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6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 12, 2023



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This Week's Readings

	1 st Reading	Gospel
Sun, Feb 12	Sirach 15:15-20	Matthew 5:17-37
Mon, Feb 13	Genesis 4:1-15, 25	Mark 8:11-13
Tues, Feb 14	Genesis 6:5-8: 7:1-5,10	Mark 8:14-21
Wed, Feb 15	Genesis 8:6-13, 20-22	Mark 8:22-26
Thurs, Feb 16	Genesis 9:1-13	Mark 8:27-33
Fri, Feb 17	Genesis 11:1-9	Mark 8:34- 9:1
Sat, Feb 18	Hebrews 11:1-7	Mark 9:2-13

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 KINGS WEST

> Mon to Fri 9am to 12pm



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Mass Times & Intentions

SATURDAY, FEB 11	
Bridgetown 4:00 PM Liturgy of the Word with Co	ommunion
Kentville 4:00 PM Hilda Dunn by Norma & Ann	n MacDougall
Digby 4:00 PM Judy Williams by Carl Saulni	ier's Family
SUNDAY, FEB 12	,
Windsor 8:30 AM Intentions of Ann-Marie Bot	ttrill by Laura Joyce
Annapolis Royal 9:00 AM Albert Amaghan & Mary Anna Wa	alters Amaghan by Anna Alberta Amagh
Berwick 9:00 AM Liturgy of the Word with Co	,
Kentville/Online 10:15 AM Darryl Crossman by St Joseph	oh's CWL
Middleton 11:00 AM Liturgy of the Word with Co	
Weymouth 11:30 AM Deceased Family Members	
1	Young's family & Loved Ones
TUESDAY, FEB 14	,
Kentville 8:30 AM Ellen Foley by St Joseph's CV	WL
Digby 6:30 PM Clifford Mullen Jr. by Marily	
WEDNESDAY, FEB 15	,
Kentville 8:30 AM Armand & Rolande Blais by	Rosaire Blais
•	d (90th B-day) by St Monica's CWL
Tideview Terrace 10:30 AM For the Parishioners of Corp	ous Christi
Weymouth 4:00 PM For the Robinson Family from Ha	ssett by Verna, Bertha, Evonne, Gloria &
THURSDAY, FEB 16	
Kentville 8:30 AM Daniel Moran by Cyndi & M	like Southall
Berwick 9:00 AM Bernard Fitzgerald by Karen	n & Joseph Heukshorst
AR Nursing Home 10:00 AM Frank Pugh by St. Louis CWI	L
Weymouth 4:00 PM For a Special Intention by Jo	oan Nelson
FRIDAY, FEB 17	
Kentville 8:30 AM For Everyone Celebrating a	Birthday Today by Helen Walsh
Digby 9:00 AM Frank Comeau by Mary & N	Iurray Ungarian
SATURDAY, FEB 18	
Bridgetown 4:00 PM Gillian Beckner by Her Fami	ily
Kentville 4:00 PM Wayne Comeau by Don & D	ebby Muise
Digby 4:00 PM Glen Walker by Simone Wal	lker
SUNDAY, FEB 19	
Windsor 8:30 AM Nualsri Pimpasuth by Laura	Joyce
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2022 Income Tax Receipts: These are available for pickup.

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.

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

Marian Prayer Hour: You are warmly welcomed to a Marian Prayer Hour on Saturday, February 11 at 11 am at St. Monica's Church. In honour 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.

Hospitality Time - St. Joseph's (Kentville)

Join us for coffee/tea and snacks ... after the 10:15am Mass this Sunday, **Feb. 12**th

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

Knights of Columbus Bishop Gallagher Council 6297, Middleton - 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.

St Joseph's, Kentville Family Night: Wondering what's exciting to do on Heritage (Family) weekend?

Here's an idea to put on your calendar! Family Night - Sunday, Feb 19, 6-8:30 pm, St. Joseph's Parish Center, Kentville. Come Enjoy an Evening of Fellowship, Games (Cards & Board), Outdoor Activities (Sledding, Ground hockey), and Complimentary Hot dogs, chips, snacks, refreshments (Hot Chocolate, Tea, Coffee).

