

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 22, 2023



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This Week's Readings

1st Reading

Sun, Jan 22	Isaiah 8:23 - 9:3
Mon, Jan 23	Hebrews 9:15,24-28
Tues, Jan 24	Hebrews 10:1-10
Wed, Jan 25	Acts 22:3-16
Thurs, Jan 26	2 Timothy 1:1-8
Fri, Jan 27	Hebrews 10:32-39
Sat, Jan 28	Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19

Gospel

Matthew 4:12-23
Mark 3:22-30
Mark 3:31-35
Mark 16:15-18
Mark 4:21-25
Mark 4:26-34
Mark 4:35-41

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Giving to Corpus Christi Parish

There are many ways to donate to Corpus Christi Parish:

1. Weekly Offertory Envelopes
2. Cash donations
3. E-Transfers to finance@corpuschristins.ca, include your name and church
4. PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittances)
5. Through the mail, send to Kentville Parish Office

Corpus Christi Parish thanks you for your financial support – How else could we fulfill our mission?



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1pm to 4pm



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Ask about pre-planning.



Mass Times & Intentions

SATURDAY, JAN 21

Bridgetown	4:00 PM	Mel Bateman by St Alphonsus Ladies Aux
Kentville	4:00 PM	Albert Walzak by Jim & Jennifer Hilborn
Digby	4:00 PM	<i>Liturgy of the Word with Communion</i>

SUNDAY, JAN 22

Windsor	8:30 AM	Nualsri Pimpasuth by Terry & Eleanor McKiel
Annapolis Royal	9:00 AM	<i>Liturgy of the Word with Communion</i>
Berwick	9:00 AM	Peter O'Neil by sister, Pat Foster & Family
Kentville/Online	10:15 AM	Maurice 'Moe' Harquail by Jennie Harquail
Middleton	11:00 AM	Linda Lusk by Carolyn Gilbert
Weymouth	11:30 AM	<i>Liturgy of the Word with Communion</i>
Wolfville	11:45 AM	Darryl Crossman by Carmen & Francis Hawley

TUESDAY, JAN 24

Kentville	8:30 AM	Kathy Hanna by Mari McCabe
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WEDNESDAY, JAN 25

Kentville	8:30 AM	No Mass
Middleton	9:00 AM	Intentions of Deacon Don Boudreau by St Monica's CWL

THURSDAY, JAN 26

Kentville	8:30 AM	Paula Boudreau by Wayne Barry
Berwick	9:00 AM	Bernie Fitzgerald by his wife, Lillian & son, Bernie Jr

FRIDAY, JAN 27

Kentville	8:30 AM	Vernon Nash by Dennis & Barb Nash
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SATURDAY, JAN 28

Bridgetown	4:00 PM	Mary Grant by Nancy Rent
Kentville	4:00 PM	<i>Liturgy of the Word with Communion</i>
Digby	4:00 PM	Tracy & Mike Cormier by Ralph & Yvonne Mullen

SUNDAY, JAN 29

Windsor	8:30 AM	<i>Liturgy of the Word with Communion</i>
Annapolis Royal	9:00 AM	Helen MacDonald by Barb & Donald Theriault
Berwick	9:00 AM	Intentions of Helen Oliver by Rita & Toney Roefs
Kentville/Online	10:15 AM	<i>Liturgy of the Word with Communion</i>
Middleton	11:00 AM	Intentions of Gordon MacDonald by Tom & Peggy Foley
Weymouth	11:30 AM	Michael Fitzgerald by Ron Muise
Wolfville	11:45 AM	<i>Liturgy of the Word with Communion</i>

Corpus Christi Weekday Online Mass from Kentville
will resume in the Spring.

FROM: POPE FRANCIS
TO: CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH



THE LETTER

A MESSAGE FOR OUR EARTH

Join us for a screening of this inspirational film!

7 PM, January 26, 2023

St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church

48 Belcher St. Kentville, NS

All are welcome!

RSVP @ tinyurl.com/467fkmj6



Scan me!

Ultreya ... will be held at St. Anthony's Church Hall, **Berwick** on Thursday, January 26th at 7pm.

Bring a friend and a snack to share. *All are welcome!*

Corpus Christi Catholic Books & Gifts: Attractive affordable religious items of smooth Bethlehem Wood for your home or as a gift: Wall Cross; Neck Cross on twine cord; Communion Cross; Rosaries; Angel Visor Clip to encourage safe driving; and Comfort Cross or Comfort Angel to hold in the palm of the hand to promote calm in times of prayer, anxiety, sleeplessness, or illness. Available at St. Monica's church hall after Sunday Mass or call Mary Crooks 902-825-6495.

THANK YOU: To the many friends and acquaintances of Corpus Christi Parish, especially those of St. Monica's Church, I would like to say THANK YOU for the prayers and cards that helped me get through my cancer ordeal. The help and support that you provided to my wife and I could never be measured. My doctor has informed me that my cancer is in remission and with some follow up he can keep it there for many years.

