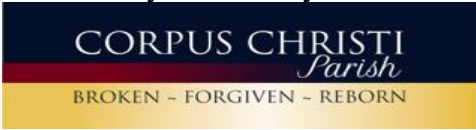




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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 15, 2023



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This Week's Readings

	1st Reading	Gospel
Sun, Oct 15	Isaiah 25:6-10	Matthew 22:1-14
Mon, Oct 16	Romans 1:1-7	Luke 11:29-32
Tues, Oct 17	Romans 1:16-25	Luke 11:37-41
Wed, Oct 18	2 Timothy 4:10-17	Luke 10:1-9
Thurs, Oct 19	Romans 3:21-30	Luke 11:47-54
Fri, Oct 20	Romans 4:1-8	Luke 12:1-7
Sat, Oct 21	Romans 4:13,16-18	Luke 12:8-12

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1. Weekly Offertory Envelopes
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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, OCT 14

Bridgetown	4:00 PM	Louis Thibodeau by Mary & John Comeau
Kentville	4:00 PM	Barbara Wilder by Doris & Family
Digby	6:00 PM	Charlie Woods by Mike & Blanche Gilhen

SUNDAY, OCT 15

Windsor	8:30 AM	James Williams by Diane Brown
Annapolis Royal	9:00 AM	For the well-being of Carolyn Gilbert by Marilyn Harry
Berwick	9:00 AM	Mary Anne Doucet by Shirley & Gene Samson
Kentville	10:30 AM	Ken Wheatley by Charles & Linda
Middleton	11:00 AM	Intentions of Grace Bernard & Margaret Jackson by Tom & Peggy Foley
Weymouth	11:30 AM	Catherine Robicheau by Larry Robicheau & Family
Wolfville	12:15 PM	Henk & Annie teBogt by Joanne teBogt

TUESDAY, OCT 17

Kentville/Online	8:30 AM	Special Intention by a Parishioner
Digby	6:30 PM	Betty Cosman by Christian & Michael Croft

WEDNESDAY, OCT 18

Kentville/Online	8:30 AM	Deceased Members of Kerr Family by Theresa & Family
Middleton	9:00 AM	Intentions of Fr Michael Walsh by Carolyn Gilbert
Weymouth	4:00 PM	Rick Cromwell by Marion & Greg MacDonald

THURSDAY, OCT 19

Kentville/Online	8:30 AM	For Prayers Answered by Parishioners by Richard Doucet
AR Nursing Home	10:00 AM	Wendy James by Eric & Leah Brown
Weymouth	4:00 PM	Lorraine Dugas by Lucille Saulnier

FRIDAY, OCT 20

Berwick	9:00 AM	Wayne Comeau by Shirley & Gene Samson
Digby	9:00 AM	Ezinne Martha Odumuko by Pat Levings

SATURDAY, OCT 21

Bridgetown	4:00 PM	Helen MacDonald by Flora & Yvon Boudreau
Kentville	4:00 PM	Mitchell Smith by Taya & Bob Shields
Digby	6:00 PM	Kirk Coakley by Gordon & Nancy Coakley

SUNDAY, OCT 22

Windsor	8:30 AM	Jose DaRosa by Carlos DaRosa
Annapolis Royal	9:00 AM	For the well-being of Cynthia Hamilton by Marilyn Harry
Berwick	9:00 AM	Intentions of Art & Mike Rasmusson (L) by Shirley & Gene Samson
Kentville	10:30 AM	Davie & Danilo Jereza & Rufina Alterado by Jennifer Tungul
Middleton	11:00 AM	Anne Lee by Tom & Peggy Foley
Weymouth	11:30 AM	Rick Cromwell by his sister, Paulette
Wolfville	12:15 PM	Nancy Henry by George & David

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

COMMITMENT SUNDAY - *Good morning, Jesus! May I use my time, talent and treasure today to glorify you! May I use it to bless others! Thank you for these gifts, I offer them back to You a hundredfold. Amen*

Corpus Christi Catholic Books & Gifts (Middleton): Veritas Religious Wall Calendars from the First Sunday of Advent in December 2023 to December 31, 2024. It includes a religious art picture for each month of the year and indicates the Liturgical Sundays and feasts for each day. \$5.75, including tax. Also, Advent Taper Candles and religious Christmas cards. Available at St. Monica's church hall after Sunday Mass or call Mary Crooks 902-825-6495.

