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4th Sunday of Easter

April 30, 2023



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This Week's Readings

	1st Reading	Gospel
Sun, Apr 30	Acts 2:14, 36-41	John 10:1-10
Mon, May 1	Genesis 1:26- 2:3	Matthew 13:54-58
Tues, May 2	Acts 11:19-26	John 10:22-30
Wed, May 3	1 Corinthians 15:1-8	John 14:6-14
Thurs, May 4	Acts 13:13-25	John 13:16-20
Fri, May 5	Acts 13:26-33	John 14:1-6
Sat, May 6	Acts 13:44-52	John 14:7-14

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1. Weekly Offertory Envelopes
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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 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

TUESDAY, MAY 2

Kentville	8:30 AM	Rod McInnis from Family
Annapolis Royal	10:00 AM	Cathy Emin by Eloise Mailman
Digby	6:30 PM	Bob Harris by Marion Croft

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

Kentville	8:30 AM	St Joseph's CWL
Middleton	9:00 AM	Intentions of Beverley Slauenwhite (L) by Carolyn Gilbert
Tideview Terrace	10:30 AM	For the Residents of Tideview Terrace
Weymouth	6:30 PM	Intentions for Jerry Belliveau by Patricia Guiffre

THURSDAY, MAY 4

Kentville	8:30 AM	Jean Stevenson by Dennis & Barb Nash
Weymouth	6:30 PM	Robinson Family from Hassett by Verna, Bertha, Evonne, Gloria & Florence

FRIDAY, MAY 5

Berwick	9:00 AM	Souls in Purgatory by Helen Walsh
Digby	9:00 AM	Parishioners of Corpus Christi Parish

SATURDAY, MAY 6

Bridgetown	4:00 PM	Valerie Mitchell by Patsy Sabeau & Family
Kentville	4:00 PM	Jack MacDougall by his Children
Digby	6:00 PM	Margaret Theriault by Marion Croft

SUNDAY, MAY 7

Windsor	8:30 AM	Fr John Palmer by Owen & Janice Stephens
Annapolis Royal	9:00 AM	Philip Gallagher by Paul & Pam Law
Berwick	9:00 AM	Bernard Fitzgerald by his Lillian & Bernie Jr
Kentville	10:30 AM	Doris Dandurand by Doris
Middleton	11:00 AM	Intentions of Marilyn Harry (L) by Carolyn Gilbert
Weymouth	11:30 AM	Mildred Shipley by Marion & Greg MacDonald
Wolfville	12:15 PM	Healing of Pat Walker by Tom & Peggy Foley

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

There will be no more livestreaming of Mass from St. Joseph's (Kentville).

1st Reconciliation/1st Communion

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

Yard Sales

St Anthony's (Berwick) will hold their Annual Yard Sale indoors on **Saturday May 6** from 8 am to 1:30 pm. If you have saleable items you would like to donate, they may be dropped off Monday - Thursday May 1st to the 4th from 4-8 pm and Friday May 5 from 10 am – 6 pm. For early pick up or drop off, please contact Elaine or John at 902-847-0480 or 902-698-1206. Please contact the above for help with clean up and assisting during the yard sale hours. There will be a canteen - hot dogs, tea, coffee, pop, sweets for lunch.

St John's (Windsor) – Knights of Columbus will be hosting their Annual Yard Sale on **Saturday, May 6** in the Hall from 8:30 am – 11:30 am. Donated items can be dropped off at the Hall on Friday, May 5 from 1-4 pm and 7-8 pm. For pick-up, please call 902-798-7168 or email keith.aucoin@ns.sympatico.ca. Your support for donations or purchases would be gratefully appreciated.

St. Monica's (Middleton) - Catholic Women's League will hold its Annual Yard Sale in our church hall on **Saturday, May 20** from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. There will be lots of choices for men, women, and children. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Marion Hole (902-765-4435) or Mary Crooks (902-825-6495). Thank you!

St Joseph's (Kentville) will be holding a Yard Sale on **Saturday, June 3** from 9 am – 2 pm. A team will be available on May 20 from 9 am – 12 pm to accept donations in the Multi-Purpose Room. If this time is inconvenient, you can call Andrew 902-321-8109 or John 902-385-4500 and make an appointment to drop off items. Funds raised will go to Valley Connect Outreach.

St. Anthony's (Berwick) Ladies Prayer Breakfast is cancelled in May.

St. Monica's Catholic Women's League invites interested women to our meeting on **Monday, May 8** at 2pm in our church hall to enjoy learning, praying, and Living our Catholic Faith together. Our guest Elizabeth Llewellyn from Middleton Library will join us for conversation about libraries as a hub of learning, literacy, creativity, and accessibility for all ages, as well as a haven of hospitality and belonging where you are welcomed with a smile and called by name. Come and hear about the expanding free services and workshops and how we can encourage them.

