



Fr. John MacPherson, Pastor  
 Fr. Michael Walsh, Associate Pastor  
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2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2023



**Kentville Parish Office**

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday  
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**This Week's Readings**

	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
Sun, Dec 10	Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11	Mark 1:1-8
Mon, Dec 11	Isaiah 35:1-10	Luke 5:17-26
Tues, Dec 12	Zechariah 2:14-17	Luke 1:26-38
Wed, Dec 13	Isaiah 40:25-31	Matthew 11:28-30
Thurs, Dec 14	Isaiah 41:13-20	Matthew 11:11-15
Fri, Dec 15	Isaiah 48:17-19	Matthew 11:16-19
Sat, Dec 16	Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11	Matthew 17:10-13

**Community's Email Addresses**

St John           windsor@corpuschristins.ca  
 St Francis       wolfville@corpuschristins.ca  
 St Joseph       kentville@corpuschristins.ca  
 St Anthony      berwick@corpuschristins.ca  
 St Monica       middleton@corpuschristins.ca  
 St Alphonsus   bridgetown@corpuschristins.ca  
 St Louis         annapolisroyal@corpuschristins.ca  
 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](mailto: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.*

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

Bridgetown	4:00 PM	Al Martin by Patsy Sabeau
Kentville	4:00 PM	Paul Ross by Doris Pasley
Digby	4:00 PM	Laurie Avery by the Avery Family

### **SUNDAY, DEC 10**

Windsor	8:30 AM	Dick Pereira by Alice Pereira
Annapolis Royal	9:00 AM	Wendy James by Eric & Leah Brown
Berwick	9:00 AM	Yvette King by daughter, Anne Dearden & Family
Kentville	10:30 AM	Katalin Radvanyi by Anne & Mike White & Family
Middleton	11:00 AM	Daniel Bernard by Jean Butler
Weymouth	11:30 AM	Jenny & Melbourne Cromwell and Mildred & Frederick Tynes by the Cromwell Grandchildren
Wolfville	12:15 PM	Deceased Members of the Lombard Family by Claire & Karen Bishop

### **TUESDAY, DEC 12**

Kentville	8:30 AM	Michael Walsh by Helen Walsh
Digby	6:30 PM	Mass of Thanksgiving by Chuck Mills

### **WEDNESDAY, DEC 13**

Kentville	8:30 AM	Gaston d'Entremont by Mary & Family
Middleton	9:00 AM	Intentions of Tom & Lois Porter (L) by Mary Gillis
Weymouth	4:00 PM	Jacky Comeau by Joanne & Jerry Belliveau

### **THURSDAY, DEC 14**

Kentville	8:30 AM	Philip Williams by Yvonne & Walter Martin
Weymouth	4:00 PM	Jean Durham by Marion & Greg MacDonald

### **FRIDAY, DEC 15**

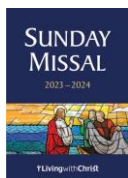
Berwick	9:00 AM	Maynard Barry & Brent Mackenzie by Wayne Barry
Digby	9:00 AM	Marzouca & Theriault families and Friends Living & Deceased by Carol Theriault

### **SATURDAY, DEC 16**

Bridgetown	4:00 PM	Dan Bernard by Bill & Darlene McDonald
Kentville	4:00 PM	Gerry MacDougall by her Children
Digby	4:00 PM	Alfred Bailey by Marion Croft

### **SUNDAY, DEC 17**

Windsor	8:30 AM	Guy K Smith by Mary-Alma & Family
Annapolis Royal	9:00 AM	Wendy James by the Parishioners of St. Louis Church
Berwick	9:00 AM	Helen Langlois by Colleen Stephenson & John McNeil
Kentville	10:30 AM	Alice Sullivan by Pat Fitzgerald
Middleton	11:00 AM	Dan Bernard by Vernon & Ilona Mullen
Weymouth	11:30 AM	Ian Cromwell by best friend/cousin Dawn Cromwell-Smith
Wolfville	12:15 PM	Maria Duarte by her Friends at St Francis



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



**2023 Donations:** Just a reminder that all donations to our parish must be received by the office or in collection basket by December 31 in order for them to be included in the 2023 income tax receipts.

Thank you for your continued support.

**Special Collection Envelope** for December is Christmas. These donations are used for the operation of our churches and parish.

**2024 Boxes of Collection Envelopes Boxes** are now available for pickup at your church. If you donate by PAR, E-transfer, or Post-Dated Cheque, there are now boxes with just the Special Collection Envelopes that you can get.

**St Joseph's CWL (Kentville)** will meet on **Wed, Dec. 13** at 12:30 pm for our Christmas monthly meeting. We will be having our Christian Concern Christmas tree for cash donations. We will also be collecting the dues (\$35) for the upcoming year 2024. New members welcomed. If anyone has any questions about Catholic Women's League of Canada, please contact President Ann Myers at 902-680-8957 or email: [ann.myers@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:ann.myers@ns.sympatico.ca)

**St. Monica's Pot Luck Lunch (Middleton)** on **Sun, Dec 17** after Mass in our church hall. In this holy season of Advent, come and enjoy fellowship together as we await in faith and joy the celebration of the birth of Christ! If you have any questions, please feel free to speak with Carolyn Gilbert 902-825-4460.