Hope to see you there!

February 18: A choral workshop, "Let's Sing Together," led by local composer Gary Ewer, will be held in St. Luke's Anglican Church Hall, Annapolis Royal, from 10am to 3pm, with a light lunch provided at noon. Cost is \$25.00. Please register by February 15 as the hall's capacity is 60 people. To register, contact John Bottomley at johnbo@eastlink.ca or 902-532-0654.

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.



Booklet - Lenten Daily Readings are now available ... \$2 offering



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Suppers



<u>St Anthony's, Berwick, Feb 21</u> - Eat In or Take-Out from 4:30-6:30 pm. Free will offering for Development & Peace. Some of the Men of St Anthony's & Friends will be our chefs.

<u>St Monica's Hall, Middleton, Feb 21</u> – Eat In, from 5:00-6:30 pm. Free will offering. Supper held by Knights of Columbus Bishop Gallagher Council 6297.

<u>St Joseph's, Kentville, Feb 21</u> - The Knights will be having a pancake & sausage supper in the Multi-Purpose Room at St. Joseph's for a free will offering. The time is 5pm to 6:30pm.

<u>St. Francis of Assisi, Wolfville, Feb 21</u> – Eat in or Take-Out from 5:00-6:30 pm. Free will offering in support of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society. Supper will be provided by the members of Saint Vincent de Paul Society. For Take-Out, you can phone ahead at 902-542-9499.

LENT - COME FOLLOW ME with CHRIST LIFE: Christ Life is a 7-week journey of Catholic Discipleship. Presenters in this program will share practical teachings on how to live as a Catholic disciple of Jesus Christ in today's world. This program will be held virtually (online) Thursdays 6:30-8:30pm in Lent (February 23, March 2, 9,16, 23 and April 13 and 20 with a retreat March 31/April 1). The facilitator will be Fr. Michael Walsh. To register (please do so by February 15), contact Father Mike Walsh at asthmaticpriest@gmail.com.

<u>St. Joseph's (Kentville) Catholic Women's League</u> meets monthly on the second Wednesday at 2pm in the Fr. Jack's hall. All members and interested women are welcomed to come and share in companionship to warm the heart and spirit. For more information, please call President Ann Myers at 902-678-3537 or 902-680-8957.

Ash Wednesday – Feb. 22nd

The beginning of Lent

9am – Windsor, Kentville, Berwick, Bridgetown
 10am – Annapolis Royal
 4pm – Weymouth
 5pm - Wolfville
 6:30pm – Kentville, Middleton, Digby

Unbound (Freedom in Christ)

"We need no longer carry the guilt and shame of our shortcomings and sinfulness that prevents us from living the fullness of life offered by the Father; rather, we become unbound as we seek our freedom in Christ."

Unbound (Freedom in Christ) is an 8-week course which is centered on prayer, enabling us to deal with that which what keeps us from entering fully into the family of God. The Unbound course will focus on the 5 keys designed to deliver us from the darkness in our lives to the light found in Christ.

****We will begin our **Unbound** course (online via Zoom) on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30, **February 15 to April 12**.

***Please email Deacon Dave Hasler at (<u>davehasler21@qmail.com</u>) on or before February 10 to ensure enough support along with course material that will be available.

Recent testimonials:

Unbound working in my life

"I was questioning God in my life and did a lot of praying. It wasn't until I started Unbound this fall that I realized that God was always with me. I just had to call on him but I was wrapped up in my family problems. I now know how temptation can enter into my life but I now realize that the Holy Spirit is stronger now in my life and God the Father is always there; I just have to call on him. I praise God the Father, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit." - Anonymous

What a gift the experience of Unbound was!

