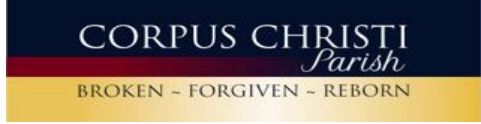




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11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 18, 2023



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**This Week's Readings**

	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
Sun, June 18	Exodus 19:2-6	Matthew 9:36 – 10:8
Mon, June 19	2 Corinthians 6:1-10	Matthew 5:38-42
Tues, June 20	2 Corinthians 8:1-9	Matthew 5:43-48
Wed, June 21	2 Corinthians 9:6-11	Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18
Thurs, June 22	2 Corinthians 11:1-11	Matthew 6:7-15
Fri, June 23	2 Corinthians 11:18, 21-30	Matthew 6:19-23
Sat, June 24	Isaiah 49:1-6	Luke 1:57-66, 80

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**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 17**

Bridgetown	4:00 PM	Gervaise Locas by Sylvain & Susan Locas
Kentville	4:00 PM	Dora Vinters by the Vinters Family
Digby	6:00 PM	Andrew Jeffrey by Danny Gaudet

### **SUNDAY, JUNE 18**

Windsor	8:30 AM	Dick Pereira by Alice Pereira
Annapolis Royal	9:00 AM	Ashton Reeves by Eric & Leah Brown
Berwick	9:00 AM	Bernard Fitzgerald by his Grandchildren
Kentville	10:30 AM	Bill Clahane by Doris Pasley
Middleton	11:00 AM	Intentions of Mary Gilbert (L) by Carolyn Gilbert
Weymouth	11:30 AM	Jennifer Hagell Moran by Marion & Greg MacDonald
Wolfville	12:15 PM	Souls in Purgatory by Wayne Barry

### **TUESDAY, JUNE 20**

Kentville/Online	8:30 AM	Maurice Harquail by Jenni Harquail
Digby	6:30 PM	Clifford Mullen by Marilyn & Family

### **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21**

Kentville/Online	8:30 AM	<b>No Mass</b>
Middleton	9:00 AM	Intentions of Dan & Grace Bernard (L) by Gordon MacDonald
Tideview Terrace	10:30 AM	Juanita O'Sullivan by Anna & Danny Corbett
Weymouth	6:30 PM	Lina Doucet by Marion & Greg MacDonald

### **THURSDAY, JUNE 22**

Kentville/Online	8:30 AM	<b>No Mass</b>
Weymouth	6:30 PM	Wayne Hone by a family member

### **FRIDAY, JUNE 23**

Berwick	9:00 AM	Intentions of Carmelita Resquid (L)
Digby	9:00 AM	Intentions for Blanche Gilhen by Living Stones Prayer Group

### **SATURDAY, JUNE 24**

Bridgetown	4:00 PM	<b>No Mass, rescheduled for Sunday</b>
Kentville	4:00 PM	Ann Marie Walsh McKenna by Helen Walsh
Digby	6:00 PM	Catherine Robicheau by Anna & Danny Corbett

### **SUNDAY, JUNE 25**

Windsor	8:30 AM	Dale Parsons by Eleanor & Terry McKiel
Annapolis Royal	9:00 AM	Jeanne Sproul by Eloise Mailman
Berwick	9:00 AM	Ron Lively by Aunt Anne O'Neil & Family
Kentville	10:30 AM	Tommy Bourgeois by Mary MacLean
Middleton	11:00 AM	Healing of Marg Jackson (L) by Carolyn Gilbert
Weymouth	11:30 AM	Blanche Comeau by Joanne & Jerry Belliveau
Wolfville	12:15 PM	Stephen Payne by Ann Young
Bridgetown	4:00 PM	For St Alphonsus Church Community

**Weekday Masses in Kentville will be Livestreamed on our YouTube channel.**

## Individual Confession

Kentville – every Saturday ... 11am – 12noon  
Windsor – 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month ... 9-10am

*starting in July*

**Paint Class (Middleton)** The Knights of Columbus – Bishop Gallagher Council are holding a paint class at St Monica's Hall on **Saturday, June 17** from 2:30-4 pm. Max 20 participants per class. Visiting artist is Kathy Williams. Children are welcome. Classes are \$20 each with the proceeds designated for *Summer Special Olympics* at Acadia University. All supplies are provided. Just bring a smile and good cheer. The picture being offered is "Where am I?"