May GOD BLESS you all, Dan Thibodeau

St. Francis, Wolfville seeks musician(s) to join the **Music Ministry Team**. Our keyboard is capable of transposition, there are microphones and an amp with open channels available for guitar or other instruments. Ability to lead hymns, psalm and parts of the Mass required. Currently have a team of cantors who prefer accompaniment. If interested or to learn more, please email Suzie: suzie.blatt@hotmail.com

St Monica's - Knights of Columbus

February 19, 2023 is the monthly Knights Mass. In addition to the regular Mass we will be remembering the Deceased Knights of Council 6297. When you see men in our Churches wearing a yellow and white Baldric, they are Knights of Columbus which is a group of Catholic gentlemen working to support many different charitable organizations in your community. You can ask any of those men what we do in the community and how you can join us in our charitable good works.

Knights of Columbus Bishop Gallagher Council 6297 is once again holding their famous **Shrove Tuesday 'PANCAKE SUPPER'** on Tuesday, February 21, 2023. Don't forget to bring your appetite with you.

Where: St. Monica's Hall

When: February 21, 2023

Time: 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM

Cost: Freewill offering

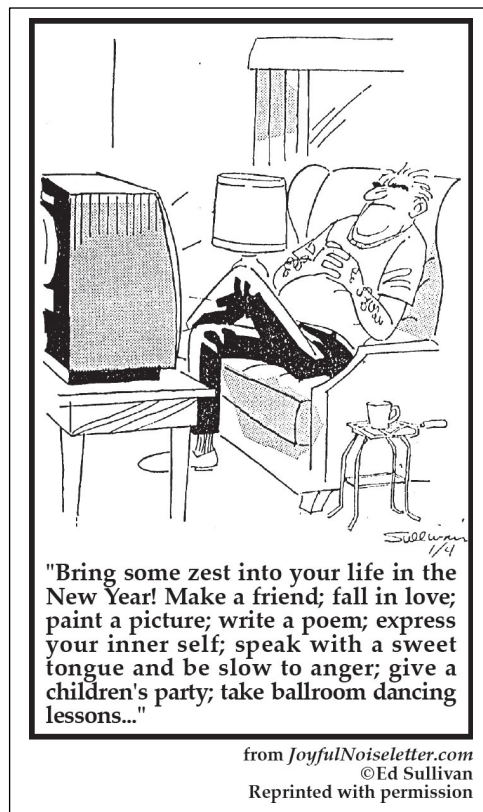
Knights of Columbus Bishop Gallagher Council will be hosting a **St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Dance** on March 18th. Keep looking in your bulletin to see what sensational entertainment and delicious meal we will be serving. Mark your calendars; this is going to be an exciting evening of **'Having the Craic'** (you guess the meaning)!

Coldest Night of The Year (CNOY) Walk Saturday, Feb 25th

Coldest Night of The Year Walk in support of **Open Arms Outreach.**

Hope for the Hapless, Hungry and Homeless.

Join a team, walk alone, check out the site - CNOY.org
or contact Kathy Rogers 902-678-6994 or 902-680-5107.



Did You Know?

Devotion to Mary ... one of the most obvious features of Catholicism, originated in early Christianity. It was closely associated with the mystery of her son, Jesus, and did not have the multiplicity of forms so evident in modern times.

It took centuries for the early Church to clarify its faith in Jesus and his human and divine natures. This happened by way of theological discussions, controversies, and council decisions. As the Church began to appreciate the depth of the mystery surrounding their Lord, it also identified its relationship with Mary. The Church discovered her as the Mother of God, model of what the Church is called to be, and the most powerful intercessor with God.

Mary is given a veneration above that of all other saints. This is because of her unique relationship to Jesus, to the God from whom he comes, and to the Church which continues his presence. This veneration, called hyperdulia, is expressed in official dogmas, feast days, and in multiple forms of private devotions on the part of Catholics. Her role as a woman in relation to the mystery of the Church and salvation is of great importance today.

There is little historical evidence concerning Mary. She seemed to have lived out her life as a respected member of the Christian community at Ephesus. The new Scriptures of Christianity give little indication of the esteem she would eventually receive from the universal Church. The Gospel of Matthew draws attention only to her virginal conception of Jesus (Matthew 1:18-25). The Gospel according to Luke gives her more attention as the one chosen by God because of her faithfulness and humility (Luke 1:46-55). In John's Gospel and the Book of Revelation, written at the turn of the 1st century, there is a beginning of Marian typology and theology. This is especially true of the relationship between Mary and a Church that was rapidly developing its identity in confrontation with the Roman Empire (John 19:26-27; Revelation 12:12ff).

