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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 1, 2023



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This Week's Readings

	1st Reading	Gospel
Sun, Oct 1	Ezekiel 18:25-28	Matthew 21:28-32
Mon, Oct 2	Exodus 23:20-23	Matthew 18:1-5,10
Tues, Oct 3	Zechariah 8:20-23	Luke 9:51-56
Wed, Oct 4	Sirach 50:1, 3-4, 6-7	Matthew 11:25-30
Thurs, Oct 5	Nehemiah 8:1-12	Luke 10:1-12
Fri, Oct 6	Baruch 1:15-22	Luke 10:13-16
Sat, Oct 7	Acts 1:12-14	Luke 1:26-38

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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

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Individual Confession Times

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



Mass Times & Intentions

SATURDAY, SEPT 30

Kentville	4:00 PM	Perry Peddle by Hector & Joan Pottie
Digby	6:00 PM	Simon Sampson by Blanche & Mike Gilhen

SUNDAY, OCT 1

Windsor	8:30 AM	Ian Coutinho by Terry & Eleanor McKiel
Annapolis Royal	9:00 AM	Alex MacDonald by Pat & Al Dill
Berwick	9:00 AM	Miriam Sears by Sandra & Tom Jardine
Kentville	10:30 AM	Bill Clahane by Juanita
Middleton	11:00 AM	Kathryn Estey & Mildred Shipley by Carolyn Gilbert
Weymouth	11:30 AM	Glendon Cromwell by his siblings
Wolfville	12:15 PM	Souls in Purgatory by Wayne Barry
Bridgetown	4:00 PM	Daniel Bernard by Tom & Lois Porter
Digby	4:00 PM	Charlie Woods by Pam & Hannah

TUESDAY, OCT 3

Kentville/Online	8:30 AM	Sister Bernadine Burke by Pat Fitzgerald
Annapolis Royal	10:00 AM	Alex MacDonald by Eric & Leah Brown
Digby	6:30 PM	Betty Cosman by Living Stones Prayer Group

WEDNESDAY, OCT 4

Kentville/Online	8:30 AM	Joseph MacMullen by Theresa & Family
Middleton	9:00 AM	Terry Lee by Tom & Peggy Foley
Tideview Terrace	10:30 AM	Elma Robicheau by Pamela
Weymouth	6:30 PM	Simon Sampson by Marion & Greg MacDonald

THURSDAY, OCT 5

Kentville/Online	8:30 AM	Bill Harvie by Floyd & Theresa Preston
Weymouth	6:30 PM	Anita Germaine by a friend

FRIDAY, OCT 6

Berwick	9:00 AM	Souls in Purgatory by Helen Walsh
Digby	9:00 AM	Marie Thibideau by Charles & Pearl Williams

SATURDAY, OCT 7

Bridgetown	4:00 PM	Linda Brown by Larry & Marcia Corneal
Kentville	4:00 PM	Intentions of Peter Nan by Rosary Cenacle
Digby	6:00 PM	Edgar Robicheau by Pamela

SUNDAY, OCT 8

Windsor	8:30 AM	Phyl & Bernie Grant by Alan Grant
Annapolis Royal	9:00 AM	For the well-being of Marsha Thibideau by Marilyn Harry
Berwick	9:00 AM	Nancy Henry by Dorothy King
Kentville	10:30 AM	Maurice Harquail by Jennie Harquail
Middleton	11:00 AM	Jacque Julian & Gordon Cherry by Mary Crooks
Weymouth	11:30 AM	Desire Belliveau by Rosetta LeBlanc
Wolfville	12:15 PM	Vicki Matthews by St Francis Hall Group

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



Special Collection Envelope On Oct 8, there is a special collection envelope for **Social Outreach**. These donations are used to support your church's social outreach programs such as Christian Concern, Community Outreach, Community Kitchen, Benevolent Fund, etc.

St. Monica's Catholic Women's League (Middleton) will meet on **Mon, Oct 2**, beginning with a luncheon at 12:30 pm, followed by our meeting at 2:00 pm. We welcome all CWL members and women interested in companionship in faith.