Takeout Hamburger Soup/Corn Chowder Luncheon (New Minas) on **Wed, Oct 18** from 11:30-12:15. Dessert choices are Apple Crisp or Cheesecake and a delicious roll from **The Flower Cart**. Cost is \$10. Please call Carol Ann at 902-542-3681 or Ruth at 902-542-7141 by Mon, Oct 16. We will call you back with a pickup time on Tuesday.

Seniors' Community Shredding Event (New Minas) – Identity Theft is the number one growing crime in North America. Documents containing your name, phone number, address, financial, legal and medication information should be shredded before recycling. There will be a Seniors Community Shredding Event on **Wed, Oct 18** 11 am – 2 pm at Louis Millett Community Complex, **New Minas**. *Bring your documents; we will shred them for you!* This will be a free event, but donations are welcome. For more information, call Seniors' Safety Coordinator, Trishe Colman 902-670-0725.

150th Anniversary Concert (Lawrencetown) - **Sat, Oct 21:** A reunion of the Lawrencetown Male Choir, accompanied by Jean Prosser, will present a concert in celebration of the 150th year anniversary of the Lawrencetown United Baptist Church in the church at 7:00 pm. Refreshments and a social hour will be held in the church hall following the concert. Admission will be by freewill offering.

Knights of Columbus (Middleton) - Approx. **23.6 % of families in Kings County and 33.7% in Annapolis County** live in poverty. Many low-income families have scarce resources to cover even the most basic essentials. These members of our community don't even have the funds to provide a Christmas dinner for their families. Last year the Knights of Columbus - Council 6297 provided over 200 Christmas meals for needy families in the Kingston, Greenwood, and Middleton schools. This year we have included Aylesford Elementary School in our mandate so we expect that number will rise to over 300 meals. As you can imagine that number of meals requires a lot of turkey (approx. 25 x 15 lbs.) The Annapolis Mess at CFB Greenwood has offered to cook and carve the turkey for us. Our Council is asking for donations of cash, gift cards or turkeys for this event. The dinner is scheduled for Dec 13 with delivery to the appropriate schools and a sit-down service in St. Monica's Hall. Further details as the date approaches. Please contact Roger Lirette for questions or donations at 902-824-3467.

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, they accompanied one another in their grief but also their delight when they recognized that Jesus walked with them. The Host is Talitha Lemoine (Atlantic Regional Mgr 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!

Confirmation Preparation (*for Youth – grade 9 & up*)

Kentville Area

... starting Sunday, October 22nd ... 5:30-7pm at St. Joseph's (Kentville)

... then 4-5:30pm every 2nd Sunday (at the church & private homes)

To register, please email: Magdalena.Klippenstine@gmail.com

Confirmation will take place in Spring 2024!



Knights of Columbus – Fall Harvest Supper

Saturday, Oct 28 4-6 pm

St Monica's Church Hall, Middleton

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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 or see our website and click the Registration link.

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 are also offered.

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 at St Anthony's Church, Berwick on Dec 2.

EAST AREA at St. Francis, **Wolfville:** Mondays Oct 23 & 30, Tuesdays, Nov 7, 14, 21, 28, 6:30 to 8:30pm.

CENTRAL AREA at St. Anthony, **Berwick:** Thursdays, Oct 26, Nov 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 from 6:30 to 8:30pm.

Valley Care Pregnancy Centre Fundraising Banquet will be held at the Old Orchard Inn, Greenwich on **Mon, Nov 6** at 6 pm. No cost but you must register early to attend. No tickets at the door. Register by phone or text 902-670-8510 or email info@asafeplaceforme.com Register to reserve your seat at this heart-warming and inspiring fundraising event. Learn more about the mission God has given the **Valley Care Pregnancy Centre (Kentville)**. Meet our team, hear about how we are working with youth in Prevention, testimonies of Intervention in the lives of those who needed support for their unplanned pregnancy and the Restoration of lives deeply affected by abortion. Be inspired by how God is working in our community through this mission and ask Him how you can participate in what He is doing.



Freedom From Self

by Fr. Richard Rohr o.f.m.

Conversion, the movement toward the Lord, is a process of disenchantment with the ego, recognizing how truly afraid and poor it is. The only way people can ever be freed from their fears is to be freed from themselves. There is almost a complete correlation between the amount of fear in our lives and amount of attachment we have to ourselves. The person who is beyond fear has given up the need to control or possess. That one says, I am who I am in God's eyes – nothing more, nothing less. I don't need to impress you because I am who I am, and not who you think I am – or who I think I am.

