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3rd Sunday of Easter

April 23, 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, Apr 23	Acts 2:14, 22-23	Luke 24:13-35
Mon, Apr 24	Revelation 3:7-8, 10-12	John 10:11-16
Tues, Apr 25	1 Peter 5:5-14	Mark 16:15-20
Wed, Apr 26	Acts 8:1-8	John 6:35-40
Thurs, Apr 27	Acts 8:26-40	John 6:44-51
Fri, Apr 28	Acts 9:1-20	John 6:52-59
Sat, Apr 29	Acts 9:31-42	John 6:60-69

Community's Email Addresses

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 St Patrick digby@corpuschristins.ca
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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 22

Bridgetown	4:00 PM	Mel Bateman by John & Linda MacDonald
Kentville	4:00 PM	Stefan Earl Caron by Lynn & Gary
Digby	6:00 PM	Edgar R. Mordes by Jacqueline & Bill Amirault

SUNDAY, APRIL 23

Windsor	8:30 AM	Rocco Napolitano by Donna Boyer
Annapolis Royal	9:00 AM	Frank Pugh by Mary Gilbert
Berwick	9:00 AM	Simon White by Colette Pellerine
Kentville/Online	10:30 AM	Moe Harquail by St Joseph's CWL
Middleton	11:00 AM	Bertha Risteen by Susan Dill & Friends of Bertha
Weymouth	11:30 AM	Adophe Melanson & Jacky Comeau by Joanne & Jerry Belliveau
Wolfville	12:15 PM	Intentions of Joan Carey by Gordon MacDonald

TUESDAY, APRIL 25

Kentville	8:30 AM	Tony Avery by Dennis & Barb Nash
Digby	6:30 PM	Parishioners of Corpus Christi

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26

Berwick	6:30 PM	Intentions of Janet Curran (L) by Marion Hole
Weymouth	6:30 PM	Dorothy & Bernard Cromwell by Valerie Cromwell

THURSDAY, APRIL 27

Kentville	8:30 AM	Intentions of Debbie Scoville by Rose Longley
Weymouth	6:30 PM	Scott Huntley by Betty Rice

FRIDAY, APRIL 28

Berwick	9:00 AM	James Curran by Marion Hole
Digby	9:00 AM	Wayne Comeau by Thru Mary Prayer Group

SATURDAY, APRIL 29

Bridgetown	4:00 PM	Norah Stephen by Her Family
Kentville	4:00 PM	Phyllis Butler by Peter & Agnes Nan
Digby	6:00 PM	Margaret Theriault by Pat Levings

SUNDAY, APRIL 30

Windsor	8:30 AM	Guy K Smith by Mary-Alma Smith
Annapolis Royal	9:00 AM	Cathy Emin by Donald & Barbara Theriault
Berwick	9:00 AM	Francis McNeil by John McNeil & Colleen Stephenson
Kentville	10:30 AM	John Gaudet by Doris Gaudet
Middleton	11:00 AM	Arlene Foley by Tom & Peggy Foley
Weymouth	11:30 AM	Robinson Family from Hassett by Verna, Bertha, Evonne, Gloria & Florence
Wolfville	12:15 PM	Maynard Barry by Wayne Barry

There will be no Daily Mass in St Joseph's, Kentville on Fridays. It is now in Berwick.

The final livestreaming of Mass from St. Joseph's (Kentville) will be this Sunday, April 23rd.

Healing Mass (with the Anointing of the Sick)
Wednesday, April 26th – 6:30pm St. Anthony Church (**Berwick**)

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Traveling Exhibit of over 100 prints featuring different saints
and their quotes relating to **Mary** and the **Rosary**.
Come spend time in the church hall after Mass viewing our calming & peaceful exhibit.
*Sponsored by the **Knights of Columbus** and the **Ave Maria House of Prayer**.*

Ultreya ... will be held at St. Anthony's Church Hall, **Berwick** on Thursday, April 27 at 7pm.
Bring a friend and a snack to share. *All are welcome!*

Silver Rose



Each year, from early March through mid-December, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe is celebrated by a pilgrimage throughout North America. The Silver Rose Program began in 1960, when the first rose – a real, live one – was blessed by a Bishop in Ontario and sent to the Lady of Guadalupe Basilica. Silver Roses are stewarded by Knights of Columbus councils along routes from Canada to Mexico. Every stop the Silver Rose makes throughout the pilgrimage is a rosary-centered occasion for Knights, parishioners, and community members to pray for respect for life, end to abortion, reaffirm dedication to the sanctity of human life, for the spiritual renewal of each nation, and for the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Knights of Columbus, Middleton have been selected to host Our Lady of Guadalupe for a prayer service at St. Monica's Church in Middleton, NS. **April 27 at 6:30 pm**, Fr Michael Walsh presiding. For more information contact: Russ Gaudet 902-717-2859. *All are invited to attend.*

