



Fr. John MacPherson, Pastor  
 Fr. Michael Walsh, Associate Pastor  
 Fr. Raymond Odumuko, Associate Pastor

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

July 23, 2023



**Kentville Parish Office**

Monday, Tuesday & Friday  
 9:00 am to 1:00 pm  
 Box 486, 48 Belcher St., Kentville, NS  
 B4N 3X3  
 902-678-3303  
 Jennifer Hilborn  
 parishoffice\_kentville@corpuschristins.ca

Website: [www.corpuschristins.ca](http://www.corpuschristins.ca)  
 FaceBook: [www.facebook.com/corpuschristins](http://www.facebook.com/corpuschristins)

**Digby Parish Office**

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday  
 10:00 am to 1:00 pm  
 Box 190, 110 Queen St., Digby, NS  
 B0V 1A0  
 902-245-2115  
 Pamela Cosman  
 parishoffice\_digby@corpuschristins.ca

YouTube: [www.youtube.com/corpuschristins](http://www.youtube.com/corpuschristins)  
 Instagram: [corpuschristins](https://www.instagram.com/corpuschristins)

**Please forward all notices for bulletin to [bulletin@corpuschristins.ca](mailto:bulletin@corpuschristins.ca) before 5:00 pm on Monday.**

**This Week's Readings**

	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
Sun, July 23	Wisdom 12:13, 16-19	Matthew 13:1-24-43
Mon, July 24	Exodus 14:5-18	Matthew 12:38-42
Tues, July 25	2 Corinthians 4:7-15	Matthew 20:20-28
Wed, July 26	Sirach 44:1, 10-15	Matthew 13:16-17
Thurs, July 27	Exodus 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20	Matthew 13:10-17
Fri, July 28	Exodus 20:1-7	Matthew 13:18-23
Sat, July 29	Exodus 24:3-8	John 11:19-27

**Community's Email Address**

St John	<a href="mailto:windsor@corpuschristins.ca">windsor@corpuschristins.ca</a>
St Francis	<a href="mailto:wolfville@corpuschristins.ca">wolfville@corpuschristins.ca</a>
St Joseph	<a href="mailto:kentville@corpuschristins.ca">kentville@corpuschristins.ca</a>
St Anthony	<a href="mailto:berwick@corpuschristins.ca">berwick@corpuschristins.ca</a>
St Monica	<a href="mailto:middleton@corpuschristins.ca">middleton@corpuschristins.ca</a>
St Alphonsus	<a href="mailto:bridgetown@corpuschristins.ca">bridgetown@corpuschristins.ca</a>
St Louis	<a href="mailto:annapolisroyal@corpuschristins.ca">annapolisroyal@corpuschristins.ca</a>
St Patrick	<a href="mailto:digby@corpuschristins.ca">digby@corpuschristins.ca</a>
St Joseph	<a href="mailto:weymouth@corpuschristins.ca">weymouth@corpuschristins.ca</a>

**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](mailto: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 and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**  
 in Berwick & Middleton – **returning in the Fall!**

**Individual Confession Times**

Kentville – every Saturday noon ... 11  
 Windsor – 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month ... 9



## Mass Times & Intentions

### **SATURDAY, JULY 22**

Kentville	4:00 PM	Daniel Moran by Edna & Clay Moran
Digby	6:00 PM	Luke Seabrook by Marsha Thibideau

### **SUNDAY, JULY 23**

Windsor	8:30 AM	Judith Williams by Don Williams
Weymouth	10:00 AM	Richard Cromwell by Conseil Sigogne 6348
Berwick Campground	2:00 PM	Parishioners of Corpus Christi Parish

### **TUESDAY, JULY 25**

Kentville/Online	8:30 AM	All Living Family Members of Helen & Michael Walsh
------------------	---------	--

### **WEDNESDAY, JULY 26**

Kentville/Online	8:30 AM	Gloria Harvie-Wood by St Joseph's CWL
Middleton	9:00 AM	Jemima McKenzie by Tom & Peggy Foley

