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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 10, 2023



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This Week's Readings

	1st Reading	Gospel
Sun, Sept 10	Ezekiel 33:7-9	Matthew 18:15-20
Mon, Sept 11	Colossians 1:24 – 2:3	Luke 6:6-11
Tues, Sept 12	Galatians 4:4-7	Luke 1:39-57
Wed, Sept 13	Colossians 3:1-11	Luke 6:20-26
Thurs, Sept 14	Numbers 21:4-9	John 3:13-17
Fri, Sept 15	Hebrews 5:7-9	John 19:25-27
Sat, Sept 16	1 Timothy 1:15-17	Luke 6:43-49

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 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	Maximie Doucet by Cathy LeBlanc
Wolfville	12:15 PM	Mary & Alfred by the Sequeira Family

TUESDAY, SEPT 12

Kentville/Online	8:30 AM	Maurice Harquail by Jennifer Harquail
Digby	6:30 PM	Intentions of Doris Barr by Carol, Pam & Hannah

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 13

Kentville/Online	8:30 AM	St Joseph's CWL
Middleton	9:00 AM	Intentions of Donald & Barbara Theriault by Carolyn Gilbert
Weymouth	6:30 PM	Dennis Hollohan by Marion & Greg MacDonald

THURSDAY, SEPT 14

Kentville/Online	8:30 AM	Michael Walsh by Helen Walsh
Weymouth	6:30 PM	Wayne Hone by Family members

FRIDAY, SEPT 15

Berwick	9:00 AM	David MacLellan by Wayne Barry
Digby	9:00 AM	Ezinne Martha Odumuko by Thru Mary Prayer Group

SATURDAY, SEPT 16

Bridgetown	4:00 PM	Daniel Bernard by Tom & Lois Porter
Kentville	4:00 PM	Mary Ann Doucet by Doris Pasley
Digby	6:00 PM	Bruce Avery by the Avery Family

SUNDAY, SEPT 17

Windsor	8:30 AM	Bill Gaudet by the Gnemmi Family
Annapolis Royal	9:00 AM	Doug Theriault by Cynthia Hamilton
Berwick	9:00 AM	Nancy Henry by Heather Pozdnekoff
Kentville	10:30 AM	For the Children, Youth & Catechists & Helpers beginning their new Catechetical Year
Middleton	11:00 AM	Doug Theriault by Gordon MacDonald
Weymouth	11:30 AM	Claire Marchildon by Ann Louise & Bobby Doucet
Wolfville	12:15 PM	Harry teBraake by Truus Ueffing

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.

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) Attend a special mass with the Syro-Malabar Community on Sunday, Sept 10 at 4 pm.
All are welcome!

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.

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.

Children's Catechetics (Kentville) This Sunday is Catechetics Sunday. Children, youth, and their parents are asked to gather at 9:15 in the multipurpose room in St. Joseph's Church in Kentville. They will meet their catechists and helpers and go to their saints' group to get acquainted. It is also a chance to register your children/youth if you have not done so. Parents can see our newly painted and decorated classrooms and check out the library / bookstore where you can get a hot or cold drink and browse the resources we have available for loan. Before the children of Israel entered the Promised Land, Moses gave the people two instructions. The second was to teach their children the faith! You can do this by being a spare catechist or a helper. You can volunteer by contacting us at Kentville@corpuschristins.ca

St. Joseph's (Kentville) Catholic Women's League meets monthly on the second Wednesday at 6:30 pm in the Fr. Jack's Hall. All members and interested women are welcomed to come and share in companionship to warm the heart and spirit. The next meeting is on **Sept. 13**. For more information, please call President Ann Myers at 902-680-8957.

St Monica's (Middleton) We need volunteers to provide food and cleanup for hospitality. If you are willing to help, please see either Peggy Foley or Carolyn Gilbert.

***Have you signed up for Flocknote? If not, please do so.
We use Flocknote to send out important notices, reminders, changes, cancelations etc.***

Corpus Christi Catholic Books & Gifts (Middleton): "God Made Dinosaurs" Through curiosity and imagination, children display an openness to God and a fascination with dinosaurs! This delightful colourful book nurtures the seed of awareness that God is wondrous Creator of all - past, present and future - and that faith and reason are holy gifts that help us to know and love God. \$2.95 Available at St. Monica's church hall after Sunday Mass, or call Mary Crooks 902-825-6495.

St. Patrick's Church (Digby) is looking for a piano in good working condition. If you have one that you would like to donate, please get in touch with the office at 902-245-2115, on Tues, Wed or Fri 10-1.

St Anthony's (Berwick) will be opening their 25-year Time Capsule on Sunday, Sept 24.

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.

