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4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 29, 2023



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This Week's Readings

	1 st Reading	Gospel
Sun, Jan 29	Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13	Matthew 5:1-12
Mon, Jan 30	Hebrews 11:32-40	Mark 5:1-20
Tues, Jan 31	Hebrews 12:1-4	Mark 5:21-43
Wed, Feb 1	Hebrews 12:4-7, 11-15	Mark 6:1-6
Thurs, Feb 2	Malachi 3:1-4	Luke 2:22-40
Fri, Feb 3	Hebrews 13:1-8	Mark 6:14-29
Sat, Feb 4	Hebrews 13:15-17, 20-21	Mark 6:30-34

Community's Email Addresses

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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

Our parish thanks you for your financial support.

How else could we fulfill our mission?



St Joseph

Chris Palmer MLA KINGSWEST

> Mon to Fri 9am to 12pm 1pm to 4pm



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Mass Times & Intentions

SATURDAY, JAN 28		
Bridgetown	4:00 PM	Mary Grant by Nancy Rent
Kentville	4:00 PM	Liturgy of the Word with Communion
Digby	4:00 PM	Tracy & Mike Cormier by Ralph & Yvonne Mullen
SUNDAY, JAN 29		
Windsor	8:30 AM	Liturgy of the Word with Communion
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	Liturgy of the Word with Communion
Middleton	11:00 AM	Intentions of Gordon MacDonald by Tom & Peggy Fo
Weymouth	11:30 AM	Michael Fitzgerald by Ron Muise
Wolfville	11:45 AM	Liturgy of the Word with Communion
TUESDAY, JAN 31		
Kentville	8:30 AM	Intentions of Fred Hole by Gordon MacDonald
WEDNESDAY, FEB 1		
Kentville	8:30 AM	Ronald Fraser by Anne MacInnis
Middleton	9:00 AM	For the Sick & Homebound by St Monica's CWL
THURSDAY, FEB 2		
Kentville	8:30 AM	Barbara Kirk by Connie Morrison
Berwick	9:00 AM	Len Stephenson by Colleen Stephenson & John McNe
FRIDAY, FEB 3		
Kentville	8:30 AM	Souls in Purgatory by Helen Walsh
SATURDAY, FEB 4		
Bridgetown	4:00 PM	Mel Bateman by Patsy Sabean
Kentville	4:00 PM	Alden Young by Joan & Family
Digby	4:00 PM	Clifford Mullen Jr. by Marilyn & Family
SUNDAY, FEB 5		
Windsor	8:30 AM	Steve Gaudet by Laura Joyce
Annapolis Royal	9:00 AM	Frank Pugh by Pat & Al Dill
Berwick	9:00 AM	Isabel Chisholm by Carolyn Turner
Kentville/Online	10:15 AM	Deceased Members of the Hawley & Landy Families & Carmen & Francis Hawley
Middleton	11:00 AM	Intentions of Marg Jackson (L) by Carolyn Gilbert
Weymouth	11:30 AM	Maximien Doucet by Rosa & Family
Wolfville	11:45 AM	Souls in Purgatory by Wayne Barry

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

2022 Income Tax Receipts: These will be available for pickup at the churches starting next week.

Special Envelope Collection: On Feb 12, there is a special collection envelope for Pro-Life Assistance. These donations for Pro-Life are forwarded to two local organizations, 20% goes to Birthright and 80% goes to Nova Scotians United for Life.

Coldest Night of The Year (CNOY) Walk

Saturday, Feb 25th - Kentville

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.

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

Knights of Columbus Kentville Council 5030

The KofC is a Brotherhood of Catholic men praying and working to serve the needs of our Parish and our Community. The Principles of the KofC are: Charity, Unity, Fraternity, Patriotism.

During the year 2022, our Council volunteered greater than 1600 hours for charitable work. Our Council also donated greater than \$6000 for charities.

We need to grow our council in numbers. If you are interested in becoming a Knight of Columbus, you can join online or talk to one of our members. *Vivat Jesus*

Bravo to the **Syro Malabar Community** ... for hosting a wonderful spiritual and educational event. Some of the members of St Anthony's (Berwick) community had the privilege of experiencing a Mass with the Syro Malabar community. An English guidebook was provided to help us follow the liturgy which was conducted in their native language. Following Mass, everyone was invited to the Centre for an informative power point presentation of their cultural and religious history. We were treated to a performance by some of the children and Indian sweets. A great opportunity for the two communities to meet as well as grow in our faith.

