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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 3, 2023



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This Week's Readings

	1st Reading	Gospel
Sun, Sept 3	Jeremiah 20:7-9	Matthew 16:21-27
Mon, Sept 4	Genesis 2:4-9, 15	Matthew 6:31-34
Tues, Sept 5	1 Thessalonians 5:1-6, 9-11	Luke 4:31-37
Wed, Sept 6	Colossians 1:1-8	Luke 4:38-44
Thurs, Sept 7	Colossians 1:9-14	Luke 5:1-11
Fri, Sept 8	Micah 5:1-4	Matthew 1:1-16,18-23
Sat, Sept 9	Colossians 1:21-23	Luke 6:1-5

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?*

Individual Confession Times

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



Mass Times & Intentions

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

MONDAY, SEPT 4

Annapolis Royal	6:00 PM	Cemetery Mass at St Louis Cemetery in Annapolis Royal
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TUESDAY, SEPT 5

Annapolis Royal	10:00 AM	Rick Wright by Betty & Lawrence Ritcey
Bear River	6:00 PM	Cemetery Mass at St Anne's Cemetery in Bear River

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 6

Middleton	9:00 AM	Intentions of Mary & Leonard Canfield by Carolyn Gilbert
Tideview Terrace	10:30 AM	Marie Thibideau by Charles & Pearl Williams
Weymouth	6:30 PM	Henry Belliveau by Joanne & Jerry Belliveau

THURSDAY, SEPT 7

Weymouth	6:30 PM	Ronnie Sabean by Marion & Greg MacDonald
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FRIDAY, SEPT 8

Berwick	9:00 AM	Brian & Cecil Oliver by Helen Oliver & Family
Digby	9:00 AM	Ezinne Martha Odumuko by Marion Croft

SATURDAY, SEPT 9

Bridgetown	4:00 PM	Gervaise Locas by Lynn Main
Kentville	4:00 PM	Gilbert Pasley by Doris & Family
Digby	6:00 PM	Alvin Thomas by Monika Treleaven

SUNDAY, SEPT 10

Windsor	8:30 AM	Greg & Guy K Smith by Mary-Alma Smith
Annapolis Royal	9:00 AM	Leo MacDonald by Marilyn Harry
Berwick	9:00 AM	Nancy Henry by Michelle Reid
Kentville	10:30 AM	Wayne Comeau by Doris
Middleton	11:00 AM	Douglas Theriault by Carolyn Gilbert
Weymouth	11:30 AM	Maximien Doucet by Cathy LeBlanc
Wolfville	12:15 PM	Mary & Alfred by the Sequeira Family

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



Special Collection Envelope On Sept 10, there is a special collection envelope for the **Faith Formation**. These donations are used to support religious education to both adults and youth such as First Communion, Confirmation, Children's Catechetics, ChristLife Alpha, Unbound, Bible Studies, Horizons of Hope, etc.

Mass Change Sept 2-3 This weekend, 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.

Sunday, Sept 10 (Bridgetown) The Annapolis Valley Centre RCCO (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.

St Anthony's (Berwick) Signup Sunday is upon us. Signup days will be on Sept. 10 and 17. Contact berwick@corpuschristins.ca if you have questions/concerns. As always, we need many hands to keep St. Anthony's church running efficiently.

Children's Catechetics (Kentville) The countdown is on to the beginning of our new catechetical program at St. Joseph's in Kentville! Next **Sunday, Sept. 10**, is Catechetics Sunday and at 9:15 children, youth, and parents can meet their catechists and helpers for the year and meet the others in their group. They will go to their new classrooms for a short time. We are looking forward to the catechetics sessions beginning on Sunday, Sept. 17, at 9:15. They will end at 10:15 so families can attend Mass together. *Please pray for the children, youth, and catechists and helpers as they begin their journey together, growing in the love and knowledge of Jesus.*

St. Monica's Catholic Women's League (Middleton) will meet on Monday, September 11 at 2:00 pm in St. Monica's church hall. We welcome women who would like to share in praying, learning, serving, laughing, and growing spiritually together, while encouraging each other as woman of faith.

Corpus Christi Catholic Books & Gifts (Middleton): Spiritual Classic "Hail Holy Queen! An Explanation of the Salve Regina" by St. Alphonsus Ligouri at the special feature of \$2.00. 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.***

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>.

Fundy Interchurch Food Bank (Kentville) We need you... Fundy Interchurch Food Bank asks you to join in making a difference (and have fun at the same time!). The food requests are growing and your help is needed. Whether you are interested in volunteering for a day or two a month or can only spare a few hours, we are grateful for your support and commitment to the critical fight against hunger. What would you do? Perhaps help in sorting donated food, stocking shelves, repackaging bulk food items, or be a packer and fulfil food orders during our open client days. Maybe you could help raise funds, contact outside sources to request food donations or help create awareness at special events and finally, you might like assist with our social media messaging. **Not to worry, we'll find a place for you!** Please complete our on-line application at the Feed Nova Scotia website (Fundy Interchurch location) or call us at (902) 679-3664. We look forward to hearing from you.

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



**Palliative care is not just about dying;
it's about loving God and one another within a compassionate community.**

Our faith in Jesus Christ has much to teach us about living well until the end of life. The team organizing the introductory sessions on **Horizons of Hope: A Toolkit for Catholic Parishes on Palliative Care** want to share this experience with you. The program can help parishioners, caregivers, and family members facing a serious and/or terminal illness to learn more about palliative care. Through each of the four modules, the learning and discussion address themes such as *understanding the dying process, discernment and decision-making at the end of life, accompaniment, and the importance of building Compassionate Communities*. Additional information about this program is found on line

at [Horizons of Hope: A Toolkit for Catholic Parishes on Palliative Care - Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops \(ccc.ca\)](http://www.cccb.ca/horizons-of-hope).

