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32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 12, 2023



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This Week's Readings

	1st Reading	Gospel
Sun, Nov 12	Wisdom 6:12-16	Matthew 25:1-13
Mon, Nov 13	Wisdom 1:1-7	Luke 17:1-6
Tues, Nov 14	Wisdom 2:23 – 3:9	Luke 17:7-10
Wed, Nov 15	Wisdom 6:1-11	Luke 17:11-19
Thurs, Nov 16	Wisdom 7:22 – 8:1	Luke 17:20-25
Fri, Nov 17	Sirach 26:1-3, 15-18, 24	Matthew 25:31-40
Sat, Nov 18	Acts 28:11-16, 30-31	Matthew 14:22-33

Community's Email Addresses

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St Patrick	digby@corpuschristins.ca
St Joseph	weymouth@corpuschristins.ca

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.

<u>Individual Confession Times</u>	
	Kentville – every Saturday 11 am – 12 noon
	Middleton – after Wednesday morning Mass until 10:00 am
	Windsor – 1 st Saturday of the month ... 9 – 10 am
	Berwick – 1 st Saturday of the month ... 10 – 11 am

Scripture Reflection and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Take time to reflect and discuss God's Word and pray before the Blessed Sacrament. Held on **Tuesdays**
Berwick: 10 am to 11 am - Scripture reflection, 11 am to noon - Rosary during Exposition
Middleton: 2pm to 3pm - Scripture reflection, 3pm to 4pm - Rosary during Exposition



Mass Times & Intentions

SATURDAY, NOV 11

Bridgetown	4:00 PM	Gervaise Locas by Sylvain Locas & Family
Kentville	4:00 PM	Deceased Members of St Joseph's Church
Digby	4:00 PM	For all Veterans by Gordon & Nancy Coakley

SUNDAY, NOV 12

Windsor	8:30 AM	Phyl & Bernie Grant by Alan Grant
Annapolis Royal	9:00 AM	For the well-being of Marilyn Harry & Carolyn Gilbert by Eloise Mailman
Berwick	9:00 AM	Frank Woodworth by Carol & Family
Kentville	10:30 AM	George Chisholm by Carol Chisholm
Middleton	11:00 AM	Edna Monk by Ann Melanson & Family
Weymouth	11:30 AM	Camille & Judy Muise by Ron Muise
Wolfville	12:15 PM	Mary Ann Doucet by Mary D'Entremont

TUESDAY, NOV 14

Kentville	8:30 AM	Lourens & Maria Smolenaars by Peter & Agnes Nan
Digby	6:30 PM	Catherine Robicheau by Living Stones Prayer Group

WEDNESDAY, NOV 15

Kentville	8:30 AM	Ken Wheatley by St Joseph's CWL
Middleton	9:00 AM	Rose Longley on her 85th Birthday by St Monica's CWL
Tideview Terrace	10:30 AM	Karen Woods by Betty & Laurence Ritcey
Weymouth	4:00 PM	Antionette & Eddie Theriault by Joanne & Jerry Belliveau

THURSDAY, NOV 16

Kentville	8:30 AM	Gerard Foley by St Joseph's Rosary Cenacle
AR Nursing Home	10:00 AM	For the well-being of Marilyn Harry & Carolyn Gilbert by Eloise Mailman
Weymouth	4:00 PM	Louis & Rose Emma O'Connell by Joanne & Jerry Belliveau

FRIDAY, NOV 17

Berwick	9:00 AM	Karl R Kox by Judy Knox & Family
Digby	9:00 AM	Charlie Woods by Pat Levings

SATURDAY, NOV 18

Bridgetown	4:00 PM	<i>Liturgy of the Word with Communion</i>
Kentville	3:00 PM	Doris Garvin by her son David Garvin
Digby	4:00 PM	Betty Cosman by Jacqueline & Bill Amirault

SUNDAY, NOV 19

Windsor	8:30 AM	Deceased Members of St John's Church
Annapolis Royal	9:00 AM	Bob & Sandra Cook by Paul & Pam Law
Berwick	9:00 AM	<i>Liturgy of the Word with Communion</i>
Kentville	10:30 AM	Donald Chisholm by his Wife & Family
Middleton	11:00 AM	<i>Liturgy of the Word with Communion</i>
Weymouth	11:30 AM	Edward Rice by his family
Wolfville	12:15 PM	Deceased Members of the Bresnan Family by Frances Bresnan

Weekday Masses in Kentville are now held in the church basement (ie. Fr Jack's) and will NOT be Livestreamed.

