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3rd Sunday of Lent

March 12 2023



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Please forward all notices for bulletin to bulletin@corpuschristins.ca before 5:00 pm on Monday.

This Week's Readings

	1st Reading	Gospel
Sun, Mar 12	Exodus 17:3-7	John 4:5-42
Mon, Mar 13	2 Kings 5:1-5	Luke 4:24-30
Tues, Mar 14	Daniel 3:25, 34-43	Matthew 18:21-35
Wed, Mar 15	Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9	Matthew 5:17-19
Thurs, Mar 16	Jeremiah 7:23-28	Luke 11:14-23
Fri, Mar 17	Hosea 14:2-10	Mark 12:28-34
Sat, Mar 18	Hosea 6:1-6	Luke 18:9-14

Community's Email Addresses

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- St Alphonsus bridgetown@corpuschristins.ca
- St Louis annapolisroyal@corpuschristins.ca
- St Patrick digby@corpuschristins.ca
- St Joseph weymouth@corpuschristins.ca

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?*

Scripture Reflection on the readings for the following Sunday and **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** held weekly on **Tuesdays**.

Berwick - 10:00 am Scripture reflection; 11:00 am Rosary and Exposition until Noon

Middleton - 2:00 pm Scripture reflection; 3:00 pm Rosary and Exposition until 4:00pm



Mass Times & Intentions

SATURDAY, MAR 11

Bridgetown	4:00 PM	Kathy Redmond by Patsey Sabeau & Family
Kentville	4:00 PM	Jack MacDougall by his Children
Digby	4:00 PM	Frank Comeau by Rose McIntyre and Family

SUNDAY, MAR 12

Windsor	8:30 AM	Deceased members of Wilbur/Smith Families by Mary-Alma Smith
Annapolis Royal	9:00 AM	Cathy Emin by Eveline LeBlanc
Berwick	9:00 AM	Deceased members of the O'Neil Family by Rita & Tony Roefs
Kentville/Online	10:30 AM	Malcolm Pasley by Doris & Family
Middleton	11:00 AM	Helen Mac Donald by Bev Slauenwhite
Weymouth	11:30 AM	Maximien Doucet by Priscilla LeBlanc
Wolfville	12:15 PM	Daniel Moran by Francis & Carmen Hawley

MONDAY, MAR 13

Berwick	9:00 AM	Len Stephenson by Colleen Stephenson & John McNeil
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TUESDAY, MAR 14

Kentville	8:30 AM	Maurice Harquail by Jennie Harquail
Digby	6:30 PM	Norman & Mary Claprod by Dot Curry

WEDNESDAY, MAR 15

Kentville	8:30 AM	Doris Dandurand by Theresa coffey
Middleton	9:00 AM	Mary Grant by Tom & Peggy Foley
Tideview Terrace	10:30 AM	For the Residents of Tideview Terrace
Weymouth	6:30 PM	Marie Pleasant by a Friend

THURSDAY, MAR 16

Kentville	8:30 AM	Gerald D'Eon by Hubert D'Eon
Berwick	9:00 AM	Bernard Fitzgerald by his Grandchildren
AR Nursing Home	10:30 AM	Frank Pugh by Betty & Lawrence Ritcey
Weymouth	6:30 PM	Victor & Betty Terrien by a Friend

FRIDAY, MAR 17

Kentville	8:30 AM	Ella Foley by Norma MacDougall
Digby	9:00 AM	Kathy Potter by Anna & Danny Corbett

SATURDAY, MAR 18

Bridgetown	4:00 PM	David Shackleton by Val Pelly
Kentville	4:00 PM	Intentions of Heidi Elizabeth by Helen Walsh
Digby	6:00 PM	Nellie Corr by Pearl & Peter Janson

SUNDAY, MAR 19

Windsor	8:30 AM	Rocco Napolitano by Jon & Tammy Oulton
Annapolis Royal	9:00 AM	Camille Johnson by Paul & Pam Law
Berwick	9:00 AM	Brian Oliver by Diane Larange
Kentville/Online	10:30 AM	Deceased Members of Kenny Family by Ann Young
Middleton	11:00 AM	Paul Dill by Jim & Joan DeCoste
Weymouth	11:30 AM	Deceased CWL members of St Joseph's Church, Weymouth
Wolfville	12:15 PM	Intentions & Healing of Kelsey by Laura Joyce

