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31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 5, 2023



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This Week's Readings

	1st Reading	Gospel
Sun, Nov 5	Malachi 1:14 – 2:2, 8-10	Matthew 23:1-12
Mon, Nov 6	Wisdom 3:1-9	John 6:37-40
Tues, Nov 7	Romans 12:5-16	Luke 14:15-24
Wed, Nov 8	Romans 13:8-10	Luke 14:25-33
Thurs, Nov 9	Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12	John 2:13-22
Fri, Nov 10	Romans 15:14-21	Luke 16:1-8
Sat, Nov 11	Romans 16:3-9, 16, 22-27	Luke 16:9-15

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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.

<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 4

Bridgetown	4:00 PM	Louis Thibodeau by Mary & John Comeau
Kentville	4:00 PM	Tony Avery by Dennis & Barb Nash
Digby	6:00 PM	Catherine Robicheau by Sheila Donovaro

SUNDAY, NOV 5

Windsor	8:30 AM	Liz Periera by Alice Pereira
Annapolis Royal	9:00 AM	For the well-being of Eloise Mailman by Marilyn Harry
Berwick	9:00 AM	Intentions of Leon & Eleanor Zwicker by Tom & Peggy Foley
Kentville	10:30 AM	Barbara Hubbard by Susan Dodge
Middleton	11:00 AM	Florence Otto by Dawn Dennis
Weymouth	11:30 AM	Alfred Bailey by Angela Bailey
Wolfville	12:15 PM	Nancy Henry by George & David
Digby	4:00 PM	Rick Andrews by Carol, Pam & Hannah

TUESDAY, NOV 7

Kentville	8:30 AM	Intentions of Barbara Montford by Edie & Doug McRoberts
Digby	6:30 PM	Betty Cosman by the Thru Mary Prayer Group

WEDNESDAY, NOV 8

Kentville	8:30 AM	St Joseph's CWL
Middleton	9:00 AM	Ronald Melanson by Ann Melanson
Weymouth	4:00 PM	Douglas Gidney by Lucille Saulnier

THURSDAY, NOV 9

Kentville	8:30 AM	Doris Dandurand by Ann Myers
Weymouth	4:00 PM	Alfred Bailey by Angela Bailey

FRIDAY, NOV 10

Berwick	9:00 AM	Maurice Harquail by Jennie Harquail
Digby	9:00 AM	Hazel Elliott by the Family

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

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.

Mass Intentions – Due to the generosity of our parishioners, we have more Mass intentions than can be offered within our parish in a year. So, we are forwarding on some of the intentions to other priests in our diocese so that your intention can be offered sooner.

The Ladies Prayer Breakfast (Berwick) will take place on **Sat, Nov 4**. Come join in a few hours of reflection, prayer and community interaction. If possible, bring a small breakfast item to share. We gather in St Anthony's Hall, Berwick between 8:30 - 9:00 am. The schedule has changed slightly. We now start by filling our tummies first before filling our minds and souls. Everyone is welcome.

St. Louis Church (Annapolis Royal) – is happy to welcome *The Men of St Anthony & Friends* (Berwick) who will be singing this **Sun, Nov 5 at 2:30 pm**. All are welcome!

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

Next meeting is this Sunday, **Nov 5** at 4:30-6:00 pm at St Joseph's Kentville

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

Confirmation will take place in Spring 2024!

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.

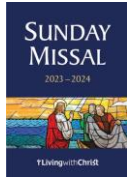
The Marian Movement of Priests Rosary Cenacle (Kentville) has resumed on Tuesdays at 7pm at St Joseph's Church, Kentville. For more information, contact Clay Moran 902-385-8819 or Barb Montford 902-678-9212.

St Joseph's CWL (Kentville) will meet on **Wed, Nov 8**, at 1:00 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.

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 - 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.



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



Corpus Christi Catholic Books & Gifts

St. Monica's (Middleton): *Sunday Missal for Young Catholics* contains all the Sunday readings for the liturgical year starting on the First Sunday of Advent on December 3. It provides definitions of words that may be unfamiliar to us, as well as the prayers of the Mass with explanations of the various symbols and practices, such as chalice, vestments, sign of the cross, genuflection, holy water, sign of peace, and more. The colourful illustrations, larger print, and easy-to-handle size make it ideal for children and youth, as well as a great learning resource for long-time Catholics who wish to grow in their understanding and for those who are new to the Catholic faith. Available at St. Monica's church hall after Sunday Mass or call Mary Crooks 902-825-6495, and at St. Joseph's Church. Cost \$7.00.

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).



CREATE HOPE - Stand for the Land - Development and Peace

This fall, D&P is continuing the **Create Hope: Stand for the Land** campaign. This time, we'll be meeting communities in northern Honduras who have been struggling to preserve their land and water since an iron ore mine opened in Carlos Escaleras National Park, and poisoned the rivers on which they depend for their livelihoods.

