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Christ the King

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This Week's Readings

| | 1st Reading | Gospel |
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| Sun, Nov 20 | 2 Samuel 5.1-3 | Luke 23.35-43 |
| Mon, Nov 21 | Revelation 14.1-3,4b-5 | Luke 21.1-4 |
| Tues, Nov 22 | Revelation 14.14-19 | Luke 21.5-11 |
| Wed, Nov 23 | Revelation 15.1-4 | Luke 21.12-19 |
| Thurs, Nov 24 | Revelation 18.1-2,21-23,19.1-3,9a | Luke 21.20-28 |
| Fri, Nov 25 | Revelation 20.1-4,11-15;21.1-2 | Luke 21.29-33 |
| Sat, Nov 26 | Revelation 22.1-7 | Luke 21.34-36 |

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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?



ST. Joseph Kentville CWL Christmas BAKE & CRAFT SALE Saint Joseph's CWL is planning a Bake & Craft Sale on Sunday, December 11th, 2022. Anyone who would like to bake or create anything for the sale on December 11th, please drop your items off between 3:00pm – 4:00pm on Saturday, December 10th at the church. If you have any questions, contact Gail Grapes (902 670 0302) or email gail.grapes@yahoo.com. All donations appreciated.

St. Patrick's 4th Annual Christmas Bazaar and Bake Sale on Friday, November 25th from 3 – 7 pm and Saturday, November 26th from 9 am to 1 pm. Please bring Christmas items only on Thursday, November 24th to church hall from 1 – 4 pm. Baked goods can be brought in on the day of the sales.

The Men of St. Anthony's & Friends will be performing on Sunday, November 27th at St Anthony's Church at 2:00pm. Free will offering with proceeds to the Berwick Food Bank.

Corpus Christi Catholic Books & Gifts, located at St. Monica's church hall in Middleton, reopens on the First Sunday of Advent, November 27 after Mass. Advent candles taper sets (\$12.00); 2023 Religious Calendars with feast days (\$5.75); and religious Christmas cards. Special Feature: "Sunday Missal for Young Catholics" is brightly illustrated, contains the Mass and readings for each Sunday with explanations of new words; it is an excellent and enjoyable way for young Catholics to participate in Mass and to learn more about Scripture and Eucharist (\$7.00). For inquiries or special requests, contact Mary Crooks 902-825-6495 or 403-9142.

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Soup Kitchen Chairman
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Twelve Baskets Food Bank in Nictaux is in need of the following items:

- ***Ketchup***
- ***Spaghetti Sauce***
- ***Jam***

Items can be placed at the entrance of the Church or Church hall at St. Monica's in Middleton.

St John's Church - The Giving Tree will appear on the First Sunday of Advent, November 27. The ornaments represent gifts for families in need. If you choose an ornament, please return the present, gift wrapped, by Sunday, December 11, with the ornament taped to the top. Thank you in advance for brightening someone's Christmas!

St. Monica's Catholic Women's League welcomes members and all women of our parish to a *Pot Luck Lunch and Shower for Mary* on Monday, December 5 at 1:00 pm in our church hall, as we enter the Advent season as women of faith, hope, prayer, and joyful service. In keeping with this holy season, we collect items for the Valley Care Pregnancy Centre who are in special need of diapers size 3+, hooded bath towels, receiving blankets, and toys for up to three years old. It is not essential to bring an item for the potluck or shower; it is most important to feel welcomed to come and share in the warmth of fellowship. We would love to see you!

Can Anything Good Come from Okarche Oklahoma?

by Fr. Ron Rolheiser, o.m.i.

It is not enough merely to have saints; we need saints for our times! An insightful comment from Simone Weil. The saints of old have much to offer; but we look at their goodness, faith, and selflessness and find it easier to admire them than to imitate them. Their lives and their circumstances seem so removed from our own that we easily distance ourselves from them.

