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32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 6, 2022



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# This Week's Readings

	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
Sun, Nov 6	2 Maccabees 7.1-2,7,9-14++	Luke 20.27-38
Mon, Nov 7	Titus 1.1-9	Luke 17.1-6
Tues, Nov 8	Titus 2.1-8,11-14	Luke 17.7-10
Wed, Nov 9	Ezekiel 47.1-2,8-9,12	John 2.13-22
Thurs, Nov 10	Philemon 7-20	Luke 17.20-25
Fri, Nov 11	2 John 4-9	Luke 17.26-37
Sat, Nov 12	3 John 5 - 8	Luke 18,1-8

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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](mailto: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, NOV 5**

Bridgetown	4:00 PM	Mary Grant by Carolyn Gilbert
Kentville	4:00 PM	Donald Chisholm by his Family
Digby	4:00 PM	Lorna Burnham by Gordon & Nancy Coakley

## **SUNDAY, NOV 6**

Windsor	8:30 AM	Harry Chapman by Jan & Tony Poulin
Annapolis Royal	9:00 AM	Holy Souls in Purgatory by Marilyn Harry
Berwick	9:00 AM	Shirley Fogerty by Colleen Stephenson & John McNeil
Kentville/Online	10:15 AM	Veronica Nel by Melanie Hempel
Middleton	11:00 AM	Intentions of Dorothy LeBlanc (90th Birthday) by Carolyn Gilbert
Weymouth	11:30 AM	Ruth & Henry Melanson by Joanne & Jerry Belliveau
Wolfville	11:45 AM	Maurice Harquail by Edna & Clay Moran

## **MONDAY, NOV 7**

Kentville/Online	8:30 AM	No Mass
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## **TUESDAY, NOV 8**

Kentville/Online	8:30 AM	Joe Melanson by Barbara Montford
Digby	6:30 PM	No Mass

## **WEDNESDAY, NOV 9**

Kentville/Online	8:30 AM	No Mass
Middleton	9:00 AM	No Mass
Weymouth	10:00 AM	No Mass

## **THURSDAY, NOV 10**

Kentville	8:30 AM	No Mass
Berwick	9:00 AM	No Mass
Weymouth	6:30 PM	Patricia Fougere by her sisters

## **FRIDAY, NOV 11**

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

## **SATURDAY, NOV 12**

Bridgetown	4:00 PM	Gordon Mitchell by Patsy Sabeau & Family
Kentville	4:00 PM	George Chisholm by his wife, Carol
Digby	4:00 PM	Joseph Bicknell by Sharon & Family

## **SUNDAY, NOV 13**

Windsor	8:30 AM	Souls in Purgatory
Annapolis Royal	9:00 AM	Priests & Nuns in Purgatory by Marilyn Harry
Berwick	9:00 AM	Peter O'Neil by Tony & Rita Roefs
Kentville/Online	10:15 AM	Ellen Hill by the Hill & Lombard Family
Middleton	11:00 AM	Helen MacDonald by Richard J. Walsh
Weymouth	11:30 AM	Maximien Doucet by Marion & Greg MacDonald
Wolfville	11:45 AM	Souls in Purgatory

## Does God Have Favorites?

by Fr. Ron Rolheiser o.m.i.

Does God love some people more than others? Does God have favorites?

This is an old, disputed question with centuries of history: Is there a chosen race? Are some people predestined for heaven or hell? Does God love the poor more than the rich? Does God love sinners more than the righteous? Does God love virgins more than married persons? On the surface at least, it would seem that scripture suggests that God loves some people more than others. But is this true?

The question is hard to answer because partly it's a false one. Generally whenever we set up these kinds of oppositions (Does God love this person more than that person?) we are formatting the issue in a wrong way:

For example, when Jesus tells us that there is more joy in heaven over the conversion of one sinner who has strayed than over ninety-nine others who seemingly have no need of repentance, he is not affirming that God loves sinners more deeply than righteous persons. For Jesus, speaking in this specific context, there are no righteous persons. There are only sinners (people who feel their need for conversion) and self-righteous persons (people who are sinners and have not yet acknowledged their need for repentance). Conversion, at least in this particular context, is not a precondition to the Christian life. It is the Christian life. There are no righteous persons, only sinners, and the Christian journey is always a journey of conversion, a returning to the fold. We open ourselves to receive the love of God whenever we are conscious of that. God does favor sinners, but that includes all of us.

The same is true regarding whether God loves the poor more than the rich. Jesus tells, seemingly without equivocation, that God has a preferential love for the poor, but does that mean that God loves the rich less?

Again, we must be careful in how we contrast these categories: poor versus rich. What's being affirmed is not that God loves us better when we are poor than when we are rich. Rather the idea is that God loves us in our poverty – and that we more easily let ourselves be loved and more easily express gratitude when we acknowledge our poverty. For Jesus, there are only two kinds of persons: Those who are poor and those who are not yet in touch with their own poverty. And it's not that God prefers us to be poor and loves us better when we are poor. Rather it's when we are poor and in touch with our poverty that we more easily invite in love, both that of God and that of others. God does favor the poor, but, if we truly know our own condition, that's all of us.

The same principle needs to be applied to questions surrounding holiness and sexuality. Does God love us better when we are sexually incontinent than when we are not?

The Gospels emphasize that Jesus was born from a virgin womb, that he was buried in virgin tomb, and that we are invited to have a virginal heart. Because of this, inside of Christian spirituality as well as in the spiritual traditions of all the great world religions, there has always been a stream of thought that suggests that God somehow blesses the celibate life more than the non-celibate life, that virginity is the preferred spiritual state. Does God love us more when we are virgins?

