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17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 30, 2023



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This Week's Readings

| | 1st Reading | Gospel |
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| Sun, July 30 | 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12 | Matthew 13:44-52 |
| Mon, July 31 | Exodus 32:15-24, 30-34 | Matthew 13:31-35 |
| Tues, Aug 1 | Exodus 33:7-11; 34:5-9,28 | Matthew 13:36-43 |
| Wed, Aug 2 | Sirach 24:1-4, 16, 22-24 | Luke 1:26-33 |
| Thurs, Aug 3 | Exodus 40:16-21, 34-38 | Matthew 13:47-53 |
| Fri, Aug 4 | Leviticus 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34-37 | Matthew 13:54-58 |
| Sat, Aug 5 | Leviticus 25:1, 8-17 | Matthew 14:1-12 |

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5. Through the mail, send to Kentville Parish Office

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 How else could we fulfill our mission?*

Individual Confession Times

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



Mass Times & Intentions

SATURDAY, JULY 29

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

SUNDAY, JULY 30

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1

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| Kentville/Online | 8:30 AM | Maynard Barry by Wayne Barry |
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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2

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| Kentville/Online | 8:30 AM | Perry Peddle by St Joseph's CWL |
| Middleton | 9:00 AM | Charlie Martin by Ginny Green |

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3

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| Kentville/Online | 8:30 AM | Souls in Purgatory by Helen Walsh |
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FRIDAY, AUGUST 4

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| Berwick | 9:00 AM | Intentions of Connie & Don Boudreau on their 50th Wedding Anniversary by Tom & Peggy Foley |
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SATURDAY, AUGUST 5

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| Bridgetown | 4:00 PM | Dean Sabean by Patsy Sabean & Family |
| Kentville | 4:00 PM | John McCabe by Mari & Family |
| Digby | 6:00 PM | Mario Villarroel by his family |

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

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| Windsor | 8:30 AM | Liz Pereira by Alice Pereira |
| Annapolis Royal | 9:00 AM | Jeanne Sproul by Marilyn Harry & Carolyn Gilbert |
| Berwick | 9:00 AM | Frank Long by John McNeil & Colleen Stephenson |
| Kentville | 10:30 AM | Intentions of Barbara Montford by her family |
| Middleton | 11:00 AM | Intentions of Blance Therrio (L) by Mary, Carolyn, Cynthia Gilbert & Marilyn Harry |
| Weymouth | 11:30 AM | Maximien Doucet by Rosa & Family |
| Wolfville | 12:15 PM | For the Health & Well Being of Nancy Henry |

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

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.

Please consider making a donation to **St Patrick's Community Kitchen** in Digby.
To continue this program, we need your support!

Children's Catechetics (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@corpuschristians.ca

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

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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

Humour!!!

After Sunday School, a little boy said to his mother: *“You told me we were created by God, but Dad said we are descended from monkeys. Who is right?”*

“Well,” the boy's Mom replied, *“your father is just talking about his side of the family.”*

This notice was approved by the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia

NOTICE OF SETTLEMENT IN CLASS ACTION

To all individuals who were sexually abused by a priest of the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of Halifax or Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of Yarmouth between April 14, 1954 and March 31, 2020 and have not previously settled or otherwise released either the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of Halifax or Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of Yarmouth.

The Court has approved a settlement which provides compensation to eligible class members who file a claim for sexual assault and meet the requirements of the claims process.

If you opted out of the class action, the settlement will not impact you.

If you are part of the lawsuit as a Class Member, you can submit a claim for a payment of money as compensation. The amount of money that you may receive will depend on the specifics of the claim you submit. The potential amount of money to be paid to a Class Member whose claim is accepted will likely range from \$30,000 to \$350,000.

For further information, visit <https://kmlaw.ca/cases/catholic-priest-sexual-abuse-class-action/> or call 1-833-630-1785, or email catholicabuseclassaction@kmlaw.ca.

You must submit your claim for compensation before December 14, 2023. If you do not submit your claim for compensation before December 14, 2023, you will lose your right to compensation.

Earning God's Love

by Fr. Richard Rohr o.f.m.

The greatest act of faith is to believe God loves you, even in your nakedness, poverty and sinfulness. But human beings always think we have to earn God's love. We work for it and, by doing good things for God, think we are going to get God's blessing and love in return. This is Jesus-and-me religion. It ends up being a self-centered morality of self-perfection and discipline.

Christians have so commonly used the phrase, "I must save my soul," or, "Priests are here to save souls." That is not New Testament. It is pure heresy to think you can save your soul. Jesus means "Yahweh saves." As long as you're busy saving your soul, you're preventing God from saving your soul.

from *The Great Themes of Scripture*



OPEN LETTER FROM THE PERMANENT COUNCIL (of the Canadian Council of Catholic Bishops) TO THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA on Permitting Persons Living with Mental Illness to Access Euthanasia/Assisted Suicide

To the Government of Canada,

The Permanent Council of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) remains deeply concerned that the federal government is in the process of expanding the ‘eligibility criteria’ for euthanasia and assisted suicide, i.e., ‘Medical Assistance in Dying’ or ‘MAiD,’ to persons whose sole medical condition is a mental illness. Despite repeated calls of profound concern from mental health experts and a recent poll showing that only 31% of Canadians support such legislation, the federal government forges ahead with expanding access to MAiD to persons living with mental illness, coming into effect on 17 March 2024.