"We live every day with the fear of being killed or having one of our children taken away." - Juana Zúniga, member of the Committee for the Defence of Common and Public Goods of Tocoa, Colón

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.

"Little Church" (ie. Children's Liturgy of the Word)

Please note that from September until May, while catechism is being offered, we will **not** be offering "**Little Church**" (ie. **Children's Liturgy of the Word**) at St. Joseph's in **Kentville**. However, if children would like to go to the foyer/main entrance of the church during Mass, colouring and activity sheets are available.

Parents, if your child needs support, please accompany them in the foyer. We'd like to thank those parents who have already been doing so.

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

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@corpuschristians.ca.

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.

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).

From June to October, St. Monica's church collected 640 lbs. of food and \$1,090.00 in donations for the Twelve Baskets Food Bank. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

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.

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.

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.



The Cross As Revealing The Non-Violence of Christ

by Fr. Ron Rolheiser o.m.i.

The cross of Christ is like a carefully-cut diamond. Every time you turn it in the light you get a different sparkle. It means so many things and its depths can never be fully fathomed, always more meaning spills over. We can never get our minds around it, but, and we sense this, ultimately the cross is the deepest word that can ever be spoken about love. No wonder it is perhaps the most universally-cherished symbol on earth.

How can one begin to unravel the multifarious levels of meaning carried by a cross?

The best place to start is with God. What the cross tells us, more clearly than any other revelation, is that God is absolutely and utterly non-violent and that God's vulnerability, which the cross invites us into, is a power for community with God and with each other. What's being said here? How does the cross reveal God as non-violent?

We are forever connecting God to coercion, threat, guilt, reckoning, and to the idea that a power should somehow rise up and crush by force all that's evil. That concept is the main reason why so many of us either fear God, hate God, try to avoid God, or are disappointed in God ("Why doesn't God do something about the world?") But what scripture reveals about God, and this is seen full-bloom on the cross, is that God is neither coercion, threat, guilt, nor the great avenger of evil and sin.

Rather God is love, light, truth, and beauty; a gentle, though persistent, invitation, that's never a threat. God is like a mother, gently trying to coax another step out of a young child learning to walk ("Come on, try, just another step!"). God exists as an infinite patience that endures all things, not as a great avenger, Rambo and John Wayne, who kills all the bad guys when he has finally had enough. **The cross of Christ reveals that God works far differently than do our movies and our imaginations. God never overpowers anyone.**

Radically, of course, God could. God has all the power. However God's power to create love and community, paradoxically, works precisely by refusing to ever overpower. It works instead through vulnerability, through something the Gospels call EXOUSIA. What is this?

The Gospels tell us that when people witnessed Jesus' life and ministry they saw something that sharply differentiated him from others. *"He spoke with great power, unlike the scribes and pharisees."* However they use a curious word to name that power. They never say that Jesus spoke with great ENERGIA ("Wow, is he energetic!") or DYNAMIS ("What dynamism!"). Instead they use the (Greek) word, EXOUSIA, a word with no English equivalent, but whose meaning can be conveyed in an image:

If you would put the strongest man in the world into a room with a new-born baby which of these two would be more powerful? Obviously at one level, the man is more powerful, he could kill the baby if he wanted. But, the baby possesses a different kind of power, a far deeper one, one that can move things muscles can't. A baby has EXOUSIA, its vulnerability is a great power. It doesn't need to out-muscle anyone. A baby invites, beckons, and all that's moral and deep in the conscience simply cannot walk away. It's no accident that God chose to be incarnated into this world as baby.

It's no accident either that Jesus died as he did on Good Friday. The cross reveals the power of God in this world, a power that is never the power of a muscle, a speed, a brilliance, a physical attractiveness, or a grace which simply leaves you no other choice but to acknowledge its superiority and bend your knee in obeisance. The world's power works this way, movies end that way. God's power is the power of EXOUSIA, a baby that lies helpless, muted, patient, beckoning for someone to take care of it. It's this power that lies at the deepest base of things and will in the end, gently, have the final say. It's also the only power upon which love and community can be created because it, and it alone, ultimately softens rather than breaks the heart.

And it's a power that invites us in. It's good to know this so that we don't give into bitterness and grow vicious ourselves when we are slighted and can't defend ourselves, when our dreams get crushed and there's nothing we can do about it, when we so desperately want to do something that stands out but haven't the talent to do so, or when we find ourselves a minority of one before a jeering crowd.

The cross of Christ tells us that, at those moments of painful helplessness, when we can't impress or overpower anyone, we are acting in a divine way, non-violently, and in that vulnerability lies the secret to our coming to love and community.

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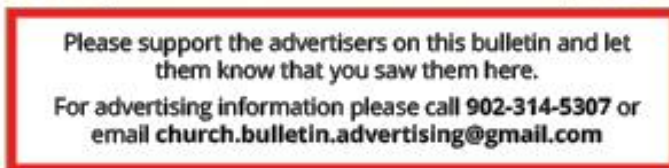
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