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Holy Trinity Sunday

June 4, 2023



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This Week's Readings

	1st Reading	Gospel
Sun, June 4	Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9	John 3:16-18
Mon, June 5	Tobit 1:3, 2:1-8	Mark 12:1-12
Tues, June 6	Tobit 2:9-14	Mark 12:13-17
Wed, June 7	Tobit 3:1-11, 16-17	Mark 12:18-27
Thurs, June 8	Tobit 6:10-11; 7:1,9-17; 8:4-9	Mark 12:28-34
Fri, June 9	Tobit 11:5-17	Mark 12:35-37
Sat, June 10	Tobit 12:1, 5-15, 20	Mark 12:38-44

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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, 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
Digby	4:00 PM	For All the Children of the World

TUESDAY, JUNE 6

Kentville	8:30 AM	Doris Dandurand from Martina Smolenaars
Annapolis Royal	10:00 AM	Cathy Emin by Parishioners of St Louis
Digby	6:30 PM	Regina Jordan by Pat Levings

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7

Kentville	8:30 AM	Rudy Pierrynowski by Jon & Tammy Oulton
Middleton	9:00 AM	Paul Dill by Jim & Joan DeCoste
Tideview Terrace	10:30 AM	Special Family intention by a Parishioner of St Patrick's
Weymouth	6:30 PM	Catherine Robicheau by Larry Robicheau

THURSDAY, JUNE 8

Kentville	8:30 AM	Armand & Rolande Blais by Rosaire Blais
Weymouth	6:30 PM	Chester Melanson by Helen, Julie & Malcolm

FRIDAY, JUNE 9

Berwick	9:00 AM	Helmut Schworer by Gene & Shirley Samson
Digby	9:00 AM	Terrence Pineau by Joan Donnelly

SATURDAY, JUNE 10

Bridgetown	4:00 PM	Lynn MacDougall by Patsy Sabean & Family
Kentville	4:00 PM	Gerry MacDougall by his Children
Digby	6:00 PM	Herbie Boudreau by Lorraine Bell

SUNDAY, JUNE 11

Windsor	8:30 AM	Emilier (Bill) Gaudet by Wanda Zwicker & Laura Joyce
Annapolis Royal	9:00 AM	Ruby Dalton by Eric & Leah Brown
Berwick	9:00 AM	Intentions of the Sanford Family by Tony & Rita Roefs
Kentville	10:30 AM	Shirley Burke by Merlie & Don Pettipas
Middleton	11:00 AM	Leo Lirette by Carolyn Gilbert
Weymouth	11:30 AM	Pete Comeau by Ron Muise
Wolfville	12:15 PM	Joe MacAulay by Ann Young

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

Special Envelope Collection: There is a special envelope collection on June 11 for **Building and Maintenance**. These donations are used to support the maintenance and upkeep of our churches, halls and residences.

Yard Sale (Kentville) St Joseph's Knights of Columbus will be holding a giant **Yard Sale** on **Saturday, June 3** from 9 am – 2 pm. Funds raised will go to Valley Connect Outreach.

The Men of St Anthony's and Friends - Concerts

Concert Dates

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

June 11, Sunday, Waterville Baptist Church 7 PM

Baby Bottle Campaign

You can return your Baby Bottle and donation to your church anytime up to Father's Day, **June 18**. Please write cheques to *Valley Care Pregnancy Centre or Tri-County Pregnancy Centre*. Thank you for your support!

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.

Food Bank Donations (Middleton) We collected 786 lbs. of food and \$1,190.00 in donations for the Twelve Baskets Food Bank from January to May. Thank you for your kindness and generosity. God bless you!

Knights of Columbus (Kentville) A special thanks to the Parish for the support for our Apple Blossom booth. Our next meeting is June 7 in Father Jack's at 7 pm.

St Joseph's (Kentville) The Knights of Columbus are seeking people (women & men) to help the lawn mowing and yard maintenance around the church cemetery, 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.