Knight of Columbus, Kentville will also be hosting the **Silver Rose** on Friday, **April 28 at 6:30 pm** at St Joseph's. *All are invited to attend.*

St Anthony's (Berwick) Annual Yard Sale will be held indoors on **Saturday May 6** from 8 am to 1:30 pm. If you have items to donate, drop off will be during the week before the sale. Times will be announced closer to the event. Call John or Elaine for pick up or early storage at 902-847-0480 or leave a message on St Anthony's phone. Please, no electronics.

Christian Concert – North Alton Baptist Church
Sunday, April 23rd, 7-9pm
Featuring Harold Hunt, Matt Lunn & Matt Millett, and Unison
Free-will offering!

Corpus Christi Books & Gifts: Spiritual Classic: "Confessions of St. Augustine" is available for purchase in our store (\$11.95) or on loan from our church library. Also, laminated holy cards of St. Augustine and St. Monica (\$1.75) and Holy Water bottles. Come and browse at St. Monica's church hall after Sunday Mass or call Mary Crooks 902-825-6495.

Help Needed For St. Joseph's, Weymouth

We need someone to help out in the Sacristy, one person in the Sacristy is not enough. We also need 4 more cleaners to help with the cleaning of the church and helpers to help with cleaning the hall after our Social. 2 or 3 more people would really be an asset and it wouldn't fall on the same people all the time. Currently, you clean the church 2 or 3 times a year for 1.5 hr. at a time. The Social is just helping with cleaning afterwards. If you could lend a helping hand with any of these, please contact Joanne Belliveau at 902 837-4934 or e-mail joannebelliveau45@gmail.com or in person at church. *Thank you.*

Baptisms - Water of Life Gushed in Digby

Father Raymond had a busy evening at the Easter Vigil service at St. Patrick's Church, Digby where he baptized eight people. Seven are relatively new to our community, from South Korea. Those baptized included Shinjeong Kwon, Minjae Kim, Sujin Oh, Wonyoung Jung, Jinseo Lee, Hayun Lee, Jihun Yeom, and Maveryck Dugas. Congratulations to all the newly baptized. There will be three more baptisms in the next two months.



Home Visits Berwick area

- If you know of anyone who would appreciate a home visit from our visitation ministry team, please leave a message on the phone at St Anthony's Church, 902-538-3194.

St. Anthony's (Berwick) Ladies Prayer Breakfast

is cancelled in May.

St Anthony's, Berwick

will be delivering 25 boxes (see below) to Chrysalis House in Kentville this week. The boxes are filled with items that were collected during Lent.



Student Bursary

Windsor Knights of Columbus is offering a \$500 Bursary to a student who is normally a resident of the area and is a member of St John's Catholic Church Community. The student must be graduating in the current year from either Avon View High School, Horton District High School or Kings Edgehill School. Applications are available at the back of the church or by sending an email request to keith.aucoin@ns.sympatico.ca. Deadline for submissions is May 20, 2023.

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

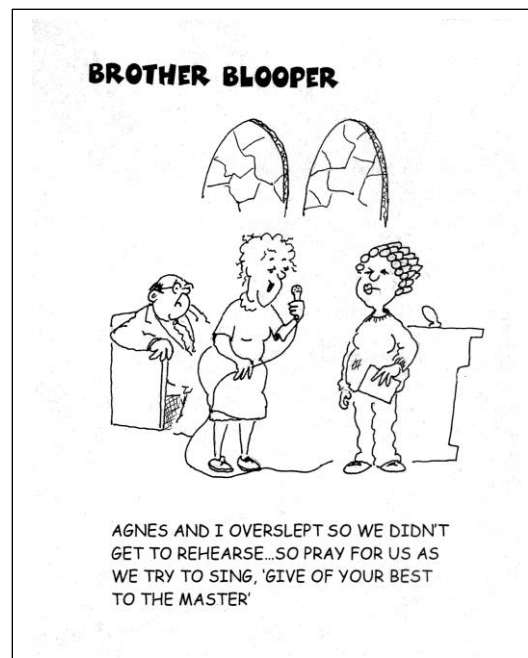
Congratulations are extended to: **Thomas Hampel** (St. Joseph's – Kentville) and **David Nuttall** (St. Joseph's – Weymouth). Both were "Received into the Church" this Easter, and also celebrated Confirmation and 1st Communion. *May we all continue to support & inspire one another!*

1st Reconciliation/1st Communion

Classes for children from Windsor, Wolfville and Kentville will start on
Wed, May 3 at 7 pm in St Francis Hall (Wolfville).