That's what the Pauline theology of Baptism is saying: You have died, you're dead (Romans 6:3-5). In Christ you don't need the false self. You have faced the enemy once and for all and, guess what? It's you!

- from *Letting Go: A Spirituality of Subtraction*

Trick or Trunk

Sunday, October 29th
St. Joseph's, Kentville

If you would like to join us in giving out treats from your trunk, please call the office (902-678-3303) or email kentville@corpuschristians.ca **Trick or Trunk** will take place in the back parking lot following the Sunday, 10:30am Mass. Children and adults are invited to wear their Halloween costumes!



The Spirituality of Martyrdom

by Fr. Ron Rolheiser o.m.i.

Only if we adore something beyond ourselves will we stop adoring ourselves.

Pierre Teilhard de Chardin said as much when we wrote that we reach moral maturity on the day that we realize that we really only have one choice in life: Genuflect before something higher or begin to self-destruct.

Simone Weil agreed: Despite being a fierce defendant of independence and private conscience, she makes it clear that the deepest need within the human soul is the need to be obedient to something beyond ourselves. Without this, she states, we inflate and grow silly, even to ourselves.

We know the truth of this through experience. We feel within ourselves a constant, congenital press towards a healthy self-abnegation and the adoration of something higher than ourselves. We only feel good about ourselves when we don't put ourselves at the centre of the world and we only feel right about what we are doing when we are giving our lives away, when, as Richard Rohr says, our lives are not about ourselves.

From this, we see that we are built for altruism and, ultimately, for martyrdom. Within the secret of life lies a great paradox: We only experience the true meaning of life when we are dying to ourselves and giving life away.

We understand this, for instance, in the truth of the axiom: I defy you to show me a selfish person who is really happy! But there is more to this. In the spirituality of the early Christians, it wasn't just a question of being unselfish; it was also a question of dying, really dying. They believed that we are intended for martyrdom, that dying as a martyr was the normal way that a Christian was intended to end his or her life. To live out discipleship fully was to die physically as a martyr. That is one of the reasons why the early apostolic community had some problems with the Apostle John, who, unlike the other apostles, did not die a martyr's death. For some, the fact that he died a natural death made them suspicious of his discipleship.

And this belief, that the ideal way to die as a Christian was through martyrdom, continued through the early years of the church, when indeed many Christians were being martyred. Moreover it continued even after the persecutions stopped and the Roman powers stopped killing Christians. The belief remained that the ideal way to end one's life was through a martyr's death. The only thing that changed was how that martyrdom was now conceived. A rich spirituality developed within which martyrdom began to be conceived more metaphorically, as giving out one's blood, drop-by-drop, through selflessness, through sacrificing one's hopes and dreams for others, through giving away one's life through duty, through letting oneself be constantly called out of one's personal agenda to respond to the needs of others, and even through the emotional crucifixion of celibacy.

We would be happier if we understood this. When we try to live as if our lives are about ourselves, we either end up too full of ourselves or too empty of everything else, inflated or depressed. Put simply, we either end up dying in selflessness on one hill or we end up full of ourselves and self-hatred on some other hill! There's no neutral space between. The early Christians, with their spirituality of martyrdom, understood this. Only one thing can save us from infantile grandiosity, dangerous self-righteousness, bitterness about life, and aging badly, namely, some form of martyrdom.

There is a reason for this. We are made in God's image and likeness and, because of this, carry inside of ourselves an immense fire; a fire for love, creativity, glory, greatness, and transcendence. But that deep, restless, insatiable, burning energy is not simply a chaotic one, as Freud believed. It's a configured energy, an energy arranged in clear, meaningful patterns. We burn with fire, but it's a fire with meaning, purpose, and direction.

What is its meaning? It is a fire to carry others, feed others, and create delight for them, even as it is an energy to die for them. It is a fire to act as Jesus did and therefore it is a fire for crucifixion, for martyrdom. We are born to live for others and we are born to die for them, with one and the same energy, and we are only happy when we are about the business of doing both.

This longing for martyrdom has various disguises, some lofty and others less so. The desire for martyrdom manifests itself in the desire for heroism, the desire for greatness, the desire to be a great lover, the desire to leave a mark, to be immortal. Underpinning all of these is the desire to take love and meaning to their ultimate, altruistic end, death in sacrifice for others.

This is the deep instinctual pattern written into the soul itself and it posits that real maturity lies in being stretched truly tall, on some cross, in crucifixion.

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