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6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 11, 2024



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**This Week's Readings**

	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
Sun, Feb 11	Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46	Mark 1:40-45
Mon, Feb 12	James 1:1-11	Mark 8:11-13
Tues, Feb 13	James 1:12-18	Mark 8:14-21
Wed, Feb 14	Joel 2:12-18	Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18
Thurs, Feb 15	Deuteronomy 30:15-30	Luke 9:22-25
Fri, Feb 16	Isaiah 58:1-9	Matthew 9:14-15
Sat, Feb 17	Isaiah 58:9-14	Luke 5:27-32

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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 Windsor – 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month ... 9 – 10 am Berwick – 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month ... 10 – 11 am Middleton – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month ... 10 – 11 am & after Wednesday morning Mass until 10:00 am
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**Scripture Reflection and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

Take time to reflect and discuss God's Word and pray before the Blessed Sacrament ... 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, FEB 10

Bridgetown	4:00 PM	Gillian Beckner by her Family
Kentville	4:00 PM	James Lyons by Louis Comeau & Family
Digby	4:00 PM	Kaye Sapper by Angela O'Neil

### SUNDAY, FEB 11

Windsor	8:30 AM	Margo, Theodora & Herman teBogt by Marianne teBogt & Family
Annapolis Royal	9:00 AM	Shirley Marie McNeil by Pat & Alan Dill
Berwick	9:00 AM	Larry Crouse & Margie Lanteigne by Bill & Darlene McDonald
Kentville	10:30 AM	Rick Kavanagh by St Joseph's CLT
Middleton	11:00 AM	Intentions of Marg Jackson by Carolyn Gilbert
Weymouth	11:30 AM	Raymond Westby by Donald Westby
Wolfville	12:15 PM	Ben Harbers by the Harbers Family

### TUESDAY, FEB 13

Kentville	8:30 AM	Intentions of Janice Peddle & Soul of Perry Peddle by Doris Pasley
Digby	6:30 PM	For the Parishioners of Corpus Christi

### WEDNESDAY, FEB 14

Bridgetown	9:00 AM	<b>Ash Wednesday</b> <b><i>Liturgy of the Word with Distribution of Ashes</i></b>
Berwick	9:00 AM	Douglas Grant by St Monica's CWL
Kentville	9:00 AM	St Joseph's CWL
Annapolis Royal	10:00 AM	Gerald LeFort by Mary & Nick McEachern
Weymouth	4:00 PM	For a special intention by Mariette Hamilton
Digby	6:00 PM	Elma Robicheau by the Family
Middleton	6:30 PM	Intentions of Grace Bernard by Carolyn Gilbert
Kentville	6:30 PM	<b><i>Liturgy of the Word with Distribution of Ashes</i></b>
Wolfville	6:30 PM	<b><i>Liturgy of the Word with Distribution of Ashes</i></b>
Windsor	6:30 PM	Wayne Berthier by Terry & Eleanor McKiel

### THURSDAY, FEB 15

Kentville	8:30 AM	Intentions of Jeannette McNeil by Barb Montford
AR Nursing Home	10:30 AM	Gerald LeFort by Betty & Laurence Ritcey
Weymouth	4:00 PM	For the Geddrey Family by Rosetta LeBlanc

### FRIDAY, FEB 16

Berwick	9:00 AM	Intentions of Bernie & Sharon Halbot by Tom & Peggy Foley
Digby	9:00 AM	For the souls in Purgatory

### SATURDAY, FEB 17

Bridgetown	4:00 PM	Joseph R Barrette
Kentville	4:00 PM	Deceased Members of Hawley/Landry Families by Carmen & Francis Hawley
Digby	4:00 PM	Glenn Walker by Simone Walker

### SUNDAY, FEB 18

Windsor	8:30 AM	Deceased Family Members of Denise Vassello
Annapolis Royal	9:00 AM	Elaine Thimot by Eloise Mailman
Berwick	9:00 AM	Intentions of Deacon Kevin & Joyce Grandy by St Monica's CWL
Kentville	10:30 AM	Betty Harris by St Joseph's CWL
Middleton	11:00 AM	Doug Currie by Joan Walsh
Weymouth	11:30 AM	Raymond Westby by Lucille Saulnier
Wolfville	12:15 PM	Deceased Members of teBraake Family by John teBraake

## Ash Wednesday (Feb 14) Schedule

9 am – Bridgetown

9 am – Berwick

9 am – Kentville

10 am - Annapolis Royal

4 pm - Weymouth

6 pm - Digby

6:30 pm - Middleton

6:30 pm - Kentville

6:30 pm - Wolfville

6:30 pm - Windsor

**Old Palms** - If you have old palms, can you bring them to the church by Sun, Feb 11 so they can be burnt. These will be used for the ashes on Ash Wednesday.