Letter from the Twelve Baskets Food Bank to St Monica's Church (Middleton)

Dear Parishioners:

It is with great pleasure that we accept your generous donation. What a marvellous gift and a surprise. You are so generous with 2003 lbs of food. Our community needs this help. You have helped us to build a better Food Bank. Your sharing has made us truly grateful. Let us thank you for your kind donation.

Twelve Baskets Food Bank

<u>Marian Prayer Hour:</u> You are warmly welcomed to a Marian Prayer Hour on Saturday, **February 4** at 11am at St. Monica's Church (Middleton). In honor of the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, we will pray for all our parishioners and loved ones who are ill; homebound; in hospital or hospice; receiving long term care or palliative care; their families and caregivers; health care workers and volunteers; and all who are in need of hope and companionship, especially those who feel forgotten, frightened or alone. Hosted by St. Monica's Catholic Women's League.

<u>St. Monica's (Middleton) Catholic Women's League</u> will meet on Monday, **February 6** at 2pm in the church hall. All members and interested women are welcomed to come and share in companionship to warm the heart and spirit.

<u>Corpus Christi Catholic Books & Gifts:</u> In our modern world, we can feel surrounded by messages and events that unsettle us in body, mind and spirit and distract us from prayer, peace, hope and joy in Christ. In his simple yet profound book, "Interior Freedom", Fr. Jacques Philippe helps to renew our deep sense of interior freedom in Christ. This book is a lifelong companion to help us in all we face with serenity and trust. Available at St. Monica's church hall (Middleton) after Sunday Mass, or call Mary Crooks 902-825-6495.

Ladies' Prayer Breakfast

You are invited to the Ladies' Prayer Breakfast at **St Anthony's Parish Hall (Berwick)** on Saturday, **Feb 4** at 9:00-11:00 am (8:30 for set up). Before COVID interrupted our everyday lives, we at St Anthony's hosted a wonderful women's get together which included prayer, scripture, a reflection, and personal intentions. It was topped off with a choice of breakfast items provided by the members and a chance for some great conversation in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. The Ladies' Prayer Breakfast will occur the 1st Saturday of each month. *All are welcome!*

This group originally started with about 10 members in 2011 and gradually grew to 20. Not everyone was from the St Anthony's community, as we had ladies join us from other communities in our parish as well as from other church denominations. We are hoping you will join us in creating a new spiritual endeavour in which we can all grow in love and faith. Should you have any questions or suggestions, please call Judy Griffith-Coulombe 902 -538-0117.

<u>Games Night – St Anthony's (Berwick)</u> Suffering from the winter blahs?? We have just the remedy you are looking for!!! On Friday February 10th at St. Anthony's Parish Centre at 7pm, come and join with friends for the first Games Night since Covid-19. Bring along a deck of cards, board game or anything you like and also a snack to share. It's warm and cozy inside and fun to be out with friends! *Hope to see you there!*

This notice was approved by the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia NOTICE OF SETTLEMENT IN CLASS ACTION

To all individuals who were sexually abused by a priest of the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of Halifax or Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of Yarmouth between April 14, 1954 and March 31, 2020 and have not previously settled or otherwise released either the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of Halifax or Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of Yarmouth.

The Court has approved a settlement which provides compensation to eligible class members who file a claim for sexual assault and meet the requirements of the claims process.

If you opted out of the class action, the settlement will not impact you.

If you are part of the lawsuit as a Class Member, you can submit a claim for a payment of money as compensation. The amount of money that you may receive will depend on the specifics of the claim you submit. The potential amount of money to be paid to a Class Member whose claim is accepted will likely range from \$30,000 to \$350,000.

For further information, visit https://kmlaw.ca/cases/catholic-priest-sexual- abuse-class-action/ or call 1-833-630-1785, or email catholicabuseclassaction@kmlaw.ca.

You must submit your claim for compensation before December 14, 2023. If you do not submit your claim for compensation before December 14, 2023, you will lose your right to compensation.

Did You Know?

<u>The Our Father</u> (*The Lord's Prayer*) This is the best known prayer of Christianity, probably because it is the prayer that Jesus taught. Here is a <u>commentary</u> on the prayer by **St. Cyprian**, written about 250 AD.

Our Father, who art in heaven:

One of the greatest truths of our faith is that we are adopted sons and daughters of God and so we can call God Father. Note that we don't pray "My Father", because we do not pray for ourselves alone, but we pray as members of a community of the Church for the good of all.

Hallowed be thy name:

We are not saying we make God holy by our prayer. Rather, we ask that God's name be made holy in us.