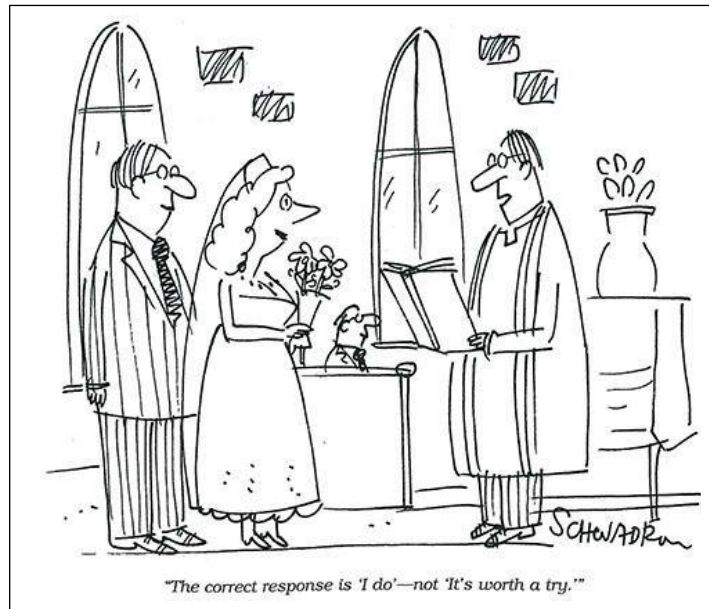
June 13 - Berwick Mass There will be a Mass at St. Anthony's, Berwick on **Tuesday, June 13** in celebration of the Feast Day of St Anthony of Padua. Mass time to be announced.

Twelve Baskets Food Bank (Middleton) needs donations of canned fruit, ketchup, dry pasta, canned tomatoes, tampons. All donations appreciated! Thank you all again for seeing to the needs of those less fortunate in our communities.

"If you don't believe people will rise from the dead, just watch the congregation after my homily."

- Fr. Daniel O'Hara, Australia

Faces of Abortion Tour: Every day in Canada, nearly 300 children are killed by abortion – faceless and nameless. To bring an end to the killing and spare parents the trauma of abortion, we need to bring the culture face to face with the victims of abortion, to rehumanize those who have been dehumanized. This summer, CCBR (Canadian Centre for Bio-Ethical Reform) is going on a national tour across the country. At each stop, there will be educational street outreach during the day and an evening presentation on *The Faces of Abortion* and how to take action to End the Killing. Local stop: **Sat, June 10 @7pm - Stella Maris Parish** (14 St Michael's Ave, Halifax, Nova Scotia, B3P 1M5). For more details and other stop locations visit endthekilling.ca/tour. If you'd like to join local outreach during the day, please contact Charity at cwielinga@endthekilling.ca.



Did You Know?

Ordinary Time – The Easter cycle and Christmas cycle are so rich with religious traditions that the remainder of the year often seems ordinary at first glance. The remaining 33 or 34 weeks are in fact called Ordinary Time. This title, however, does not mean that these weeks are, and the Sundays around which they revolve, are unimportant. On the contrary, it is during these weeks that the special character of Sunday is experienced. Except for the 4 special devotional feasts of Christ after Pentecost (*ie. Holy Trinity, Corpus Christi, Sacred Heart, and Christ the King*), no special theme “distracts” from the wonder of the original meaning of Sunday as the Lord’s Day.

Very few religious traditions are connected with the weeks of Ordinary Time. The traditional colour used for liturgical vestments and church decoration is **green**, the colour of hope and life.

Trinity Sunday – As mentioned above, 4 solemnities during Ordinary Time are celebrated as devotional feasts of our Lord. The first of these is this Sunday, Holy Trinity. Emphasis on the doctrine of the Trinity evolved in the 4th and 5th centuries when the Arian heresy swept through the church. This heresy denied that Jesus was equal to God. Before the year 1000, a special feast devoted to the Trinity was celebrated in the Frankish kingdom on the Sunday following Pentecost. It was promulgated in the universal church by Pope John XXII in 1334.

Two religious traditions are associated with the Trinity. The **Sign of the Cross** made on the body in several forms has been popular since early centuries. It is popular to add the trinitarian formula: “*In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*” The **doxology** is another ancient trinitarian prayer that was first used in the Eastern Church: “*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.*” In the 4th century, the concluding words were added: “*As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*” This doxology was introduced in the Western Church in the 5th century. It is traditional that psalms and hymns end with these prayerful words.

There are several popular **symbols** used for the Trinity. Since the 6th century, the Trinity has been represented by an older man (the Father), a younger man (the Son), and a dove (the Holy Spirit). Another symbol of the Trinity is a triangle surrounded by light rays with an eye inside. Still another symbol is what tradition says was used by St. Patrick, the shamrock.

Sacred Cows and Hot Potatoes

by Fr. Richard Rohr o.f.m.

God comes to forgive our sin, yet we seem much more concerned about our guilt, which is a bit different. Sin is not just something we do. First, sin is a state of being. It's an incompleteness that we're born into and eventually choose.

Sadly, I don't think most people want to be freed from their sin. We've grown comfortable with it, almost become friends with it. It pads our insecurities. We don't know how to live without it. We've lived so long with our fears, we don't know how we would be without them. We've made friends with our sinfulness.

