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2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent

December 4, 2022



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 before 5:00 pm on Tuesday**



# This Week's Readings

	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
Sun, Dec 4	Isaiah 11.1-10	Matthew 3.1-12
Mon, Dec 5	Isaiah 35.1-10	Luke 5.17-26
Tues, Dec 6	Isaiah 40.1-11	Matthew 18.12-14
Wed, Dec 7	Isaiah 40.25-31	Matthew 11.28-30
Thurs, Dec 8	Genesis 3.9-15, 20	Luke 1.26-38
Fri, Dec 9	Isaiah 48.17-19	Matthew 11.16-19
Sat, Dec 10	Sirach 48.1-4,9-11	Matthew 17.10-13

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*By appointment  
at any time.  
Call your nearest  
Parish Office.*

The Mass Times are  
listed with the Mass  
Intentions

### 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, 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 LeBlance 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

## **TUESDAY, DEC 6**

Kentville/Online	8:30 AM	Joe Melanson by Rosary Cenacle
Annapolis Royal	10:00 AM	Sue LeBlanc by Donald & Barbara Theriault and Family
Digby	6:30 PM	Peter Loughran by Pat Levings & Family

## **WEDNESDAY, DEC 7**

Kentville/Online	8:30 AM	Adrien Roberge by Leona Campbell
Middleton	9:00 AM	Intentions of Tom & Lois Porter by Carolyn Gilbert
Tideview Terrace	10:30 AM	Brother Wayne S. Comeau by Knights of Columbus of Clare
Weymouth	4:00 PM	For the souls in Purgatory

## **THURSDAY, DEC 8**

Kentville	8:30 AM	Hugh Richard by Edna & Clay Moran
Berwick	9:00 AM	For Peace by St. Monica's CWL
Weymouth	4:00 PM	For the Parishioners of Corpus Christi

## **FRIDAY, DEC 9**

Kentville/Online	8:30 AM	Lloyd McCue by Barb Montford
Digby	9:00 AM	Wayne Comeau by Mike & Blanche Gilhen

## **SATURDAY, DEC 10**

Bridgetown	4:00 PM	Marie Flynn by Susan & Glenn Gordon and Family
Kentville	4:00 PM	Armeline Guay by Selba Perkins
Digby	4:00 PM	Mary Harvieux by Lorraine Bell

## **SUNDAY, DEC 11**

Windsor	8:30 AM	Susan Thynne by Terry & Eleanor McKiel
Annapolis Royal	9:00 AM	Gary Harry by Marilyn Harry & Family
Berwick	9:00 AM	Adrian Chalker by Don & Marie Sanford
Kentville/Online	10:15 AM	Louisa Cooper by Bernie Cooper
Middleton	11:00 AM	Cor Vanderpryt by Carolyn Gilbert
Weymouth	11:30 AM	Jacky Comeau by Joanne & Jerry Belliveau
Wolfville	11:45 AM	Adeline C Long by Friends at St. Francis

St John's Church, Windsor - **The Giving Tree** appeared on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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!

**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.

*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.*

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

**Christmas Hampers** (St. Joseph's – Kentville)

The distribution of food hampers & gift cards will take place on Friday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto: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 or 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**

Just a reminder that all donations to our parish must be received by the office or in collection basket by December 31 in order for them to be included in the 2022 income tax receipts. Thank you for your support.

**Christmas Affordable Gifts** that are easy to mail: *Keep Christ in Christmas magnets for car, fridge, or home are reusable (\$5.00) and the proceeds support the charitable work of our Knights of Columbus. Religious calendars show feast days (\$5.75) and remind the receiver of your caring prayers all year. The Men of St. Anthony & Friends have two inspirational CD's (\$10.00 each) that bring the joy of music all year round at home or in the car. Available at St. Monica's church hall or call 902-825-6495.*

**Corpus Christi Catholic Books & Gifts:** Have you ever thought that you would like to read the Bible but feel daunted on how to proceed? As we enter Advent, does this desire draw you as a meaningful and fruitful practice for the year ahead? "Bible in a Year" organizes this journey for you with daily complementary readings from the Old and New Testaments, Psalms, and a brief Commentary. If you begin now, you will read and reflect upon the Bible this year and initiate a lifelong practice of making Scripture a part of each day. (\$39.95, incl. tax) Available at St. Monica's church hall after Sunday Mass, or call Mary Crooks 902-825-6495.

