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Pentecost Sunday

May 28, 2023



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This Week's Readings

	1st Reading	Gospel
Sun, May 28	Acts 2:1-11	John 20:19-23
Mon, May 29	Genesis 3:9-15, 20	John 19:25-34
Tues, May 30	Sirach 35:1-12	Mark 10:28-31
Wed, May 31	Zephaniah 3:14-18	Luke 1:39-56
Thurs, June 1	Sirach 42:15-25	Mark 10:46-52
Fri, June 2	Sirach 44:1, 9-13	Mark 11:11-26
Sat, June 3	Sirach 51:12-20	Mark 11:27-33

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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?*

Tuesday of each week: Scripture Reflection on the readings for the following Sunday and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

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, MAY 27

Bridgetown	4:00 PM	Rita Herbst by Patsy Sabean
Kentville	4:00 PM	George Carless by St Joseph's CWL
Digby	6:00 PM	Wendy James by Marsha Thibideau

SUNDAY, MAY 28

Windsor	8:30 AM	Bernadette Giovanazzi by Terry & Eleanor McKiel
Annapolis Royal	9:00 AM	Cathy Emin by Eloise Mailman
Berwick	9:00 AM	Ron Lively by Tony & Rita Roefs
Kentville	10:30 AM	Rudy Pierrynowski by Donna Boyer
Middleton	11:00 AM	Janice Mac Donald & Bruce Emin on their upcoming Wedding
Weymouth	11:30 AM	Shannon Bright by Alfie & Sharon Bright
Wolfville	12:15 PM	Souls in Purgatory by Wayne Barry

TUESDAY, MAY 30

Kentville	8:30 AM	Franics MacIsaac by Barbara Montford
Digby	6:30 PM	For the Parishioners of Corpus Christi

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31

Kentville	8:30 AM	Bill Clahane by St Joseph's CWL
Weymouth	6:30 PM	Francois Herbert Boudreau by SF Conseil Sigogne Chevalier de Columb

THURSDAY, JUNE 1

Kentville	8:30 AM	Maynard Barry by Wayne Barry
Weymouth	6:30 PM	Robinson Family from Hasset by Verna, Bertha, Evonne, Gloria & Florence

FRIDAY, JUNE 2

Berwick	9:00 AM	Souls in Purgatory
Digby	9:00 AM	Wendy James by The Thru Mary Prayer Group

SATURDAY, JUNE 3

Bridgetown	4:00 PM	Joanne Sabean by Patsy Sabean & Family
Kentville	4:00 PM	Doris Dandurand from sons, Bruce, Mark & Paul
Digby	6:00 PM	Herbie Boudreau by Rick & Louise

SUNDAY, JUNE 4

Windsor	8:30 AM	Brady Richard by Wanda Zwicker
Annapolis Royal	9:00 AM	Cathy Emin by Mary & Nick McEachern
Berwick	9:00 AM	Bernard Fitzgerald by his Grandchildren
Kentville	10:30 AM	Joe Melanson by Doris Pasley
Middleton	11:00 AM	Roberta Gillcrist by Tom & Peggy Foley
Weymouth	11:30 AM	Millie Blinn by Greg & Marion MacDonald
Wolfville	12:15 PM	Daniel Moran by Dennis & Barb Nash

No Weekday Mass in Middleton this week, Fr. Michael Walsh is on retreat.

Catechetics Registration – Entire Parish

We are asking everyone to register now for catechetics as decisions for next fall will be based on the registrations we receive now. You can register at kentville@corpuschristins.ca.

May is registration month for **2023-2024 Catechetics**. The Parish will be 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 local church and place it in the offering, contact the Kentville church office 902-678-3303 or email the Kentville Liaison kentville@corpuschristins.ca

For each child, we need the following information:

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

Catechistic Teachers/Volunteers Needed - May is also catechist recruitment month. We need catechists from each church. 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 Kentville office 902-678-3303 or email the Kentville Liaison kentville@corpuschristins.ca

Canting & Music (Wolfville) Volunteers are needed for canting and music leadership at St. Francis Church. Mass time is Sundays at 12:15. If interested please contact harbersnancylee1@gmail.com or wolfville@corpuschristins.ca.

St Anthony's (Berwick) Needs You! To keep the lawns and gardens looking up to standard please join our team! Just sign up for whatever you can give. There's all the equipment available and in good working order. Contact George Floris at 902-538-9135

St Joseph's (Kentville) The Knights of Columbus are seeking people to help the lawn mowing and yard maintenance around the church and rectory. Please contact Andrew Vinters (902-321-8109) or John Boulter (902-385-4500) if you are interested in helping out.

Parking at St Francis (Wolfville) - Did you know that you cannot park on bicycle lanes in the Province of Nova Scotia? The Nova Scotia's Motor Vehicle Act made it illegal to park on bicycle paths back in December of 2010. The penalties for parking in a bicycle lane are a Category A (including all court costs) offence: 1st offence \$138.96; 2nd offence \$167.71; 3rd offence \$225.21. At St. Francis, Wolfville, the bike lane runs parallel to the church. We checked with the Town of Wolfville and were told that parking on the west side of Maple Avenue during Mass time would be acceptable.