Corpus Christi Books & Gifts: Spiritual Classic: "Abandonment to Divine Providence" by Fr. Jean Pierre de Caussade (\$6.00). For 250 years, this Catholic classic has guided saints and souls to learn to live with trust and openness to God in the present moment of our ordinary lives. Come and browse at St. Monica's church hall after Sunday Mass or call Mary Crooks 902-825-6495.

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.

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. At this time, 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.*

Catechetics Registration

May is registration month for **2023-2024 Catechetics - Kentville, Wolfville, and Windsor** are starting an exciting new catechetical program next fall! We need to order the materials for next fall in June, so **May is registration month** for ALL ages for the coming year. You can fill out a form in your church and place it in the offering, contact the church office or email the Kentville liaison at kentville@corpuschristins.ca.

For each child, we need the following information:

Child's name and birthday	Child/Youth Grade in 2023/2024
Parent(s) name(s) and address	Sacraments Received
Phone number & Email	Church Attending

Please check off each item below that your child is familiar with now:

Prayer Bible stories Does he/she own a Bible? Has she/he attended catechetical classes previously?

Catechistic Volunteers Needed - May is also catechist recruitment month. We need catechists from Kentville, Wolfville, and Windsor. We hope to offer the new catechetics course for every grade but how much we can offer depends on how many of you volunteer to be catechists and share your faith with the younger generation. We also need a second responsible ministry checked person for each classroom so if you will offer to just be present in the classes, that will be wonderful and so helpful. You will be a praying presence in the room. We will be offering training with the new materials for the catechists and have experienced teachers available to help with any questions you may have. You will be supported in this. Please contact us for an inspiring volunteer time to help spread your faith in Jesus Christ. You can leave your contact info at the office or email the Kenville liaison at kentville@corpuschristins.ca

Father John M. Palmer - Obituary (former parishioner of St. John the Evangelist, Windsor)

Fr John Palmer was born in Windsor, NS in October of 1941 and died on April 2, 2023 in Arlington Heights, Illinois. Fr. John grew up here in Windsor, NS, graduated from Windsor Academy and then attended Acadia University, graduating with a Bachelor of Music in Organ in 1964. He subsequently joined a religious order, the Clerics of St. Viator, in Chicago, completing his Seminary studies in Washington, D.C. He was ordained to the Priesthood at St. John the Evangelist Church in Windsor on January 2, 1971, by Archbishop James Hayes. Fr. Palmer also continued his musical studies in Chicago, obtaining an MA in Music from Northwestern University as well as diplomas from other Institutions. He spent the bulk of his career in the Chicago area, primarily teaching Organ and related studies at Benedictine University in Lisle as well as assisting with sacramental ministry at a parish on weekends for more than thirty years. He gave Organ recitals in Europe, the US and Canada, regularly performing in Toronto, and was an examiner for the Royal Conservatory. A Funeral Mass and Interment took place in Chicago on April 5.

Student Bursary

St John's (Windsor) Knights of Columbus is offering a \$500 **Student 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.

Volunteers - St Joseph's Cemetery (Kentville) – The cemetery located next to St. Joseph's needs some TLC. We are looking for volunteers to assist the Knights of Columbus in grass cutting, whipper-snipping, raking and general clean up. If you can assist, please leave a message at the church office, or call, Andrew Vinters (902-321-9267) or John Boulter (902-385-4500).

This notice was approved by the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia

NOTICE OF SETTLEMENT IN CLASS ACTION

To all individuals who were sexually abused by a priest of the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of Halifax or Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of Yarmouth between April 14, 1954 and March 31, 2020 and have not previously settled or otherwise released either the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of Halifax or Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of Yarmouth.

The Court has approved a settlement which provides compensation to eligible class members who file a claim for sexual assault and meet the requirements of the claims process.

If you opted out of the class action, the settlement will not impact you.

If you are part of the lawsuit as a Class Member, you can submit a claim for a payment of money as compensation. The amount of money that you may receive will depend on the specifics of the claim you submit. The potential amount of money to be paid to a Class Member whose claim is accepted will likely range from \$30,000 to \$350,000.

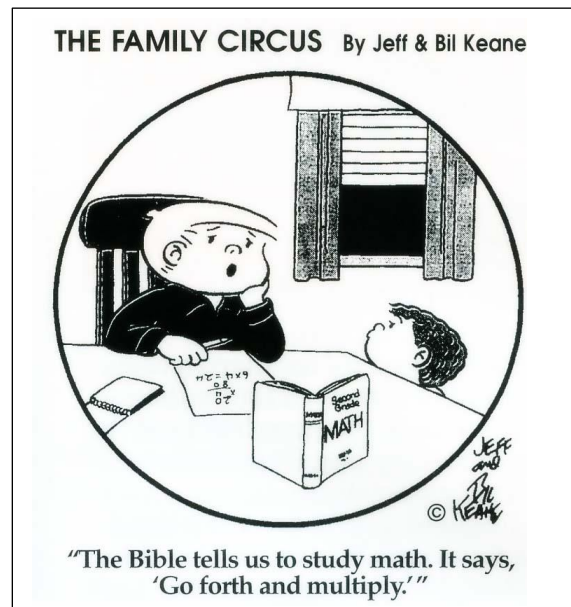
For further information, visit <https://kmlaw.ca/cases/catholic-priest-sexual-abuse-class-action/> or call 1-833-630-1785, or email catholicabuseclassaction@kmlaw.ca.