So, I would like to propose a saint for our times, **Stanley Rother (1935-1981)**, an Oklahoma farm boy who became a missionary with the poor in Atitlan, Guatemala, and eventually died a martyr. His life and his struggles (save perhaps for his extraordinary courage at the end) are something to which we can easily relate.

Who is Stanley Rother? He was a priest from Oklahoma who was shot to death in Guatemala in 1981. He has been beatified as a martyr and is soon to become the first male born in the United States to be canonized. Here, in brief, is his story.

Stanley Rother was born to a farming family in Okarche, Oklahoma, the oldest of four children. He grew up helping work the family farm and for the rest of his life and ministry he remained forever the farmer more than the scholar. Growing up and working with his family, he was more at home tilling the soil, fixing engines, and digging wells than he was reading Aristotle and Thomas Aquinas. This would serve him well in his work with the poor as a missionary, though it served him less well when he first set out to study for the priesthood.

His initial years in the seminary were a struggle. Trying to study philosophy (in Latin) as a preparation for his theological studies proved a bit too much for him. After a couple of years, the seminary staff advised him to leave, telling him that he lacked the academic abilities to study for the priesthood. Returning to the farm, he sought the advice of his bishop and was eventually sent to Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Maryland. While he didn't exactly thrive there academically, he thrived there in other ways, ways that impressed the seminary staff enough that they recommended him for ordination.

Back in his own diocese, he spent the first years of his priesthood mostly doing manual work, redoing an abandoned property that the diocese had inherited and turning it into a functioning renewal center. Then, in 1978, he was invited to join a diocesan mission team that had begun a mission in Guatemala. Everything in his background and personality now served to make him ideal for this type of work and, ironically, he, who once struggled to learn Latin, was now able to learn the difficult language of the people he worked with (Tz'utujil) and become one of the people who helped develop its written alphabet, vocabulary, and grammar. He ministered to the people sacramentally, but he also reached out to them personally, helping them farm, finding resources to help them, and occasionally giving them money out of his own pocket. Eventually he became their trusted friend and leader.

However, not everything was that idyllic. The political situation in the country was radically deteriorating, violence was everywhere, and anyone perceived to be in opposition to the government faced the possibility of intimidation, disappearance, torture, and death. Stanley tried to remain apolitical, but simply working with the poor was seen as being political. As well, at a point, a number of his own catechists were tortured and killed and, not surprisingly, he found himself on a death list and was hustled out of the country for his own safety. For three months, back with his family in Oklahoma, he agonized about whether to return to Guatemala, knowing that it meant almost certain death. The decision was especially difficult because, while clearly he felt called to return to Guatemala, he worried about what his death there would mean to his elderly parents.

He made the decision to return to Guatemala, fired by Jesus' saying that *the shepherd doesn't run when the sheep are in danger*. Four months later, he was shot to death in the missionary compound within which he lived, fighting to the end with his attackers not to be taken alive and made "to disappear". Instantly, he was recognized as a martyr and when his body was flown back to Oklahoma for burial, the community in Atitlan kept his heart and turned the room in which he was martyred into a chapel.

A number of books have been written about him and I highly recommend two of them. For a substantial biographical account, read Maria Ruiz Scaperlanda, *The Shepherd Who Didn't Run*. For a hagiographical tribute to him read Henri Nouwen, *Love in a Fearful Land*.

We have patron saints for every cause and occasion. For whom or for what might Stanley Rother be considered a patron saint? For all of us ordinary people of whom circumstance at times asks for an exceptional courage.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, NOV 19

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| Bridgetown | 4:00 PM | Intentions of Kathy Bach (L) by Tom & Lois Porter |
| Kentville | 4:00 PM | Dolores (Christie) Long by Gerald & Sharon Long |
| Digby | 4:00 PM | Hazel Elliott by the Family |