Stations of the Cross

Fridays during Lent

3 pm - Annapolis Royal, Bridgetown, Middleton, Weymouth, Windsor

6:30 pm – Berwick

6:30 pm – Kentville ... followed by *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament* (7:15-8:15pm)

7 pm – Digby

For this week only, Stations at Annapolis Royal will be on **Thursday**, March 16 at 3 pm.

Change in Mass Times - effective 14 March 2023

Wednesdays & Thursdays 6:30 pm **Weymouth**

Saturday 6:00 pm **Digby**

Development & Peace News

Week 3: March 12 - Colombia: defence of land and territory

Colombia is home to nearly 10 per cent of the planet's biodiversity, yet it is also one of the most dangerous countries for people defending their land and territory against exploitation. Development & Peace — Caritas Canada's partner, the Asociación Campesina de Antioquia (ACA, Peasant Association of Antioquia) supports peasant communities affected by armed conflict in defending their lives and territories and in building a culture of peace through filmmaking and art. This Lent, meet our solidarity visitor Raquel Soto, a participant in ACA's documentary filmmaking school. Learn more at devp.org/lent.

For **Development & Peace** to have this campaign during Lent is neither a mistake nor simply a coincidence but rather by design. D & P is reminding us of a very important truth: to be a person of faith means that faith must translate into our lives. For the Prophets of the Old Testament, a major theme was that if fasting and worship were to mean anything, they had to be done within the context of **justice** and **charity** (see Isaiah 58:1-9a). A life of piety must include a concern for the **common good**, otherwise it is useless. Faith leads to concern for others and service. Jesus reiterates this theme in Matthew 25 when he reveals the only criterion for entrance into the kingdom of heaven (ie. "*Whatever you did to the least of the brothers and sisters of mine, you did to me*"). ...
Fr. John

Special Envelope Collection: On March 26, there is a special collection envelope for **Development & Peace**. These donations are forwarded to Development & Peace who help the world's most vulnerable populations suffering from injustice, poverty and humanitarian emergencies.

Please consider making a donation to **St Patrick's Community Kitchen** in Digby.

To continue this program, we need your support!

Student Scholarships

Kentville Knights of Columbus - Applications for the **Knights of Columbus State Scholarship** and for the **Kentville Council Scholarship** are available. To obtain an application or to get more information please inquire by e mail at counc5030@gmail.com or dvinters@gmail.com The deadline is April 10.

Middleton Knights of Columbus – Bishop Gallagher Council 6297 have a **student bursary** in the amount of \$500 for a student attending a post-secondary educational institute in the school year 2023-2024. Bursary applicants can also be adult students attending post-secondary institutes. Bursary application closing is May 1st, 2023. For applications in their respective Churches please contact.

Queen of Heaven – Hughie Bagnell 902-680-5238 Email: hughie.bagnell@gmail.com

St. Anthony's – Leon Zwicker 902-389-9747 Email: leon.l.zwicker@gmail.com

St. Monica's – Don Kelly 902- 363-2390 Email: kellydon2019@eastlink.ca

St. Alphonsus – Don Kelly 902-363-2390 Email: kellydon2019@eastlink.ca

Sun. March 12, 2:00pm-4:00pm Open Rehearsal by A Royal Consort, Annapolis Royal's unauditioned community choir, in the Music Room of the Community Hub of its spring concert ("Let's Sing Together"). Director Joanne Buckmaster invites the public to see what happens at a choir rehearsal, perhaps encouraging anyone to join the choir when it performs on May 28 in St. George and St. Andrew United Church. Coffee and cookies will be available at this rehearsal.