**Hygiene Drive (Middleton)** During December, the Middleton Rosa Harvey Library is collecting new hygiene items, such as toothbrushes; toothpaste; mouthwash; lotion; shampoo; soap; deodorant, clothes detergent; feminine hygiene products, etc. Items can be taken directly to the library or left with Mary Crooks in the church hall. *Thank you!*

**Refugee Committee Requests (Kentville)** We are expecting a family of 9 people to arrive in the future. Our application to bring them to Canada has been accepted by the Canadian government. They have a place to live but will need many things. If you have any of the following to donate, please call Ann Marsters at 902-582-3409. The items needed are: beds, dining table, chairs, fridge, stove, couch. (in reasonable condition)

**St John's Giving Tree (Windsor)** - 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. Also, non-perishable food donations will be accepted for the Giving Tree Families. *Thank you in advance for brightening someone's Christmas!*

**Angel Tree for St Anthony's Church (Berwick)** - 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.

**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.

**Thank you** to all CWL members and the many parishioners who donated items for St Joseph's (Kentville) CWL Bake and Craft Sale. The sale was very successful and will enable the CWL Council of St. Josephs to fulfill its obligations and support various activities in the Parish and other communities. It was a community event – within the parish and community at large.

## Christmas Mass Schedule

**Saturday Dec 23** 4 pm Bridgetown  
4 pm Digby  
4 pm Kentville  
6 pm Wolfville  
7 pm Middleton  
8 pm Windsor

**Sunday Dec 24** 10 am Berwick

**Sunday Dec 24** **Christmas Eve**  
4 pm Annapolis Royal  
4 pm Kentville  
6 pm Berwick  
6 pm Weymouth  
6 pm Windsor  
8 pm Digby  
8 pm Kentville  
8 pm Middleton

**Monday Dec 25** **Christmas Day**  
10 am Bridgetown  
10 am Weymouth  
10 am Wolfville

**Wed, Dec 27** 8:30 am Kentville

**Thurs, Dec 28** 8:30 am Kentville

**Saturday Dec 30** **Holy Family**  
4 pm Bridgetown  
4 pm Digby (LOW)  
4 pm Kentville

**Sunday Dec 31** **Holy Family**  
8:30 am Windsor  
9 am Annapolis Royal (LOW)  
9 am Berwick  
10:30 am Kentville  
11 am Middleton  
11:30 am Weymouth (LOW)  
12:15 pm Wolfville  
4 pm Bridgetown

**Monday Jan 1** **New Year's Day - Mary, Mother of God**  
9 am Berwick  
11 am Kentville  
11 am Digby  
11 am Middleton

### Advent Reconciliation Schedule

**St John (Windsor)** Tues, Dec 12 5-7 pm

**St Joseph (Kentville)** Sat, Dec 9, 16, 23 11 am – 12 pm

**St Anthony (Berwick):** Sat, Dec 16 10 am to Noon      Fri Dec 15 after 9 am Mass with Fr. John & Fr. Michael

**St Monica (Middleton)** Sat, Dec 9 10 am to noon      Wed, Dec 13, 20 after 9 am Mass until 10am

**St Alphonsus (Bridgetown):** after 4 pm Mass Sat, Dec 9 & 16

**St Patrick (Digby):** Tues, Dec 12 4:00-6:15 pm with Fr. Raymond & Fr. Michael, 6:30 pm Mass

**St Joseph (Weymouth)** Wed Dec 13 4 pm Mass, 4:30-5:30 pm Reconciliation

**In the Hospital or Home Bound?** If you know of someone (a family member or friend) who is in the hospital or at home and would like Holy Communion, the Sacrament of the Sick, or simply a visit, please contact the church office.

**Used Stamps:** St. Monica's CWL (Middleton) is pleased to receive used stamps which we send to Development & Peace for its fundraising. Throughout the year, you may place used stamps in the brown box in the entrance to St. Monica's Church or give them to Mary Crooks. Please take care not to cut the edge of the stamps. Thanks very much!

**Twelve Baskets Foodbank (Middleton)** is preparing for approximately 200 hampers. The need is great this year as food insecurity plagues a lot of the families in our community. The needs for December are: Cranberry Sauce (store bought), Canned Gravy, Tea, Table Salt, Hand Soap, Toothbrushes and Toothpaste, Shampoo, Body Wash.

## Advent Resources

Corpus Christi Parish is offering the **Rejoice!** series to help you during Advent. Each of the 4 Sundays in Advent you will receive another episode. The videos in these are between 9 and 12 minutes in length. We hope you enjoy them.

For people who have enjoyed Matthew Kelly's "**Best Advent Ever**," you can sign up to receive the daily emails at this site: [https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/advent.html?utm\\_source=marketingcloud&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=best+advent+ever&utm\\_content=2+111423+BAE+book+ecomm+footer](https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/advent.html?utm_source=marketingcloud&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=best+advent+ever&utm_content=2+111423+BAE+book+ecomm+footer)

There are also booklets - **Advent Daily Reflections** - available at each church.

