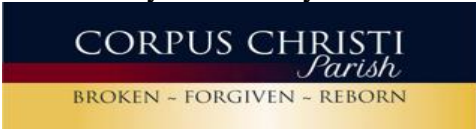




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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 24, 2023



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This Week's Readings

	1st Reading	Gospel
Sun, Sept 24	Isiah 55:6-9	Matthew 20:1-16
Mon, Sept 25	Ezra 1:1-6	Luke 8:16-18
Tues, Sept 26	Ezra 6:7-8, 12, 14-20	Luke 8:19-21
Wed, Sept 27	Ezra 9:5-9	Luke 9:1-6
Thurs, Sept 28	Haggai 1:1-8	Luke 9:7-9
Fri, Sept 29	Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14	John 1:47-51
Sat, Sept 30	Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15	Luke 9: 43-45

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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 23

Bridgetown 4:00 PM Mary Grant by John & Linda MacDonald
Kentville 4:00 PM Jean Stevenson by Dennis & Barb Nash
Digby 6:00 PM Charlie Woods by Anna & Danny Corbett

SUNDAY, SEPT 24

Windsor 8:30 AM Fr. John Palmer by Owen & Janice Stephens
Annapolis Royal 9:00 AM Elaine Thimot by Mary, Carolyn, Marilyn & Cynthia
Berwick 9:00 AM Bob MacDonald by Sandra & Tom Jardine
Kentville 10:30 AM Lloyd McCue by Doris
Middleton 11:00 AM Intentions of Mary Crooks & Marg Jackson (L) by Carolyn Gilbert
Weymouth 11:30 AM Aubrey Cullen by the Rice Family
Wolfville 12:15 PM Mieczyslaw Hadlaw by Bogdan Hadlaw

TUESDAY, SEPT 26

Kentville/Online 8:30 AM Margaret Lalonde by Pat Fitzgerald
Digby 6:30 PM Betty Cosman by her friends

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 27

Kentville/Online 8:30 AM Ken Wheatley by Sheila Klassen
Middleton 9:00 AM Intentions of Don & Barb Theriault and Grace Bernard (L) by Gordon MacDonald
Weymouth 6:30 PM Ezinne Martha Odumuko by Marion & Greg MacDonald

THURSDAY, SEPT 28

Kentville/Online 8:30 AM Intentions of Fr Michael Walsh on Anniversary of his Ordination by Tom & Peggy Foley
Weymouth 6:30 PM Elaine Thimot by the Past CWL of Weymouth

FRIDAY, SEPT 29

Berwick 9:00 AM
Digby 9:00 AM Charlie Woods by Marion Croft

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

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

TALENT - "We can apply this to all that we've received by God's common grace including our time, talent and treasure. Peter encourages us that it is God who provided the gift, the grace and the goal of serving others" 1 Peter 4: 7-11

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

Corpus Christi Catholic Books & Gifts (Middleton): **The Eucharist** by Bishop Robert Barron (\$14.95). Just as Jesus came to us as a humble infant, He comes to us in the sacrament of the Eucharist. What greater gift, what greater wonder, what greater miracle could we experience than this treasure of our Catholic faith. Jesus comes to us personally and as a community as we receive Him in faith, hope and love. The more we learn about His real presence in this sacrament and receive Him with desire and openness, the more we learn to live in His love and act in His way. Available at St. Monica's church hall after Sunday Mass, or call Mary Crooks 902-825-6495.

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

For your convenience, a 2nd library location is now available in Kentville 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.



Knights of Columbus – Fall Harvest Supper

Saturday, Oct 28 4-6 pm

St Monica's Church Hall, Middleton

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Out of the Mouths of God's Kids ...

A woman invited some people to dinner. At the table, she turned to her 6 year-old daughter and said, "Would you like to say the blessing?" The little girl replied: "I wouldn't know what to say." "Just say what you hear Mommy say," the mother said. The little girl bowed her head and said: "Dear Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?"

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@corpuschristians.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? 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. **In-person** sessions will be held in Windsor & Kentville and **on-line** sessions will also be 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 moves us to open to share the Good News we have experienced anytime and anywhere. This Fall we will be offering the Sharing Christ program. This will be 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 early October.

Thank You (Kentville)

I would like to thank all of the generous people for their help in getting the catechetical rooms ready to start this Fall: tearing up the carpets, removing the dividers, trips to the dump, painting and decorating the rooms. There are too many names – you know who you are - thank you! I would also like to thank all of the catechists, helpers and subs who have come forward.

