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Palm Sunday

April 2, 2023



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This Week's Readings

	1st Reading	Gospel
Sun, Apr 2	Isaiah 50:4-7	Matthew 26:14 to 27:6
Mon, Apr 3	Isaiah 42:1-7	John 12:1-11
Tues, Apr 4	Isaiah 49:1-6	John 13:21-33, 36-38
Wed, Apr 5	Isaiah 50:4-9	Matthew 26:14-25
Thurs, Apr 6	Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14	John 13:1-15
Fri, Apr 7	Isaiah 52:13 to 53:12	John 18:1 to 19:42
Sat, Apr 8	Genesis 1:1 to 2:2	Matthew 28:1-10

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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?*

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, APRIL 1

Bridgetown	4:00 PM	Rita Herbst by Marcia & Larry Corneal
Kentville	4:00 PM	Intentions of George Lemieux by Joseph Lemieux
Digby	6:00 PM	Bruce Avery by the Avery Family

SUNDAY, APRIL 2

Windsor	8:30 AM	George Carson by Alice Kimball
Annapolis Royal	9:00 AM	Cathy Emin by Pat & Alan Dill
Berwick	9:00 AM	Collins MacLellan by Colette Pellerine
Kentville/Online	10:30 AM	George Pellerin by Dennis & Barb Nash
Middleton	11:00 AM	Paul Dill by Susan Dill & Family
Weymouth	11:30 AM	Daniel LeBlanc by Alvina & Micheal LeBlanc
Wolfville	12:15 PM	Family Intentions by Linda Gordon

MONDAY, APRIL 3

Berwick	9:00 AM	Brian Oliver by Diane Loranger
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TUESDAY, APRIL 4

	12:00 PM	Chrism Mass in Saint Mary's Cathedral Basilica, Halifax
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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

Kentville	8:30 AM	Michael Hann by Theresa Coffeey
Middleton	9:00 AM	Arthur McKenzie Sr by Tom & Peggy Foley
Tideview Terrace	10:30 AM	For the Parishioners of Corpus Christi
Weymouth	6:30 PM	Wayne Hone by a Family member

THURSDAY, APRIL 6

Kentville/Online	7:00 PM	Daniel Moran by Pat Crossman
Middleton	7:00 PM	Intentions of Dax Henson (L) by Susan Dill
Weymouth	7:00 PM	For the Jeddrey Family by Rosetta LeBlanc

Maundy Thursday

FRIDAY, APRIL 7

Bridgetown	1:00 PM	
Windsor	1:00 PM	
Annapolis Royal	3:00 PM	
Kentville/Online	3:00 PM	
Middleton	3:00 PM	
Berwick	4:00 PM	
Wolfville	4:00 PM	
Digby	6:00 PM	

Good Friday

SATURDAY, APRIL 8

Berwick	8:00 PM	Mildred Shipley by Rita & Tony Roefs
Digby	8:00 PM	Patrick McIntyre & Vanessa Genette by Rose, Kim & Ryan McIntyre
Kentville/Online	8:00 PM	Russell Richard by Sonia Gaul

Easter Vigil

SUNDAY, APRIL 9

Windsor	8:30 AM	Germaine DuMesnil by Paul DuMesnil
Annapolis Royal	9:00 AM	Cathy Emin by Eric & Leah Brown
Bridgetown	9:00 AM	Jim Pelly by Val Pelly
Kentville/Online	10:30 AM	John Mroz by McInnis Family
Middleton	11:00 AM	Healing of Judy Doyle by Carolyn Gilbert
Weymouth	11:30 AM	Rick & Gene Weir by Doris Weir
Wolfville	12:15 PM	Maynard Barry by Wayne Barry

Easter

Development & Peace News

Week 6: April 2 – Thank you for giving from the heart to Share Lent 2022!

Development and Peace — Caritas Canada thanks you for supporting the People and Planet First campaign with your Share Lent donation. Your donations will help support our sisters and brothers in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, Latin America and the Middle East. If you have not had a chance to donate, there is still time to place your Share Lent envelope in the offertory or to donate online at devp.org/give. Thank you for continuing to pray for all those who are working to build a world of peace and justice.

Special Envelope Collections: There are 2 special envelope collections during Holy Week. On **Good Friday**, April 7, there is a special collection envelope for **Needs of the Holy Land** ... helping Christians in the Holy Land to support their sanctuaries, help with Pastoral work, Catholic Schools and social assistance. The second one, is the **Easter Offering**, April 9, which is used for the operation of our churches and parish.

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.

