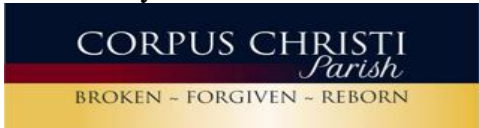




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2nd Sunday of Lent

March 5, 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 5	Genesis 12:1-4	Matthew 17:1-9
Mon, Mar 6	Daniel 9:4-10	Luke 6:36-38
Tues, Mar 7	Isaiah 1:10, 16-20	Matthew 23:1-12
Wed, Mar 8	Jeremiah 18:18-20	Matthew 20:17-28
Thurs, Mar 9	Jeremiah 17:5-10	Luke 16:19-31
Fri, Mar 10	Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28	Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46
Sat, Mar 11	Micah 7:14-15, 18-20	Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

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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, MAR 4

Bridgetown	4:00 PM	Isabel Chisholm by Lynn Main
Kentville	4:00 PM	Alden Young by Joan & Family
Digby	4:00 PM	Frank Mackintosh by his Family

SUNDAY, MAR 5

Windsor	8:30 AM	Nualsri Pimpasuth by Laura Joyce
Annapolis Royal	9:00 AM	Frank Pugh by Eloise Mailman
Berwick	9:00 AM	Warren Herman by Marilyn & Ernie Hatfield
Kentville/Online	10:30 AM	Wilfred Williams by Doris & Family
Middleton	11:00 AM	Roberta Gillcrest by Carolyn Gilbert
Weymouth	11:30 AM	Robinson Family of Hassett by Verna, Bertha, Evonne, Gloria & Florence
Wolfville	12:15 PM	Intentions of Nancy Henry by a Friend

MONDAY, MAR 6

Berwick	9:00 AM	Jim Dorrington by Colleen Stephenson & John McNeil
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TUESDAY, MAR 7

Kentville	8:30 AM	Llyod McCue by Rosary Cenacle
Annapolis Royal	10:00 AM	Frank Pugh by Eric & Leah Brown
Digby	6:30 PM	For a Special Intention by Pamela

WEDNESDAY, MAR 8

Kentville	8:30 AM	St Joseph's CWL
Middleton	9:00 AM	Mary Grant by St Monica's CWL
Weymouth	4:00 PM	Arlene Burton by a Friend

THURSDAY, MAR 9

Kentville	8:30 AM	Daniel Moran by Agnes & Peter Nan
Berwick	9:00 AM	Lionel d'Entremont by Dorothy King
Weymouth	4:00 PM	Marie Dugas by a Friend

FRIDAY, MAR 10

Kentville	8:30 AM	Lawrence Pottie by Hector & Joan Pottie
Digby	9:00 AM	Wayne Comeau by June & Andre Turco

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 the 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

Stations of the Cross

Fridays during Lent – starting Feb 24

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**. These donations are forwarded to Development & Peace who help the world's most vulnerable populations suffering from injustice, poverty and humanitarian emergencies.

Development and Peace News

Week 2: March 5 - The Courage to Create Hope

To delegates at the 4th World Meeting of Popular Movements, Pope Francis said, "... *you have the ability and the courage to create hope where there appears to be only waste and exclusion.*" These are the words that inspired the choice of "Create Hope" as a five-year guiding theme at Development and Peace — Caritas Canada.

The courage to Create Hope is rooted in actions big and small. For to drive away anguish and despair, it is best to act. Every action we take has a positive effect on us, our neighbours, our great human family, our children and their descendants. What will you do this Lent to Create Hope? Join our campaign at devp.org/lent.

Online Courses: *This Lent, why not participate in an online course?*

- 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](https://stpaulcenter.com/holystudy/?utm_source=full_list-holy_study&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=holy_study&utm_content=button-holy_study) 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.

A HUGE THANK YOU to all who supported "Saint Joes Snow Bunnies" in the Coldest Night of The Year Walk. CNOY23. 7 bunnies raised \$4530 for Open Arms! Hope to have many more "HOPPING" next year!

Marian Prayer Hour: Please join us on Saturday, **March 4** at 11:00 am at St. Monica's Church, **Middleton**. In this holy season of Lent, we pray to Our Lady of Sorrows to guide us through our trials, our infirmities, and our uncertainties that we may place our hope and trust in Christ her Son and offer our sufferings to Him for the good of others and the salvation of the world.

Ladies' Prayer Breakfast

You are invited to the Ladies' Prayer Breakfast at **St Anthony's Parish Hall (Berwick)** on Saturday, **March 4** at 9:00-11:00 am (8:30 for set up). This is 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!* 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.

St. Monica's Catholic Women's League (Middleton) - Warm welcome to all CWL Members and women of our parish to the next meeting on Monday, **March 6** at **2:00 pm** in the church hall. Come and enjoy praying, learning, and sharing with other women in a joyful spirit of faith and encouragement.

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. For more information, please call President Ann Myers at 902-678-3537 or 902-680-8957.

St John's, Windsor - We are looking for people to join our **Visitation Ministry** to visit parishioners that are home bound and in nursing homes and provide them with communion. If you want more information or interested in joining, please contact Mary DeCoste 902-472-2587 or marydecoste52@gmail.com

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

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

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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 13th 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

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.

The Season of Lent

The atmosphere of Lent takes on a sombre mood. In parish liturgies the joyous Alleluia and Glory to God are dropped. The penitential colour of purple is prominent in vestments and church decorations.

