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21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 27, 2023



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**This Week's Readings**

	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
Sun, Aug 27	Isaiah 22:19-23	Matthew 16:13-20
Mon, Aug 28	1 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 8-10	Matthew 23:13-22
Tues, Aug 29	Jeremiah 1:17-19	Mark 6:17-29
Wed, Aug 30	1 Thessalonians 2:9-13	Matthew 23:27-32
Thurs, Aug 31	1 Thessalonians 3:7-13	Matthew 24:42-51
Fri, Sept 1	1 Thessalonians 4:1-8	Matthew 25:1-13
Sat, Sept 2	1 Thessalonians 4:9-11	Matthew 25:14-30

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There are many ways to donate to Corpus Christi Parish:

1. Weekly Offertory Envelopes
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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?*

**Individual Confession Times**

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



## Mass Times & Intentions

### **SATURDAY, AUGUST 26**

Bridgetown	4:00 PM	John & Joan Healy by Patsy Sabean
Kentville	4:00 PM	Stephen Douglas Kline by Ann Myers
Digby	6:00 PM	Antonio Villarroel by his family

### **SUNDAY, AUGUST 27**

Windsor	8:30 AM	Bill Gaudet by Wanda Zwicker & Laura Joyce
Annapolis Royal	9:00 AM	Jeanne Sproul by Eric & Leah Brown
Berwick	9:00 AM	Carolyn Adshad by Anita & Leo Currie
Kentville	10:30 AM	Darryl Crossman by Hector & Joan Pottie
Middleton	11:00 AM	Dan Bernard by Fred & Marion Hole
Weymouth	11:30 AM	Eugene & Rick Weir by Bobby Comeau
Wolfville	12:15 PM	Nancy Henry by the Sequeira Family

### **TUESDAY, AUGUST 29**

Middleton	6:00 PM	<b>Cemetery Mass at St Monica's Cemetery</b>
Windsor	6:00 PM	<b>Cemetery Mass at St John's Cemetery</b>
Marshalltown	6:00 PM	<b>Cemetery Mass at Madonna Cemetery</b>

### **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30**

Plympton	6:00 PM	<b>Cemetery Mass at Holy Cross Cemetery, Plympton</b>
Wolfville	6:00 PM	<b>Cemetery Mass at St Francis Cemetery</b>
Bridgetown	6:30 PM	<b>Cemetery Mass at St Alphonsus Cemetery</b>

### **THURSDAY, AUGUST 31**

Kentville	6:00 PM	<b>Cemetery Mass at Holy Cross Cemetery, Kentville</b>
Weymouth	6:30 PM	Paul Belliveau by Joanne & Jerry Belliveau

### **FRIDAY, SEPT 1**

Berwick	9:00 AM	Souls in Purgatory by Helen Walsh
Digby	9:00 AM	Ezinne Martha Odumuko by Pamela & Family

### **SATURDAY, SEPT 2**

Bridgetown	4:00 PM	Russell Ward by Patsy Sabean
Kentville	4:00 PM	For Thanksgiving by Joshy David & Family
Annapolis Royal	4:00 PM	For the Parishioners of Corpus Christi

### **SUNDAY, SEPT 3**

Windsor	8:30 AM	Dirk Pereira by Alice Periera
Digby	9:00 AM	Herbert Boudreau by Anna & Danny Corbett
Berwick	9:00 AM	Dan Bernard by Adora & Herb Parsons
Kentville	10:30 AM	Bridget Hann & Laura Coffey by Theresa Coffey
Middleton	11:00 AM	Patsy Foley by Tom & Peggy Foley
Weymouth	11:30 AM	Maximien Doucet by Bucky & Medora Dahlgren
Wolfville	12:15 PM	Harry teBraake by John teBraake

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

**Cemetery Masses** will take place this coming week. If it is raining the Mass will be said in the church.  
(In the case of rain at Plympton Cemetery the Mass will be said in St. Joseph's, Weymouth.)