Thank you all for contributing your *time & talent* ... and in some cases, your *treasure*. May the Lord Jesus Christ bless you all!
Caroline Brown, *Catechetical Coordinator*

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** (9am-3:15pm). It will also be hosted (via online) at St. Joseph’s Church (Kentville), Immaculate Conception Church (Truro) and St. Ambrose Co-Cathedral (Yarmouth). The theme is “accompaniment”. The Host is Talitha Lemoine (Atlantic Regional Manager of CCO) and the Guest Speaker is Andre Regnier (CCO Co-Founder). Please mark your calendars. More information to come!

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.

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.

Reconciliation and Healing Fund

The **National Day for Truth & Reconciliation** (Sept. 30th) and the **Nova Scotia Treaty Day** (Oct. 1st) are fast approaching. 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.



A Single Line Says It All

by Fr. Ron Rolheiser o.m.i.

You have made us for yourself, Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you.

No single line, outside of scripture, has ever spoken to me as powerfully, as persistently, and as hauntingly, as that line from St. Augustine. In essence, it's Augustine's life story – and the story of each of our own lives as well.

As I read and study, I am often struck by a powerful line in some author which I immediately underline and copy. I have a whole booklet of quotes from Shakespeare, Aristotle, Plato, Aquinas, Teilhard, Einstein, Albert Camus, Steve Hawking, Doris Lessing, Milan Kundera, John Steinbeck, Karl Rahner, John of the Cross, Ruth Burrows, James Hillman, Anne Frank, and Ivan Illich, among others. Yet, Augustine's haunting line stands out among all these.

What he asserts is that there is an incurable restlessness inside each of us that keeps us perpetually dis-eased. I have always felt this strongly in my own life and, while still in my twenties, wrote a book, *The Restless Heart*, in which I tried to articulate a spirituality for the restless (and perhaps mostly for myself) on the basis of this line from Augustine. Through the years, I have kept my eyes open for comparable and complementary expressions of Augustine's famous axiom. Here are some:

Karl Rahner, a renowned theologian of the late 20th century, in writing to a friend who feared he was missing out on too much in life, offered this counsel: *In the torment of the insufficiency of everything attainable, we learn that in this life there is no finished symphony.*

The biblical author, Qoheleth, expresses it this way. In a passage familiar to most of us ("*there is a season for everything*") he lays out for us the rhythm of nature as God set it up. He tells us there's a beautiful rhythm to time and nature and that everything has its proper time and place. However, he then ends with this stunning statement: *God has made everything beautiful in its own time, but God has put timelessness into the human heart so that we are out of sync with time and the seasons from the beginning to the end.* We never peacefully fit into the rhythm of things because something inside us is outside of time.

And who can forget the haunting words of Anne Frank, writing as a teenager locked away in an attic, hiding from the Nazis, jumping out of her skin with the restlessness of an adolescent and the anxiety of an artist, sharing that she simply can never be fully in the moment because *I want to be everywhere all at the same time.*

Doris Lessing, the British novelist, asserts that inside each of us there's a powerful, relentless energy ("*1000 volts*") which keeps us perpetually dis-eased. Writing outside of a faith perspective, she asks, what is this energy for? Her answer: For everything and for anything – creativity, love, sex, justice. Nobel prize winning writer, Albert Camus, also writing outside of any faith perspective, had this interesting way of understanding the human spirit. He compared being inside human nature to being a prisoner trapped inside a medieval prison. Medieval prisons were designed to break the prisoner's spirit by putting him in a room too small for him to ever fully stand up or to ever fully stretch out. The ceiling was too low and the room was too narrow. The intent was that eventually this would break a prisoner's spirit. For Camus, that's how we experience ourselves inside our own nature. The world is simply too small for us to ever really stand up or to ever really stretch out, and this wears away on our spirit.

These are some poignant expressions of this dis-ease, but there are expressions of it everywhere. Hinduism speaks of a certain "nostalgia for the infinite" inside us; Plato speaks of a "divine madness" at the center of the soul; Shakespeare speaks of our "immortal longings; Ruth Burrows opens her autobiography by confessing that she was *born with a pathological complexity which has made her life a struggle*; James Hillman, in a brilliant book, *Suicide and the Soul*, submits that most suicides occur because the soul is not being heard and consequently kills the body; and Philip Roth speaks of *the blizzard of details that constitute the confusion of human biography.*

Literature, philosophy, poetry, art, psychology, biography, theology, and spirituality are replete with expressions of this insatiability inside the human soul which ultimately cannot come to full peace with anything in this world. But this is as it should be. For Augustine, writing some 1700 years ago, this restlessness, this timelessness, this homesickness, this divine madness, these 1000 volts of energy inside us, this pathological complexity, and this confusion of human biography which keeps us perpetually restless, is at the end of the day, our greatest attribute; it's God's gift to us of immortality and divinity as a constitutive part of our soul.

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