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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 22, 2023



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This Week's Readings

	1st Reading	Gospel
Sun, Oct 22	Isaiah 45:1, 4-6	Matthew 22:15-21
Mon, Oct 23	Romans 4:20-25	Luke 12:13-21
Tues, Oct 24	Romans 5:12, 15, 17-21	Luke 12:35-38
Wed, Oct 25	Romans 6:12-18	Luke 12:39-48
Thurs, Oct 26	Romans 6:19-23	Luke 12:49-53
Fri, Oct 27	Romans 7:18-25	Luke 12:54-59
Sat, Oct 28	Ephesian 2:19-22	Luke 6:12-16

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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, 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	<i>Liturgy of the Word with Communion</i>

TUESDAY, OCT 24

Kentville/Online	8:30 AM	Philip Williams by Doris & Family
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WEDNESDAY, OCT 25

Middleton	9:00 AM	Mary Ann Supple by Ernest Supple
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FRIDAY, OCT 27

Berwick	9:00 AM	Brian & Cecil Oliver by Helen Oliver & Family
Digby	9:00 AM	Wayne Comeau by Living Stones Prayer Group

SATURDAY, OCT 28

Bridgetown	4:00 PM	<i>Liturgy of the Word with Communion</i>
Kentville	4:00 PM	Alden (Sonny) Hinchcliff by Barb & Dennis Nash
Digby	6:00 PM	Betty Cosman by Anna & Danny Corbett

SUNDAY, OCT 29

Windsor	8:30 AM	Intentions of Stan Herridge & John West by Laura Joyce
Annapolis Royal	9:00 AM	Doug Theriault by St. Louis CWL
Berwick	9:00 AM	<i>Liturgy of the Word with Communion</i>
Kentville	10:30 AM	Wally Avery by Dennis & Barb Nash
Middleton	11:00 AM	<i>Liturgy of the Word with Communion</i>
Weymouth	11:30 AM	Blanchard & Yvonne Cromwell by the Cromwell children
Wolfville	12:15 PM	Krystyna Rayski-Kietlicz by George Henry

Weekday Masses in Kentville will be held in Fr Jack's starting next week and for the rest of the colder months and will NOT be Livestreamed.

Bottle Drive (Kentville) - There will be a Bottle Drive at **Kentville Baptist Church** on **Sat, Oct 21** from 9am - 12 noon in aid of sponsoring a Syrian Refugee family. Please drop off your refundable beverage containers (ie. bottles, cans and tetra packs) at the church parking lot. Thank You!

Corpus Christi Catholic Books & Gifts

St. Monica's (Middleton): *Eucharistic Gems: Daily Wisdom on the Blessed Sacrament.* This beautiful book contains quotes by saints and popes for each day of the year, as well as prayers before the Blessed Sacrament and references for the books from which each quote has been drawn to assist further reading. It has been compiled by Fr. Donald Calloway to enhance our belief in and adoration of the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Available at St. Monica's church hall after Sunday Mass or call Mary Crooks 902-825-6495.

St. Joseph's (Kentville): A growing variety of children & adult books & gifts to purchase ... or books to sign out. The "Library/Bookstore" is open during office hours (Monday, Tuesday or Friday 9am-1pm) or after Mass.

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.

Confirmation Preparation (for Youth – grade 9 & up) ... Kentville Area & Beyond

starting this **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 (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 or 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!

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 or see our website and click the Registration link.

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.

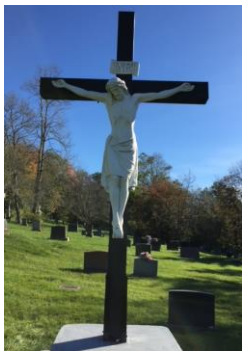
ChristLife – ChristLife helps to develop an attitude of the heart that opens us to share the Good News we have experienced. This Fall we will be offering the Sharing Christ program ... a 7-week course that focuses on personal or friendship evangelization, sharing our relationship with Jesus in our daily 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 Monica’s, **Middleton:** Thursdays, Oct 26, Nov 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 from 6:30 to 8:30pm.

Altar Server Training (Windsor) – *Interested in becoming an Altar Server?* We would like to train more people to be Altar Servers at St John’s. Both Adults and Youth are welcome. Children must be at least 10 years old and had their First Communion. Training will start Nov 5, after Mass. For more information, please contact Jerone Cleveland.

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.



St John’s Cemetery (Windsor)

The new corpus for the cemetery cross arrived and was installed recently.

Thank you for your support with this project.

Fundy Interchurch Food Bank (Kentville) - Do you enjoy knitting or know someone that does! With your support, we hope to provide mittens, hats, and scarves for children of families we serve each month. Please contact us at fundyfoodbank2020@gmail.com or 902-679-3664 if you can help us. The knitted items can be dropped off on **Wed, Nov 22** from 8 - 10:30 am or Thurs, Nov 23 from 9am to 2pm at our Food Bank, 50 Belcher St. Kentville. We are so thankful for your ongoing donations and volunteer support.

