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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 8, 2023



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This Week's Readings

	1st Reading	Gospel
Sun, Oct 8	Isaiah 5:1-7	Matthew 21:33-43
Mon, Oct 9	Jonah 1:1 – 2:2,11	Luke 10:25-37
Tues, Oct 10	Jonah 3:1-10	Luke 10:38-42
Wed, Oct 11	Jonah 4:1-11	Luke 11:1-4
Thurs, Oct 12	Malachi 3:13-20	Luke 11:5-13
Fri, Oct 13	Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2	Luke 11:15-26
Sat, Oct 14	Joel 4:12-21	Luke 11:27-28

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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 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

TUESDAY, OCT 10

Kentville/Online	8:30 AM	Conrad Rebeiro by Catherine Farrell
Digby	6:30 PM	Betty Cosman by Marion & Peter Croft

WEDNESDAY, OCT 11

Kentville/Online	8:30 AM	St Joseph's CWL
Middleton	9:00 AM	Intentions of Blanche Therrio by Mary, Carolyn & Cynthia Gilbert & Marilyn Harry
Weymouth	4:00 PM	Lorraine Dugas by a friend

THURSDAY, OCT 12

Kentville/Online	8:30 AM	Phil Williams by Barbara Montford
Weymouth	4:00 PM	Nancy Henry by Marion & Greg MacDonald

FRIDAY, OCT 13

Berwick	9:00 AM	Phil Williams by Shirley & Gene Samson
Digby	9:00 AM	Adelia Haight by Carol, Pam & Hannah

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

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

TREASURE - *If I am to work to be an effective Christian Steward, with the help of God's grace, what will it cost me in terms of personal sacrifice and hardship? Am I willing to do this?*

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) 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.

Ladies Prayer Breakfast (Berwick) - **Sat, Oct 7**, St Anthony's, Berwick; arrive between 8:30 and 9:00 am. If possible, bring something to share. Coffee and tea will be served after the presentation. Everyone welcome, bring a friend. These breakfasts will occur the first Saturday of each month.

St. Joseph's Catholic Women's League (Kentville) will meet on **Wed, Oct 11**, at 6:30 pm in the Library across from the parish office. We welcome all CWL members any women interested in companionship in faith. If anyone has any questions about Catholic Women's League of Canada, please contact President Ann Myers at 902-680-8957.

Corpus Christi Catholic Books & Gifts (Middleton): October is dedicated to prayer to Our Mother Mary - individually, as couples and families in our homes, and collectively as Church. We have a wide choice of affordable rosaries for all ages, as well as rosary cases, rosary booklets, Marian holy cards, and auto rosaries. Available at St. Monica's church hall after Sunday Mass, or call Mary Crooks 902-825-6495.

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.

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.

Twelve Baskets Foodbank (Middleton) – For October, the foodbank needs the following: hamburger helper, canned pasta, dry pasta, hand soap, shampoo. All donations are welcome.

Hantsport Refugee Sponsorship Society (HRSC) Update:

On behalf of the HRSC, I would like to thank Corpus Christi Parish for its generous support of our project of bringing a Syrian family of 4 from Turkey to Nova Scotia to reunite with family members living in Wolfville. The family includes two young children 18 months, and 7 years old. They flew to Canada in mid-September and have moved into a two bedroom apartment in Canning. The children have now met their grandmother, aunt, and 5 year old cousin for the first time in person. The money you contributed will be used to support this family financially for their first year in Canada.

– Susie DeCoste



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

Please call Novi at 902-349-8838 before Oct 16

\$5 local delivery in the Nictaux, Middleton, Wilmot, Kingston/Greenwood Area

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

Nova Scotians United for Life Conference - Nova Scotians United for Life will be holding their 2nd annual Unite the Clans Conference at **St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church (Dartmouth)** on **Sat, Oct 14**, from 8:45am to 1:30pm. The theme this year is "A time to speak". It will be a morning of inspiration and learning regarding a variety of Pro-Life truths and recent successes and challenges which will leave you more motivated and confident to speak out. Our speakers will be Archbishop Emeritus Martin Currie, Stéphanie Potter from the Christian Medical and Dental Association of Canada, Heather Hughes from New Brunswick Right to Life, and Bill Davenport from the Valley Care Pregnancy Centre. This is a no-charge event. Pre-registration is required due to limited seating. Registration deadline is Tuesday Oct. 10. A free lunch will be provided sponsored by the STVDP Knights of Columbus. To register, please contact David Palmer at davidpalmer62@gmail.com or call 902-423-3114.

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) – Kentville area

Sundays ... 5:30-7pm ... *starting* October 22nd

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

Confirmation will place in the early Spring 2024!