**Ultreya** will be held at St Anthony's Church, Berwick on **Thursday, June 22** at 7pm. It will be an evening of music and prayer. Bring a friend and a snack to share. *All are welcome!*

**International Exhibition of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, through the Ave Maria Virtual House of Prayer, will take place in St. Patrick's Church Hall (Digby) following the 6:00 pm mass on **Saturday, June 24**. You are invited to come into the Hall and encounter the Spiritual Beauty of the Holy Rosary and experience the Promises of Heaven. The Knights of Columbus - Bishop Gallagher Council 6297 will be hosting this presentation.



### **Event at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church, Bridgetown**

All parishioners of St. Alphonsus Church are invited to a special and important event on **Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup>**. We will join for our weekly Mass that afternoon at **4:00 pm**. A Pot Luck Supper in the church will follow Mass. This will be a traditional Pot Luck, please bring a dish of your choosing to share. Following our supper will be a **very important meeting** with all parishioners present and the Community Life Team. We are seeking input from everyone in attendance. Please know that this meeting will determine how we move forward at St. Alphonsus. Please note: There will be **no Mass on Saturday June 24<sup>th</sup>**.

**St. Joseph's Church (Kentville)** will be engaging in a **Time, Talent & Treasure Initiative** lead by Sandra McDermott with support from the CLT Team. We are searching for 3 people to help serve this important ministry of growing our Stewardship within our Community. If you are interested in using your talents, we could use a techy person to assist with design and electronic delivery of materials; a person who knows a lot of our parishioners to get them involved and a "doer" who likes to see a plan come to fruition. Please email Sandra at [mcdermotts@icloud.com](mailto:mcdermotts@icloud.com) for further details. Starting late August and running for 8 weeks in total.



**Catholic Summer Camp** - St. Ambrose Co-Cathedral will be holding their annual residential youth summer camp at Johnston Christian Park in Digby County again this year! It is an amazing time to grow in faith, to swim, canoe, to do crafts, games, challenges and to build lifelong friendships. The camp dates are **Sunday, August 13 to Friday, August 18**. It is for ages 10 to 14 and the cost is \$200.00 before June 30 and \$225 after June 30. Please contact the contact the parish office at Saint Ambrose: 902-742-7151 or email at [stambrose.youthministry@gmail.com](mailto:stambrose.youthministry@gmail.com)

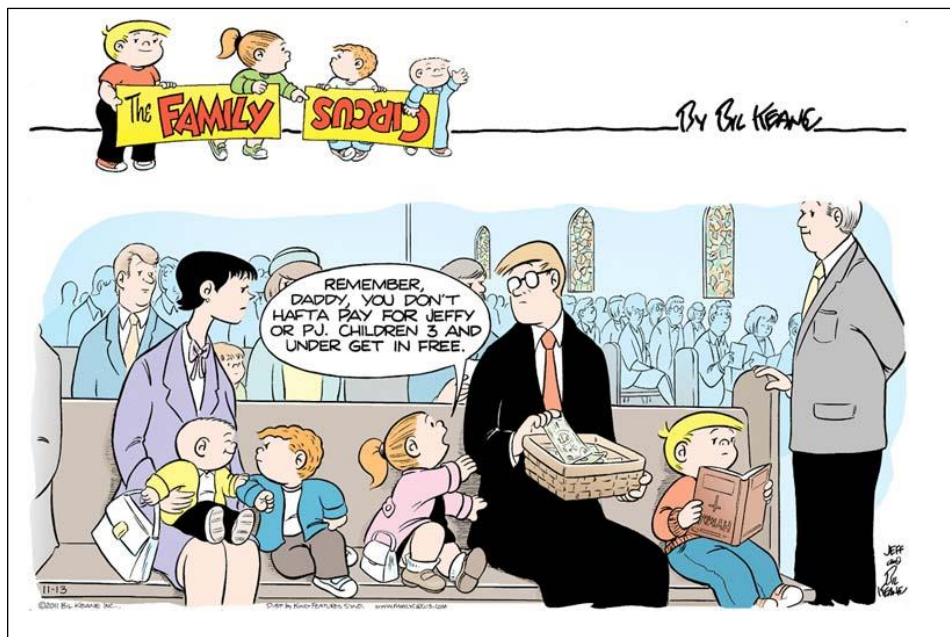
Mary is Blossoming  
in Berwick



**Night of Workship – Pre-Steubie Gathering** – Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish (3 Crichton Ave, Dartmouth) is inviting any and all interested young people going to Steubenville Atlantic (or have been there or have no idea what this is) for an evening of Music, activities, friends, food and more on **June 20 at 6:30 pm**. Come check it out! Bring your Friends!

