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1st Sunday in Advent

November 27, 2022



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This Week's Readings

	1st Reading	Gospel
Sun, Nov 27	Isaiah 2.1-5	Matthew 24.37-44
Mon, Nov 28	Isaiah 4.2-6	Matthew 8.5-11,13++
Tues, Nov 29	Isaiah 11.1-10	Luke 10.21-24
Wed, Nov 30	Romans 10.9-18	Matthew 4.18-22
Thurs, Dec 1	Isaiah 26.1-6	Matthew 7.21,24-27
Fri, Dec 2	Isaiah 29.17-24	Matthew 9.27-31
Sat, Dec 3	Isaiah 30.19-21,13-26	Matthew 9.35-10.1,5a,6-8++

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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?

Following Jesus – According to the Letter or the Spirit?

by Fr. Ron Rolheiser o.m.i.

I work and move within church circles and find that most of the people I meet there are honest, committed, and for the most part radiate their faith positively. Most church-goers aren't hypocrites. What I do find disturbing within church circles though is that too many of us can be bitter, angry, mean-spirited, and judgmental, especially in terms of the very values that we hold most dear.

It was Henri Nouwen who first highlighted this, commenting with sadness that many of the really angry, bitter, and ideologically-driven people he knew he had met inside of church circles and places of ministry. Within church circles, it sometimes seems, everyone is angry about something. Moreover, within church circles, it is all too easy to rationalize our anger in the name of prophecy, as a healthy passion for truth and morals.

The logic works this way: Because I am sincerely concerned about an important moral, ecclesial, or justice issue, I can excuse a certain amount of neurosis, anger, elitism, and negative judgment, because I can rationalize that my cause, dogmatic or moral, is so important that it justifies my mean spirit: I need to be this angry and harsh because this is such an important truth!

And so we justify our anger by giving it a prophetic cloak, believing that we are warriors for God, truth, and morals when, in fact, we are mostly just struggling with our own wounds, insecurities, and fears. Hence we often look at others, even whole churches made up of sincere persons trying to live the gospel, and instead of seeing brothers and sisters struggling, like us, to follow Jesus, we see "people in error", "dangerous relativists", "new age pagans", "religious flakes", and in our more generous moments, "poor misguided souls". But never do we look at what this kind of judgment is saying about us, about our own health of soul and our own following of Jesus.

Don't get me wrong: Truth is not relative, moral issues are important, and right truth and proper morals, like kingdoms under perpetual siege, need to be defended. Not all moral judgments are created equal, neither are all churches.

But the truth of that doesn't trump everything else or give us an excuse to rationalize our anger. We must defend truth, defend those who cannot defend themselves, and be solid in the traditions of our own churches. But right truth and right morals don't necessarily make us disciples of Jesus. What does?

What makes us genuine disciples of Jesus is living inside his Spirit, the Holy Spirit, and this is not something abstract and vague. If one were searching for a single formula to determine who is Christian and who isn't, one might look at the Epistle to the Galatians, Chapter 5. In it, St. Paul tells us that we can live according to either the spirit of the flesh or the Holy Spirit.

We live according to the spirit of the flesh when we live in anger, bitterness, judgment of our neighbor, factionalism, and non-forgiveness. When these things characterize our lives we shouldn't delude ourselves and think that we are living inside of the Holy Spirit.

Conversely, we live inside of the Holy Spirit when our lives are characterized by charity, joy, peace, patience, goodness, longsuffering, constancy, faith, gentleness, and chastity. If these do not characterize our lives, we should not nurse the illusion that we are inside of God's Spirit, irrespective of our passion for truth, dogma, or justice.

This may be a cruel thing to say, and perhaps more cruel not to say, but I sometimes see more charity, joy, peace, patience, goodness, and gentleness among persons who are Unitarian, New Age, or Baha'i (and are often judged by other churches as being wishy-washy and as not standing for anything) than I see among those of us who do stand up so strongly for certain ecclesial and moral issues but are often mean-spirited and bitter inside of our convictions. Given the choice of whom I'd like as a neighbor or, more deeply, the choice of whom I want to spend eternity with, I am sometimes pretty conflicted about the choice: Who is my real faith companion? The angry zealot at war for Jesus or cause? Or the more gentle soul who is branded wishy-washy or "new age"? At the end of the day, who is the real Christian?

We need, I believe, to be more self-critical in regards to our anger, harsh judgments, mean-spirit, exclusiveness, and disdain for other ecclesial and moral paths. As T.S. Eliot once said: The last temptation that's the greatest treason is to do the right thing for the wrong reason. We may have truth and right morals on our side. But our anger and harsh judgments towards those who don't share our truth and morals may well have us standing outside the Father's house, like the older brother of the prodigal son, bitter both at God's mercy and at those who are receiving that mercy.



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.

Songs for the Season is the Christmas concert of A Royal Consort, a choir directed by Joanne Buckmaster, accompanied by Beth Cranston, to be presented in St. George and St. Andrew United Church, 393 George Street, Annapolis Royal on Sunday December 4 at 3:00 pm. The program features seasonal selections with an emphasis on audience participation. Tickets for the concert, priced at \$12.00, are available from members of the choir or at the door. There will be no charge for children 12 years and under.

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; and is an 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.

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.

To book the use of St Anthony's Church, Berwick (practices, baptisms, weddings, concerts, etc...) or to book the halls (for church functions or rentals), please contact Pat Holgate at 902-847-9090.

Knights of Columbus and St. Monica's Church
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Are providing a complete Turkey Christmas Dinner to the needy People of Greenwood/Middleton, Kingston and surrounding areas. Nov 30th. Could you Please Participate by Donating To this worthy cause Turkeys, Gift card, Cash. This is a wonderful way for our community to give in the Christmas Spirit to the neediest. All Donations Greatly Appreciated.