1st Reconciliation/1st Communion – if you have a child that is in this age bracket (at least 7 years old – Grade 2) and is interested in celebrating these Sacraments, please let us know. We have lists but we don't want to miss anyone. In some of the churches of our parish, preparation has already begun – in other churches, preparation will begin after Easter.

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.

Marian Prayer Hour (Middleton) All parishioners are warmly welcomed to a **Lenten Marian Prayer Hour** on Saturday, **April 1** at 11:00 am in **St. Monica's church**. This time of peaceful preparation for Holy Week includes the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary and Mary's Way of the Cross, hosted by CWL.

St. Monica's (Middleton) Catholic Women's League welcomes all interested women to our next meeting on Monday, April 3 at 2:00 pm in our church hall. Come and enjoy the companionship of other Catholic women as we learn, laugh, pray, and serve together in many uplifting and meaningful ways. *We look forward to seeing you!*

Chrism Mass - April 4: A friendly reminder that the Chrism Mass is April 4 at 12:00 noon at the Saint Mary's Cathedral Basilica in Halifax. *All are welcome!* Eastlink TV will broadcast the Good Friday Service from the Cathedral at 3:00 pm on April 7. Tune in on Eastlink TV on channel 10 or 610.

St. Joseph's (Kentville) Catholic Women's League 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. The next meeting is on April 12. For more information, please call President Ann Myers at 902-678-3537 or 902-680-8957.

Holy Triduum Schedule

Holy Thursday	7 pm – Weymouth, Middleton, Kentville
Good Friday	1 pm – Bridgetown, Windsor 3 pm – Annapolis Royal, Middleton, Kentville 4 pm – Berwick, Wolfville 6 pm – Digby
Easter Vigil	8 pm – Digby, Berwick, Kentville
Easter Sunday	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

Corpus Christi Books & Gifts: Affordable Children's Books for their Easter Baskets help them to learn the true meaning and joy of the Resurrection of Jesus and to bring this foundational belief and wondrous mystery of our faith into their hearts and minds. Also, Children's Musical CD of Eleven Easter Songs (\$5.95). Available at St. Monica's church hall after Sunday Mass or call Mary Crooks 902-825-6495.



Good Friday Fish Chowder Suppers



Middleton: There will be a Fish Chowder supper at St Monica's following the Good Friday service April 7. It will be a free will offering, with take-out available. All are welcome.

Berwick: A Fish Chowder Supper will be held at St. Anthony's Hall, Berwick on Good Friday, April 7 following the Good Friday 4:00 pm Service. There will be biscuits & rolls, tea & coffee and corn chowder, as an option. A free will offering will be accepted.

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.

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The National Catholic Broadcasting Council which provides **Daily TV Mass** will be providing special features in Holy Week, including **The Passion** According to John with reflections by Thomas Cardinal Collins on Good Friday, April 7, and the **Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary** reflected upon by Sr. Ann, Immaculee of the Sisters of Life on Holy Saturday, April 8. These will be shown at the usual Mass times on Vision TV, Salt & Light Media, JoyTV, and Faith TV.

Organ Concert (Bridgetown) - Michael Gnemmi (organist at St John's) will be performing an organ concert, "Sacred and Silly" on April 21, 2023 at 7:30 pm at the Dawn Oman Art Gallery, 298 Granville Street, Bridgetown. *All are welcome!*

Jesus Suffers For Us and With Us by Barry Mooney – St. Alphonsus (Bridgetown)

"At the Lord's incarnation, He has in a certain way united Himself, Jesus Christ, to every man or woman ever created from the moment of conception. This is so that each person may be able to find Christ, in order that Christ may walk with each person the path of life." - **Redemptor Hominis, 13**

St. Mother Theresa knew this truth with great insight for the poorest of the poor. When she received a suffering person in Calcutta, whether Catholic, Protestant, Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist or no religion, she received them as Jesus in His distressing disguise.

This week we enter into the Lord's Passion, the profound and awesome demonstration of His great love for us. We get to see Jesus, the Son of God and the Son of Man in "His" terrible distressing disguise. *"He had no form or majesty that we should look at Him, nothing in His appearance that we should desire Him."* - **Isaiah 53:2**

By His suffering, He creates the way to transform our sufferings into healing. So in His Passion, He unites everyone's passion with His Passion and they become One Passion. No one suffers alone. Jesus by His choice suffers with us.

In the last few years, I have come to realize that in my sufferings of chronic mental illness, Jesus shares and bears them intimately with me. *"For ours were the sufferings He bore and ours were the sorrows He carried."* - **Isaiah 53** No suffering or sorrow is too small or too great for Jesus to share them with each of us.