Trick or Trunk

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

If you would like to join us in giving out treats from the back of your vehicle, 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!



CWL Fundraiser (Kentville) - Tickets for an Advent runner will be available after weekend Masses at St. Joseph's, Kentville. These tickets will be for sale in the foyer after the 4pm Mass and in the Chapel after 10:30 Mass. The cost is \$2 for 1 ticket or \$5 for 3 tickets. Draw date will Dec 2. Proceeds for St. Joseph's CWL parish activities. Any questions, please contact President Ann Myers (902-680-8957).



"Hope For the Future; Communities of Faith Working Together"

All are invited to hear a talk by Pastor Peter Noteboom
(General Secretary of the Canadian Council of Churches)
L'Arche (on Main Street in Wolfville)
Saturday, Oct. 28th, 2-4pm
Hosted by the Wolfville Area Inter-Church Council

Christmas Hampers (Kentville)

Registration for Christmas Hampers has begun. St. Joseph's (Kentville) is once again sponsoring 60 families. If you would like to offer a **donation**, any amount will be gratefully accepted. Surplus funds are deposited into the **Christian Concern** account which offers assistance throughout the year for food vouchers, pharmaceuticals, rent, oil, electricity, travel to medical appointments etc.



The Heart of a Child

by Fr. Ron Rolheiser o.m.i.

Unless you change and become like little children you will not enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

How can we do that? How do we unlearn sophistication, undo the fact that we are adults? What kind of recessive journey can revirginize a heart?

Part of our quandary, I believe, comes from how we think of the heart of a child. When we picture the heart of a child we almost automatically think of innocence. A child's heart is innocent by nature. Indeed it is stunningly innocent. There are few things in this world that can stop us in our tracks, make a man watch his language, make a woman watch her actions, make all of us watch what we talk about in open conversation, make us regret bad decisions, and make us want to be better persons than the innocence of child. Innocence is a powerful moral light that sears the soul.

But that isn't exactly what Jesus had in mind when he challenged us to become like little children. We cannot remain children. Childhood is naturally outgrown and adulthood brings with it a bewildering complexity in life in general and in sexuality in particular that is not yet inside the heart of a child. And we don't choose this. For an adult, life cannot be simple and much of the natural innocence of a child is lost in that fact.

So what does Jesus have in mind when he holds up the heart of a child as an ideal?

He does have a certain innocence in mind, though not the simple innocence of pre-sophistication, of being sheltered from one's own complexity and that of the world. The innocence that Jesus glorifies in children is the wholeness of not yet being wounded, of still being able to trust, of not yet having one's heart hardened by sin, wound, and disillusionment. Jesus says as much when he is asked whether divorce is wrong or right. He answers the question not by pronouncing it categorically wrong or right but by giving a deeper reason for its frequency: Divorce happens, Jesus says, because our hearts are no longer as they were "in the beginning", namely, in that pristine time before Adam and Eve sinned and (in terms of our own lives) in the pristine time before we were wounded. In an unwounded heart, in the heart of a child, divorce is not an option. To acquire the heart of a child is therefore to try to move beyond the things that have wounded and hardened us.

But that is only one aspect of it. The quality of heart, seen in a child, that Jesus most challenges us to imitate is that of acknowledging powerlessness and helplessness. A child is powerless. It cannot provide for itself, feed itself, or take care of itself. For a child, if mum and dad do not get up and make breakfast, there will be no breakfast! A child knows dependence, knows that life comes from beyond itself, that it is not self-providing and self-sufficient.

But we tend to forget this as adults. The adult heart, at least during those years when we are healthy and strong, likes to believe itself to be self-providing, self-sufficient, able to take care of itself: I can provide for myself. The adult heart tends to live the illusion of self-sufficiency and that false notion is at the root of much of the pseudo-sophistication and lack of empathy that isolates us from others.

But how can this be undone? How can we "change and become like little children"?

Nature, God, and circumstance often do it for us. Here is an example: Several years ago, I went to the funeral of a ninety year-old man. While he had always been an honest man, a good man, a family man, and a man of faith, he had also, at least up until the years shortly before his death, been a particularly strong man, fiercely independent, proud of his self-sufficiency, and not infrequently hard on others and cantankerous in his dealings with them. His son, a priest, preached the funeral mass and said this in his homily:

Scripture tells us that the sum of years of a man's life is seventy, eighty for those who are strong. But my dad lived for ninety years. Why those extra ten years? Well, it's no mystery: In my dad's case, God needed ten extra years to mellow him. He wasn't ready to die at eighty; he was still too strong, too independent, too self-reliant. But the last ten years did their work on him: He lost his wife, his health, much of his independence, his place in society, and his firm grip on life. And that mellowed his soul. He died ready to grasp a stronger hand.

We have a choice: We can do this process deliberately, on purpose (so to speak), or we can fiercely guard our strength and sense of self-sufficiency and wait for nature, God, and circumstance to do it for us.

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