Did You Know?

Date of Easter – Early in Christianity a controversy arose over setting the date of the annual Pascha. Some, called the Quartodecimans (Latin, "fourteenth"), claimed that it should be celebrated annually on the precise date of Jesus' historical Passover: the 14th of Nisan, (first day of the full moon that followed the spring equinox), usually a weekday. Others insisted that it always be on a Sunday, because Christ was raised from the dead on the first day of the week. This controversy was a high priority on the agenda of the Council of Nicea called by Emperor Constantine in 325 AD. The decision was that it be observed on the Sunday following the first full moon after the spring equinox. In the West, only the Celtic church in Britain and Ireland refused to accept the date until 664 AD because of their own Celtic calendar.



by Fr. Ron Rolheiser o.m.i.

God never overpowers, never twists arms, never pushes your face into something so as to take away your freedom. God respects our freedom and is never a coercive force.

And nowhere is this more true than in what is revealed in the resurrection of Jesus. The Gospels assure us that, like his birth, the resurrection was physical, real, not just some alteration inside the consciousness of believers. After the resurrection, we are assured, Jesus' tomb was empty, people could touch him, he ate food with them, he was not a ghost.

But his rising from the dead was not a brute slap in the face to his critics, a non-negotiable fact that left sceptics with nothing to say. The resurrection didn't make a big splash. It was not some spectacular event that exploded into the world as the highlight on the evening news. It had the same dynamics as the incarnation itself: After he rose from the dead, Jesus was seen by some, but not by others; understood by some, but not by others. Some got his meaning and it changed their lives, others were indifferent to him, and still others understood what had happened, hardened their hearts against it, and tried to destroy its truth.

Notice how this parallels, almost perfectly, what happened at the birth of Jesus: The baby was real, not a ghost, but he was seen by some, but not by others and the event was understood by some but not by others. Some got its meaning and it changed their lives, others were indifferent and their lives went on as before, while still others (like Herod) sensed its meaning but hardened their hearts against it and tried to destroy the child.

Why the difference? What makes some see the resurrection while others do not? What lets some understand the mystery and embrace it, while others are left in indifference or hatred?

Hugo of St. Victor used to say: Love is the eye! When we look at anything through the eyes of love, we see correctly, understand, and properly appropriate its mystery. The reverse is also true. When we look at anything through eyes that are jaded, cynical, jealous, or bitter, we will not see correctly, will not understand, and will not properly appropriate its mystery.

We see this in how the Gospel of John describes the events of Easter Sunday. Jesus has risen, but, first of all, only the person who is driven by love, Mary Magdala, goes out in search of him. The others remain as they are, locked inside their own worlds. But love seeks out its beloved and Mary Magdala goes out, spices in hand, wanting at least to embalm his dead body. She finds his grave empty and runs back to Peter and the beloved disciple and tells them the tomb is empty. The two race off together, towards the tomb, but the disciple whom Jesus loved outruns Peter and gets to the tomb first, but he doesn't enter, he waits for Peter (authority) to go in first.

Peter enters the empty tomb, sees the linens that had covered the body of Jesus, but does not understand. Then the beloved disciple, love, enters. He sees and he does understand. Love grasps the mystery. Love is the eye. It is what lets us see and understand the resurrection.

That is why, after the resurrection, some saw Jesus but others did not. Some understood the resurrection while others did not. Those with the eyes of love saw and understood. Those without the eyes of love either didn't see anything or were perplexed or upset by what they did see.

There are lots of ways to be blind. I remember an Easter Sunday some years ago when I was a young graduate student in San Francisco. Easter Sunday was late that year and it was a spectacularly beautiful spring day. But on that particular day I was mostly blind to what was around me. I was young, homesick, alone on Easter Sunday, and nursing a huge heartache. That colored everything I was seeing and feeling. It was Easter Sunday, in spring, in high sunshine, but, for what I was seeing, it might as well have been midnight, on Good Friday, in the dead of winter.

Lonely and nursing a heartache, I took a walk to calm my restlessness. At the entrance of a park, I saw a blind beggar holding a sign that read: It's spring and I'm blind! The irony wasn't lost on me. I was blind that day, more blind than that beggar, seeing neither spring nor the resurrection. What I was seeing were only those things that reflected what was going on inside my own heart.

Christ is risen, though we might not see him! We don't always notice spring. The miraculous doesn't force itself on us. It's there, there to be seen, but whether we see or not, and what precisely we do see, depends mainly upon what's going on inside our own hearts.