St. Monica's Catholic Women's League (Middleton) invites you to our **Marian Prayer Hour** on **Sat, Oct 7** at 11:00 am at St. Monica's Church to pray together the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary for those who are ill and for peace in our hearts, our families, our Church, and our world. We welcome you to join us in this hour of prayer as an act of hope in Christ through Our Mother Mary.

Corpus Christi Catholic Books & Gifts (Middleton): Wearing a scapular is a personal expression of trust in the love, mercy and promises of Christ and the help of our Mother Mary and the saints. *Our Lady of Mount Carmel Brown Scapular*, soft cloth and durable; also, Five in One scapular \$5.00. Available at St. Monica's church hall after Sunday Mass or call Mary Crooks 902-825-6495.

Reconciliation and Healing Fund

The **National Day for Truth & Reconciliation** is Sept. 30th and the **Nova Scotia Treaty Day** is Oct. 1st. The Archdiocese of Halifax-Yarmouth established a **Reconciliation and Healing Fund** in 2021 to help fund local projects, which are done in collaboration with local Mi'kmaq. The newly formed Mi'kmaq Pastoral Council is one way in which Archbishop Brian Dunn has sought to build relationships with the Indigenous communities within our diocese. The Mi'kmaq Pastoral Council consists of Indigenous and non-Indigenous members who will help advise him on the pastoral needs of First Nations communities. **One hundred percent of contributions** to the Reconciliation and Healing Fund will go to local projects as determined through consultation with Mi'kmaq leadership, the Mi'kmaq Pastoral Council, survivors, elders, and other community members. Please consider contributing to this fund.

How can you give?

- Donate online: www.halifaxyarmouth.org and click on Donate.
- Send a donation by e-transfer to finance@halifaxyarmouth.org. Please note "**September 2023 Donation**" in the memo box.



Knights of Columbus – Fall Harvest Supper

Saturday, Oct 28 4-6 pm

St Monica's Church Hall, Middleton

Pre-Order only – Eat In or Take Out

1/4 chicken dinner or roast beef dinner with roast potatoes & all the trimmings

Gingerbread with Vanilla sauce

Cost \$20 to support the Knights & their Coats for Kids Program

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Donations of knitted hats, scarves and mittens are welcome and very much appreciated.

Assembly of the People of God – Archdiocesan Gathering – November 4th

This annual event is taking place “live” at St. Mary’s University in Halifax on Saturday, **November 4th**. There will also be other sites hosting it online: **St. Joseph’s Church (Kentville)**, Immaculate Conception Church (Truro) and St. Ambrose Co-Cathedral (Yarmouth).

The theme is “accompaniment”. What does the church mean by accompaniment? In short it’s coming along side one another and walking together on our faith journey. Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, companioned one another in their grief but also their delight when they recognized that Jesus walked with them.

The Host is Talitha Lemoine (Atlantic Regional Manager of CCO) and the Guest Speaker is Andre Regnier (CCO Co-Founder).

Cost: \$25 (includes lunch)

Time: 8:30am – 3:15pm (Mass at 4pm)

For more information and to register visit: www.halifaxyarmouth.org/assembly

Since 2012, the Archdiocese has hosted an Assembly of the People in the Fall each year. Over time, hundreds of the faithful have come together as a family of faith. Consider attending and invite others to join you!

Humour???

The pastor announced to the congregation that he was moving on to another parish. After the Mass, a little old lady said to him, *“The next pastor will not be as good as you.”*

Pleased with the woman’s comment, the pastor replied modestly, *“Oh, no, the next pastor is a fine man.”*

“No, the next pastor will not be as good as you,” the woman insisted.

“Well, thank you,” he said, *“but I’m sure the next pastor will do a great job.”*

“No, no,” the lady replied, *“I’ve lived through five pastors in this parish and every one of them has been worse than the one before.”*

Upcoming Adult Faith Formation Courses

Registration is still open for these courses. To register call the Kentville Parish office 902-678-3303
or email parishoffice_kentville@corpuschristins.ca

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

OCIA – Are you non-Catholic and would like to know more about the Catholic faith? Would you 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. **In-person** sessions are being held in Windsor & Kentville and **on-line** sessions is also offered.

