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4th Sunday of Lent

March 19, 2023



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**This Week's Readings**

	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
Sun, Mar 19	1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13	John 9:1-41
Mon, Mar 20	2 Samuel 7:4-5, 12-14, 16	Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24
Tues, Mar 21	Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12	John 5: 1-16
Wed, Mar 22	Isaiah 49:8-15	John 5:17-30
Thurs, Mar 23	Exodus 32:7-14	John 5:31-47
Fri, Mar 24	Wisdom 2:1, 12-22	John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Sat, Mar 25	Isaiah 7:10-14, 8:10	Luke 1:26-38

**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](mailto: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 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

### **MONDAY, MAR 20**

Berwick	9:00 AM	Len Stephenson by Colleen Stephenson & John McNeil
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### **TUESDAY, MAR 21**

Kentville	8:30 AM	Audrey Roberts by Elizabeth MacDonald
Digby	6:30 PM	For the Parishioners of Corpus Christi

### **WEDNESDAY, MAR 22**

Kentville	8:30 AM	Bill Harvie by St Joseph's CWL
Middleton	9:00 AM	Intentions of Tom & Lois Porter (L) by Mary Gillis
Weymouth	6:30 PM	Elizabeth & Ernest Tanner by their Children

### **THURSDAY, MAR 23**

Kentville	8:30 AM	Gerry Smolenaars by Martina Smolenaars
Berwick	9:00 AM	Bernie Fitzgerald by Karen & Joseph Heukshorst
Weymouth	6:30 PM	Agnes Boudreau by Herbert Boudreau

### **FRIDAY, MAR 24**

Kentville	8:30 AM	Wayne Comeau by Edna & Clay Moran
Digby	9:00 AM	Wayne Comeau by Andre & June Turcot

### **SATURDAY, MAR 25**

Bridgetown	4:00 PM	Mel Bateman by Jon & Lynn Main
Kentville	4:00 PM	Marie D'Eon by Hubert D'Eon
Digby	6:00 PM	Sue Kavanagh by Anna & Danny Corbett

### **SUNDAY, MAR 26**

Windsor	8:30 AM	Emilier Gaudet by Joan & David Folker
Annapolis Royal	9:00 AM	Frank Pugh by the Parishioners of St Louis
Berwick	9:00 AM	Lorraine Beaton by Judy Knox
Kentville/Online	10:30 AM	Gerard Farrell by Catherine Farrell
Middleton	11:00 AM	Ted Lobres by Gordon MacDonald
Weymouth	11:30 AM	Edward LeBlanc by the family
Wolfville	12:15 PM	Souls in Purgatory by Rosaire Blais

## 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

**Special Envelope Collection:** On March 26, there is a special collection envelope for **Development & Peace** ... helping the world's most vulnerable populations suffering from injustice, poverty and humanitarian emergencies. Please write cheques to *Corpus Christi Parish*.

## Development & Peace News

### Week 4: March 19 - Standing for the Land in Honduras

Honduras's diverse ecosystems, fertile lands and rich natural resources attract many profiteering enterprises that overexploit the land to no benefit for local communities. **Development & Peace** supports *Equipo de Reflexión, Investigación y Comunicación* (ERIC, Reflection, Research and Communication Team), an organization that helps communities in their struggle for land and territory and investigates human rights abuses. This Lent, meet our solidarity visitor Elvin Hernández, a human rights investigator at ERIC. Learn more at [devp.org/lent](http://devp.org/lent).

**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<sup>th</sup>

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

Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>

- St. Joseph (Kentville) 5-8pm

Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup>

- St. Monica (Middleton) 5-7pm

**Ultreya:** An Ultreya will be held at St. Anthony's Church Hall, Berwick on Thursday, March 23 after 9:00 am Mass. Bring a friend and a snack to share. *All are welcome!*

**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.

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

*To continue this program, we need your support!*

## Holy Triduum Schedule

<b>Holy Thursday</b>	7 pm – Weymouth, Middleton, Kentville
<b>Good Friday</b>	1 pm – Bridgetown, Windsor 3 pm – Annapolis Royal, Middleton, Kentville 4 pm – Berwick, Wolfville 6 pm – Digby
<b>Easter Vigil</b>	8 pm – Digby, Berwick, Kentville
<b>Easter Sunday</b>	8:30 am – Windsor 9:00 am – Annapolis Royal, Bridgetown 10:30 am – Kentville 11:00 am – Middleton 11:30 am – Weymouth 12:15 pm – Wolfville

**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 25<sup>th</sup>**, 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**Middleton Corpus Christi Catholic Books & Gifts:** New Book by Matthew Kelly: "Holy Moments: A Handbook for the Rest of Your Life" \$2.00. Also, books by same author: "The Generosity Habit: How Daily Giving Can Change Your Life and Transform the World" ; "Life is Messy"; "I Heard God Laugh"; "Resisting Happiness"; "Rediscover the Saints"; "Rediscover Catholicism"; and "Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic". Available at St. Monica's church hall after Sunday Mass or call Mary Crooks 902-825-6495.

**Tai Chi Classes** – There are classes being held at St Joseph's MP Room, Kentville on Mondays and Thursdays 5:30 – 7 pm. No prior experience necessary. Contact Mitch Tate 902-403-8784 or drop-in.

