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Body & Blood of Christ

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**This Week's Readings**

|                | <b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b> | <b>Gospel</b>    |
|----------------|-------------------------------|------------------|
| Sun, June 11   | Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16      | John 6:51-58     |
| Mon, June 12   | 2 Corinthians 1:1-7           | Matthew 5:1-12   |
| Tues, June 13  | Wisdom 7:7-14                 | Mark 16:15-20    |
| Wed, June 14   | 2 Corinthians 3:4-11          | Matthew 5:17-19  |
| Thurs, June 15 | 2 Corinthians 3:15 – 4:1, 3-6 | Matthew 5:20-26  |
| Fri, June 16   | Deuteronomy 7:6-11            | Matthew 11:25-30 |
| Sat, June 17   | 2 Corinthians 5:14-21         | Luke 2:41-51     |

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4. PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittances)
5. Through the mail, send to Kentville Parish Office

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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 10**

|            |         |  |
|------------|---------|--|
| Bridgetown | 4:00 PM | Lynn MacDougall by Patsy Sabean & Family |
| Kentville  | 4:00 PM | Gerry MacDougall by her 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 Muisse                             |
| Wolfville       | 12:15 PM | Joe MacAulay by Ann Young                             |

### **TUESDAY, JUNE 13**

|                  |         |  |
|------------------|---------|--|
| Kentville/Online | 8:30 AM | <b>No Mass</b>                               |
| Berwick          | 6:30 PM | Brian & Cecil Oliver by Helen Olier & Family |
| Digby            | 6:30 PM | Special Intention by Marion Croft            |

### **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14**

|                  |         |   |
|------------------|---------|---|
| Kentville/Online | 8:30 AM | <b>No Mass</b>                                    |
| Middleton        | 9:00 AM | Helen MacDonald by Sharon & Bernie Halbot         |
| Weymouth         | 6:30 PM | Ruth & Harry Melanson by Joanne & Jerry Belliveau |

### **THURSDAY, JUNE 15**

|                        |          |  |
|------------------------|----------|--|
| Kentville/Online       | 8:30 AM  | St Joseph's CWL                          |
| Annapolis Nursing Home | 10:00 AM | Jeanne Sproul by Betty & Lawrence Ritcey |
| Weymouth               | 6:30 PM  | Wayne Hone by a family member            |

### **FRIDAY, JUNE 16**

|         |         |                                     |
|---------|---------|-------------------------------------|
| Berwick | 9:00 AM | Art Rasmusson by Shirley Rasmusson  |
| Digby   | 9:00 AM | Wayne Comeau by Andre & June Turcot |

### **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                 |

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

## Baby Bottle Campaign

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

## *The Men of St Anthony's and Friends - Concerts*

### Concert Dates

June 11, Sunday, Waterville Baptist Church 7 PM

**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.

**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](http://endthekilling.ca/tour). If you'd like to join local outreach during the day, please contact Charity at [cwielinga@endthekilling.ca](mailto:cwielinga@endthekilling.ca).

**June 13 - Berwick Mass** There will be a Mass at St. Anthony's, Berwick on **Tuesday, June 13 at 6:30 pm** in celebration of the *Feast Day of St Anthony of Padua*, followed by a gathering in the Hall.

### Individual Confession

Kentville – every Saturday ... 11am – 12noon

Windsor – 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month ... 9-10am

*starting in July*

**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.

**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?"

**Youth 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)

**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.



**Yard Sales** We would like to say “thank you” to all who worked at, donated to, shopped at, or contributed in any way to the several yard sales that took place throughout our parish over the past month. Monies raised will be directed towards a number of different projects/initiatives and charitable works. These yard sales took place at:

*St. John the Evangelist (Windsor) – May 6<sup>th</sup>, St. Anthony (Berwick) - May 6<sup>th</sup>, St. Monica (Middleton) – May 20<sup>th</sup>, St. Patrick (Digby) – June 3<sup>rd</sup> and St. Joseph (Kentville) – June 6<sup>th</sup>.*

**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.



## Consuming Jesus

How can we understand this present moment of history when the Lord seems to be taking away the priesthood and, therefore, the Eucharist all over the world? It's obvious the Lord's saying, *Hey, there's something else that has to be learned by this people*. That's the only way we can understand this moment of history when we've been praying and praying for vocations. Either the Lord does not answer our prayers or the Lord has a better idea.

Often, the liturgy falls flat. We keep handing out the bread and the cup, this is my body, given for you, this is my blood, poured out for you, and yet we don't see a surrendered people who are pouring out their lives and surrendering their body and blood! And these are sometimes the very people who, every day, are eating of the bread and drinking of the cup and living self-centered and self-protective lives.

Is this a break-through sacrament or, in fact, an ego disguise to keep us from doing what it's talking about?

The ritual can become a substitute for the reality. Do we keep performing the ritual of body broken and blood poured out, all the while domesticating it into a consumer object, a devotional practice to maintain our positive self-image? Does it make me feel good about myself in the morning instead of defining my action for the day? If I *consume* Jesus, I will probably consume and use all other things as self-objects. If I meet Jesus and make room for him, I will know how to meet and make room for all other persons and events.

from **Letting Go: A Spirituality of Subtraction**

## The Feast of Corpus Christi

The Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, popularly called by its Latin title, **Corpus Christi** (“*Body of Christ*”), is celebrated this Sunday, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost. Its origin in the 12<sup>th</sup> century is connected with an emphasis on the real presence of Christ in the consecrated bread and wine. The special feast devoted to the Body and Blood of Christ was introduced to the universal church in 1264.

