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Transfiguration of the Lord

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This Week's Readings

	1st Reading	Gospel
Sun, Aug 6	Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14	Matthew 17:1-9
Mon, Aug 7	Numbers 11:4-15	Matthew 14:13-21
Tues, Aug 8	2 Timothy 4:1-5	Matthew 15:13-16
Wed, Aug 9	Numbers 13:1-2, 25; 14:1, 26-29, 34-35	Matthew 15:21-28
Thurs, Aug 10	2 Corinthians 9:6-10	John 12:24-26
Fri, Aug 11	Hosea 2:16-17, 21-22	John 15:4-10
Sat, Aug 12	Deuteronomy 6:4-13	Matthew 17:14-20

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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?*

Individual Confession Times

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



Mass Times & Intentions

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5

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

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8

Kentville/Online	8:30 AM	No Mass
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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9

Kentville/Online	8:30 AM	No Mass
Middleton	9:00 AM	Joan Wibberley by Gordon MacDonald

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10

Kentville/Online	8:30 AM	St Joseph's CWL
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FRIDAY, AUGUST 11

Berwick	9:00 AM	Doris Dandurand by Ann Myers
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SATURDAY, AUGUST 12

Bridgetown	4:00 PM	Donald Sabean by Patsy Sabean & Family
Kentville	4:00 PM	Maurice Harquail by Jennie Harquail
Digby	6:00 PM	Catherine Robicheau by Louise McCauley

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

Windsor	8:30 AM	Deanne Blizzard by Terry & Eleanor McKiel
Annapolis Royal	9:00 AM	Jeanne Sproul by St. Louis CWL
Berwick	9:00 AM	Hector Muise by Marilyn & Ernie Hatfield
Kentville	10:30 AM	Eleanor Nesbitt by Dennis & Barb Nash
Middleton	11:00 AM	Wayne Comeau by Sharon & Bernie Halbot
Weymouth	11:30 AM	Tommy MacDonald by Ron Muise
Wolfville	12:15 PM	Souls in Purgatory by Wayne Barry

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

Thank You to Atlantic Superstore (New Minas) and Sal's Fresh Seafood (beside Carstar, New Minas) for supporting our Parish Picnic.

Children's Catechetics (Kentville)

This past week, the painting of the classrooms for our new catechetical program has begun. We want to make the children feel welcome and to show them our faith by decorating the rooms with crucifixes, pictures of Jesus and the saints, and other Christian symbols. If anyone has any of these items that they would like to donate, we would really appreciate having them. They can be dropped off at the parish office in Kentville.

We are still in need of a few **catechists** and **helpers**. It is a wonderful opportunity to share your faith with the younger generation. Please contact Caroline Brown at kentville@corpuschristins.ca.

Sunday, Sept. 10, will be Catechetics Sunday and the catechists and helpers will be in their rooms from 9:15 to 10:15 to meet the children and their parents. Classes will start on Sunday, Sept. 17.

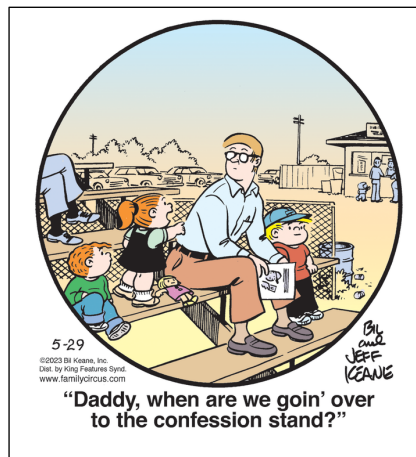
Please register your children and youth so they will be ready for Catechetics Sunday! You can email kentville@corpuschristins.ca or contact the office.

St Joseph's (Kentville) As noted above, there are presently several volunteers painting a number of rooms at St. Joseph's. Along with new paint, we would like to replace the old carpeting with **lamine flooring**. If you would like to contribute financially to this project, it would certainly be appreciated!

To Corpus Christi Parishioners: We appreciate your continuing support for the SafeHouse for abandoned children in Varanasi (India)! One of the family-less girls who was rescued as a child and has been living at the House for more than a decade is now studying to be a nurse ... and your recent donations totaling over \$2,200 can pay for her tuition, uniforms, books, room & board and all expenses for 2/3 of a year! This will give her a new lease on life. *Thank you!*

Twelve Baskets Foodbank (Middleton) is looking for the following items for August: Flakes of ham, chicken and turkey, cereal, hand soap, jam, sugar and pasta sauce.

Corpus Christi Catholic Books & Gifts (Middleton): "Catholic Book of Prayers" contains a wealth of prayers, devotions, and teaching about our Catholic faith. It is bound in a durable flexible attractive and compact edition that is easy to hold in your hands, to carry with you, or to have at the bedside. An excellent companion for a long-time Catholic or for someone learning about our faith. There is also a shorter version to carry in a pocket or purse. Available at St. Monica's church hall after Sunday Mass, or call Mary Crooks 902-825-6495.



July 23rd – Thank You!!!