**Volunteers Needed for School Break Food Program (Wolfville)** - The Wolfville Area Inter-Church Council (WAICC) has initiated a new program to provide extra food to families with school-aged children: while in school, these children have access to breakfast, lunch and snack programs but not while at home on breaks. WAICC's new program will operate three times a year via the Wolfville Area Food Bank. We need volunteers over the summer to help pack the food on **Wednesdays, 4:00 to 6:00 pm**, on the following days: July 5, July 19, August 9 and August 23. If you would like to assist with this or would like more information, please contact Andy Pitter ([andriel\\_p@yahoo.ca](mailto:andriel_p@yahoo.ca); 902-542-1545).

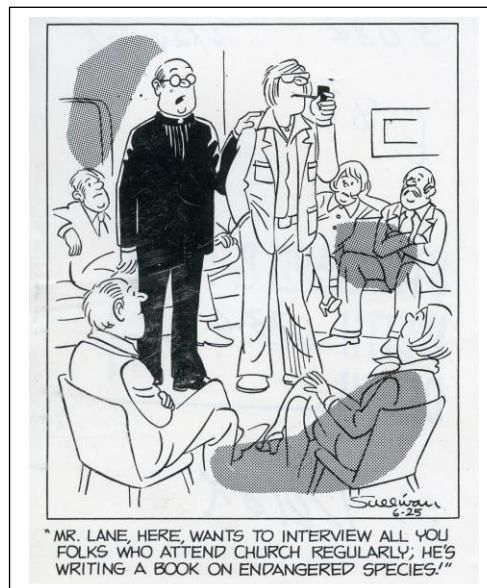
**Drivers Needed (Wolfville)** - The Wolfville Area Food Bank needs volunteer drivers for delivering food orders to clients. As well as being vaccinated, volunteers need to be willing to wear a mask and sign a confidentiality form. Potential volunteers need to do a test run in June with the Food Bank driver coordinator or his assistant. Drivers or someone with them need to be able to carry the food to and from their vehicles AND up and down flights of stairs. Shifts are 3 hours long, either in the morning or afternoon, on the following **Thursdays**: July 6, July 20, August 10 and August 24. To volunteer or ask for more information, please call the Food Bank (902-542-0040) and leave a message for Terry with your name and phone number.



## Did You Know?

**The Hail Mary** – In the 12<sup>th</sup> century, the Hail Mary became a basic prayer to be learned and recited frequently by all. It is a combination of the angel Gabriel’s greeting at the Annunciation: “*Rejoice, O highly favoured daughter! The Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women*” (Luke 1:26-28), and Elizabeth’s recognition of Mary’s unique motherhood when the two pregnant women met: “*Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb*” (Luke 1:42). Later, the devotional words seeking Mary’s intercession were added: “*Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.*” This addition happened when popular prayers began to change in their nature from praise to petition.

**The Rosary** – This takes its name from a popular title for Mary: “Mystical Rose.” As a form of private prayer, it originally consisted of 150 Our Fathers prayed daily in substitution for the 150 psalms by those who could not read. It was also a common penance given after Confession to sinners who had to use beads to count the prayers. By the early 12<sup>th</sup> century, Hail Marys were substituted for the Our Fathers, divided into three groups of 50 (called rosaries), and each of these divided into five groups of 10 (called decades). Three sets of themes, or mysteries, concerning Jesus and Mary (Joyful, Sorrowful, and Glorious) established the themes for praying of the rosary. Some of these were borrowed from ancient prayer services associated with the hours of the day. St. Dominic (d. 1221) popularized the rosary through his preaching. In 2002, Pope John Paul II established a 4<sup>th</sup> set of mysteries called the Luminous.



## The Catholic Worldview: Community

by Fr. Richard Rohr o.f.m.

Jesus used the image of the Kingdom; Paul, the image of the body of Christ; John, the vine and the branches. But it’s all the same sense of mystical union: that, first, we are one; secondly, we became separate.