**Mass Change Sept 2-3** On the weekend of September 2-3 there will be a change in Mass location and times due to the Wharf Rat Rally being held in Digby. Masses for this weekend will be held at St. Louis, **Annapolis Royal** on Saturday, September 2 at 4:00 pm and Sunday, September 3 at 9:00 am in St. Patrick's Church, **Digby**. Mass will remain at the same time in St. Joseph's **Weymouth** Sunday, at 11:30 am.

**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. (Please make out the cheque to Corpus Christi Parish but earmark it "flood relief"). 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.

**Children's Catechetics (Windsor)** Classes will start on Sunday, Sept. 17 after Mass in the Rectory. Due to the small number of children, it will be a combined class. We could still use another helper. It is a wonderful opportunity to share your faith with the younger generation. If you haven't registered your children or you want to help, you can email [kentville@corpuschristins.ca](mailto:kentville@corpuschristins.ca) or contact the office.

**Children's Catechetics (Kentville)**

Fall and the start of our catechetics sessions are approaching. Please register your children and youth **now** (if you have not already done so) so we are ready for Sept. 10 when parents and children are invited to meet their catechists and find their group. Each group will have the name of one of our saints, so which saint is yours? Parent letters with additional information will be available at that time. You can **register** emailing the Kentville liaison at [kentville@corpuschristins.ca](mailto:kentville@corpuschristins.ca) or calling the office. We need to know the child/youth's name, date of birth, school grade this year, sacraments received, your name(s), phone number(s) and email address(es) to register each child/youth. They are not registered until we have all the above information.

Sessions begin on **Sept. 17 at 9:15 am** and end at 10:15 so families can attend Mass.

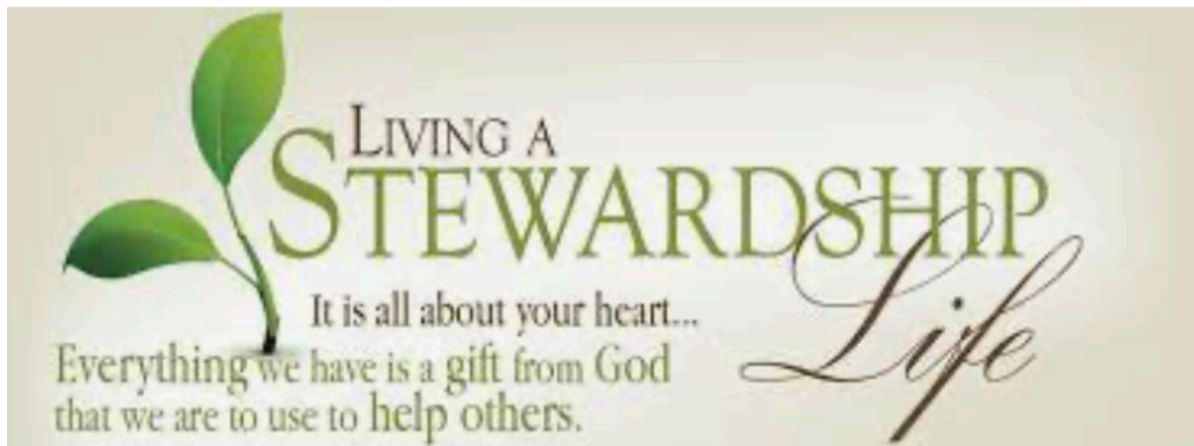
**Needed:** Catechetics is in need of **ONE helper** if we are going to offer all the grade levels this year. We also need spare catechists and helpers. but we need ONE more helper to offer every level. It takes only one hour a week of time, just being present in the class with the catechist. This is to fulfill the Responsible Ministry requirement of the church. Will you please offer one hour of your time to help evangelize our children?

Please pray for all the students, catechists, and helpers as we prepare for our new year in our rooms which are newly painted and have new flooring.