### **THURSDAY, JULY 27**

Kentville/Online	8:30 AM	Brady Richard by Sonia Gaul
------------------	---------	-----------------------------

### **FRIDAY, JULY 28**

Berwick	9:00 AM	Brian & Cecil Oliver by Helen Oliver & Family
---------	---------	---

### **SATURDAY, JULY 29**

Bridgetown	4:00 PM	Joan Marshall by Patsy Sabeau & Family
Kentville	4:00 PM	Adrianna VanOers by Martina Smolenaars
Digby	6:00 PM	James Lewis by Carol & Pam

### **SUNDAY, JULY 30**

Windsor	8:30 AM	Intentions of Yvonne Gaudet by Laura Joyce
Annapolis Royal	9:00 AM	<b>Liturgy of the Word with Communion</b>
Berwick	9:00 AM	Brenda Podznekoff by Michelle Reid
Kentville	10:30 AM	Francis Maclsaac by Johnny & Florence MacDougall
Middleton	11:00 AM	Michael McKenzie by Tom & Peggy Foley
Weymouth	11:30 AM	<b>Liturgy of the Word with Communion</b>
Wolfville	12:15 PM	Pat Angel

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

**Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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 (Commercial St.)

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

A BBQ & ice cream (no potluck) will follow  
along with special music. Free will offering.

**Other Masses that weekend (options):**

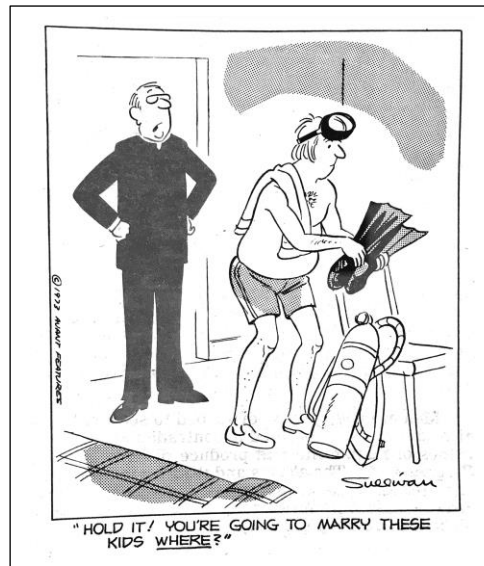
**Saturday** 4pm Kentville & 6pm Digby  
**Sunday** 8:30am Windsor & 10am Weymouth

**E-Transfers** – Just a reminder that if you send an e-transfer to the parish, please include your name, church or Envelope number and what the donation is for in the Memo/Message field. Without this, it can be difficult to determine who sent the e-transfer. Thank you!

**Parishioners of Corpus Christi Parish – All Churches** – Another reminder ...we are a scent free environment. This includes perfumes and other highly scented products.

**Ultreya** - will be held at St ~~Thursday~~ **Thursday July 27** at 7pm. It will be an evening of music and prayer. Bring a friend and a snack to share. *All are welcome!*

**Bake Sale (Annapolis Royal)** - St Louis CWL is hosting a Bake Sale on **Aug 5** from 9 am - 12 noon. Proceeds to support the St Louis heating project. Anyone wishing to donate baked goods, please bring them to St Louis Church Hall on Friday Aug 4 between 6 - 7 pm.



## Children's (Kentville) - Volunteers Needed:

For this Fall, we have been blessed with quite a number of volunteers who will either be catechists or helpers in Catechetics at St. Joseph, Kentville. But, we still need more to run all the classes for the children and youth registered at the present time. We are especially in need of volunteers for grades primary and one. Unless we have volunteers for these groups, we will not be able to offer catechetics to them this year. You do not have to attend the Kentville church to be a catechist here. People from any part of our parish are welcome to serve in Kentville. To volunteer, please contact Caroline Brown at the Kentville liaison [kentville@corpuschristins.ca](mailto:kentville@corpuschristins.ca)