Thy kingdom come:

We pray that God's kingdom will become present for us. We pray that the kingdom won by the death and resurrection of Christ will fully come.

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven:

All that Jesus did and all that he taught was "the will of God." We pray that we may have help and strength to do God's will.

Give us this day our daily bread:

Spiritually, Christ himself is our bread of life, he is our "food for the journey." In addition, we believe that God knows our needs, and we trust that God will take care of us. We pray that God's loving providence my envelop us.

And forgive us our trespasses:

We acknowledge that we are indeed sinners. But we also recognize God's great love and mercy. We believe that God truly forgives our sins.

As we forgive those who trespass against us:

Jesus clearly laid down a condition for our forgiveness.

And lead us not into temptation:

Here we pray not out of fear that God will lead us astray but, rather, to show our confidence that God can give us an escape from temptation and that God will not let us be tested beyond our strength. (see 1 Corinthians 10:13)

But deliver us from evil:

We pray to be kept safe from the power of the Evil One, and all that he stands for. We pray that God will help us overcome evil in our lives.

Humour???

A man had been shipwrecked on a remote island in the Pacific, and was alone for 20 years. When a ship finally arrived, his rescuers were impressed with the 3 buildings he had built and asked him about them.

"Well," the man replied, "this is my house, and that building over there is my church. It's a wonderful church and I hate to leave it."

"And what is the 3rd building over yonder?" a rescuer asked. "Oh, that is the church I used to go to," the man replied.

Development and Peace Reform Seen As New Start

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) and the **Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace** – *Caritas* **Canada (CCODP)** hope to end years of accusations, suspicions and investigations with a new governance structure that is transparent, streamlined and gives bishops closer oversight of Canada's development agency.

The reforms come as **Development and Peace** faced ongoing scrutiny and declining revenue. Proceeds from its ShareLent fundraising campaign fell from \$8.3 million in 2016-17 to \$6.7 million in 2017-18. Amid investigations, the organization has not published a 2018-19 annual report. The new governing structure will reduce the number of elected members on the **Development and Peace** national council almost in half, from 21 to 11. Those 11 members now will be joined by four bishops to be appointed by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. The new, leaner national council will be responsible for fixing four key problems that have plunged one of Canada's largest Catholic movements into a state of repeated crisis since **Development and Peace** was accused in 2009 of funding some projects by partner organizations that supported abortion.

An investigation of 248 agencies that followed the 2009 accusations concluded that 15 partnerships were problematic, including two cited as being particularly egregious. Those findings prompted changes intended to ensure that money from the Catholic charity went exclusively to organizations that were aligned with Church teaching. A second review came after similar questions emerged in 2017 concerning 52 **Development and Peace** partner agencies. Twelve bishops subsequently suspended their financial support, although it was eventually reinstated provided no money went to agencies under review. That was followed in 2019 by the CCCB hiring Deloitte Canada to recommend how **Development and Peace** could be reformed to meet the expectations of the bishops.

The four areas targeted for reform are crisis management, partnership criteria, organizational culture and communications. Adding four bishops to the national council should mean that bishops know and understand what **Development and Peace** is doing and how it works.

Since its founding in 1967, **Development and Peace** has provided over \$500 million to improve living and working conditions in 28 countries in Africa, Asia and Central America, completing over 15,000 projects worldwide.

- The above is a shorter, edited version (by Fr. John) of an article written by Michael Swan – 5 May 2020

Also ...

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) and the **Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace** – *Caritas* **Canada (CCODP)** have concluded a review of the latter's international partner organizations that receive project funding from **CCODP**. From a total of 205 partners, the review initially identified 52 organizations for closer study and later added 11 more, for a total of **63** that were examined. The review did not examine partner organizations affiliated with *Caritas Internationalis* or part of a Catholic diocesan structure and ministry.

Of the 63 organizations identified for further study, the CCODP and the CCCB agreed:

- There were no objections to **20** partnerships continuing. This was the result of satisfactory clarifications received from the partners, as well as communications with the local Diocesan Bishop where the partner is based.
- Since 19 partnerships had already ended or were about to end during the review period, these were not
 considered and no recommendation was made. If and when any would again apply for CCODP funding, these
 would be reviewed in the future according to criteria and procedures being further worked on by CCODP and the
 CCCB.
- **CCODP** will not continue **24** partnerships following a lack of clarification to resolve serious questions regarding support for positions or actions in conflict with the Church's social and moral teachings.