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:

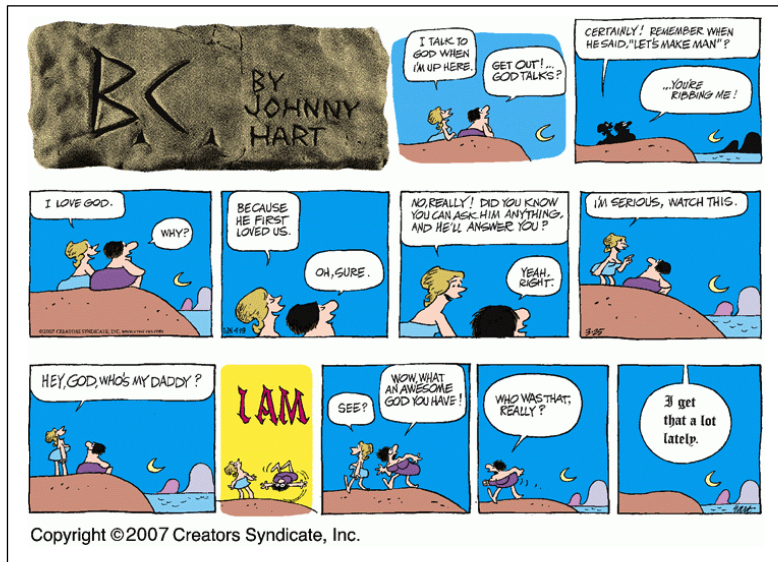
Windsor – will be starting Sept 17. For more information, please contact parishoffice_kentville@corpuschristins.ca

Kentville - will be starting Sept 14. 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

Library expansion – St. Joseph's (Kentville)!

For your convenience, a second library location is now available on the main level across from the office. Please feel free to browse and borrow from an assortment of adult and children's books and movies. Some religious items and books will also be available to purchase. The library **will be accessible** before and after Mass, and during office hours (*Monday, Tuesday, and Fridays from 9-1*). The original library is located on the lower level by the Adoration Chapel.



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://Horizons of Hope: A Toolkit for Catholic Parishes on Palliative Care - Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (ccc.ca)).

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

The Illusion of Invulnerability

by Fr. Ron Rolheiser o.m.i.

Whatever doesn't kill you makes you stronger. That's a pious axiom that doesn't always hold up. Sometimes the bad time comes and we don't learn anything. Hopefully this present bad time, Covid-19, will teach us something and make us stronger. My hope is that Covid-19 will teach us something that previous generations didn't need to be taught but already knew through their lived experience; namely, that we're not invulnerable, that we aren't exempt from the threat of sickness, debilitation, and death. In short, all that our contemporary world can offer us in terms of technology, medicine, nutrition, and insurance of every kind, doesn't exempt us from fragility and vulnerability. Covid-19 has taught us that. Just like everyone else who has ever walked this earth, we're vulnerable.

I'm old enough to have known a previous generation when most people lived with a lot of fear, not all of it healthy, but all of it real. Life was fragile. Giving birth to a child could mean your death. A flu or virus could kill you and you had little defense against it. You could die young from heart disease, cancer, diabetes, bad sanitation, and dozens of other things. And nature itself could pose a threat. Storms, hurricanes, tornadoes, drought, pestilence, lightning, these were all to be feared because we were mostly helpless against them. People lived with a sense that life and health were fragile, not to be taken for granted.

But then along came vaccinations, penicillin, better hospitals, better medicines, safer childbirth, better nutrition, better housing, better sanitation, better roads, better cars, and better insurance against everything from loss of work, to drought, to storms, to pestilence, to disasters of any kind. And along with that came an ever-increasing sense that we're safe, protected, secure, different than previous generations, able to take care of ourselves, no longer as vulnerable as were the generations before us.

And to a large extent that's true, at least in terms of our physical health and safety. In many ways, we're far less vulnerable than previous generations. But, as Covid-19 has made evident, this is not a fully safe harbor. Despite much denial and protest, we've had to accept that we now live as did everyone before us, that is, as unable to guarantee own health and safety. For all the dreadful things Covid-19 has done to us, it has helped dispel an illusion, the illusion of our own invulnerability. We're fragile, vulnerable, mortal.

At first glance, this seems like a bad thing; it's not. Disillusionment is the dispelling of an illusion and we have for too long (and too glibly) been living an illusion, that is, living under a pall of false enchantment which has us believing that the threats of old no longer have power to touch us. And how wrong we are! As of the time of this writing there are 70.1 million Covid-19 cases reported worldwide and there have been more than 1.6 million reported deaths from this virus. Moreover the highest rates of infection and death have been in those countries we would think most invulnerable, countries that have the best hospitals and highest standards of medicine to protect us. That should be a wake-up call. For all the good things our modern and post-modern world can give us, in the end it can't protect us from everything, even as it gives us the sense that it can.

Covid-19 has been a game-changer; it has dispelled an illusion, that of our own invulnerability. What's to be learned? In short, that our generation must take its place with all other generations, recognizing that we cannot take life, health, family, work, community, travel, recreation, freedom to gather, and freedom to go to church, for granted. Covid-19 has taught us that we're not the Lord of life and that fragility is still the lot of everyone, even in a modern and post-modern world.

Classical Christian theology and philosophy have always taught that as humans we are not self-sufficient. Only God is. Only God is "Self-sufficient Being" (*Ipsum Esse Subsistens*, in classical philosophy). The rest of us are contingent, dependent, interdependent ... and mortal enough to fear the next appointment with our doctor. Former generations, because they lacked our medical knowledge, our doctors, our hospitals, our standards of hygiene, our medicines, our vaccines, and our antibiotics, existentially felt their contingency. They knew they weren't self-sufficient and that life and health could not be taken for granted. I don't envy them some of the false fear that came with that, but I do envy them not living under a pall of false security. Our contemporary world, for all the good things it gives us, has lulled us asleep in terms of our fragility, vulnerability, and mortality. Covid-19 is a wake-up call, not just to the fact that we're vulnerable, but especially to the fact that we may not take for granted the precious gifts of health, family, work, community, travel, recreation, freedom to gather, and (yes) even of going to church.

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