### **Out of the Mouths of God's Kids ...**

A small girl, the daughter of a radio announcer, was invited to a friend's house for dinner. The hostess invited her to say grace.

The little girl looked at her wristwatch and said, *"This good food, friends, is coming to you through the courtesy of Almighty God!"*

## 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](mailto:counc5030@gmail.com) or [dvinters@gmail.com](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. For applications in their respective Churches please contact.

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## The Eucharist

By Fr. Richard Rohr o.f.m.

The central symbol of Catholicism is the Eucharist. The Church keeps giving the bread of Jesus and saying: *"This is who you are, you become what you eat. You are more one than many. You are one, but you are also broken."* That's the mystery Catholicism constantly celebrates and tries to understand.

I don't think you become Catholic to get mystical, to get metaphysical, to get transcendent, to achieve some kind of nirvana. That might be Buddhist or Hindu holiness; it might be some of the sects and groups today who remind me of unidentified flying objects. That's not Catholic Christianity.

The Catholic understanding of Christianity, at its best, does not emphasize how to get you in the skies, but how to get your feet on the ground, how to get in touch with the real. Truly Catholic Christianity tells us how to get into society, into history, tied to the common good, how to be part of the muddiness and fleshiness of it all. We **eat** the body of Christ; we don't just reflect on his ideas. That's primal, archetypal, transformative energy.

from *Why Be Catholic?*



## HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP LAUNCH!!!

5pm to 7.30pm **Saturday March 25th** - after 4pm Mass.  
St. Joseph's Church (Kentville)

Come begin a journey through the entire Catholic faith in all its richness and vitality. Discover the depths and mystery of Christianity through engaging presentations, captivating discussions, prayer, games and the chance to ask BIG questions.  
With pizza!

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# Living With Less Fear

by Fr. Ron Rolheiser o.m.i.

We live with too much fear of God. This has many faces, from the superstitious fear of the naive, to the legalistic fear of the over-scrupulous, to the intellectual fear of the very sophisticated. In the end, we all struggle to believe that God is the last person of whom we need to be afraid. But in our own ways, we all struggle with fear of God.

There is of course a healthy fear, not just of God but also of anyone whom we love. Scripture tells us that *"fear of God is the beginning of wisdom"*, but fear, in this context, is not understood as fear of punishment or arbitrariness. Fear of God in its healthy sense is basically love's fear, fear of not living with the proper reverence and respect before the one we love, namely, fear of violating love's proper boundaries. But that is not fear of hellfire, as we commonly understand this. Fear is the antithesis of faith and a sign that something is wrong in our love. We aren't afraid of what we love and of what truly loves us.

Everything inside of our Christian faith invites us to move towards God in intimacy rather than in fear. Indeed in virtually every instance in scripture where God appears within ordinary life, either through an angel, a special phenomenon, or through an appearance of the resurrected Christ, the first words are invariably: *"Do not be afraid!"* The soothing of fear, not its intensification, is the normal criterion that the voice we are hearing is coming from love.

With that in mind, I would like to offer ten principles, all rooted in the person and revelation of Jesus, that, hopefully, can be of help in purifying our image of God so that our faith might cast out fear rather than enkindle it.

I begin with a story that, though true, can act as a parable to expose and highlight many of our unconscious fears of God: Fear that God is not as understanding and compassionate as we are. Fear that God is not as big-hearted as we are. Fear that God does not read the heart and cannot tell the difference between wound and coldness, immaturity and sin. Fear that God gives us only one chance and cannot bear any missteps and infidelities. Fear that God doesn't respect our humanity, that God created us in one way but wants us to live in another way in order to be saved. Fear that God is threatened by our achievements, like a petty tyrant. Fear that God is threatened by our doubts and questions, like an insecure leader. Fear that God cannot stand up to the intellectual and cultural scrutiny of our world but somehow needs to be segregated and protected like an over-pious novice. Fear that God is less interested in our lives than we are and less solicitous for our salvation and that of our loved ones than we are. And, not least, fear that God is as helpless before our moral helplessness as we are.

Here's the parable: A number of years ago, I was at the funeral of a young man who had died tragically in a car accident. At the time of his death, on the surface, his relationship to his church and to some of its moral teachings was far from ideal: He was not attending church regularly, was living with his girlfriend outside of marriage, was not much concerned about poor or the larger community, and was, in simple terms, partying pretty hard. But everyone who knew him also knew of his essential goodness and his wonderful heart. There wasn't an ounce of malice in him and heaven would be forever a less-colorful and more impoverished place if he weren't there. At the reception following the church service, one of his aunts said to me: *"He was such a good person, if I were running the gates of heaven, I would certainly let him in."* I assured her that, no doubt, God felt the same way, given that God's understanding and forgiveness infinitely surpass our own.

What are the ten principles inviting us to live in less fear?

1. God's insight and understanding surpass our own.
2. God's compassion and forgiveness surpass our own.
3. God respects nature, our human make-up, and our innate propensities.
4. God is a blessing parent, not a threatening one.
5. God can handle our questions and doubts and angers.
6. God reads the heart and can tell the difference between wound and malice.
7. God gives us more than one chance, opening another door every time we close one.
8. God desires our salvation and the salvation of our loved ones more than we do.
9. God is the author of all that is good.
10. God can, and does, descend into hell to help us.

*"There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love."* 1 John 4, 18