### **Thoughts!**

#### The Perfect Church

*If you could find the perfect church, without one fault or smear,  
for goodness sake, your church is not the one you should attend.  
But since no perfect church exists, where people never sin,  
let's cease looking for the perfect church.*

" You should not waste a moment of  
- Ralph Waldo Emerson

**Corpus Christi Catholic Books & Gifts:** The Men of St. Anthony's and Friends have recorded two CD's of inspirational songs, hymns and Maritime tunes which make for enjoyable summer listening when touring our scenic roads. (\$10.00 each, no tax) They are also great souvenirs for visitors to Nova Scotia and as gifts for hosts or guests. Available at St. Monica's church hall after Sunday Mass, or call Mary Crooks 902-825-6495, or see Deacon Don Boudreau.

### **Thank you Letter from Canadian Food for Children**

Dear Good People of the Archdiocese of Halifax – Yarmouth:

Thank you very sincerely for your precious gift of **used eyeglasses**. These will be very useful. We sent these to Christian missionaries in Zambia, Sierra Leone & Angola in Africa and to El Salvador in Central America.

Our mission started in the 1980s after receiving a letter from Saint Mother Teresa of Kolkata to help the poor.

God Bless you all,  
Andrew Simone

**MS Bike Event, Annapolis Valley – Looking for Volunteers** - August 5-6. More volunteers are needed in various areas ...from helping with putting up route signage, to supporting cyclists at rest stops, lunch stops as well as a BBQ. The Event sees the cyclists take to the roads surrounding Wolfville as well as Kentville. Thank you for your time and consideration. If you are interested in helping, please contact Krysti Gotziaman, Coordinator, Community Volunteer Experience, phone 289-805-0149 or email [krysti.gotziaman@mscanada.ca](mailto:krysti.gotziaman@mscanada.ca)

## Did You Know?

### Relics

The religious tradition of venerating the relics of saints began with the custom of solemnly burying the bodies of martyrs and caring for their graves. This popular practice of veneration was eventually extended to their exhumed clothes, to the dust of their graves, and to objects touched by these holy relics. By the 5<sup>th</sup> century, there were warnings from church authorities against abuses and superstitious practices associated with the veneration of relics.

In the Middle Ages, preoccupation with holy relics increased with great enthusiasm as the more important official Latin worship of the church became foreign to the laity. Relics, sometimes unauthentic and at most only legendary, were moved from places of martyrdom and burial to other countries, cities, and villages. These relics, often encased in elaborate reliquaries made from precious metals, were displayed so that the people could venerate them. It also became a tradition to include and eventually in the altar stone.

Individuals acquired real or "pseudo" relic intercession before God. This led to questionable or superstitious practices. The Church continued to issue warnings and corrections and today carefully regulates this religious practice (Canon 1190).

## The Need For Silence

by Fr. Richard Rohr o.f.m.

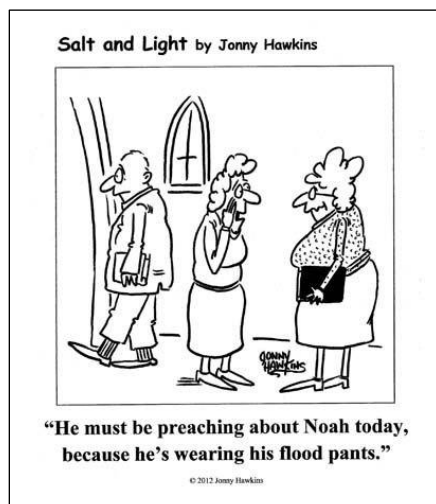
We don't know how to take joy in simple things anymore. We're so much thrown at us! Unless we choose to deliberately under-stimulate ourselves, I don't know how to be about spirituality. I taste, suffer, enjoy, feel the images that come our way.

Westerners have a mania for experience. Descartes said, "I think, therefore I am." For us (ie. Westerners), it is "I experience, therefore I am." But I'm pretty much the same old me. I don't think of all the powerful experiences that I've had. My realizations, do I change. That takes time and space. Put time and space together and you have a new definition of silence.