Middleton Knights of Columbus will be hosting a **St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Dance** on March 18th, at St. Monica's Hall in Middleton. Corned Beef and Cabbage, or Baked Ham and Scalloped Potato, Dessert is Irish Bread Pudding. Cost is \$20.00. Cash Bar and, Deacon Don and musicians from Men of St. Anthony's singing and playing Irish, Celtic, Atlantic Canada music and more. Mark your calendars; this is going to be an exciting evening of **'Having the craic'** (you guess the meaning)! Call Ray Hull before March 13 to order your food 902-840-3093

Annapolis Royal - St Patrick's Day Irish Stew Dinner – on Friday, March 17 at St. Louis Church Hall. Menu includes Irish Stew, Rolls, Gingerbread with Sauce (Gluten free options available). This will be **Take Out only** (bring your own bags). Pick up between 4:30 – 6:00 pm. Adults - \$15, Under 12 - \$5. Order in Advance at 902-532-0746 or 902-526-0688

Twelve Baskets Food Bank Sunday is next Sunday, March 19 (third Sunday of each month). Please be generous in providing non-perishable items and monetary donations. Cheques can be made payable to Twelve Baskets Food Bank. All items can be placed at the entrance of St Monica's (Middleton) Church or hall.

Paint Class: Middleton Knights of Columbus are holding a paint class at St Monica's in Middleton; on **Saturday, March 25th**, 2023, from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM Maximum 20 participants per class, visiting artist is Kathy Williams. Classes are \$20.00 each, proceeds are designated for Summer Special Olympics in the Annapolis Valley, all supplies are provided. *Children welcome!* There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church and in the hall at St. Monica's.

St. Patrick's Church, Digby is hosting a **Lenten Luncheon** in solidarity with the people of Syria and Turkey. This will be held on **Saturday April 1st at 12noon**. It is a fundraiser for the survivors of the catastrophic earthquakes which struck their countries. We are asking for a free will offering. The meal will consist of a bowl of fish chowder or soup, a roll, and your choice of tea or coffee. There will be a guest speaker, Cathy Radul, who will speak of her experiences travelling abroad to Tanzania and the impact it had on her.

Easter Flowers - If you would like to contribute to the purchase of flowers for Easter, please put in an envelope marked “**Easter Flowers**” and place in the collection basket with your name and envelope number.

Reconciliation (Individual Confession) for Lent

Tuesday, March 28

- St. John (Windsor) 5-7 pm
- St. Patrick (Digby) 4-6 pm

Wednesday, March 29

- St. Joseph (Kentville) 5-8 pm

Thursday, March 30

- St. Monica (Middleton) 5-7 pm

RCIA – Call to Lenten Renewal

David Nuttall of St. Joseph’s (Weymouth) and **Thomas Hampel** of St. Joseph’s (Kentville) participated in the “Call to Lenten Renewal” on Sunday, Feb. 26th. Both men are involved in the RCIA of our parish. They have been baptized in other Christian traditions and are preparing to be Received Into the Catholic Church, Confirmed, and celebrate 1st Communion this Easter.

Please remember them in your prayers!

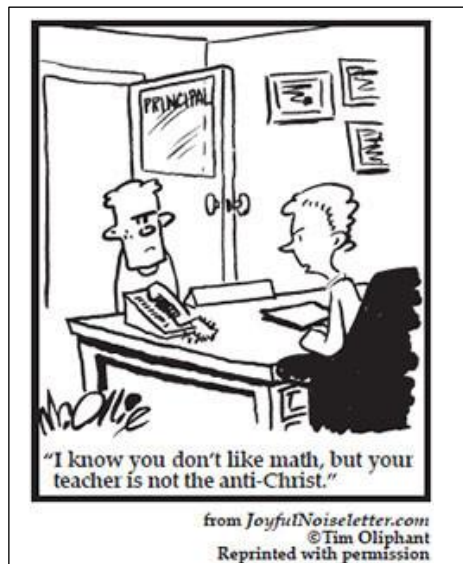
The Attitude of Faith

by Fr. Richard Rohr o.f.m.

Unless we presume that the Lord is speaking right now, how can we believe that he ever spoke? This is the premise on which we’re proceeding: that the Lord is acting and speaking in our lives right now.