I don’t suppose most of us can think that way. I want to think that way, and I try to let the Lord convert me, but I’m still an American individualist. I wish I were not. Such an exaggerated sense of the private self breeds competition: Your good becomes a threat to my good.

Do you know what the Greeks called a private person? They called someone who had no sense of the common good an idiot. The original meaning of *idiot* is one who simply thinks of himself and has no sense of the city-state.

Paul said the Spirit is given “*for the sake of the common good*” (1 Corinthians 12:7). We cannot make any claim to being Catholics or even people of the Spirit if we do not have that profound commitment to the common good first.

from *Why Be Catholic?*

# Suicide and Our Misunderstandings

by Fr. Ron Rolheiser o.m.i.

Margaret Atwood once wrote that sometimes a thing needs to be said, and said, said again, until it doesn't need to be said anymore. That's why I write a column annually on suicide, mostly saying the same things over and over again. The hope is that, like a note put into a bottle and floated out to sea, my little message might find someone needing consolation after losing a loved one to suicide.

What's needs to be said, and said again, about suicide? *Four* things.

*First*, that it's a disease and perhaps the most misunderstood of all diseases. We tend to think that if a death is self-inflicted, it is voluntary in a way that death through physical illness or accident is not. For most suicides, this isn't true. A person who dies by suicide dies, as does the victim of a terminal illness or fatal accident, not by his or her own choice. When people die from heart attacks, strokes, cancer, AIDS, and accidents, they die against their will. The same is true for suicide, except that in the case of suicide the breakdown is emotional rather than physical – an emotional stroke, an emotional cancer, a breakdown of the emotional immune system, an emotional fatality.

This is not an analogy. There are different kinds of heart attacks, strokes, cancers, breakdowns of the immune system, and fatal accidents. However, they all have the same effect; they all take someone out of this life against his or her own will. No one who dies through suicide actually wants to die. He or she only wants to end a pain that can no longer be endured, akin to someone jumping to his death out of a burning building because his clothes are on fire.

*Second*, we should not worry unduly about the eternal salvation of a suicide victim, believing (as we used to) that suicide is the ultimate act of despair and something God will not forgive. God is infinitely more understanding than we are and God's hands are infinitely safer and gentler than our own. Imagine a loving mother having just given birth, welcoming her child onto her breast for the first time. That, I believe, is the best image we have to picture how a suicide victim (most often an overly sensitive soul) is received into the next life. God is infinitely understanding, loving, and gentle. We need not worry about the fate of anyone, no matter the cause of death, who exits this world honest, oversensitive, gentle, overwrought, and emotionally crushed. God has a special love for the broken and the crushed.

Knowing all of this however, doesn't necessarily take away our pain (and anger) at losing someone to suicide; but faith and understanding aren't meant to take our pain away but rather to give us hope, vision, and support as we walk within our pain.

*Third*, we should not torture ourselves with second-guessing when we lose a loved one to suicide: "*What might I have done? Where did I let this person down? If only I had been there? What if ...?*" It can be natural to be haunted with the thought, "*if only I'd been there at the right time.*" Rarely would this have made a difference. Indeed, most of the time, we weren't there for the exact reason that the person who fell victim to this disease did not want us to be there. He or she picked the moment, the spot, and the means precisely so that we wouldn't be there. Perhaps it's more accurate to say that suicide is a disease that picks its victim precisely in such a way so as to exclude others and their attentiveness. This is not an excuse for insensitivity, especially towards those suffering from dangerous depression, but it should be a healthy check against false guilt and fruitless second-guessing.

We're human beings, not God. People die of illness and accidents all the time and sometimes all the love and attentiveness in the world cannot prevent a loved one from dying. Love, for all its power, is sometimes powerless before a terminal illness.

*Fourth*, when we lose a loved one to suicide, one of our tasks is to work at redeeming that person's memory, namely, to put that person's life into a perspective wherein his or her memory is not forever tainted because it is viewed through the prism of suicide.

A proper human and faith response to suicide should not be horror, fear for the victim's eternal salvation, guilty second-guessing about how we failed this person, and a hushed, guarded tone forever afterwards when we speak of him or her. Suicide is indeed a horrible way to die, but we must understand it (at least in most cases) as a sickness, a disease, an illness, a tragic breakdown within the emotional immune system. Most of all, we must trust God, God's goodness, God's understanding, God's power to descend into hell, and God's power to make all things right, even death by suicide.

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