SUNDAY, NOV 20

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| Windsor | 8:30 AM | Linda Strickey by Frank Strickey |
| Annapolis Royal | 9:00 AM | Ted Grant by Leah & Eric Brown |
| Berwick | 9:00 AM | Renda Vandertoorn by Kathy Fleiger |
| Kentville/Online | 10:15 AM | Wayne Comeau by Francis & Carmen Hawkley |
| Middleton | 11:00 AM | Intentions of Rose Longley (L) by Carolyn Gilbert |
| Weymouth | 11:30 AM | Maximien Doucet by Rosa Doucet & Family |
| Wolfville | 11:45 AM | Deceased Members of the Bresnan Family by the Family |

MONDAY, NOV 21

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| Kentville/Online | 8:30 AM | No Mass |
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TUESDAY, NOV 22

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| Kentville/Online | 8:30 AM | No Mass |
| Digby | 6:30 PM | Wayne Comeau by Monika & Michelle |

WEDNESDAY, NOV 23

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| Kentville/Online | 8:30 AM | No Mass |
| Middleton | 9:00 AM | Intentions of Carmeuta Resquid (L) |
| Weymouth | 4:00 PM | William Tanner by his brothers & sisters |

THURSDAY, NOV 24

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| Kentville | 8:30 AM | No Mass |
| Berwick | 9:00 AM | Bernie Fitzgerald by his Wife & Son |
| Weymouth | 4:00 PM | Maximien Doucet by the Rice Family |

FRIDAY, NOV 25

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| Kentville/Online | 8:30 AM | John McCabe by Mari & Family |
| Digby | 9:00 AM | Andrew Jeffrey by Gina Saulnier |

SATURDAY, NOV 26

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| Bridgetown | 4:00 PM | Terry Rent by Nancy Rent & Family |
| Kentville | 4:00 PM | Caroline Henneberry by Wayne Barry |
| Digby | 4:00 PM | Kirk Coakley by his father, Gordon & stepmom, Nancy |

SUNDAY, NOV 27

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| Windsor | 8:30 AM | Emilier Gaudet by Wanda Zwicker |
| Annapolis Royal | 9:00 AM | Holy Souls in Purgatory by Marilyn Harry |
| Berwick | 9:00 AM | Peter O'Neil by Tina Smolenaars & Family |
| Kentville/Online | 10:15 AM | Ellen Hill by the Cross & Lombard Family |
| Middleton | 11:00 AM | Helen MacDonald by Adora & Herb Parsons |
| Weymouth | 11:30 AM | Meinhard Doelle by Wayne & Nora Comeau |
| Wolfville | 11:45 AM | Dominic Doiron by Barb & Dennis Nash |

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from near and far.

St. Anthony's Church of Corpus Christi Parish,
 120 Mill St. Berwick
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Out of the Mouths of God's Kids ...

- On Palm Sunday, a 5 year-old girl had the flu and had to stay home from church with a baby sitter. When the family returned home carrying palm branches, she asked what they were for. "People held them over Jesus' head as he walked by," her mother explained. "Wouldn't you know it," the girl sighed. "The one Sunday I didn't go, He showed up."
- When his bedridden grandfather died in a hospital, a 4 year-old boy was told by his parents that he was going to Heaven to be with Jesus. The boy watched closely the bed where the body of his grandfather lay, and after some time asked, "When is Grandpa going up?"



"Will you promise to honor each other's stuff?"



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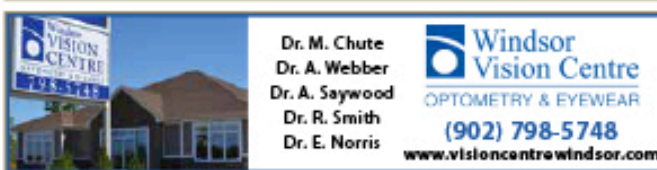


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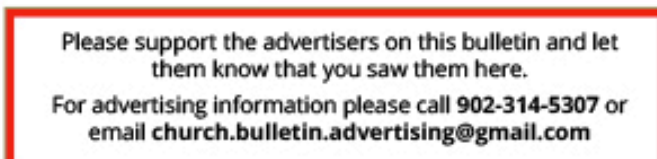
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