We've got to create some kind of space so our imaginations don't think a lot of this is going to happen. I don't know how willful people, trying to make the world fit our needs. Will triumphs instead of the Spirit.

Silence alone is space enough to allow Spirit and to let go of will-fullness. Silence makes us willing instead of willful.

from *Letting Go: A Spirituality of Subtraction*



# God's Powerlessness

by Fr. Ron Rolheiser o.m.i.

The French novelist and essayist, Leon Bloy, once made himself condemned until the end of time not to exercise any immediate right of a master over a servant or a king over a subject. We can do what we want. *He will defend himself only by his patience and his beauty.* "

God defends himself only by his patience and his beauty! How true! And how significant for our understanding of power!

The way we understand power is invariably bound up with how we see power exercised in our world. Our world understands power precisely as a force that can lord it over others, a force that can compel others to obey. In our world, power is understood to be real only when it can forcibly assert itself to make others obey it. For us, strong people have power, political rulers have power, economic systems have power, billionaires have power, the rich and the famous have power, muscular bodies have power, and the playground bully has power; power that can make you buckle under, one way or the other.

But such a notion of power is adolescent and superficial. Power that can make you buckle under is only one kind of power and ultimately not the most transformative kind. Real power is moral. Real power is the power of truth, beauty, and patience. Paradoxically, real power generally looks helpless. For example: If you put a powerfully muscled athlete, the CEO of a powerful corporation, a playground bully, an academy-award winning movie star, and a baby into the same room, who has the most power? Ultimately, it's the baby. At the end of the day muscle, and charismatic muscle. Babies cleanse a room morally; they do exorcisms, even the most callous watch their language around a baby.

That's the kind of power God revealed in the incarnation not as Superman or Superstar, but as a baby, helpless to care for its own needs. And that's how God is present in our lives. Pulitzer prize-winning writer, Annie Dillard, suggests that this how we forever find God in our lives, as a helpless infant lying in the straw whom we need to pick up, nurture, and provide with give human flesh.

She's right, and her insight, like that of Leon Bloy, helps us understand God's, seeming, silence in our lives.

First, God's powerlessness in the biblical account 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 shows us the antithesis of that in how he describes Jesus in the famous Christological hymn in the Epistle to the Philippians. Paul writes there 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. Jesus submitted to helplessness to become truly powerful.

That insight can shed light on how we understand God's apparent absence in our world, often called "the silence of God"? Where was God during natural disasters, senseless accidents and illnesses take the lives of thousands of people? Where is God when senseless accidents and illnesses take the lives of thousands of people? God forcefully intervene?

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 up there, in the air, but they're non-manipulative and fully respectful of your freedom. God fully respects you.

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. As the cartoon character, Ziggy, likes to put it: *The poor are still getting clobbered in our world.* But, like David, standing with a just a boy's slingshot before Goliath, a giant 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.



**Keystone Monuments**  
175 Commercial St., Berwick, NS  
(902) 538-1921



*"Adding Comfort To Your Life Since 1969"*

**JORDAN'S HOME FURNISHINGS LTD.**

9108 COMMERCIAL STREET, NEW MINAS  
(1-800)-681-7445

Mon-Wed 9am - 6pm Saturday 9am - 5pm  
Thu & Fri 9am - 9pm Sunday 12pm - 5pm

jordansfurnishings.com



**careforce**  
PROVIDING CARE BEYOND THE BASICS  
Personalized Home Healthcare  
902-365-3155 | www.careforce.ca



**HearingBoutique**  
Audiology & Hearing Aid Services

*"Hear God through your heart, but the sound of music and praise with your ears"*

Webster Street Hearing Boutique  
99B Webster St., Kentville, NS  
(902) 678-5550  
www.thehearingboutique.ca