I would like to offer a word of “thanks” to all (individuals and groups) who helped with our “outdoor” celebration of Eucharist at the United Church Camp in Berwick on July 23rd. For me personally, it was uplifting to witness the spirit of unity and the joy & pleasure experienced by those in attendance. And on behalf of Archbishop Brian Dunn and Fr. Craig Cameron, I would also like to offer their thanks for such a wonderful day.

We already have the camp booked for Sunday, July 21st 2024. Maybe we can make this a yearly event!

- Fr. John MacPherson

Between Myself and God, Give Me God

by Fr. Richard Rohr o.f.m.

If I would have to choose between judging myself and being judged by God, I'll take God. Give me God, who sees the whole picture and who is my father and mother. God's going to say what parents say: *“Don't bother me with the facts, this is my child!”* We condemn ourselves with facts, but the facts don't mean very much in terms of relationships.

When your daughter keeps running toward you and calling you Daddy, do you really care that much whether she stumbles a few times on the way? *“If you then, who are evil, know how to give to your children what is good, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him!”* (Mt 7:11)

from **The Spiritual Family and the Natural Family**

St. Francis' Prayer

By Fr. Richard Rohr o.f.m.

Our father St. Francis passed on to us only prayers of praise. He went simply through his life finding new things for which to praise God at every turn: the little things, nature, the creatures, the animals, situations, his brothers – for whatever is happening, he praises God. Francis is never achieving God's love; he is celebrating it! He continually celebrates God's love in everything he sees and experiences. Mature prayer always breaks into gratitude.

Prayer is sitting in the silence until it silences us, choosing gratitude until we are grateful, praising God until we ourselves are an act of praise.

from **The Great Themes of Scripture**

Flood Relief:

If you would like to help financially with “flood relief” in the Windsor area, please submit your contribution (ie. cash) in an envelope marked “flood relief”, or on a cheque marked likewise. Or you could submit something via e-transfer. All monies that we, as a parish, collect will be forwarded to the **Benevolent Fund** at St. John the Evangelist Church in Windsor. Eleanor McKiel, who coordinates the fund, has already identified certain families/individuals in need.

Thank you.

For Your Information:

There is a Nova Scotia movie being produced called **Monica's News**. It is a fictional story about a young lady growing up in Nova Scotia in the 1970s. It is being filmed around HRM and Hants West. Last Friday, the exterior scene of a funeral was shot outside of St. John the Evangelist Church in Windsor.

The Holy Father's Apostolic Visit to Canada: Looking Back One Year Later

Ottawa – July 26, 2023 – Today, on the liturgical Feast of Saints Anne and Joachim, we remember that a year ago, in July 2022, His Holiness Pope Francis came among us in Canada (his 37th apostolic journey) to undertake what he referred to as a [“penitential pilgrimage.”](#) A very important pastoral visit for the Holy Father, which he made in communion with the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, it marked an important step towards “walking together” in the Church’s relationship with Indigenous Peoples, both in Canada and abroad. Travelling over 8,000 km to reach Canada, [Pope Francis then travelled 5,700 km within Canada, with stops in Edmonton, Quebec City, and Iqaluit, where he attended seven events](#) in total.

During the [Address of His Holiness at Maskwacis](#), Pope Francis stated: “I am here because the first step of my penitential pilgrimage among you is that of again asking forgiveness, of telling you once more that I am deeply sorry. Sorry for the ways in which, regrettably, many Christians supported the colonizing mentality of the powers that oppressed the indigenous peoples. I am sorry. I ask forgiveness, in particular, for the ways in which many members of the Church and of religious communities cooperated, not least through their indifference, in projects of cultural destruction and forced assimilation promoted by the governments of that time, which culminated in the system of residential schools.”

Looking back upon the apostolic visit, Bishop Raymond Poisson, President of the CCCB, remarks on its momentousness: *“During those days with Pope Francis in Canada, we recognized in him the Lord’s mercy, which he offered to us. We realized that the Holy Father’s presence had involved great personal and physical effort on his part, but we also knew how much his encounters with Indigenous Peoples represented, and still represent a living expression of a mutual effort – the Holy Father with the Church in Canada – to “walk together” and to open up new horizons of hope within our communities.”*

Since the Holy Father’s visit, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops has published [four pastoral letters](#) on reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples: to the First Nations, to the Inuit, to the Métis and to the People of God. Conceived as a reference point for local engagement with Indigenous Peoples, these letters emerged from several months of numerous encounters with Indigenous Peoples at the diocesan or regional levels, notably through the [Listening Circles](#) held across Canada, as well as through the [Indigenous Delegation to the Vatican in April 2022](#) and Pope Francis’ apostolic visit to Canada in July of the same year.

Moreover, the CCCB established the [Indigenous Reconciliation Fund \(IRF\)](#) to accept donations from 73 Catholic dioceses and eparchies across the country in fulfillment of its [\\$30 million pledge over 5 years](#). So far, the Fund has raised over one-third of the initial pledge (\$11,264,838) and is on track to meet its goal. To date, over 50 projects have been awarded grants by the IRF to advance healing and reconciliation initiatives. The Fund aims to support projects at the local level, determined in collaboration with First Nations, Métis and Inuit partners.