**May 17– 27, 2024: Pilgrimage to Medjugorje** where Our Lady has been appearing daily for 42 years. Cost of \$3570 includes all airport taxes, security, fuel surcharges, airfare from the Moncton/Halifax, (twin or triple) accommodation, daily breakfast & dinner and experienced local guide. (Optional single room supplement, \$250/p.) Info: Hector Caissie at 506-857-2295 or hectorcaissie@gmail.com

## Corpus Christi Catholic Books & Gifts

**St. Monica's (Middleton):** We have affordable children's books that are easy to mail, such as *Advent and Christmas Traditions* (\$3.95), which is beautifully illustrated and describes many of our Catholic symbols, such as the Advent Wreath, the Jesse Tree, the Christmas Manger, and the Christmas Tree. Christmas Coloring Books help children engage in the story of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (\$3.50). Christmas Board Books (\$2.00) are durable for use by little hands. We also have affordable religious boxed Christmas cards. *Keep Christ in Christmas* magnets to place on your car or in your home can be used for many years and express the true meaning of Christmas (\$5.00). Available at St. Monica's church hall after Sunday Mass or call Mary Crooks 902-825-6495.

**St. Joseph's (Kentville):** We now have Advent Candles from L'Arche Applewicks store available along with 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.

## Upcoming Local Concerts

**Silent Night: A King's Christmas Concert (Kentville)** The renowned Chapel Choir of the University of King's College, Halifax, under the direction of Neil Cockburn, presents a concert of Christmas choral music, mixing traditional favourites, including the much-loved Silent Night, with lesser-known gems. The programme includes carols and arrangements by Bob Chilcott, Ola Gjeilo, and John Rutter. The concert will be **Mon, Dec 11** at 7:30pm at **St Joseph's Church**.

Tickets online and at the door (cash or credit at the door - no debit): Student \$15; Senior \$30; Adult General \$35

**Middleton Choral Society**, directed by Andrew Cranston, accompanied by Beth Cranston, presents "Here Among the Evergreens," its Christmas concert in **Middleton Baptist Church**, Middleton, on **Sat, Dec 16** at 7:30 pm. A feature of the concert will be guest musicians and the debut of Conduit Chamber Choir. Tickets, priced at \$15, are available from choir members and at the door, or call 902-825-9433.

**Men of St Anthony's & Friends Choir (Berwick)** will be having a Christmas Concert at **St Anthony's Church**, Berwick on **Sun, Dec 17** at 2:30 pm. Free will offering, proceeds going to Berwick Foodbank.

**A Royal Consort (Annapolis Royal)** - Directed by Joanne Buckmaster, accompanied by Connie Rouse, presents "Comfort and Joy," its rescheduled Christmas concert in **St. George and St. Andrew United Church**, Annapolis Royal, on **Sun, Dec 17** at 3:00 pm. A feature of the concert will be a cantata A Shepherd's Tale. Tickets priced at \$15 are available at Bainton's Tannery, from choir members, and at the door. No charge for children aged 12 and under.

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1. Go to the website <https://formed.org> and click on **Sign Up**.
2. A 'Create a New Account' page will appear. Under 'Find your Parish', enter **Corpus Christi 48 Belcher St Kentville NS**, and select the first entry, then click on **Next** button.
3. Enter your Name and email address as indicated and click on **Sign Up** button.
4. The website will then automatically take you to the main website (<https://watch.formed.org/browse>) where you can start searching the available programs and start watching.
5. To get back into website after logging out, go to <https://formed.org> and click on **Sign In**. You will need to enter your email address and click **Next**. You will then get an email with a link. Click on the **Sign in now** button and it will bring you back to the main website where you can start watching again.

Salt and Light by Jonny Hawkins



"He must be preaching about Noah today, because he's wearing his flood pants."

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

A father was reading Bible stories to his young son. He read, "The man named Lot was warned to take his wife and flee out of the city, but his wife looked back and was turned to salt." His son asked, "What happened to the flea?"

*This notice was approved by the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia*

#### **NOTICE OF SETTLEMENT IN CLASS ACTION**

**To all individuals who were sexually abused by a priest of the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of Halifax or Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of Yarmouth between April 14, 1954 and March 31, 2020 and have not previously settled or otherwise released either the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of Halifax or Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation of Yarmouth.**

**The Court has approved a settlement which provides compensation to eligible class members who file a claim for sexual assault and meet the requirements of the claims process.**

If you opted out of the class action, the settlement will not impact you.

If you are part of the lawsuit as a Class Member, you can submit a claim for a payment of money as compensation. The amount of money that you may receive will depend on the specifics of the claim you submit. The potential amount of money to be paid to a Class Member whose claim is accepted will likely range from \$30,000 to \$350,000.

For further information, visit <https://kmlaw.ca/cases/catholic-priest-sexual-abuse-class-action/> or call 1-833-630-1785, or email [catholicabuseclassaction@kmlaw.ca](mailto:catholicabuseclassaction@kmlaw.ca).

You must submit your claim for compensation before December 14, 2023. If you do not submit your claim for compensation before December 14, 2023, you will lose your right to compensation.