Yard Sales

St Joseph's (Kentville) will be holding a Yard Sale on **Saturday, June 3** from 9 am – 2 pm. Donations can be dropped off during office hours. 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 Patrick's (Digby) We will be having a plant, bake and yard sale at St Patrick's Church Hall, Digby on **Friday June 2** from 5 - 8 pm and **Saturday June 3** from 9 am – 1 pm. If you have any items you would like to donate, please drop them off at the church hall from 1 - 4 on Thursday, June 1. No electronics please.

Baby Bottle Campaign

The **Valley Care Pregnancy Centre (Kentville)** & the **Tri-County Pregnancy Care Centre (Yarmouth)** are local Christian Missions ministering throughout the Annapolis Valley and Yarmouth area. Churches partner together to share the grace and truth of Jesus with young women and men facing life and death decisions. This mission is active in ministering to needy women and men facing crisis pregnancies, struggling with parenting and bringing healing to those suffering deep regret after an abortion. These Pregnancy Centres offer ongoing support, counselling, material aid, love, and the Gospel of Jesus Christ to everyone who needs help. It is the goal of this mission to save lives, see hearts turn to faith in Jesus and be connected to the local church.

This **Baby Bottle Campaign** is one way we can all work together to pray, raise awareness in the community and supply practical support for these Moms, Dads and Babies in need. It's really simple. Just take a baby bottle home, pray for this mission and over the next few weeks put a donation of cash or cheque in the bottle and **return it to church** on Father's Day, **Sunday, June 18**. Please write cheques to *Valley Care Pregnancy Centre or Tri-County Pregnancy Centre*.

It's a simple and effective way to make a powerful impact for the Gospel here in our own backyard. Together, we can make a big difference. By this time next year, a baby will be born who would not have existed if it were not for your support. Thank you.

The Men of St Anthony's and Friends - Concerts

Concert Dates

May 28, Sunday, North Alton Church 7 PM

June 4, Sunday, St. Anthony Church, Berwick 7PM

June 11, Sunday, Waterville Baptist Church 7 PM

International Exhibition of the Blessed Virgin Mary - The Knights of Columbus – Bishop Gallagher Council 6297 and the Ave Maria Virtual House of Prayer are very happy to present the International Exhibition of the Blessed Virgin Mary on **Sunday, May 28** following the regular 11 am Mass at **St. Monica's**, Middleton. The Exhibition is set up in the Hall. You are all invited to come into the Hall and encounter the Spiritual Beauty of the Holy Rosary International Exhibition and experience the Promises of Heaven. Freewill offering barbecue to follow, weather permitting.

Concert (Annapolis Royal) - Sunday May 28: **A Royal Consort**, a community-based choir in Annapolis Royal directed by Joanne Buckmaster, accompanied by Beth Cranston, presents Let's Sing Together, its annual spring concert of sacred and secular selections in St. George and St. Andrew United Church, Annapolis Royal at 3:00 pm. Cost of tickets is \$12.00 with children under 12 admitted free. An open reception will be held in the church hall following the concert.

Concert (Middleton) - Wednesday May 31: **Middleton Choral Society**, directed by Andrew Cranston, accompanied by Beth Cranston, presents Lay Your Heart Down, a spring concert of joyful and uplifting music in Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Main Street, Middleton at 7:30 pm. Cost of admission is \$15.00, with a door prize to be awarded during the concert. An open reception will follow the concert.

Stage Prophets Play Come see Stage Prophets 20th Anniversary Production "**Jesus Christ Superstar**" on **June 2-4** at Acadia Arena. Tickets can be purchased from Acadia Box Office 902-542-5520 or 1-800-542-8425 or online <https://acadiu.universitytickets.com>

St. Monica's CWL extends our gratitude to all who donated, volunteered, and attended our Annual Indoor Charity Yard Sale which abounded in a joyful spirit of goodwill, wholesome fun, and warm hospitality for our parish and community. We were pleased to welcome men, women and children of all ages. Thank you to the Knights of Columbus who added a tasty barbecue. We are already looking forward to next year, so if you are interested in donating items or volunteering, please talk with Marion Hole (902-765-4435) or Mary Crooks (902-825-6495). Thank you and God bless!

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.

The World Priest Global Rosary Relay for the Sanctification of Priests is on **June 16** (Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus). On this day, the entire world is praying for our priests. Would you please offer your Holy Rosary on this day in thanksgiving and for the sanctification of our beloved priests. Please spread the word. People can pray as individuals, families or in prayer groups. Our priests need and deserve our prayers. As participants from Canada, we can storm heaven with our heartfelt prayers.

Reminder that all Corpus Christi Parish Churches are 'Scent Free'.

Flocknote – If you or someone you know is having issues with Flocknote, such as not receiving our emails, bulletins, etc, please contact the Kentville office at 902-678-3303 or parishoffice_kentville@corpuschristins.ca. Often it is a quick fix on our end if you have already looked in your Junk/Spam Folders and the emails are not there.

Did You Know?