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.*

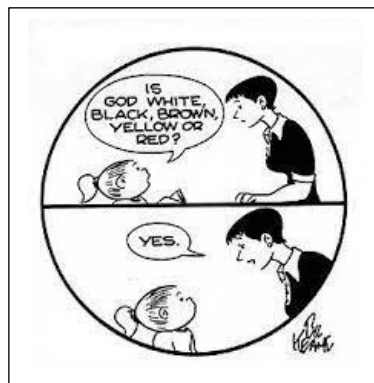
Group	Location	Times	Module 1	Module 2	Module 3	Module 4
East	St. Francis, Wolfville	6:30- 8:30pm	Oct. 10, Tuesdays	Oct. 17	Oct. 24	Oct. 31
Centre	St. Monica Middleton	6:30- 8:30pm	Sept. 28, Thursdays	Oct. 05	Oct. 12	Oct. 19
West	St. Patrick, Digby	6:30- 8:30pm	Sept. 18, Mondays	Sept. 25	Oct. 02	Oct. 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.

Windsor Area Flood Victims

With your donations, we were able to help some families in the Windsor area after the July flooding. Here are a couple of the **“Thank You Letters”** we received.

- 1) Thank you so much for your generous donations. Words cannot describe your support. We will be using the money to help pay our plumbing bill as we had to replace all of the equipment in the basement. Your kindness helps keep our spirits up and reminds us how fortunate we are to live in such a loving, supportive community. Thank you.
- 2) Thank you so much for your generous donation. Your kindness is appreciated so much. The funds will go towards rebuilding our home. We have lost most everything we own but we have gained a lot of wonderful people in our lives. This tragedy has shown us how many good people are in this world. Sometimes we lose Faith but I feel something like this happening to us has really bought back our Faith. We live in a wonderful community. May God bless you all.



Christian Stewardship

by Fr. Gerald Saulnier

*Item found in St Anthony's (Berwick) 25-year **Time Capsule** (recently opened)*

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Imagine that you are standing in the middle of an empty field. You have nothing – absolutely nothing. Now God appears and God gives you piece by piece, everything that you possess – every piece of clothing you now own, every pair of shoes, every book, every dish, cup saucer, every pot and pan, all your appliances, every tape or CD, every piece of furniture, every item of food, your car or bicycle, everything. When God finishes giving all these things to you, He says to you: *“Now take care of all these things because they do not belong to you. They belong to me. I am only lending them to you and if someone else needs what you have, and it is something you do not need, then give it to them freely. Remember that everyone is a brother or sister – treat them as a member of your family. My hope is that no one will ever go hungry or be without whatever they need to live in a human way. I’m counting on you to help me with this hope.”* Then God leaves.

This story is a real one. Everything we have is a gift. We are stewards of all that we possess. We are asked daily to use our possessions to benefit others. Then, when we finally come face to face with God, we will hear the words. *“You have done well with all the gifts I gave to you. Come into our final home. All I have is now yours.”*

The Gospel today tells us: *“No slave can serve two masters; for a slave with either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”* The choice is ours. If we respond to the call of wealth and possessions, then we will limit our freedom to respond to God. If we respond to the call of God, then we become free to live and are able to reach out to others in love and offer them what they need to live. We become connected to others in a remarkable way. Then we will truly feel a part of the human family.

Living With Less Fear

by Fr. Ron Rolheiser o.m.i.

In virtually every instance in scripture where God appears within ordinary life, either through an angel, a special phenomenon, or through an appearance of the resurrected Christ, the first words are invariably: *“Do not be afraid!”* The soothing of fear, not its intensification, is the normal criterion that the voice we are hearing is coming from love.

We have many unconscious fears of God:

- that God is not as understanding and compassionate as we are.
- that God is not as big-hearted as we are.
- that God does not read the heart and cannot tell the difference between wound and coldness, immaturity, and sin.
- that God gives us only one chance and cannot bear any missteps and infidelities.
- that God doesn't respect our humanity, that God created us in one way but wants us to live in another way in order to be saved.
- that God is threatened by our doubts and questions, like an insecure leader.
- that God is less interested in our lives than we are and less solicitous for our salvation and that of our loved ones than we are.
- that God is as helpless before our moral helplessness as we are.

Here's a parable: Years ago, I was at the funeral of a young man who had died tragically in a car accident. At the time of his death, on the surface, his relationship to his church and to some of its moral teachings was far from ideal: He was not attending church regularly, was living with his girlfriend outside of marriage, was not much concerned about poor or the larger community, and was, in simple terms, partying pretty hard.

But everyone who knew him also knew of his essential goodness and his wonderful heart. There wasn't an ounce of malice in him, and heaven would be forever a less colorful and more impoverished place if he weren't there. At the reception following the church service, one of his aunts said to me: *“He was such a good person, if I were running the gates of heaven, I would certainly let him in.”*

I assured her that, no doubt, God felt the same way, given that God's understanding and forgiveness infinitely surpass our own.

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