Last March, the Dicastery for Culture and Education and the Dicastery for the Service of Integral Human Development published a Joint Note on the concept of the “Doctrine of Discovery.” The [Joint Note](#),

which the [CCCB welcomed in its own statement](#), repudiates any concepts that fail to recognize the inherent rights of Indigenous Peoples and expresses support for the principles in the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, specifically in terms of improving the living conditions of Indigenous Peoples, protecting their rights, and supporting their self-development in line with their identity, language, history and culture. A symposium on the subject is currently under consideration.

In June 2023, the CCCB Permanent Council issued guidelines to help dioceses develop their own diocesan policies related to any Indigenous-related records they may hold. As pledged at the [2022 Plenary Assembly](#), these guidelines attempt, with transparency and simplicity, to address the sometimes cumbersome processes for identifying and requesting records.

Looking to the future, while remaining anchored in Pope Francis’ rich pastoral discourses during his historic visit to Canada, a [video, Papal Visit to Canada, One Year Later](#), has been produced by the Archdiocese of Edmonton with reflections from Cardinal Gérald Cyprien Lacroix, Archbishop Anthony Wieslaw Krotki, Archbishop Richard Smith, and Maskwacis Chief Victor Buffalo. The video highlights Pope Francis’ visit as a significant step on the road to healing and reconciliation, noting that the work and commitment will continue. It demonstrates that the Holy Father’s visit also made not only the idea, but the reality of reconciliation possible.

It Comes and It Goes

by Fr. Ron Rolheiser o.m.i.

The 13th century Persian poet and Sufi mystic, Rumi, once said that this is how faith moves in our lives: *We live with a deep secret that sometimes we know, then not, and then know again.*

New York columnist David Brooks says something quite similar. In his book, *The Second Mountain*, he shares how he is trying to live out both a Jewish and a Christian faith. For the most part, he says, it can work. After all, Jesus tried it. However, the hard question he is sometimes asked is: Do you believe in the resurrection of Jesus, believe that Jesus' body was gone from the tomb three days after his crucifixion? His answer: "*It comes and it goes.* The border stalker in me is still strong."

If most of us who profess ourselves as Christians were really honest, we would, I submit, give a similar answer to the question about the reality of Jesus' resurrection. Do we believe it actually happened? *It comes and it goes.* Perhaps not intellectually, but existentially.

It's one thing to profess intellectually that we believe in something, it's another to actually give credence to that in our lives. Jesus himself makes that distinction in his parable about a man having two sons and asking them to go work in his field. The first son answers yes, but never goes. The second son says no but ends up going and doing the work. Thus, Jesus asks, which of the two is the real son?

Well, Brooks' answer straddles the two, a border stalker. In truth, we are both sons, saying yes, then no, then yes again. John Shea, commenting on the ups and downs of Jesus' first disciples and their vacillation between enthusiastic following and abandoning their faith dream, calls this a struggle (for them and for us) between divine invitation and human response, between great assurance and great vacillation.

And nowhere is this more evident in us than in how we vacillate vis-à-vis whether we truly believe in the central invitation of all within Christianity, that is, do we take the resurrection of Jesus seriously enough to actually redefine ourselves, redefine the meaning of life, and make it a prism through which we shape how we should be living? Do we believe strongly enough in the resurrection of Jesus to take radical, common sense-defying risks in our lives? If we truly believed Jesus was resurrected it would reshape our lives.

Most of us, I'm sure, are familiar with the famous lines from Julian of Norwich. Reflecting on what the resurrection of Jesus means for us, she says that, if it is true, if Jesus actually rose from the dead, if God actually brought a dead body out of a grave, then we have the absolute assurance (and the confidence that goes with that) to believe that *In the end, all will be well, and all will be well, and every manner of being will be well.*

Her equation is right, if the resurrection actually happened; the rest follows, the ending to our story of and that of the world itself has already been written, and we have absolute assurance that it's a happy ending. But, do we believe it? For the majority of us, if we were as honest as David Brooks, our existential answer would, I believe, be the same as his: *it comes and it goes.* Granted, it can be humbling to admit that, but that admission can free us from denial, help us understand better some of the dynamics of faith, and point us towards where we need to be going in terms of an ongoing conversion.

Once at a religious conference, I heard this comment from one of the keynote speakers, a woman who, like Dorothy Day, had been working with the poor on the streets for many years. She shared words to this effect: I'm a Christian and I work on the streets with the poor. Ultimately, Jesus is my reason for doing this. But I can do this work for years and never mention Jesus' name as I work because I believe God is mature enough that he doesn't demand to be the center of our conscious attention all the time. You can guess that comment was met with some very mixed reactions.

But, at the end of the day, she's right, and what she's sharing isn't an unhealthy straddling of anything, or even exactly Brooks' or Rumi's experience of how faith works in our existential lives. *It comes and goes.* What she's sharing can help free us from some of the false guilt we feel when faith seems to have let go and we feel the earthy reality of our lives so tangibly and existentially that, for that moment, we seem not to know the secret of faith and appear to be vacillating in the face of a great assurance.

It comes and it goes. Indeed. We live with a deep secret that sometimes we know, then not, and then know again.

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