Book of Remembrance - Our churches will have their Book of Remembrance / Book of Life out in the church for the month of November. You are welcome to enter the names of Deceased that you want remembered.

Special Collection Envelope - On **Nov 12**, there is a special collection envelope for **Fuel**. These donations are used to help with the high cost of oil to heat our churches and buildings.

The Marian Movement of Priests Rosary Cenacle (Kentville) has resumed on Tuesdays at 7pm at St Joseph's Church, Kentville. For more information, contact Clay Moran 902-385-8819 or Barb Montford 902-678-9212.

Yard Sale (Annapolis Royal) - St Louis is holding a Yard Sale including baked goods and crafts on Friday, **Nov 17** from 6 - 8 pm and on Saturday, **Nov 18** from 9:00 am to 12:00. Anyone wishing to contribute to this sale, please drop off items at the church hall before or after Sunday Mass. Please, no books, clothes, or footwear. Any donated baked goods will be gladly received between 2 - 5 pm on Friday Nov 17.

Angel Tree for St Anthony's Church (Berwick) - Tags will be available after Mass **Nov 5, 12 & 19**. Unwrapped gifts to be returned with the Angel tag no later than Dec 10. Wrapping Party will be held Dec 17. Contact information, please call Mary Stevenson 902-538-9265 or Paula Hasler 902-681-1601.

Annual Christmas Dinner & Dance (Middleton) – After 3 long years, the Knights of Columbus are back with their annual Christmas dinner & dance on **Nov 18** at the Kingston Lions Club. There will be a DJ (Rescue Beats). This is open to Corpus Christi and Queen of Heaven. Tickets are \$25 per person, includes dinner and dance. Meal choices are turkey or roast beef dinner. Contact Novy 902-349-8477 or Roger 902-824-3467.

CREATE HOPE - Stand for the Land - Development and Peace

Our partner ERIC–Radio Progreso has asked that we support the defenders of human rights and the environment in Honduras. Since 2015, the communities of Guapinol and the San Pedro sector have been fighting to preserve their rivers and the Carlos Escaleras National Park from mining.

“Communities are displaced. Rights are violated. Access and rights to water denied. All this to give priority to the extraction and pillaging of resources.” — Leonel George, member of the Committee for the Defence of Common and Public Goods of Tocoa, Colón

Stand in solidarity. Sign the letter to the Honduran ambassador to Canada at devp.org/act or sign a paper copy next weekend available at your church.

Learn more at: devp.org/campaign.

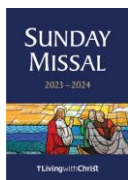
Want to be involved with **Development and Peace** in your own church community/parish?

Contact Bernadine teBogt at bernadine.tebogt@gmail.com or 902-670-7264.

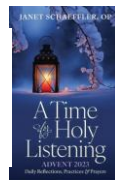
Twelve Baskets Foodbank (Middleton) has sent out a challenge to see how what organization can bring in the most to help those in need. During the month of November, St Monica's is to collect Canned Beans (ex. Heinz).

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.

Kentville Office Changes - The office will now be open Mondays, Tuesdays and **Thursdays** from 9am to 1pm.



Sunday Missals 2023-2024 \$5
Daily Reflection Booklets for Advent \$2
Now Available in the Church Entrance



Sacraments - If you are a youth who has missed the sacraments of Baptism, First Reconciliation, or First Communion or know a youth who has missed them, Kentville is offering a program for youth in grades 5 to grade 8 to receive the sacraments. The program is a blend of Encounter, which is a Bible Timeline course for teens, and OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) for teens. For information and to register, please kentville@corpuschristins.ca.

Holy Heros Daily Emails - For Advent, **Corpus Christi Parish** will be sending out Holy Heroes emails daily for the children and youth. Children attending catechism at St. Joseph's Church in Kentville will automatically receive the emails. If you have children who do not attend catechism but would like them to receive the Holy Heroes daily emails during Advent, please email the Kentville liaison at kentville@corpuschristins.ca and request to be added to the list.