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902 824 3467



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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!

Corpus Christi Parish: 2022/2023 Sunday Missals are now available at the back of the church. Cost \$5.00. Please pick up your copy.

Bucky and Medora Dahlgren were recently honoured for their inspiring work for Special Olympics throughout the last 38 years. Bucky and Medora started out helping with Bowling, and soon became involved in travelling to Summer and Winter Games, with Bucky driving the bus and Medora often filling the role of Clare Region Chef de Mission. They lent their talents to other sports like Bocce and Curling, and spearheaded the major fundraiser, the Casino Night. Medora also served as our Regional Director for many years. Clare Special Olympics athletes, coaches, and volunteers gathered at the Clare Veterans' Centre on 25 October to thank Bucky and Medora for all they have done year after year. Our Provincial MLA Ronnie LeBlanc presented them with a Certificate of Appreciation on behalf of the Province of Nova Scotia and a similar certificate was received from the Municipality of Clare. Bucky and Medora were also formally recognized and thanked for their devotion to Special Olympics at the Annual Special Olympics Provincial Leadership Conference in Halifax on the weekend of 4 November. Clare Special Olympics has been very blessed to benefit from the efforts and devotion of Medora and Bucky.

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By Johnny Hart



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Christmas Hampers (St. Joseph's – Kentville)

The distribution of food hampers & gift cards will take place on Friday, Dec. 16th. We are looking at supporting 60 families of various sizes. If you would like to make a donation, please:

- **E-transfer** by emailing finance@corpuschristins.ca (& note that it is for Christmas Hampers),
- Submit a **cheque** made out to Corpus Christi Parish (& note that it is for Christmas Hampers) and deposit the cheque into collection at Mass or mail it to the office,
- Submit **cash** by placing it into an envelope – deposit the envelope into collection at Mass or drop it off at the office. Please indicate on the envelope that it is for Christmas Hampers. You could also include on the envelope your collection envelope # and other information, if you wish.

Any excess money donated will be transferred into the Christian Concern Fund which is used to help support those in need 12 months of the year. Approximately \$1,000/month is used to help support those who need help with food vouchers, rent, pharmaceutical bills, power, travel etc.



Prepare Him Room
an evening of Advent music

Corpus Christi parishioners & friends are invited to join us for a prayerful, joyful evening of Advent music. You are welcome for some of all.

Thank you K of C for turkey soup supper
Your freewill for Christian Concern is so appreciated. Needs are great.

Mass 4pm. Meal 5pm. Music 6pm
SATURDAY, Dec. 10th
St. Joe's, Kentville

Marian Prayer Hour: You are warmly welcomed to join us on the First Saturday, December 3 at 11:00 am at St. Monica's Church as we pray to Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception for peace in our hearts and families, our parish and community, our country and world, as well as for all who are sick and vulnerable. Hosted by St. Monica's Catholic Women's League.

A BIG THANK YOU to Aaron Mckinley and James Nutall for cleaning out the bell tower which was infested with pigeons. The pigeons have been a nuisance and these two young men took the job of cleaning and closing the entry to the bell tower with chicken wire. They did a super job. James and his Father David, also cleaned out the broken branches of the big trees in front of the church after Fiona. They do a lot for our church and we really appreciate them. St. Joseph Church, Weymouth parishioners thank you.

Come! Is the Christmas concert of the Middleton Choral Society, directed by Andrew Cranston, accompanied by Beth Cranston, to be presented in Holy Trinity Anglican Church, 45 Main Street, Middleton on Wednesday November 30 at 7:30 pm. The program consists of seasonal selections with solo performances by members of the choir. Admission is by suggested donation of \$10.00.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, NOV 26

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

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

TUESDAY, NOV 29

Kentville/Online	8:30 AM	Lourens & Maria Smolenaars by Peter & Agnes Nan
Digby	6:30 PM	Wayne Comeau by Anna & Danny Corbett

WEDNESDAY, NOV 30

Kentville/Online	8:30 AM	Joe Melanson by Pat Fitzgerald
Middleton	9:00 AM	Intentions of Eloise Mailman by Carolyn Gilbert
Weymouth	4:00 PM	For the Parishioners of Corpus Christi Parish

THURSDAY, DEC 1

Kentville	8:30 AM	for Prayers Answered by Parishioners
Berwick	9:00 AM	Brian Oliver by Diane Larange
Weymouth	4:00 PM	Susan Noel by Valery Cromwell

FRIDAY, DEC 2

Kentville/Online	8:30 AM	Souls in Purgatory by Helen Walsh
Digby	9:00 AM	Wayne Comeau by Pat Levings & Family

SATURDAY, DEC 3

Bridgetown	4:00 PM	Mary Grant by Lise Piggott
Kentville	4:00 PM	Donald Young by Joyce Young
Digby	4:00 PM	Arcade Comeau by Bill & Jacqueline Amirault

SUNDAY, DEC 4

Windsor	8:30 AM	Emilier (Bill) Gaudet by Wanda Zwicker & Laura Joyce
Annapolis Royal	9:00 AM	Sue LeBlanc by Carolyn Gilbert
Berwick	9:00 AM	Frank Lee by Judy & Rick Coulombe
Kentville/Online	10:15 AM	Dana Chisholm Urquhart by her family
Middleton	11:00 AM	Roberta Gillcrest by St Monica's CWL
Weymouth	11:30 AM	Edward Rice by the Rice Family
Wolfville	11:45 AM	Ellen Jean (Lombard) Hill by Greg, Claire & Karen Bishop



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