**Dear Women of our Parish:**

St. Monica's Catholic Women's League welcomes you to a **Pot Luck Lunch and Shower for Mary** on Monday, **December 5** at 1:00 pm in our church hall, as we greet Advent as women of faith, hope, prayer, and joyful love. In this holy season, we collect items for the Valley Care Pregnancy Centre which is in special need of diapers size 3+, hooded bath towels, receiving blankets, and toys for children from birth 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!

## A Humbling Experience

by Fr. Richard Rohr o.f.m.

North Americans come at life expecting everything to work. It always has. I was born with seven silver spoons in my mouth. I had a strong family and was loved from the beginning. My parents paved a path for me. Do you realize what a head start that is? It's wonderful.

But there's a dark side: People from privileged backgrounds expect that path always to be paved; they expect everything to work out. When it doesn't, they're not only disappointed, they feel wronged. They think, *How dare reality not work out for me! Why should I have to suffer? How dare the air conditioner not work!*

That explains the morose, quasi-depressed state of so many affluent countries and peoples. When you go to poor countries, these people who don't have anything and for whom everything is going wrong from morning to night (and if you've been there you'll know that I'm not making this up) tend to be much happier than we are! And our tendency is to look and say they shouldn't be happy, they have no reason to be happy. They don't seem to have an agenda.

I remember visiting the Home for the Destitute and Dying in Jamaica. People lay in rags, with the smell and the lack of food and the sores. I thought, *How could anybody live this way?* From my world, it was like hell. And yet I came as a priest to talk and pray with people. I'd stop and say, "Well, how are you?" They'd say, "Oh, fine." And I'd want to say, "Fine? You're not doing fine. You're doing terribly! How can you say you're doing fine?"

"Can I do anything for you?" I'd ask. One woman replied, "Oh, just recite a psalm with me, Father, just recite a psalm." And here the big Scripture man couldn't think of a psalm (being a Catholic). This humble lady picked out my obvious embarrassment. Here I am, the great priest, coming to help her and I can't even remember a psalm by heart. She sees it on my face and starts singing Psalm 23. "Just join in with me, Father. You just come along."

There is a profound message here for our affluent culture. I knew I had met "the first in the Kingdom of God."

from **Letting Go: A Spirituality of Subtraction**

**Flowers for Christmas** at St. Joseph's, Kentville: If you wish to help fund the cost of flowers for our church, please drop your donation in the collection basket, or drop of your donation at the office. E- transfer is also available, please mark everything "Christmas Flowers".

### **Christmas Bake & Craft Sale**

CWL (St. Joseph's – Kentville)

Sunday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> ... 11:30am

*Join us for tea & coffee!*

## **Reading the Signs of the Times**

by Fr. Ron Rolheiser o.m.i.

*To name something properly is also a form of prayer. Jesus called this "reading the signs of the times". What does he mean by that expression?*

What Jesus had in mind was not so much that we should try to attune ourselves intellectually to all the cultural, psychological, and religious trends of our time. To read the signs of the times, for Jesus, meant trying to read what is happening in our lives, communally and individually, in such a way as to discern the finger of God inside the outer movements of our lives. My parents called this trying to see "divine providence", namely, trying to hear what God is saying inside the outer events of our lives.

There is a rich biblical background to this. Indeed, in many ways, this is central to the faith of Israel in the Jewish scriptures. For them, nothing happened that was purely an accident. God's finger was always inside of every event, no matter how secular or accidental it seemed, and the task of faith was to try to read what God was saying inside every event. For example, if Israel lost a war, it wasn't because the other army had superior soldiers. It was because God was trying to teach her something; there was something she was supposed to learn from this defeat. Likewise, if there was a drought, it wasn't because there was global warming. It was because, for reasons Israel had to try to discern, God wanted her to live on less that year. For her, nothing was purely accidental. God's finger was somewhere inside of every event, speaking to her.

John of the Cross said that the language of God is the experience that God writes into our lives. Our task is to read that language, and we read it when we properly name the events of our lives. A proper naming does three things: It is prophetic, it names our faith and our faithlessness, our justice, and our injustice; it is diagnostic, it points to the correct prescription to help remedy our ills; and, most importantly, it is a form of prayer, it tries to hear what God is saying inside the outer events of our lives.

Not everything can be fixed or cured, but it should be named properly.

### **Christmas Eve Mass**

4pm – Digby, Berwick, Kentville  
6pm – Annapolis Royal, Middleton, Wolfville  
8pm – Bridgetown, Windsor  
8:30pm – Weymouth  
10pm – Kentville

### **Christmas Day Mass**

10am – Weymouth, Middleton, Kentville



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