Fasting and abstinence are often linked together but are two different disciplines. **Fasting** has to do with the quantity of food eaten on particular days (little or none). **Abstinence** refers to the kind of food denied oneself, for example, meat.

Fasting has always been a popular religious practice. Denying oneself a basic human need such as food for a period of time may be done for different reasons: It prepares for a feast. It promotes self-discipline. It supports one's prayers. It cleanses oneself of previous abuses and sins. All of these have been motives for the Lenten tradition of fasting.

The law of "abstinence from meat" binds those who are 14 and older, the law of "fasting" binds those from 18 to 59 years of age. **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday** are days of fasting and abstinence from meat. *(Actually, all Fridays are days of abstinence from meat, but Catholics may substitute acts of charity and piety on this day. At all times, Catholics are encouraged to maintain a fast for a least 1 hour before the reception of Holy Communion during Eucharist.)*

Another motive has always been part of Lenten fasting and abstinence: **almsgiving**, giving to the needy from what has been saved through the discipline of fasting and abstinence, or from one's surplus or substance.

Stations of the Cross

During the time of the crusades (1095-1270), it became popular for pilgrims to the Holy Land to walk in the footsteps of Jesus to Calvary. In the next two centuries, after the Muslims recaptured the Holy Land, pilgrimages were too dangerous. A substitute pilgrimage, the Stations of the Cross, became a popular outdoor devotion throughout Europe during the Middle Ages. They represented critical events from Scripture or tradition of Jesus' journey to Calvary and varied in number from 5 to 20 until the 18th century when Pope Clement XII fixed the number at 14. In the mid-18th century, Stations were allowed inside churches. The Stations became a familiar feature in Catholic churches. In the 1960s, it became popular to add a 15th Station representing the end of the journey: the Resurrection.



One of Isaiah's Visions

by Fr. Ronald Rolheiser o.m.i.

In this life there is no such a thing as a clear cut, pure joy. Everything comes mixed. As Henri Nouwen once put it: Every bit of life is touched by a bit of death. In every satisfaction there is limitation; in every embrace, there is distance; in every success, there is the fear of jealousy; behind every smile, there is a tear; and in all forms of light there is knowledge of the surrounding darkness. When you touch the hand of a returning friend, you already know that he or she will have to leave again, and when you are overwhelmed by the beauty of a sunset, you miss the friend who can not be there with you. Joy and pain are born at the same place within us and we can never find proper words to capture our own feelings.

It is because of this strange paradox, the fact that joy is always mixed with pain, that all the joyful mysteries and events within Christ's life and within our own lives are experienced in such a mixed way.

For example, when the Virgin Mary, a young mother, comes before Simeon in the temple, he looks at her and her child and says: *"This child is destined for the fall and rise of many, a sign that will be contradicted ... and a sword too will pierce your own heart."* An interesting thing to say to a young mother, deep joy and deep pain will come to you because of your child! We have our own experiences of this. Many is the mother who cries at her daughter's wedding, even though it is a joyful occasion. A sword too is piercing her heart. Sensitive people often cry in the face of joy, not just because joy is often too gracious and raw to take, but because its light sends beams into many other places. Simeon understood this; revelation reveals pain even as it brings joy.

Why is this so? Why is it that every time joy reveals itself something painful also pierces the heart?

Revelation means precisely to unveil, to pull off masks, to lay secrets bare, to reveal things hidden, as scripture says, since the foundation of the world. Deep joy is a revelation. It uncovers things and lets us feel things hidden since the beginning of time. Joy is a light and, as a light, it shines into everything, showing us both our glory and our limits. In joy, just as much as in sorrow, we experience what Rahner describes when he says: *"In the torment of the insufficiency of everything attainable, we realize that here, in this life, all symphonies remain unfinished."* Like Nouwen, Rahner too understands that, this side of eternity, there is no such a thing as a joy that comes pure and complete.

But again a series of questions arise: Why? Why does revelation, the truth, which is supposed to set us free, bring pain? Why does the gospel of Christ not bring us what we really want, joy without pain?

These are important questions because how we understand the relationship between joy and pain helps determine how we understand ourselves, happiness, and the gospel. Too often we have the false idea, very prevalent in our culture, that joy and pain are incompatible and that Christ came to rescue us from pain. Our culture tends to believe that if you are in pain you cannot be happy and to be happy you must avoid pain.

Nothing could be further from the truth. Joy and pain are not incompatible and Christ does not, as poor preaching sometimes wants us believe, promise us less pain. The reverse is closer to the truth, though any formula linking joy and pain must be very carefully worded since masochism is always a danger.

Careful wording aside, in this life, joy always comes with pain. Joy and pain both lie at the heart of what it means to be human. In terms of a biblical definition, the human being might well be defined as a being of joy, living in pain. And in the end that is what separates us from the rest of creation. The paradoxical connection between joy and pain, ultimately, points us towards eternity. By revealing to us our limits, it points us towards something greater, God's kingdom, a higher synthesis of love and communion, within which, as the vision of Isaiah has it, there will be satisfaction without limit, embrace without distance, success without jealousy, smiles without tears, reunions without separation, joys without missing your loved ones, and life without death.

What Christ promises us is not a life on this earth without pain, but an eventual joy that will be clear-cut, pure, and which no one or no thing can ever take from us.