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13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 2, 2023



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This Week's Readings

	1st Reading	Gospel
Sun, July 2	2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16	Matthew 10:37-42
Mon, July 3	Ephesians 2:19-22	John 20:24-29
Tues, July 4	Isaiah 58:6-11	Matthew 25:31-46
Wed, July 5	Genesis 21:5, 8-20	Matthew 8:28-34
Thurs, July 6	Genesis 22:1-9	Matthew 9:1-8
Fri, July 7	Genesis 23:1-4, 19 & 24:1-8, 62-67	Matthew 9:9-13
Sat, July 8	Genesis 27:1-5, 15-29	Matthew 9:14-17

Community's Email Addresses

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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?*

Tuesdays 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

Individual Confession Times

Kentville – every Saturday 11 am – 12 noon

Windsor – 1st Saturday of the month ... 9 – 10 am



Mass Times & Intentions

SATURDAY, JULY 1

Bridgetown	4:00 PM	Gervaise Locas by Maureen MacLean
Kentville	4:00 PM	Rose Corbin by the Vinters Family
Digby	6:00 PM	Ethel Avery by The Avery Family

SUNDAY, JULY 2

Windsor	8:30 AM	Linda Strickey by her Family
Annapolis Royal	9:00 AM	Jeanne Sproul by Nick & Mary McEachern
Berwick	9:00 AM	Brian & Cecil Oliver by Helen Oliver & Family
Kentville	10:30 AM	Debbie Blais (Craniak) by Rosaire Blais
Middleton	11:00 AM	Isabel Chisholm by Tom & Peggy Foley
Weymouth	11:30 AM	Herbie Boudreau by Marion & Greg MacDonald
Wolfville	12:15 PM	Joshua Ueffing by Truus Ueffing

WEDNESDAY, JULY 5

Middleton	9:00 AM	Peter O'Neil by Rose Longley
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FRIDAY, JULY 7

Berwick	9:00 AM	Souls in Purgatory by Helen Walsh
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SATURDAY, JULY 8

Bridgetown	4:00 PM	Donald Bellefontain by Patsy Sabeau & Family
Kentville	4:00 PM	Fe Gregorio Pbayon by P. Villaflor
Digby	6:00 PM	Shirley Grace by Anna & Danny Corbett

SUNDAY, JULY 9

Windsor	8:30 AM	John, Byron and Edward Whelton by Mary-Alma Smith
Annapolis Royal	9:00 AM	Jeanne Sproul by Pat & Al Dill
Berwick	9:00 AM	Deceased Souls of Ross & McDonald Family by Bill & Darlene McDonald
Kentville	10:30 AM	Shirley Burke by Barb & Dennis Nash
Middleton	11:00 AM	Leo Lirette by Sharon & Bernie Halbot
Weymouth	11:30 AM	Louise & Daniel Comeau by Joanne & Jerry Belliveau
Wolfville	12:15 PM	Souls in Purgatory by Wayne Barry

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

Individual Confession

Kentville – every Saturday ... 11am – 12noon
Windsor – 1st Saturday of the month ... 9-10am
starting in July

Special Envelope Collection - On July 9 there is a special collection envelope for **Cemeteries**. These donations are used for the upkeep of our cemeteries. You can designate your donation to a specific cemetery or to the general Corpus Christi Parish Cemetery account.

Catholic Summer Camp - St. Ambrose Co-Cathedral (Yarmouth) will be holding its 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

Young parishioners of Corpus Christi: Please note – if you are interested but need help financially, just let us know. There are many people who will offer to assist. *No problem!!!*

Volunteers Needed for School Break Food Program -- The Wolfville Area Inter-Church Council 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; 902-542-1545).

Drivers Needed -- 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 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.

Corpus Christi Catholic Books & Gifts (Middleton): Metal Auto Visor Clip in the shape of a cross with inscription: *I am Catholic - In Case of Emergency, Please Call a Priest* (\$13.00) or Wood Auto Visor Clip in shape of Angel of the Highway (\$10.00). Also, Auto Rosaries (\$9.00) and Laminated Prayer Cards of St. Christopher with *Motorist Prayer* or *Prayer Before a Journey* (\$1.75). Prices include tax. Come and browse at St. Monica's church hall after Sunday Mass, or call Mary Crooks 902-825-6495.

Did You Know?

More on posture ...

Prostration – Another prayer position is prostration. It is an intense, total, and dramatic expression of adoration, penance, or supplication. It was common among ancient peoples and from them passed into Christian tradition. Jesus himself prayed this way in the Garden of Gethsemane the night before he died: *“He advanced a little and fell prostrate in prayer”* (Matthew 26:39). A full prostration by the priests began each Mass until after the early Middle Ages. It is still retained at the beginning of the Good Friday liturgy.

Sitting – There is no particular religious significance to the position of sitting. It is a posture of receptive listening and resting. It became popular for the listening parts of the Mass only after pews were introduced into churches in the 16th century. They became popular first in reform (ie. Protestant) churches where services concentrated on listening to Scripture and preaching.

Berwick: St. Anthony’s “After Mass Social” will continue for the summer. It’s going to look a little different. Come and see! Surprises await ... there may even be times that you have to make your own.