**Corpus Christi Catholic Books & Gifts (Middleton):** "Book of Catholic Novenas" as well as durable laminated folders of the Rosary; Seven Chaplet Devotions; Novena and Chaplet to Saint Michael the Archangel; Novenas to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Good Saint Anne, Souls in Purgatory; and Prayers and Spirituality of Padre Pio. Available at St. Monica's church hall after Sunday Mass, or call Mary Crooks 902-825-6495.

***Have you signed up for Flocknote? If not, please do so.***

**We use Flocknote to send out important notices, reminders, changes, cancelations etc.**



## RCIA

*Are you non-Catholic and would like to know more about the Catholic faith?*

*Are you thinking that you might like to be more connected to the Catholic faith and be initiated into it (i.e.. Baptism, Communion, Confirmation)?*

*Are you Catholic but feel that your understanding of the Catholic faith is rather limited?*

If you answered “yes” to any of the above, the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** could be for you.

We welcome you to reach out, ask questions and come see what it’s all about!

### **In-person sessions:**

**Windsor** – will be starting before the end of September. For more information, please contact [parishoffice\\_kentville@corpuschristins.ca](mailto:parishoffice_kentville@corpuschristins.ca)

**Kentville** - will be starting September 14th. For more information, please contact Wayne Barry at [johnmaynardjohn790@gmail.com](mailto:johnmaynardjohn790@gmail.com) (902) 830-5396 or Elizabeth Benoit at [elizabeth.benoit@gmail.com](mailto:elizabeth.benoit@gmail.com) (902) 300-2680.

**On-line sessions:** These will also be starting in September. For more information, please contact [parishoffice\\_kentville@corpuschristins.ca](mailto:parishoffice_kentville@corpuschristins.ca)

**Sunday, Sept 10 (Bridgetown)** The Annapolis Valley Centre RCO (Royal Canadian College of Organists) presents **A Harvest Service of Thanksgiving** to conclude **Bridgetown Ciderfest** celebration in St. Alphonsus Catholic Church, Bridgetown, at 7 pm. Featured will be vocalists, organists, scripture readings, congregational hymns followed by a reception in the Hall.

## **Upcoming Adult Faith Formation Courses**

**Horizons of Hope/Palliative Care** – In-person sessions will be held in Wolfville, Middleton & Digby

**Unbound** – On-line (Zoom) sessions

**ChristLife** – In-person sessions in the East and Central areas of the parish

More information to come about registration and start dates.

*East = Windsor, Wolfville, Kentville      Central = Berwick, Middleton, Bridgetown      West = Annapolis Royal, Digby, Weymouth*

**Camino Nova Scotia** Atlantic School of Theology (AST) is organizing an **Annapolis Valley Fall Camino** for Sun Sept 24 to Sat Sept 30 (5 days’ walk). This **pilgrimage** starts out Monday morning Sept 25 from Grand Pre and ends in Annapolis Royal following the Annapolis Valley (Harvest Moon) Linear Trail. This event is open to everyone, from any background. For further information and to register for this Camino, visit Eventbrite or visit <https://www.astheology.ns.ca/con-ed/camino-ns/schedule.html>.

*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](mailto: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.

## Day of Prayer for Care of Creation



In 2015 Pope Francis declared **September 1** as a Day of Prayer for Care of Creation. In designating this day the Pope invites Catholics all over the world to be mindful of the responsibility we have to care for our common home. In his letter establishing the day in 2015 he wrote: *“For ‘living our vocation to be protectors of God’s handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or secondary aspect of our Christian experience.’”* (*Laudato Si’*, 217)

September 1 opens what has now become the Season of Creation. The Season of Creation is the annual Christian celebration to pray and respond together to the cry of Creation: the ecumenical family around the world unites to listen and care for our common home. The Season “Celebration” begins September 1, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, and ends October 4, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology. For more information and resources on the Season of Creation visit: [seasonofcreation.org](http://seasonofcreation.org)

Each year the Holy Father writes a message to the faithful for to bring to mind the significance of praying and caring for creation. In his 2023 message from Pope Francis invites us to *“the renewal of our relationship with creation so that we no longer see it as an object to be exploited but cherish it instead as a sacred gift from our Creator.”* To read the full text, go to [www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va)



# Our Deepest Insecurity

by Fr. Ron Rolheiser o.m.i.