Pentecost - The Easter Season lasts for 50 days, ending with Pentecost (Greek pentekoste, “fiftieth”). Ranking second only to Easter, the feast of Pentecost must be understood in the context of the Jewish feast by the same name. Its other name in Jewish tradition is Feast of Weeks, a full season of 7 weeks of thanksgiving beginning with Passover Sabbath (see Tobit 2:1, 2 Maccabees 12:32). This prolonged festival celebrated the theme of harvest and thanksgiving. It evolved before the time of Christ into a memorial of the covenant and, by 300 AD, a memorial of the giving of the Law.

By the end of the 2nd century, Christians were observing a similar 50-day festival of rejoicing after the annual Pascha. People prayed standing, and fasting was prohibited. It seems that originally the followers of Jesus continued to observe the Jewish festival, a time of “first fruits” (see 1 Corinthians 16:8, 15:20,23) rather than a distinctly new theme. During these weeks, fasting and kneeling were forbidden because of the joyful experience of resurrection.

By the late 4th century, the feast of the Ascension was some celebrated in some parts of the church on the 40th day after Easter (see Acts 1:3, 9-11). Originally, this mystery of the ending of Jesus’ visible presence among his followers seems to have been observed as part of the outpouring of the Spirit on the 50th day, or Pentecost. For the first time, the original 50-day festival was broken.

Pentecost itself closes out the Easter season. It celebrates the overwhelming experience of God pouring out the Spirit upon the first community of those who believed Jesus was Lord and Christ (see Acts 2:1-4). Pentecost is called, therefore, the birth of the church or the birth of the church’s mission.

The colour of vestments and decorations is red. It symbolizes the intense love and fire of the Holy Spirit. Other symbols of the Pentecost event are the dove (see Luke 3:21-22), the tongues of flame (see Acts 2:1-4), and wind (see Acts



Our Parish deserves a big pat on the back!

A hugely successful project saving literally hundreds of abandoned and lost children in India is now in its 13th year, and it was all started right here, in our parish, by folks from St. Anthony's (Berwick), St. Lawrence (Canning), St. Francis (Wolfville), St. John the Evangelist (Windsor), St. Joseph (Kentville) and St. Ambrose Co-Cathedral (Yarmouth) and then joined by others in Antigonish and Cape Breton. Nova Scotia thus became a founding member of an international ecumenical 'triangle', joining small clusters of supporters in Belgium and in Spain.

The Challenge: Veranasi is a holy Buddhist city in northern India and a major focus of Pilgrimage; as a result, it has 5 huge train stations with more than 200 trains arriving daily unloading tens of thousands of pilgrims! In the midst of such confusion, children sometimes get separated from their parents, and lost. They might be 4 or 5, grade school age, pre-teens, teenagers... 'street kids' we would call them...left entirely on their own. For food they beg or do little jobs cleaning the train cars at the stations. Exhausted, they camp in nearby alleys or streets or in the trains in the RR yard. These 'Railway Children' lead a precarious and dangerous life.

The response: 14 years ago, Fr. Abhishiktanand ("Fr. Abhi"), an Indian Catholic priest, was sent to Nova Scotia to learn about Co-ops at the Coady Institute. There he met folks from the Valley, and came here to rest before returning home. Fr. Larry Pitcher accompanied him back to Veranasi, where they met Sr. Molly Pezhathinkal ("Sr. Manju") trying to help lost kids at one of the RR stations. Together they developed the idea of getting ahold of a space where those kids could sleep safely at night, and the on-going project of acquiring and running a 'Safe House' for the Railway Children of Veranasi was born. *(Fr. Abhi is presently visiting NS and will concelebrate Mass with Fr. John this weekend in Kentville).*

The Project has been going on now for over 13 years. Sometimes, after sheltering the children, they have been able to locate their families and reunite them. [They have become so skilled at this that now the police bring lost kids to them!] Sometimes they can find a family who will shelter them and arrange legal adoption. Sometimes the children become part of the 'family' living at the large Safe House which our offerings have provided. At any given time, it is home to 30+ girls; boys are housed separately with local supporters. Most of these children have never had a chance to go to school! [There are public schools in the area, but children have to have the money for their uniforms, books, supplies and lunches in order to attend.] We take care of all that, and safely get them there as well. It has been a huge success. One of the 1st girls to stay at the House in is now a fully registered nurse, and another is now in nursing school. To provide such an opportunity to an 'outcast' girl in India is a pearl beyond price.

Over the past decade, Nova Scotians have given \$345,000 to help Fr. Abhi and Sr. Manju get ahold of a large, solid house, hire wonderful staff and keep this dream alive. The work goes on; meanwhile, Fr. Abhi is with us for a week of much-needed rest. PS: The Bishops of Antigonish and Halifax-Dartmouth are both very supportive of their project.

A Nova Scotia Non-Profit Society, **Canadians for the Railway Children of India** (often known as **CRCIS**) operates to collect funds and transfer them safely and transparently to India. Note: The Society is not registered with Revenue Canada, and cannot issue income tax receipts.

- Submitted by Joe Foy

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