Corpus Christi Catholic Books & Gifts

St. Monica's (Middleton): *Advent Gospel Reflections* This book contains a Scripture quotation and reflection by Bishop Robert Barron for each day of Advent, as well as questions and journaling space to guide a personally meaningful and prayerful Advent season. In addition, Bishop Barron reflects on the five Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary. (\$5.00) 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 Thursday 9am-1pm) or after Mass.

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 church activities. Any questions, please contact President Ann Myers (902-680-8957).



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.

Society of St Vincent de Paul (Wolfville/Canning) Conference - Christmas Sharing Campaign

The St Francis Conference of the Society of St Vincent de Paul (SSVP) Christmas Campaign is once again asking for financial donations which will be used to purchase store **gift cards** for the **children and families** in the Wolfville/Canning area whom we have served this past year. If you wish to donate to this campaign, please do so before **Dec 3**. As in previous years, cheques may be made out to *Corpus Christi Parish* with a note in the memo line stating: *SSVP St Francis Christmas* and dropped in any Sunday collection box or mailed directly to St Francis of Assisi Church: 118 Main St, Wolfville, NS, B4P 1B7. We also would happily add any baking supplies and seasonal treats/stocking stuffers that people may wish to drop off at St Francis during November. Any questions, call Annmarie Mentink 902-542-7366 or Margaret Burton 902-698- 0492.

St John's Giving Tree (Windsor) - will make an appearance on Dec 3 (1st Sunday of Advent). The ornaments represent gifts for families in need. If you pick an ornament, please return the present, gift wrapped, by **Sun, Dec 17**, with the ornament taped to the gift. Thank you in advance for brightening someone's Christmas.

Movie Night - St Joseph's, Kentville

St Joseph's Social Committee will be holding a movie night on Friday, Nov 17 at 7 pm in the Multi-Purpose Room. All are welcome. Movie will be **Lyle Lyle Crocodile**. Free admission and snacks available for purchase. For future movie request, please email Andrew Vinters dvinters@gmail.com

Take-Out Luncheon (Port Williams) On **Nov 15** at Port Williams United Baptist Church from 11:30am to 12:15pm. The Loyal Workers' Corn Chowder/Hamburger Soup luncheon will include a bowl of your chosen soup, roll and butter and either Apple Crisp or Carrot Cake with Cream Cheese Icing all for \$10. **Call by Nov 13** to Carol Ann Burden at 902-542-3681 or Ruth Blenkhorn at 902-542-7141 to order and we will call you back with a pick-up time on Nov 14.



A Royal Consort (Annapolis Royal) A local community choir directed by Joanne Buckmaster, accompanied by Connie Rouse, will present its annual Christmas concert, **Comfort and Joy**, in St. George and St. Andrew United Church, Annapolis Royal, on **Nov 25** at 7:00 pm. Tickets are available at Bainton's Tannery, from choir members, and at the door. An open reception featuring Christmas cookies will be held in the church hall following the concert.

Driver Refresher Program for Seniors (55+) (Wolfville) – On Tues, **Nov 28**, 10am - 2pm Canning Lions Club, 100 Seminary Avenue. Topics will include Defensive Driving Habits, Rules of the Road, New Driving Laws, Driving in Various Weather Conditions, Vehicle Technology, Entering & Exiting the Highway, Medications & Driving, Much More! Lunch will be provided. Program is Free but registration is required by called Trishe at 902-670-0725. Spots are limited.

CWL 2024 Leadership Program – Take The Lead is now accepting applications for the 2024 cohort of our Leadership Program, scheduled to begin in June 2024 at the Providence School of Transformative Leadership and Spirituality, Saint Paul University, Ottawa. The program is open to all Canadian Catholic women, from all walks of life who have a genuine interest in making a difference in their communities and places of work.

The Program is a 11-month Certificate program with an ongoing mentorship once the course work is completed. Throughout the Program, participants will be guided by professional facilitators from Saint Paul University. The Program is specifically designed to integrate faith and life, personal and professional leadership development. Spirituality and a Catholic faith perspective are the foundation of all activities; prayer and reflective practice are core elements integrated throughout the program.