Again, we must be careful in how we contrast the categories: virgin and non-virgin. What's being taught is the God loves what is virginal inside of us. The contrast is not between those who sleep alone and those who don't, but between those who protect what is virginal inside of themselves and those who don't, and between those who can sweat blood so as to carry the tension of living without consummation (of all kinds) and those who cannot. It's when we protect what is virginal inside us and when we don't short-circuit life's proper innate rhythms because of our tensions that we open ourselves up more to receive love, God's love and human love. God does favor virgins, but, if we live our lives with the proper reverence and patience, that includes all of us.

The same thing might be said about Jesus' holding up little children as an ideal. He is not teaching that God loves children more than adults. The contrast is not between little children and grown-ups, but between those who, like little children, know their need for help and those who because of pride or wound no longer admit their need for God and others. It's when we admit the deep truth that we are not self-sufficient that we open ourselves up, preferentially, to be loved by God and others. God does favor those who are childlike, but, hopefully, that includes all of us. Does God play favorites?

Yes, but not between and among different persons, but between and among different states inside our own souls.

**St. Monica's Catholic Women's League welcomes all members and interested women to our monthly meeting on Monday, November 7 at 2:00 pm in our church hall. Come and enjoy prayer, good works, education, conversation, and companionship with other Catholic women.**

#### **Masters and Servants**

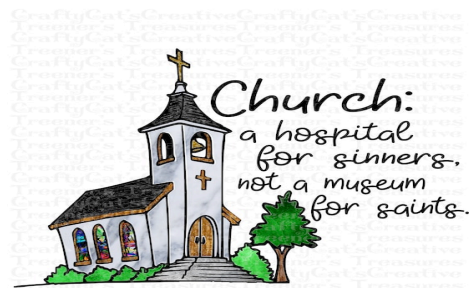
For many years I had thought I was "somebody" in the Church. I had even imagined this sacred living structure of the Church as a temple sustained by many columns, large and small, each one with the shoulder of a Christian under it. My own shoulder, too, I thought of as a supporting column, however small ...

Then, in a moment of truth, I drew back suddenly ... After twenty-five years I realized that nothing was burdening my shoulder and that the column was my own creation – sham, unreal, the product of my imagination and my vanity.

I had walked, run, spoken, organized, worked, in the belief that I was supporting something – and in reality I had been holding up absolutely nothing.

The weight of the world was all on Christ Crucified. I was nothing, absolutely nothing.

Brother Carlo Carretto  
*Letters from the Desert*



**Twelve Baskets Food Bank** is asking for help in filling **125 Christmas Hampers** for this season. They are in need of the following nonperishable items:

- Gravy
- Cranberry sauce
- Stove top dressing
- Pickles
- Juices
- Canned Vegetables

**Other perishable items needed will be announced closer to the hamper date.**

Please be generous in providing nonperishable items and monetary donations. Cheques to be made payable to Twelve Baskets Food Bank. If you provide cash and wish to receive a receipt from the Twelve Baskets Food Bank, please note your name and address on the envelope. Thank you for your generosity in helping those in need.

**St. Anthony's Christmas Hampers and Angel Tree:** The time is fast approaching! This year with food costs increasing and the cost of living going up we will be starting early with our requests for food and gifts to provide Christmas to 10 needy families. Starting this Sunday Nov.6th. You will find a sign up donation sheet on the table at the entrance of the church for food. There will be tables set up in the hall during hospitality with our Angel Tags to provide a gift wish to a child or parents. All gifts must be returned with the Angel tag attached by Nov.27 All non perishable food by Dec.11.

**Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup> - 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 Chocolate Cake with Chocolate Icing all for \$10. Call by November 14<sup>th</sup> 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 November 15<sup>th</sup>

**St. Patrick's Annual Christmas Bazaar will be held on November 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. We will be accepting all donations for the sale on Thursday, November 24<sup>th</sup> from 1 – 4 pm in the church hall. (Christmas items only). The sale will take place on Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup> at 3 – 7 pm and on Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup> from 9 am – 1 pm.**

**SSVP Christmas Sharing Tree St Francis (Wolfville/Canning) Conference.** The St Francis Conference of the Society of St Vincent de Paul (SSVP) is once again coordinating a Christmas Sharing Campaign. Last year, through generous donations, we helped 35 families in our catchment area, and we anticipate an increase in requests this year. We invite you once again to participate by making a financial donation (cheque payable to *Corpus Christi Parish*, memo: *SSVP St Francis Christmas*). You may drop your donation *before* Nov 27th in the collection plate at any church, or mail it to St Francis of Assisi Church, 118 Main St, Wolfville, NS, B4P 1B7. All funds will be used to purchase store gift cards for individuals and families on our list within the Canning/ Port Williams/ Wolfville area. Any questions? Call Rosaleen McDonald (542-2474) or Margaret Burton (698-0492)



## Children and Youth

### **Thank you Jennifer!**

Jennifer Moore is leaving her position of Director of Family Life and Youth effective immediately. Jennifer has taken great joy in developing and implementing Family Life into the sacramental and catechetical preparation for our youth who are exploring their relationship with Jesus and preparing to be fully initiated into our Church. When Jennifer began her ministry, she was certain that she would be able to grow a robust ministry. No one could have predicted the Pandemic. However, Jennifer was able to pivot to take an on-line approach that kept families engaged. Last season Jennifer supported 100 families, 24 confirmandi, and 11 first communion recipients. In addition to these wonderful works, Jennifer was responsible for creating and delivering Vacation Bible School for Corpus Christi Parish.

We will miss her talents and wish her the very best.

Jennifer has left the role to explore opportunities that will continue to add joy in a safe and supportive environment.

On Nov 6, there is a special collection envelope for Fuel. These donations are used to help with the high cost of oil to heat our churches and buildings.



**Chris Palmer**  
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