"We all carry wounds and baggage from hurts caused to us, from sins and from our lived experiences that lead us to be stuck and blocked from receiving the love and abundant joy that God wants to give us. The lies of unworthiness and the more we hear so early or often in our life have become so familiar that we wear them like an itchy old sweater we can't let go of. Participating in Unbound introduced me to tools to recognize the things in my life that came between me and God and showed me that we all struggle with weaknesses. We journeyed in our group through explanations of how we become stuck and practice with tools to become free. We are not alone in struggle, we are not alone in hope and together with the grace of God and the power of the Holy Spirit and the love of Jesus we can be unbound. God invites all of us to greater freedom, greater love and life abundant."

- Anonymous

This Lent, Corpus Christi Parish is encouraging all of us to take one or both of the following **Lenten offerings**. Both are online.

- 1) Take the free online course, "Holy is His Name" by Scott Hahn. It is a 12-part online course which examines our call to holiness. "You shall be holy, for I am holy," says our God in I Peter 1:16. Learn the meaning of holiness from the origins of Scripture and see what holiness looks like in our lives today. Experience the transformative power of God's holiness with Scott Hahn. You can find the link to sign up for this course at: https://stpaulcenter.com/holystudy/?utm_source=full_list-holy_study&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=holy_study&utm_content=button-holy_study
- 2) Corpus Christi parish is offering **Dynamic Catholic's Best Lent Ever 2.0** via Flocknote. Awaken the greatness within you by experiencing Holy Moments. You experience a holy moment every time you choose to be kind, generous, selfless, or express any form of goodness. The **videos** will help you to slow down and connect with God. If you are signed up for Flocknote, you will receive Best Lent Ever 2.0 videos in your email daily.

St Anthony (Berwick) Lenten Project - 40 Item Boxes for Chrysalis House

Rather than giving up on sweets or chocolate, we would like to focus on giving something to support someone in need. Our goal is to provide at least **10 boxes** filled with needed supplies to families using this service. One item for each day of Lent. Nine boxes will be given out at Mass on Sun Feb 19, Ash Wed Feb 22 and Sun Feb 26 to those wishing to participate. One box will remain at the church for those who would like to contribute some items when coming to Mass. A list of suggested items will be attached to each box. Chrysalis House will be contacted to learn the items most needed. The boxes will be collected on Good Friday, April 7 and taken to Chrysalis House.

Chrysalis House was suggested as it in our area and it falls into the 'Helping the Homeless' objective of the Archdiocese. Participants can add items to their boxes that are not on the list but which they feel would be useful or a treat. A prayer will be specifically created for this activity. This can be said daily as items are added to the box. Chrysalis House gives support to Women and their children in crisis situations.

HUMAN NATURE – IS IT SOMEHOW ALL WRONG?

by Fr. Ron Rolheiser o.m.i.

Once, while giving a lecture, a woman asked this question: Why did God build us in one way and then almost all of the time expect us to act in a way contrary to our instincts?

I knew what she meant. Our natural instincts and spontaneous desires generally seem at odds with that towards which they are supposedly directed, namely, God and eternal life. Generally, we are drawn very powerfully towards the things of this earth: other people, pleasure, beautiful objects, sex, money, comfort. These seemingly have a more powerful grip on us than do the things of faith and religion.

To reconcile the seeming incongruity between our natural makeup and God's intent for us, we need to understand human instinct and human desire at a deeper level. We might begin with St. Augustine's memorable phrase: You have made us for yourself, Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you.

Karl Rahner makes a distinction between what we desire explicitly and what we desire implicitly. Our instincts and natural desires draw us towards various explicit things: love for another person, friendship with someone, a piece of art or music, a vacation, a movie, a good meal, a sexual encounter, an achievement that brings us honor, a sporting event, and countless other things that, on the surface at least, would seem to have nothing to do with God and are seemingly drawing our attention away from God.

But as Rahner shows, and as is evident in our experience, in every one of those explicit desires there is present, implicitly, beneath the desire and as the deepest part of that desire, the longing for and pursuit of something deeper.

God didn't make a mistake in designing human desire. God's intent is written into very DNA of desire. Ultimately our makeup directs us towards God, no matter how obsessive, earthy, lustful, and pagan a given desire might appear on a given day. Human nature is not at odds with the call of faith. Ultimately, we are longing for the depth that grounds every person and object, God.