For example, we may have based our marriage on unforgiveness for twenty years. How could we change it? Or maybe we love to be angry. Our anger is what drives us day after day, our anger at our father or mother, our anger at the system, our anger at work. We live on our anger; we feed on our anger. Most of us don't want to be freed from our sin. We've lived with our darkness so long we are comfortable with it. Our lives are full of sacred cows and hot potatoes, areas where we indulge our sin. No one can touch them.

That's why it's so hard to deal with sin: We've grown to like sin. And the greatest threat of all is someone who will come into the midst of our evil and rob it from us.

from *Days of Renewal*

Humour ???

The parish decided that a senior citizens fitness program would be a good idea to help people. After all, exercise is important as we grow older. Here's one keeping-fit suggestion they came up with:

Start by standing with a 5 lb potato sack in each hand, extend your hands straight out to your sides and hold them there as long as you can.

After a few weeks, move up to 10 lb potato sacks, then 50 lb sacks. Finally, you'll get to where you lift a 100 lb potato sack in each hand and hold your arms straight out for more than a full minute!

Next, begin by putting a few potatoes in the sacks.

As they left Mass one Sunday morning, one elderly parishioner remarked, "*The choir was awful this morning.*"

Another said, "*The deacon's homily was too long.*"

The third said, "*But you've got to admit, it's not a bad show for only a buck.*"



God Is the Real Parent

by Fr. Ron Rolheiser o.m.i.

Towards the end of the movie, *Rachel, Rachel*, there is a particularly moving dialogue. Rachel, the story's main character, an aging spinster teacher, is more than a little frustrated with her state in life—teaching other people's children rather than having her own.

Lamenting to another woman, who is a mother, she complains how difficult it is for her as a teacher to, year after year, intimately work with and get to know the young children in her classroom only to have them soon move on to other classrooms and to grow away from her. She expresses an honest envy of women who have their own children.

The mother, to whom she is speaking, says in reply: *"It's not so different for a parent. You also get to have young children only for a short time. They move on and grow away from you. They have their own lives and don't belong to you. In the end, even for parents, your kids are never really your own!"*

There is much to be learned from meditating on that—the children we have are not really ours. They are given to us, in trust, for a time, a short time really, and we are asked to be mothers and fathers, stewards, mentors, guardians, teachers and friends to them, but they are never really our children.

They belong to somebody else—God—and to themselves more than they ever belong to us. There is both a deep challenge and a deep consolation in understanding and accepting that.

The challenge is more obvious. If we accept this, we will be less inclined to act as "owners" to manipulate our children for our own needs, to see them as satellites within our own orbits, and more inclined to love, cajole, challenge and correct, even while giving them their freedom.

The consolation is not as obvious—and it is my real focus here: When we realize, in the healthy sense, that our children are not really ours, we also realize that we are not alone in raising and caring for them.

We are, in the end, foster parents. God is the real parent and God's love, care, aid and presence to our children is always in excess of our own. God's anxiety for our children is also deeper than our own.

Ultimately, you are never a single parent, even when you don't have a human spouse to help you. God, like you, is also worrying, struggling, involved, crying tears of solicitousness, trying to awaken love. What is consoling is that God can touch, challenge, soften and inspire at levels inside of a child that you cannot reach.

Moreover, your children cannot, ultimately, turn their backs on God. They can refuse to listen to you, walk away from you, spit on your values—but there is always another parent from whom they can never walk away, whom they carry inside. Nobody, I suspect, could ever have the courage to be a parent without realizing this.

That we aren't alone in our task of parenting needs emphasis today for another reason: More and more, very sincere couples are opting not to have children for fear of the world into which they would be bringing those children.

They look at the world, at themselves, their inadequacy and are frightened at what they see: *"Do we really want to bring children into a world like this? We are powerless to guarantee them health, safety, security, love. It's an unfair risk to the child!"*

Persons who think like this are right in their feeling of powerlessness and in their sense that they cannot guarantee health, safety, love and security to a potential child. But they are wrong in their feeling that they alone are responsible for effecting and guaranteeing these.

God is also there and, because of that, in the end, all will be well and all manner of being will be well. One can risk having children since God risks it.

Finally, and perhaps most consoling of all, realizing this can do more than a little to bring back some peace and joy into the hearts of those who have lost children tragically—to accidents, but especially to suicide, drug and alcohol-related deaths, and other such things that make parents second-guess, worry about their failures and betrayals, and worry about all the things they should have done.

Again, we are being asked to not forget that we are not the only parents here.

When this child died, in whatever circumstances, he or she was received by hands far gentler than our own. They left our foster care and our inadequacy to fully embrace them to live with a parent who can fully embrace them and bring them to joy and wholeness.

Parents and prospective parents: Fear not you are inadequate! But there is some good news, you are not alone!

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