Why don't we live happier lives? Why are we forever caught up in frustrations, tensions, angers, and resentments?

The reasons of course are too many to name. Each day, as Jesus himself tells us, brings problems enough for the day. We're unhappy for reasons too many to count. And yet it can be helpful to ask ourselves sometimes: Why am I so chronically sitting just outside the gates of happiness?

Our initial answer would probably focus on the tensions in our lives that have to do with tiredness, with our health, with stress in our relationships, stress in our work, and anxieties about security. There's always something! A second reflection would, I suspect, drag up deeper reasons: unacknowledged disappointment with how our lives have turned out, with what our lives have come down to, and with the many dreams we had which were frustrated.

But a still deeper reflection, I believe, would shine a light on something else, something that lies beyond the ordinary stresses and deeper disappointments in our lives. It would, I submit, reveal an underlying, unacknowledged insecurity which works at perennially turning the positive into the negative, has us habitually cursing rather than blessing, and has us projecting a negativity and bitterness right in the God and religion we believe in. What is this insecurity?

This insecurity is, at root, a feeling that we are not sufficiently welcome in this world, that God and the universe are somehow hostile to us, that we are not unconditionally loved and forgiven. And, because of this, we harbor a certain paranoia and hostility towards others. Their energy is a threat to the welcome we desire.

Here's how Thomas Merton diagnoses this. Commenting on the negativity in the politics, churches, and communities of his time, he offers this reason for the bitterness and division: *"In the climate which is not that of life and mercy, but of death and condemnation, the personal and collective guilts of men and of groups wrestle with one another in death struggle. Men, tribes, nations, sects, parties set themselves up in forms of existence which are mutual accusations. They thus seek survival and self-affirmation by living demonically, for the demon is the 'accuser of the brethren.' A demonic existence is one which insistently diagnoses what it cannot cure, what it has no desire to cure, what it seeks only to bring to full potency in order that it may cause the death of its victim. Yet this is the temptation which besets the sinner-dasein [existential situation] of man, for whom a resentful existence implies the need and decision to accuse and to condemn all other existences."*

And, when this is true, Merton submits, *"God becomes a tribal totem, a magnification of the self-seeking existent striving to establish its autonomy in its own void. Can such a God be anything but the embodiment of resentments, hatreds, and dreads? It is in the presence of such idols that vindictive and death-dealing orthodoxies flourish. These gods of party and sect, race and nation, are necessarily the gods of war."* ... And this can only be remedied *"when men [people] realize that they are all debtors, and that the debt is unpayable."*

And isn't all of this so true today? How vicious, demonizing, polarizing, and stalemated are our own political processes, churches, and communities! How resentful we all are! How much we have turned our God in the embodiment of our resentments, hatred, and fears! How much we are selling death-dealing orthodoxies as religion! How much our communities and churches are creating their own tribal gods! We see this, of course, most clearly in the religious terrorists who bomb and kill in the name of God, but no one is exempt. We all struggle to believe in a God who actually loves everyone and who is not just our own tribal deity. Indeed part of the historical reason for present-day religious terrorism has to do with our own, longstanding, paranoia and how we have projected our own resentments, fears, and hatreds into the God we believe in and the religion we practice.

But Merton shares too the secret of how to move beyond this, of how to stop projecting our own resentments and fears into God and into our churches. His answer? Things will change when, at the root of our being, we accept that we are debtors and that the debt is unpayable. Then we will finally accept God's welcome and love and, accepting our own welcome, we will no longer resent others. It's only when we know our own welcome that we can let acceptance, and not judgment, flow out of our lives. And then, and only then, can we let our God be too the God of others.

At the root of our deepest resentment sits an insecurity about our own welcome in the world and with that comes a failure to understand the real nature of God, that is, because we feel threatened, we invariably create a God and religion that protects us against others.

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