Expanding access to euthanasia and assisted suicide for individuals living with a mental illness closes the door to any hope of recovery. Furthermore, as the CCCB has affirmed on a number of previous occasions, euthanasia/assisted suicide undermines the universal and inviolable dignity of human life and harms the building up of society. It is even more objectionable, therefore, when the government extends euthanasia/assisted suicide to individuals whose mental condition may predispose them to suicide, especially since it is known that health care across Canada is failing to provide accessible and reliable treatment for patients living with mental health challenges including mental illnesses. To enable or assist in the suicide for these patients directly contradicts national suicide prevention strategies and reneges on our collective social responsibility to provide persons living with mental health challenges with treatment, support, and hope through therapeutic interventions.

Recognizing our common dependency on each other in varying degrees throughout life, we are called to support one another with compassionate care and meaningful encouragement. A patient diagnosed with a terminal condition or living in a situation of prolonged suffering must be offered whatever life-affirming relief and hope are available. Therefore, in addition to robust medical care, patients should have access to comprehensive palliative care and social support. Oversight bodies and news media are reporting a growing number of troubling cases of people choosing MAiD because of loneliness, poverty, social pressure, lack of support, and access to care. United with many others, including medical professionals, we urge the government of Canada, as well as provincial and territorial governments, to invest much more in palliative care in order to promote and attend to the physical, affective, social, spiritual, and psychological needs of the human person.

Consistent with our strong objection to euthanasia/assisted suicide, we implore the federal government to heed the concerns voiced by many mental health experts, mental health and disability advocacy groups, communities, families, and individuals and to repeal entirely or permanently suspend the expansion of ‘MAiD’ to persons whose sole medical condition is a mental illness.

9 May 2023



Doing Violence in God's Name

by Fr. Ron Rolheiser o.m.i.

Blaise Pascal once wrote: *"Men never do evil so completely and cheerfully as when they do it from a religious conviction."* How true! This has been going on since the beginning of time and is showing few signs of disappearing any time soon. We still do violence and evil and justify them in God's name.

We see countless examples of this in history. From the time that we first gained self-consciousness, we've done violence in God name. It began by sacrificing human persons to try to attain God's favor and it led to everything from actively persecuting others for religious reasons, to waging war in God's name, to burning people for heresy at the Inquisition, to practicing capital punishment for religious reasons, and, not least, at one point in history, to handing Jesus over to be crucified out of our misguided religious fervor.

These are some salient historical examples; sadly not much has changed. Today, in its most gross form, we see violence done in God's name by groups like *Al-Qaida* and *ISIS* who, whatever else might be their motivation, believe that they are serving God and cleansing the world in God's name by brute terrorism and murder. The death of thousands of innocent people can be justified, they believe, by the fact that this is God's cause, so sacred and urgent that it allows for the bracketing of all basic standards of humanity, decency, and normal religion. When it's for God's cause, outright evil is rationalized.

Happily, it's impossible for most of us to justify this kind of violence and murder in our minds and hearts, but most of us still justify this kind of sacrilegious violence in more subtle modes. Many of us, for instance, still justify capital punishment in the name of divine justice, believing that God's purposes demand that we kill someone. Many too justify abortion by an appeal to our God-given freedoms. Not least, virtually all of us justify certain violence in our language and discourse because we feel that our cause is so special and sacred that it gives us the right to bracket some of the fundamentals of Christian charity in our dealings with those who disagree with us, namely, respect and graciousness.

Our language, in both the circles of right and the left, is rife with a violence we justify in God's name. On the right, issues like abortion and the defense of dogma are deemed so important as to give us permission to demonize others. On the left, issues of economic and ecological injustice, because they so directly affect the poor, similarly give us permission to bracket respect and graciousness. Both sides like to justify themselves with an appeal to God's righteous anger.

There's a story in John's Gospel, delicious in its irony, which helps expose how we are so often blind to the violence we do in God's name. It's the famous incident of the woman who is caught in adultery. They bring her to Jesus and tell him that they caught her in the very act of committing adultery and that Moses commanded, in God's name, that women like this be stoned to death. Jesus, for his part, says nothing. He bends down and writes with his finger, twice, on the ground and then tells them the one among them who's without sin might cast the first stone. They understand the gesture: why he is writing on the ground, why he is writing twice, and what that means. What does it mean?

Moses went up a mountain and God, with his finger, wrote the Ten Commandments into two tablets of stone. As Moses approached the Israelite camp on his return, carrying the two tablets of stone, he caught the people in the very act of committing idolatry. What did he do? In a fit of religious fervor, he broke the Commandments, literally, physically, over the golden calf and then picked up the fragments and threw those stones at the people.

So here's the irony from which to draw a lesson: Moses was the first person to break the Ten Commandments. He broke them in God's name and then took the fragments and stoned the people. He did this violence in all sincerity, caught up in religious fervor. Of course, afterwards, he had to go back up the mountain and have the Commandments written a second time. However before giving Moses the Commandments a second time, God also gave him a lecture: Don't stone people with the Commandments! Don't do violence in my name!

We've been very slow to grasp this mandate and take it seriously. We still find every sort of moral and religious justification for doing violence in God's name. We are still, like Moses, smashing the Commandments on what we consider idolatrous and then stoning others with the fragments. This is evident everywhere in our religious and moral discourse, particularly in how we, as Pascal might put it, in God's name, "completely and cheerfully" bracket charity as it pertains to graciousness and respect.

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