There seems to be no particular cult surrounding the person of Mary among early Christians. They were preoccupied more with martyrs during the centuries of persecution. In the early 3rd century, attention to Mary's virginal conception of Jesus became popular. This belief rests on the Gospels according to Matthew and Luke. It was emphasized further by an Apocryphal Gospel, the Protoevangelium of James, written about 150 but not included in the New Testament. This theme, along with the theme of Mary as the New Eve, was promoted also by the writings and teachings of the defenders of Christianity, Justin (d. 165) and Irenaeus (d. 200).

Other Marian themes evolved alongside theological controversies about the nature of her son, Jesus. In 431, the Council of Ephesus officially defined that the human and divine natures of Jesus are united in one divine person. This meant that Mary, the mother of Jesus, is the mother of God (Greek, *theotokos*).

The Council of Ephesus increased devotion to Mary. Churches were dedicated to her. Her feasts began to multiply on the Church calendar. By the beginning of the 6th century, local churches were celebrating Mary's falling asleep ("Dormition"), later described as her bodily assumption into heaven. It was considered fitting that the body which gave birth to Jesus be spared any bodily corruption. By the mid-600s, the Church of Rome was observing five Marian feasts: Mother of God (January 1), the Nativity of Mary (September 8), the Annunciation (March 25), the Presentation (February 2), and the Assumption (August 15).

- from **Catholic Customs & Traditions** by Greg Dues

The Heart of a Child

by Fr. Ron Rolheiser o.m.i.

Unless you change and become like little children you will not enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

How can we do that? How do we unlearn sophistication, undo the fact that we are adults? What kind of recessive journey can revirginize a heart?

Part of our quandary, I believe, comes from how we think of the heart of a child. When we picture the heart of a child we almost automatically think of innocence. A child's heart is innocent by nature. Indeed, it is stunningly innocent. There are few things in this world that can stop us in our tracks, make a man watch his language, make a woman watch her actions, make all of us watch what we talk about in open conversation, make us regret bad decisions, and make us want to be better persons than the innocence of child. Innocence is a powerful moral light that sears the soul.

But that isn't exactly what Jesus had in mind when he challenged us to become like little children. We cannot remain children. Childhood is naturally outgrown, and adulthood brings with it a bewildering complexity in life in general and in sexuality in particular that is not yet inside the heart of a child. And we don't choose this. For an adult, life cannot be simple and much of the natural innocence of a child is lost in that fact.

So, what does Jesus have in mind when he holds up the heart of a child as an ideal?

He does have a certain innocence in mind, though not the simple innocence of pre-sophistication, of being sheltered from one's own complexity and that of the world. The innocence that Jesus glorifies in children is the wholeness of not yet being wounded, of still being able to trust, of not yet having one's heart hardened by sin, wound, and disillusionment. Jesus says as much when he is asked whether divorce is wrong or right. He answers the question not by pronouncing it categorically wrong or right but by giving a deeper reason for its frequency: Divorce happens, Jesus says, because our hearts are no longer as they were "in the beginning", namely, in that pristine time before Adam and Eve sinned and (in terms of our own lives) in the pristine time before we were wounded. In an unwounded heart, in the heart of a child, divorce is not an option. To acquire the heart of a child is therefore to try to move beyond the things that have wounded and hardened us.

But that is only one aspect of it. The quality of heart, seen in a child, that Jesus most challenges us to imitate is that of acknowledging powerlessness and helplessness. A child is powerless. It cannot provide for itself, feed itself, or take care of itself. For a child, if mum and dad do not get up and make breakfast, there will be no breakfast! A child knows dependence, knows that life comes from beyond itself, that it is not self-providing and self-sufficient.

But we tend to forget this as adults. The adult heart, at least during those years when we are healthy and strong, likes to believe itself to be self-providing, self-sufficient, able to take care of itself: I can provide for myself. The adult heart tends to live the illusion of self-sufficiency and that false notion is at the root of much of the pseudo-sophistication and lack of empathy that isolates us from others.

But how can this be undone? How can we "change and become like little children"?

Nature, God, and circumstance often do it for us. Here is an example: Several years ago, I went to the funeral of a ninety-year-old man. While he had always been an honest man, a good man, a family man, and a man of faith, he had also, at least up until the years shortly before his death, been a particularly strong man, fiercely independent, proud of his self-sufficiency, and not infrequently hard on others and cantankerous in his dealings with them. His son, a priest, preached the funeral mass and said this in his homily:

Scripture tells us that the sum of years of a man's life is seventy, eighty for those who are strong. But my dad lived for ninety years. Why those extra ten years? Well, it's no mystery: In my dad's case, God needed ten extra years to mellow him. He wasn't ready to die at eighty; he was still too strong, too independent, too self-reliant. But the last ten years did their work on him: He lost his wife, his health, much of his independence, his place in society, and his firm grip on life. And that mellowed his soul. He died ready to grasp a stronger hand.

We have a choice: We can do this process deliberately, on purpose (so to speak), or we can fiercely guard our strength and sense of self-sufficiency and wait for nature, God, and circumstance to do it for us.