You must submit your claim for compensation before December 14, 2023. If you do not submit your claim for compensation before December 14, 2023, you will lose your right to compensation.

Did You Know?

Name of Easter

In almost every language except English, the name for this annual memorial of the resurrection is some form of the word "Passover" (for example, from the Hebrew Pesach, "Passover"). When Christianity arrived in the north countries, its springtime celebration of the resurrection received a new name from the Teutonic people, a name used today by English-speaking people: Easter. At one time it was thought that this name came from an Anglo-Saxon spring goddess, Eostre. This is how Venerable Bede (d. 735 AD) explained it. However, there is doubt that such a goddess ever existed. A better explanation lies in people's misunderstanding of a Latin phrase for Easter Week, week "in white vestments" or garments of the newly baptized (in albis), thinking it was the plural of alba in the Latin idiom for "dawn". This was translated in the Old High German as eostarum. Regardless of the exact origin of the term, the symbolism remains: Christ is the sun that rises at the dawn – in the east.



Willpower Alone Is Not Enough

by Fr. Ron Rolheiser o.m.i.

John Shea once wrote a haunting poem about John the Baptist. The poem begins with the Baptist in prison, hearing the dancing above his head and knowing that this is soon to culminate in his being beheaded. Strangely, he's not too upset. Herod is about to give Herodias' daughter half his Kingdom and John feels that he might as well die in the bargain, given that he's only half a man. Why does he feel only half a man? Because, as the poem puts it, he's only a half-prophet who can only do a half-job. Thus thinks the Baptist:

I can denounce a king, but I cannot enthrone one.
I can strip an idol of its power, but I cannot reveal the true God.
I can wash the soul in sand, but I cannot dress it in white.
I can devour the word of the Lord like wild honey, but I cannot lace his sandal.
I can condemn sin, but I cannot bear it away.

Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

John the Baptist is aware of both his strength and his impotency. He can point out what's wrong and what should be done, but after that, he's helpless, with nothing to offer in terms of the strength needed to correct the wrong.

In essence, that's what we bring to any situation when we criticize something. We are able, often with brilliance and clarity, to show what's wrong. That contribution, like John the Baptist's, is not to be undervalued. The gospels tell us that, next to Jesus, there isn't anyone more important than John the Baptist. But, like John, criticism too is only a half-job, a half-prophecy: It can denounce a king, by showing what's wrong, and it can wash the soul in sand, by blasting off layers of accumulated rust and dirt, but ultimately it can't empower us to correct anything. Something else is needed. What?

Anyone who has ever tried to overcome an addiction can answer that question. A clear head, a clear vision of what's to be done, and a solid resolution to leave a bad habit behind is only a half-job, a first step, an important one, but only an initial one. The tough part is still ahead: Where to find and how to sustain the strength needed to actually change our behaviour and give up a bad habit? Anyone who has ever given up an addiction will tell you that, in the end, they didn't do it by willpower, or at least certainly not by willpower alone. **Grace** and **community** were **needed** and they were what ultimately provided what **willpower alone could not**.

At one point in the gospels, Jesus tells his disciples that it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of heaven. The disciples are stunned and Peter responds by saying: If that is the case than it is impossible! Jesus appreciates that response and adds: It is impossible for humans, but not for God. Anybody who is in recovery from an addiction knows exactly what Jesus means by that. They've experienced it: They know that is impossible for them to give up the object of their addiction – and yet they are giving it up, not by their own willpower, but by some higher power, grace.

The gospels speak of this as a baptism and they speak of two kinds of baptisms: the baptism of John and the baptism of Jesus, adding that John's baptism is only a preparation for Jesus' baptism. What's John's baptism? It's a baptism of repentance, a realization of what we are doing wrong and a clear resolution to correct our bad behaviour. What's Jesus' baptism? It's an entry into grace and community in such a way that it empowers us internally to do what is impossible for us to do by our willpower alone.

But how does this work? Is grace a kind of magic? No. It's not magic. All psychic, emotional, and spiritual energy is, by definition, beyond a simple phenomenological understanding. Simply put, that means that we can't lay out its inner plumbing. There's a mystery to all energy. But what we can lay out empirically is its effect: spiritual energy works. Grace works. This has been proven inside the experience of thousands of people (many of them atheists) who have been able to find an energy inside them that clearly does not come from them and yet empowers them beyond their willpower alone. Ask any addict in recovery about this.

Sadly, many of us, who are solid believers, still haven't grasped the lesson. We're still trying to live out our lives by John's baptism alone, that is, by own willpower. That makes us wonderful critics but leaves us mostly powerless to actually change our own lives. What we are looking for, and desperately need, is a deeper immersion into the baptism of Jesus, that is, into community and grace.

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