Details of the content of the different components and timelines can be found on the website at www.cwlfcanda.ca. If you are or know of a Catholic woman who wishes to be a transformational and influential leader, we invite you to complete the application process by **Jan 15, 2024** which can be found at www.cwlfcanda.ca/participate.

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

On the first day of school, the Kindergarten teacher said, "If anyone has to go to the bathroom, hold up two fingers." A little voice from the back of the room asked, "How will that help?"

God's Risk ... Our Freedom

by Fr. Ron Rolheiser o.m.i.

Why doesn't God make things easier?

Perhaps the most vexing faith-question of all-time is the problem of God's silence and his seeming indifference: Why does God allow evil? Why do bad things happen to good people? If there is an all-powerful and all-loving God, how do you explain that millions of innocent people can suffer and die under Hitler, Stalin, Pol Pot, in massacres in Rwanda, Algeria, and the recent terrorist killings in the USA? Where is God in all of this?

And the presence of evil in the world poses a deeper question: Why is God (seemingly) hidden? If God is so massively real, why do so many people not recognize, acknowledge, or care about his existence? Why do believers have to live, almost always it seems, on the edges of doubt? Why doesn't God make his (her) existence clear, a fact beyond doubt? Why doesn't God silence his critics?

There's no satisfying answer to that question, not theoretically, and there never will be. No definitive faith textbook can ever be written that will soothe every doubt and answer every critical objection. Why not? Because making peace with this mystery, the mystery of God's hiddenness, is a question of a relationship in love and trust and not simply a question of right theory. Faith, like love, matures through relationship not just theory. Understanding God's hiddenness, God's way, is like a child coming to understand his or her parents. You have to relate long enough, live in patience long enough, and develop enough maturity so that, at a point, understanding arises out of a certain co-empathy. Love is the eye, Hugo of St. Victor used to say. When we are loving enough we begin to understand.

However, theory is still important. An old philosophical axiom suggests that the heart follows the head, that love itself must be guided by intellectual vision. Thus some theological theory on the question of evil and God's hiddenness can be helpful. What has classical, Christian theology taught on this?

Essentially this: Evil exists because God respects freedom, both in nature and in human beings. When we are confronted with the problem of evil in the world the conclusion we might draw is not that God doesn't exist or doesn't care, but rather that God respects and values freedom in a way that we don't. What does this mean?

God doesn't make things easier because God can't make things easier, at least not without making us and the world into something far less than we are. When God made us he gave us as much freedom, creativity, and spunk as was possible. He didn't play it safe, but gave us as much godliness as he could without making us into gods ourselves. Simply put, in making us, God went so far as to give us a freedom that even he won't tamper with. A risky business, but, it seems, as a parent, God would rather risk than control, allow creativity outside of his influence than limit ingenuity, and tolerate the misuse of freedom than relate to robots. God is perceived as silent because he allows human freedom and ingenuity to be precisely what they are meant to be, non-coerced, even by God. God is not a frightened parent who needs to control, nor a threatened creator who kept what was best back for himself. God allows evil because God respects the freedom and ingenuity of creation and, as we know from elsewhere in our faith, can ultimately redeem whatever goes wrong.

This helps explain not only the question of evil, but also why life can be so distressingly complex and why we can sometimes boil over into a quasi-divine rage. We have been made, as scripture assures us, "as little less than God". If God could have given us divinity, I believe, he would have. But the one thing God can't do is to create another God. So, in creating us, God took us as close to divinity as possible. Given the incredible array of qualities that God put in us, it shouldn't then be surprising that we are pathologically complex, that human grandiosity has a perpetual itch to set itself against God, and that, when frustrated, we are capable of becoming killers who can take life itself as if we were God. We should never be surprised at how messy life can get or how deranged we can be. What is surprising rather is that sometimes – in the pre-sophistication of a child or the post-sophistication of a saint – we do see simple happiness, simple meaning, and simple faith.

Things could only be simpler if God had made us Swiss clocks – wonderfully tuned to pre-set rhythms, with no mess, no sin, no evil, and the beauty of perfect crystal. But then there wouldn't be any love, freedom, creativity, or meaning. No. God built us on a razor's edge, so full of godly fire that we are capable of both martyrdom and murder.

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