**KENNEDY'S ULTIMATE TIRE AND REPAIR**

**Brennan Kennedy Taylor Smith**

902-681-5050  
7388 Highway 1 Coldbrook, NS  
brennan.ultimatetire@gmail.com



**Chris d'Entremont**  
Member of Parliament for West Nova  
Député de Nova-Ouest

368 Main Street, Yarmouth  
chris.dentremont@parl.gc.ca  
1-866-280-5302



**FRASER'S PRO HomeCentre**

www.frasers.ca

Berwick 538-3183 Kingston 765-3111 Bridgetown 665-4449 Kentville 678-8044 Annapolis Royal 532-1500



**Chris Palmer**  
MLA KINGS WEST

195 Cottage St., Berwick, NS  
Tel: 902-775-2554 - Toll Free: 888-701-2554  
Email: chris.palmermla@gmail.com  
Facebook: @chrispalmerkingwest  
Instagram: @chrispalmerkingwest  
Office Hours  
Mon to Fri 9am - 12pm - 1pm - 4pm



**Lindsay Windsor Funeral Home**

(902) 798-2232  
194 King Street, Windsor  
www.lindsaywindsorfuneralhome.com

*Ask about pre-planning.*



**BARGAIN HARLEY'S**

**The Everything Store**  
(902) 538-7718  
www.bargainharleys.com

182 Commercial St.,  
Berwick, NS



**AQUATIGHT**

Interior/ Exterior Waterproofing  
Foundation Repair - Mold Remediation  
902-681-1114  
www.aquatightbasements.com



**West Nova Fuels**

Windsor 902-798-1118 Wilmot 902-765-2769  
Greenwich 902-542-3318



**HERITAGE MEMORIALS LTD**

Wilson

New Minas Sales Digby 8777 Commercial St. Owen Nelson (902) 681-1836  
Windsor Head Office 75 Tanager Ave., Windsor (902) 798-4780

www.heritagememorials.com



**Valley Family Optometry**

Dr. Brett Kinney  
Dr. Krista Flynn  
Dr. Lauren Morse  
Dr. Jenay Armstrong  
Dr. Trevor Wainies

545 Victoria Drive Kingston, NS 902-705-3420  
21 Roy Ave. Unit 170 New Minas, NS 902-938-3420  
www.valleyfamilyoptometry.ca



**VALLEY HOME MATTRESS & APPLIANCES**

14 Aberdeen St., Kentville NS  
902-300-8034



**GLASS CHEK & HARDWARE LTD**

Auto • Residential • Commercial

**Dan MacDonald**

12 Roscoe Dr.,  
Kentville  
(902) 679-6664  
glasschek@ns.aliantzinc.ca



**Project Rachel**  
POST-ABORTION HEALING

Free, confidential, non-judgemental help and support for any woman seeking Post-Abortion healing

902-423-9955  
projectrachel.hfx@gmail.com



**sobeys**

Windsor (902) 798-0992 New Minas (902) 681-3723 Greenwood (902) 765-4033 Digby (902) 245-6183



**WARM UP YOUR WINTER WITH SAVAGE OIL**

Serving Digby to Windsor  
Low cost furnace oil  
We do minimum deliveries

- Clear Diesel
- Furnace Oil / Furnace Fuel Light
- Kerosene

902-825-6825 • 1-877-372-8243  
TOLL FREE

Daily deliveries in the Annapolis Valley



**Home hardware building centre**

**ONE STORE FOUR LOCATIONS**

Rafuse (902) 542-2211 Maple Leaf (902) 582-3060  
Rockwell (902) 678-2124 Berwick (902) 538-8000



**Jayne's Funeral Home**

Providing Excellent Service to Digby County since 1965

Everett Pymé Funeral Director 902-245-2525  
Chris Howe Funeral Director

15 Birch St, Digby, NS Highway No 1, Weymouth, NS  
www.jaynesfuneralhome.com www.jaynesweymouth.com



Please support the advertisers on this bulletin and let them know that you saw them here.

For advertising information please call 902-314-5307 or email church.bulletin.advertising@gmail.com

**MADDER'S PharmaChoice**

MADDER'S PharmaChoice  
6637 Hwy 1, Coldbrook  
(902) 679-1251