Horizons of Hope – 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.*

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

ChristLife – ChristLife helps to develop an attitude of the heart that opens us to share the Good News we have experienced. This Fall we will be offering the Sharing Christ program ... a 7-week course that focuses on personal or friendship evangelization, sharing our relationship with Jesus in our daily encounters with people. The course helps to develop an attitude of the heart that moves us to be open to share the Good News we have experienced anytime and anywhere. Each session will consist of: Prayer, Video Training, Fellowship and Small Groups. The final session takes place in a retreat setting. In-person sessions in the East and Central areas of the parish to start in mid-October.



Living Out A Vocation

by Fr. Ron Rolheiser o.m.i.

What does it mean to have a vocation? The term gets batted around both in religious and secular circles and everyone assumes its meaning is clear. Is it? What's a vocation?

Karl Jung defined it this way: "*A vocation is an irrational factor that destines a man to emancipate himself from the herd and from its well-worn paths.*" Frederick Buechner, a famed preacher, says: "*A vocation is where your deep gladness meets the world's hunger.*"

David Brooks, a renowned journalist, reflecting on vocation in his recent book, *The Second Mountain*, gives us these quotes from Jung and Buechner and then writes: *A vocation is not something you choose. It chooses you. When you sense it as a possibility in your life you also sense that you don't have a choice but can only ask yourself: What's my responsibility here? It's not a matter of what you expect from life but rather what life expects from you.* Moreover, for Brooks, once you have a sense of your vocation it becomes unthinkable to turn away and you realize you would be morally culpable if you did. He quotes William Wordsworth in support of this:

My heart was full; I made no vows, but vows were then made for me; bond unknown to me was given, that I should be, else sinning greatly.

Brooks suggests that any number of things can help awaken your soul to its vocation: music, drama, art, friendship, being around children, being around beauty, and, paradoxically, being around injustice. To this he adds two further observations: First, that usually we only see and understand all this clearly when we're older and looking back on life and our choices; and, second, that while the summons to a vocation is a holy thing, something mystical, the way we actually end up living it out is often messy, confusing, and screwed up and generally doesn't feel very holy at all.

Well, I am older and am looking back on things. Does my vocational story fit these descriptions? Mostly, yes.

As a child growing up in the Roman Catholic subculture of the 1950s and early 1960s, I was part of that generation of Catholics within which every Catholic boy or girl was asked to consider, with considerable gravity, the question: "*Do I have a vocation?*" But back then mostly that meant: "*Am I called to be a priest, a religious brother, or a religious sister?*" Marriage and single life were, in fact, also considered vocations, but they took a back seat to what was considered the higher vocation, consecrated religious commitment.

So as a boy growing up in that milieu I did, with all gravity, ask myself that question: "*Do I have a vocation to be a priest?*" And the answer came to me, not in a flashing insight, or in some generous movement of heart, or in an attraction to a certain way of life. None of these. The answer came to me as hook in my conscience, as something that was being asked of me, as something I couldn't morally or religiously turn away from. It came to me as an obligation, a responsibility. And initially I fought against and resisted that answer. This wasn't what I wanted.

But it was what I felt called to. This was something that was being asked of me beyond my own dreams for my life. It was a call. So at the tender age of seventeen I made the decision to enter a religious order, the *Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate*, and train to become a priest. I suspect that few counsellors or psychologists today would put much trust in such a decision, given my age at the time; but, looking back on it now, more than fifty years later, in hindsight, I believe this is the purest and most unselfish decision I've ever made in my life.

And I've never looked back. I've never seriously considered leaving that commitment, even though every kind of unsettling emotion, obsession, restlessness, depression, and self-pity have at times haunted and tormented me. I've never regretted the decision. I know this is what I've been called to do and I'm happy enough with the way it's turned out. It's brought me life and helped me serve others. And given my personal idiosyncrasies, wounds, and weaknesses, I doubt I would have found as deep a path into life and community as this vocation afforded me, though that admittedly can be self-serving.

I share my personal story here only because it might be helpful in illustrating the concept of a vocation. But religious life and priesthood are merely one vocation. There are countless others, equally as holy and important. One's vocation can be to be an artist, a farmer, a writer, a doctor, a parent, a wife, a teacher, a salesman, or countless other things. The vocation chooses you and makes the vows for you – and those vows put you at that place in the world where you're best placed to serve others and to find happiness.

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