The program will run in the east (Windsor, Wolfville, Kentville), the centre (Berwick, Middleton, Bridgetown), and the west (Annapolis Royal, Digby, Weymouth) at the dates and times indicated below:

Group	Location	Times	Module 1	Module 2	Module 3	Module 4
East	St. Francis, Wolfville	6:30- 8:30pm	Oct. 10, Tuesdays	Oct. 17	Oct. 24	Oct. 31
Centre	St. Monica Middleton	6:30- 8:30pm	Sept. 28, Thursdays	Oct. 05	Oct. 12	Oct. 19
West	St. Patrick, Digby	6:30- 8:30pm	Sept. 18, Mondays	Sept. 25	Oct. 02	Oct. 09

To register call (east & centre 902-678-3303; west 902-245-2115) or email the Kentville parish office (east, centre, west) ParishOffice_Kentville@corpuschristins.ca

RCIA ... now called OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)

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 **Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)** 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

Kentville - will be starting September 14th. For more information, please contact Wayne Barry at johnmaynardjohn790@gmail.com (902) 830-5396 or Elizabeth Benoit at 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

Parish Financials Update

	Jan - Jun 2023	Jan - Jun 2022	Jan - Jun 2021
Income			
Ordinary Revenue	\$330,841.96	\$288,624.23	\$243,473.19
Extraordinary Revenue (Includes: Cemetery & Capital Projects)	\$117,211.58	\$91,861.34	\$78,820.35
Parish Activity-Hospitality	\$2,613.95	\$3,907.80	\$0.16
Outreach	\$2,462.00	\$4,978.77	\$0.00
Canada Helps- donations	\$920.00	\$1,610.00	\$1,610.00
Total Income:	\$454,049.49	\$390,982.14	\$323,903.70
Expense			
Church Expenses	\$124,098.03	\$161,642.17	\$125,097.40
Hall Expenses	\$14,175.13	\$10,299.27	\$7,612.83
Residence Expenses	\$25,953.25	\$19,836.66	\$18,655.07
Shared Expenses - Community (Includes: Admin, Worship Needs, Priests, Travel)	\$142,974.90	\$142,937.60	\$150,358.12
Shared Expenses - Formation (Includes: Admin, Bible Studies, Family Life & Youth Ministry)	\$8,110.94	\$25,063.86	\$19,345.50
Shared Expenses - Mission/Outreach	\$2,502.00	\$12,751.97	\$0.00
Diocesan Assessment	\$48,260.00	\$46,805.00	\$49,774.00
Cemetery Expenses	\$14,602.45	\$8,192.73	\$7,697.12
Total Expense:	\$380,676.70	\$427,529.26	\$378,540.04
Net Ordinary Income (Loss):	\$73,372.79	(\$36,547.12)	(\$54,636.34)
Capital Expenditures	\$3,117.32	\$0.00	\$7,023.91
Net Income (Loss):	\$70,255.47	(\$36,547.12)	(\$61,660.25)

Notes: Up to June 2021, there was a COVID Subsidy available. For 2022, there was no longer a subsidy available. Extraordinary Revenue includes Cemetery and Capital Projects Revenue that have designated purposes (i.e., not for General Purposes). These funds are accounted for separately on the P&L and Balance Sheet.

Martyrs

by Fr. Richard Rohr o.f.m.

Most of the martyrs were not killed simply for religious reasons. Throughout Christian history there's always been plenty of overlap between Church and state, politics and prayer. It was true with the English martyrs of the Reformation, with the Japanese martyrs; it was true with the early Roman martyrs.

We easily forget that truth. Now when we see, for example, the martyrs of the poor Church of El Salvador, people say, *"I'm not sure they were really martyrs for Christ. They were making waves with the state."* But it has always been that way.

True religion, precisely because it is so holistic, is a threat to the system. The system can't tolerate free people who don't bow before the idols of the system, whatever they might be.

The martyrs have always turned around and walked out the back of their own logical heads. They found a way to that greatest freedom, the only true great freedom: freedom from the self and freedom for the Great Truth.

from **Why Be Catholic?**



The Promise of Jesus

by Fr. Richard Rohr o.f.m.

Jesus promised that when we celebrate the Eucharist, he will be present to us. This has been the unwavering faith of the Church since the New Testament. The Eucharist has been at the center of our Church from the beginning, and rightly so. It has given us the power of community, the power to understand ourselves as one universal people, beyond nations and races. It's given us the power of healing and reconciliation. Every time we celebrate the Eucharist, the Church is redefined as people, as a big family, around our family table, the altar.

Jesus gives us himself at Eucharist to remind us: We are becoming what we eat. We are his body, we are his flesh for the life of the world. When we eat this meal we are united to Catholic Christians all over the world, who this very hour are celebrating the same Eucharist in many different languages and countries. Someone said, If we really understood Eucharist, how could there ever again be war? How could we get out in that world and kill people who have eaten this same bread and have drank from this same cup?

The Eucharist defines humanity as one flesh, one people, and if you hate this flesh, you hate the flesh of Christ himself. Eucharist is the gift that makes us a sacred and universal people.

from **The Symbolism and Meaning of the Mass**

Thought !!!

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