And, of course, this is our feast. By way of analogy, we the **Parish of Corpus Christi** seek to be that presence of Christ to our communities ... that mystical Body of Christ ... *striving to love bravely, to serve radically and to meet all whom we encounter with humility and compassion.*

The Feast of Corpus Christi is also the feast of **Chalice** – an organization, based out of Nova Scotia, that works in impoverished communities throughout the world, helping families overcome the cycle of poverty. Sponsorship of children is an important part of their efforts, giving them the support needed to overcome obstacles so that they can attend and stay in school, and allowing families to provide nutritious food and better care for their children.

**Children’s Liturgy of the Word (“Little Church”)** in Kentville – This takes place in the church foyer during the Liturgy of the Word and, afterwards, the children become enthusiastic participants in the Offertory! A word of “thanks” to those who have been helping: Josilyn Hare, Pam d’Entremont, Ancy Yohannan, Kathy Rogers and Anne Hazelton. *More helpers would certainly be welcomed!*

**1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation** – 12 youth from Windsor, Wolfville and Kentville celebrated 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation last Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> in Wolfville. Thank you to Mary Doucet and Shauna Coldwell Sweeney for leading this!

## **Catechetics Update - June 2023**

Registration for the new catechetics program beginning in September has been great. Children and youth from all levels and areas are registered.

With the restarting of catechetics, we are following a **new approach** with **new materials**. We will need to make some adjustments in our courses as some children have missed sacraments and we need to incorporate this into our plans.

Part of the new approach is to name our “classes” for a saint and they will keep the name of that saint as their group name through the years. We are focussing on showing our children and youth our Christian heroes so they have examples of real heroes in their lives. Our world today misleads youth with false heroes. Each of the younger grades will have saints’ cards and the lessons include Christian saints, heroes, and people of faith even in the junior youth group.

**First Reconciliation** and **First Communion** will be split between two years with **God’s Plan in Scripture** also being used to teach children about our 4000 year relationship with God. The sacramental preparation includes Scripture stories, a weekly video, interactive activity, and a Saint’s story. The videos for these courses are really amazing. Both courses have a workbook for each child and also a smaller book which children can take into Reconciliation if they wish and to Mass to help them understand it as they attend it. **God’s Plan in Scripture** starts with verses from Scripture then has activities and exercises to help the children understand the content of the story and the deeper meaning for them.

Other groups have individual books in the **Alive in Christ** series. These books have 10 page lessons which include a weekly take home sheet with information for the family and a review for the child to do. At the end of the year, each child will take home the book she/he has used all year. The books include extra information such as the Kerygma and the Church Year with its seasons and feasts. They can be a great resource for the whole family.

The junior youth group (we will let them choose which saint they want to be named for) uses pamphlets in the **Alive in Christ** series as well as other materials such as **Venture**, an 8-week program about the faith journey from the creation until now. **Alive in Christ** puts Jesus at the centre of our faith and gives our youth a comprehensive presentation of the essentials of our faith. It immerses the youth in the treasure of the Catholic faith. This will lead to service projects and empowers them to answer questions often posed to our youth by non-Catholics. Saints, heroes, and people of faith are included in these materials too.

More than 40 have registered thus far in the eastern end of our parish and planning is underway in the central and western zones.

- **Caroline Brown, Catechetics Coordinator**

## THE MYSTICAL BODY

by Fr. Ron Rolheiser o.m.i.

*Every community or society has a certain visible life that can be seen and whose overt interconnections, to an extent, can be grasped, charted, and written up into textbooks.*

But, just as with the human body, most of the deep things in a community are under the surface, invisible, silent, available only through another kind of instrument, the intuitive gaze of the mystic, novelist, poet, or artist.

This is even more true of the body of Christ, the community of the baptized, the sincere. Most of the important processes there are also invisible. Like any other body, partly this body is visible – physical, historical, something that can be observed from the outside. Historical Christianity, the churches, in their concrete history, are the visible body of Christ – people, institutions, buildings, virtue and sin enfleshed in history.

But the body of Christ is more than meets the physical eye. As in every body, countless, silent, invisible processes are going on beneath. What's deepest inside of life is not visible to the naked eye.

The communion of saints is the belief that there exists among us, among all of us who have been baptized, at a level too deep for words, a union that is as real, intimate, and physical as is a sexual union. Beyond this radical intimacy, the union among ourselves in the “communion of saints” is also a presence to each other beyond distance.

Inside the body of Christ, we are present to each other and carry each other across the miles. Everything we do, good or bad, affects all the others. For this reason, the church teaches that there is no such thing as a private act – of sin, virtue, or anything else. Nothing is private inside a body. Everything affects everything. Moreover, our union with each other links us, even beyond death. Inside the “communion of saints”, we believe that our loved ones who have died are alive, still with us, and able to communicate with us and we with them.

To believe this is to be both consoled and challenged. Consoled, in knowing that we carry each other in love and union, across all distance, even through death. But challenged too in knowing that everything we do, be it ever so private, affects the overall health of the body of Christ and the family of humanity.

### Digby – Welcome back Pam!

We'd like to welcome back to the office, at St. Patrick's in Digby, **Pam Cosman**. Unfortunately, in November of the past year, Pam tripped and broke her leg. We pray that healing is progressing well.





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