To have an attitude of faith is to hear the Lord speaking everywhere and all the time, in the concrete and ordinary circumstances of our lives. Then religion and life have become one, and we are never far from God. That’s why people of faith never grow old and never grow tired. They don’t need signs and wonders, apparitions and visions. God has quietly broken through and stands perfectly revealed in the *now* of things.

- from *The Great Themes of Scripture*



Mosquito Bites

by Fr. Ron Rolheiser o.m.i.

When grace enters, there is no choice – humans must dance.

W.H. Auden wrote those words and, beautiful as they sound, I wish they were true. When grace enters a room we should begin to dance but, sadly, more often than not we let some little thing, some minor mosquito bite, blind us to grace's presence.

I say this with sympathy, not cynicism. We all know how mosquitoes can ruin a picnic. Here's an example: You are celebrating your birthday in your back yard, having a picnic with family and friends. The weather is perfect, the sun is warm, the mood is mellow, and everything around and within you is an invitation to be joyful and grateful. This is "Sabbath" in the biblical sense: You are celebrating life, your birthday. You are healthy, surrounded by family and friends who love you, enjoying leisure, time off the wheel of work, all with good food and good drink. Grace has entered and everything is wonderful, except for one thing, mosquitoes. As dusk begins to take hold they discreetly begin to infiltrate, inflicting a bite here and a bite there until eventually most everyone loses his or her focus and is preoccupied with keeping exposed parts of their flesh under vigilance. Eventually most of the good cheer and the gratitude evaporate and irritation at the mosquitoes effectively ends any inclination to dance. The picnic is brought down by a series of little bites!

We could all recount a hundred kinds of incidences of this sort. Given the complexity and contingency within our everyday lives, mosquitoes of some type are invariably present. There is some rain on every parade, some irritation in virtually every situation in life, and some element challenging pure grace within almost every moment of life. Life rarely comes to us pure, free from all shadow. That's why former spiritualities said that we are "living in this valley of tears". In our lives we never experience a moment of clear-cut, pure, joy. Everything comes with a shadow, a mosquito at the picnic.

And so it is not always easy to dance, even in the clear presence of grace. Mosquito bites can easily cause us to lose perspective, to lose the big picture, the one that would have us see and celebrate grace, even in the face of some minor irritation. A minor irritation can make us lose sight of a huge grace.

Today there is a rich spiritual and psychological literature that challenges us to try to live more fully inside the present moment and not let our heartaches about the past or our anxieties about tomorrow cheat us out of the riches of today. But, as we as know, that is easier said than done. Elements from our past – half-remembered lullabies from childhood, an almost-forgotten face, a past love, an humiliation on the playground deep in our past, a misstep that still haunts us, and thousand other things from our past – impale themselves into our present. And the future, as well, colors our present as we anxiously worry about an impending decision, the meeting we must have tomorrow, what the doctor is going to tell us at our next visit, and how will meet our next mortgage bill. The present moment never comes to us pure.

And yet the challenge remains, an important and healthy challenge: Don't let the mosquito bites within life blind you to the larger presence of grace! One of my favorite spiritual writers, David Steidl-Rast articulates this challenge very strongly, though he does it by emphasizing the positive. Here's an example from his writings: *"You think this is just another day in your life. It's not just another day; it's the one day that is given to you today. It's given to you; it's a gift. It's the only gift that you have right now, and the only appropriate response is gratefulness. If you do nothing else but to cultivate that response to the great gift that this unique day is, if you learn to respond as if it were the first day of your life and very last day, then you will have spent this day very well."*

But that is a grace that does not come easily, it must be fervently prayed for. Mosquitoes will inevitably make their presence known at every picnic in our lives. That's a given. The challenge is to not lose sight of the larger presence of grace because of minor irritations.

And it helps to keep one's sense of humor about this: I was trying to untie my shoe lace yesterday, a simple, rote act that I've performed blindly thousands of times. I tugged on a lace and, given how shoes are tied, it should be impossible for the laces not to open. But somehow a knot appeared instead! How can this happen? The answer lies in a simple, age-old, philosophical axiom: In the world of irritation there are no impossibilities, no limits of finitude, only infinite potentialities.

Small wonder humans don't always dance when grace enters.