Children’s Catechetics – Parish: Books and DVDs are arriving for our new catechetics program which is starting in September. We still need catechists and helpers for different age groups in our parish. If you can help as either, even as a spare, would you please contact Caroline Brown at Kentville@corpuschristins.ca . Each level has a good catechist guide which will guide you through the course.



Signs & Wonders

- Seen on a bumper sticker in a Chicago, Ill suburb: *“Proud parent of an Our Lady of Humility honour student.”*
- Sign outside a church in Radnor, OH: *“God accepts knee mail.”*

Sunday, July 23rd, 2pm - Mass with Archbishop Brian Dunn

United Church Camp in Berwick

Location: At the corner of Commercial Street and Hwy 1 in South Berwick
Parking is accessible using Entrance 4

Greeters will be on-site to provide directions
and 2 golf carts are available for our less mobile parishioners.

A BBQ & ice cream will follow
along with special music.

Other Masses that weekend (options):

Saturday 4pm Kentville & 6pm Digby

Sunday 8:30am Windsor & 10am Weymouth

*A number of our churches are organizing carpools and one tentatively has a bus booked.
More information to come!*

Rising From the Rubble: Post-Quake Reconstruction Continues Despite the Chaos in Haiti

(A Note from Development & Peace – 16 June 2023)

The mission of the *Institut de Technologie et d'Animation* (ITECA) is to support farmers in their collective struggles to change in their living conditions in line with their interests. With a vision of transforming the political and socioeconomic reality of farmers by helping them emerge as collective actors, ITECA focuses on farmers' associations grouped into platforms and producers' cooperatives.

ITECA's activities focus on two areas: rural development that supports the farmers' movement by, among other things, stimulating the self-organization and structuration of rural and farming communities; and risk and disaster management, including support for emergency and recovery activities or post-emergency rehabilitation that supports farming communities' efforts.

On August 14, 2021, a magnitude 7.2 earthquake caused significant loss of life and damage in Haiti's southern departments. The earthquake exacerbated the already difficult socioeconomic conditions of local families. Some 130,000 houses collapsed, and others were damaged. In addition to this, recent sociopolitical crises and the effects of climate change (the disruption of the seasons, irregular rainfall, etc.) are major hazards impacting the lives of farmers.

In response to this disaster, ITECA designed and launched the PARECOM program to support recovery and reconstruction among farming communities in five communes—Aquin, Cavaillon, Cayes, Maniche and Saint-Louis du Sud—in the South Department¹. It includes the acquisition and distribution of seeds, farming tools, fruit and forestry saplings; the establishment of agroforestry gardens, market gardens and rice fields; and support for the implementation of anti-erosion devices through agricultural campaigns.

The PARECOM program also includes *Tèt Ansanm*, a pilot project for rebuilding 40 houses for 40 farming families. This project seeks to sustainably reduce the vulnerability of the people of Cavaillon, which ranks among the communes of the South Department most affected by the August 2021 earthquake.

The *Tèt Ansanm* project is progressing despite the constraints and difficulties posed by the current political and security crisis in Haiti. Through it, ITECA and its partners intend to provide concrete support for the rehousing of farming families in Cavaillon whose homes were considerably affected and destroyed by the earthquake.

In 2023, ITECA again renews its firm commitment to stand by peasant communities, especially in the South Department. ITECA remains committed to the idea that supporting farmers in their struggles and grievances is the cornerstone of rural community development in Haiti.

The *Tèt Ansanm* component of the PARECOM program is supported by the *Agence Française de Développement* (AFD); Development and Peace and the Roncalli Foundation; and the *Fondasyon Konesans ak Libète* (FOKAL).

God's Power As Powerlessness

By Fr. Ron Rolheiser o.m.i.

Pulitzer prize-winning writer Annie Dillard suggests that we find God in our lives in the same way God came into our world: as a helpless infant lying in the straw whom we need to pick up, nurture, and provide with human flesh. Her insight has huge implications for how we understand God's power in our lives and for how we understand God's seeming silence in our lives.

When we examine the story of Adam and Eve and original sin, we see that the primary motivation for eating the apple was their desire to somehow grasp at divinity, to become like God. They wanted Godlike power. But they, like us, badly misunderstood what makes for genuine power. St. Paul writes that Jesus did not deem equality with God something to be grasped at, but rather that he emptied himself of that power to become helpless, trusting that this emptying and helplessness would ultimately be the most transformative power of all.

That insight can shed light on how might we comprehend what is often called "the silence of God"? Where was God during the Holocaust, natural disasters, and in senseless accidents and illnesses that take the lives of countless persons?

God is present and intervening in all these situations, but not in the way we ordinarily understand presence, power, and intervention. God is present the way beauty is present, in the way a helpless, innocent newborn is present, and in the way truth as a moral agent is always present.

God is never silent because beauty, innocence, helplessness, and truth are never silent. They're always present and intervening, but unlike ordinary human power, they're present in a way that is completely non-manipulative and fully respectful of your freedom.

When we look at the struggles within our world and within our private lives, it often seems like divine power is forever being trumped by human power. But, like David, standing with a just a boy's slingshot before Goliath, a giant who looks overpowering in terms of muscle and iron and just like the apostles being asked to set five little loaves of bread and two tiny fish before a crowd of 5000, God always looks underwhelming in our world.

But we know how these stories end.

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