumes us, drains us, and leaves us, in its wake, sitting on the couch before a TV set, tired, dissipated, needing still to prepare some things for tomorrow, and wanting a mindless distraction rather than the discipline of prayer. It's hard to pray in our over-busy lives.

But we're not just too busy to pray, we're also too restless. There's a congenital disquiet inside us. Moreover this natural restlessness is fanned to a high flame by the culture: Five hundred TV channels are within our reach, the internet brings the whole world into our private rooms, there are new movies that we haven't seen, new songs we haven't heard, colourful magazines whose covers beckon, sporting events that seem on everyone's mind, and every kind of special event from the Olympics, to the Academy awards, to World cups, to celebrity gossip programs, to distract us. Beyond that, everyone around us seems to be travelling to interesting places, doing interesting things, meeting interesting people. We alone, it seems, are missing out on life, stuck, outside the circle, with nothing interesting to do.

It's hard to pray when we are restless and, mostly, we are. Henri Nouwen puts this well: *"I want to pray,"* he says, *"but I also don't want to miss out on anything – television, movies, socializing with friends, drinking in the world."*

Our deepest greed is not for money, but for experience. We don't want to miss out on life. Thus, to pray is truly a discipline because when we sit or kneel in prayer so many of our natural cravings feel starved and begin to protest. Restlessness is a great impediment to prayer.

Finally, beyond the headaches and restlessness, there is the ambiguity of prayer itself. Simply put, prayer isn't easy because we don't understand it, don't know how to do it, and don't understand how the experience should feel. Talking to God, hearing God's voice, and centring ourselves in God is not as easy as we sometimes make it out to be. God's reality, while massively real and the ground of the whole universe, is not physical and tangible like the things of this world. The world seems more real; family and friends can be hugged, touched, and talked to, and physical sensation of all kinds doesn't leave us doubting its reality. But relating to God demands something else and it's easy to find ourselves bored, doubting, distracted, and anxious to get on to something else when we try to pray.

What we experience in prayer is just as real as the physical world, but we need to be at a certain depth of prayer to know this – and that's the paradox: Because prayer can seem unreal we often stop doing it, but it will only seem real if we persevere in it long enough and do it deeply enough. We often give up too soon. Prayer isn't easy.

By definition, prayer is a non-pragmatic, non-utilitarian activity. It's hard to sit still and (seemingly) do nothing when so many necessary tasks demand our attention and when so much inside us aches for activity and involvement. It's hard to pray when we suffer from the kind of headaches and heartaches that cannot be eased by taking an aspirin. Walgrave is right, there's a certain conspiracy against the interior life today. But prayer beckons us beyond, asking us to lift even this up to God.

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil and Jeff Keane



"So I guess I can skip doin' my homework."

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St. Anthony's Church: Beginning on Tuesday, October 11th and each Tuesday thereafter, Deacon Don Boudreau will come to our church hall for the breaking open of the Word. This is when he will go over the readings for the coming Sunday and offer a reflection on each one. At 11 o'clock we will proceed to the church to pray the Rosary followed by Adoration until 12 noon. Everyone is invited to attend either one or both. So, please come if you can, when you can and check them out.

Please join us for Father Raymond's session on The Creed using Bishop Barron's dvds. The next session will be on Monday 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.

St. Monica's Church: Food Bank Sunday will be on the third Sundays of each month. Please be generous in providing nonperishable items and monetary donations. Cheques can be made payable to Twelve Baskets Food Bank. All items can be placed at the entrance of the Church or Church hall. Thank you for your generosity in providing for those in need.

Thanksgiving Dinner: Windsor Harvest House (WHH) will be serving Thanksgiving Dinner at their new location (101 Stannis St.) beginning at 6 pm on Friday, October 7th. ALL are welcome!!!

"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")

Corpus Christi Catholic Books & Gifts: Advent Candles Set of 4 Sturdy Tapers, three purple and one pink. \$12.00 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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