In this way, *"We make up what is lacking in the sufferings of Christ."* - **Colossians 1:24** For the sufferings He did not bear in His life directly, He shares them united to us. He has cancer with us and the afflictions of old age with us; each of our unique and individual sufferings and sorrows He bears with us. To accomplish this He shares with us the graces of His Passion. The grace of endurance He shares with us. *"For the joy that was set before He endured the cross, disregarding its shame."* - **Hebrews 12:2**

When we meditate on the suffering of Jesus this week, we remember in His Passion that He also shares the passion of each of us, united as One Passion. In doing this, He will transform our sufferings to good ... for us and for others.



St. Joseph's (Kentville)

Please note the **"Feed the Teens"** box in the church entrance.
We would graciously accept any snacks/gift cards etc. for the high school ministry.

Is God There In the End?

by Fr. Ron Rolheiser o.m.i.

In Brian Moore's recent novel, **No Other Life**, his central character, Michael, is a Roman Catholic priest teaching in one of the schools run by his order in Haiti. Fr. Michael, by every appearance, is a very good priest and a very fine person. He strictly keeps his priestly vows and dedicates himself completely to his vocation. Beyond this selflessness, he is also a model of common sense and fidelity.

At the end of the book, however, when he faces his death, Fr. Michael comes to realization that he does not really believe in God. Interestingly, that realization is, for him, not all that painful and empty. It's more of an insipid thing: "I don't really believe in God and, in the end, it doesn't make all that much difference." He is not haunted by any painful metaphysical questions surrounding this. He doesn't ask: "Why did I do all that service, prayer, and sacrifice, if there isn't any God?" "Why did I think I believed during my whole life, if, now, I realize there isn't any God?" "Is this a test, a dark night of the soul?" He asks no such questions and his bland acceptance of his atheism suggests that he has, at some level, known all along that there isn't any God. He dies an atheist priest, not all that upset about that inconsistency.

That theme, a life of supposed faith washed away by the realization at death that one does not believe in God, is not that uncommon in fiction today. It's a popular theme, worked over especially by post-Catholic writers. Most of these writers, too, unlike an earlier generation of existential authors (Bergman, Camus, Beckett), do not ask too many painful questions about it, this reversal of a death-bed conversion. They take it as natural, almost intimating that everyone, deep down, knows that there isn't any God and that those with real honesty admit it, at least to themselves, in the end.

That's in fiction. Perhaps it's also true for some in real life. Let me here, however, share some non-fiction, some real life:

My father was a man of faith. Like Brian Moore's character, Father Michael, he too lived his life in a pretty selfless manner and he too had pretty good common sense. He lived for his God, his church, his family, and his community. He went to church as often as he could and he prayed. He also made it plain to us, his children, that belief in, and worship of, God was the most important single thing anyone could do in this life. He had his faults, admittedly; but, human weakness notwithstanding, he lived his whole life in the face of his faith.

That faith was to be tested. He was still a relatively young man, 62 years of age, when he was diagnosed with terminal cancer. He fought the cancer, long and hard, just as those clinical books on death and dying prescribe: denial, anger, bargaining. He most desperately wanted to live, but he lost that battle and that struggle tried his faith. Finally, exhausted, he moved to the final stage in the process of dying, acceptance.

Shortly before he died he turned to some of us, his family, and he said: "You know, during my whole life, I have believed in God, but maybe that's easier to do when you aren't facing dying. Now, when I have to face death this squarely, I have to examine that: Do I really believe it?" There was only the slightest of hesitations before he added: "Yes, I believe it. God exists. What the church says is true. There's a whole world beyond this one. I haven't been mistaken. It's all worth it. There is nothing I would change now!"

Hearing those words from your own father, as he lies dying, leaves its mark. Sometimes when I struggle with doubts and questions of faith, I come back to that scene and take consolation, and more than that, from the fact that my own father, a very good man with a lot of common sense, stared the deep darkness, death, in the face with faith in his heart and his faith won the day.

We are given faith by those who have it and those persons are never abstract. They're real. They have names. I was given my faith by my parents, both of whom left this world young, and both of whom left it assuring us, who stayed behind, that the God they had taught us to believe in when we were little, the God who had taught them to accept life both as a celebration and as a mourning and weeping in this valley of tears, is not a figment of some hopeful imagination or some mythical construct that has been socialized into us, but is a real Person who is worth serving both in life and in death.

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