**Special Envelope Collection** - On **Feb 11**, there is a special collection envelope for the **Pro-Life Assistance**. These donations for Pro-Life are forwarded to two local organizations, 20% goes to Birthright and 80% goes to Nova Scotians United for Life.

**2023 Tax Receipts** are now available and ready for pickup at the back of the church or church office.

**Marian Prayer Hour (Middleton)** Our monthly Marian Prayer Hour will take place on **Sat, Feb 10** at 11:00 am at St. Monica's Church on the eve of the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and World Day of Prayer for the Sick. All are welcomed to this peaceful time of prayer, especially for the needs of our parishioners and our loved ones, including those who are ill in body, mind or spirit; those who are recuperating; and those in need of hope and encouragement. Hosted by St. Monica's CWL.

**CWL News (Kentville)** - On **Sunday, Feb 11**, the CWL at St. Josephs will be celebrating its 99<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as a council (1925-2024). As well as participating in the many ministries (hospitality, lector, eucharistic minister) at the Mass at 10:30 am, they will be hosting the hospitality after Mass in the Multi-Purpose Room. The parish community is welcomed to join in celebration with coffee, tea, and cake.

**Movie (Berwick)** - The Movie: The Blessing Bracelet will be showing at St. Anthony's on **Mon, Feb 19** at 1:30 pm.

**Twelve Baskets Foodbank (Middleton)** - Foodbank's Annual General Meeting will take place on **Feb 19** at 7:00 pm at the Nictaux Baptist Church. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. The needs for February for the Foodbank include Kraft Dinner, canned tomatoes, shampoo, bars of hand soap, toothpaste, prayers and support (monetary & other food items).



### Pancake Meals



**St Anthony's, Berwick** - Come and join us at St Anthony's on **Tues, Feb 13**, for our pancake supper from 4-6pm. We will be serving pancakes, ham, sausages, baked beans, tea & coffee. Free will offering, bring your family & friends.

**St. Joseph's, Kentville** - The Knights of Columbus will be putting on their annual "**pancake & sausage supper**" on **Tues, Feb. 13** from 4-6pm in the Multi-Purpose Room. *Free-will offering!*

**St Francis, Wolfville** - Shrove Tuesday Pancake and Sausage Supper at St. Francis Parish Centre, **Tues, Feb 13**, 5-6:30 pm. Come join us for a delicious pancake and sausage. Your host will be the members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, St. Francis of Assisi Conference. Free will offering will get you a good time with fun people and good food. Mark your calendars and plan to be there. It's a great beginning to Lent.

**St John's, Windsor** A hearty meal/breakfast will be provided following the 8:30am Mass on **Sunday, Feb 18**. Free-will offering. Compliments of the Knights of Columbus.

**Windsor Knights of Columbus Scholarship** Applications by Catholic High School Graduation Students in West Hants for the 2024 Scholarship in the amount of \$1000 are to be received by the Windsor KOC Council by Friday, March 8. Information and applications are available at the back of St John's Church or by e-mail request to [keith.aucoin@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:keith.aucoin@ns.sympatico.ca)

**First Communion (Windsor)** - Prayerful congratulations to  
**Wynn MacRae & Emma Webster** on their First Holy Communion on **Jan 28** at St John's Church.

**Yard Sale (Berwick)** - Are you still working on those New Year resolutions? Such as decluttering!! We have a solution for you. St. Anthony's will be holding a Yard Sale on **Sat, April 6**. We are willing to take those unwanted items.

**St Monica's CWL News** - During the month of February, the **Middleton Library** welcomes donations of knitted mittens, hats, scarves, socks, and sweaters which they make available to those in need of warm protection from the cold. You can bring items directly to the library, or to Mary Crooks, CWL Social Justice Chairperson. If you knit or crochet, the library can provide the yarn and needles for you. Thank you!

**Thank you** to our parishioners (throughout the parish) who kindly **signed the petition** in support of Bill S-210: *Protecting Young Persons from Pornography Act*. The multitude of signatures has been submitted to our respective Members of Parliament to reinforce the importance of protecting our children from pornography and, instead, nurturing respect for the dignity of all persons as a foundation for positive mental health and loving relationships as they grow into healthy youth and adults.

**St. Monica's Bookstore (Middleton):** - How long has it been since you fell in love...with Jesus? Is it time to fall in love with Him again? Lent can be like a time of courting in which Jesus is calling on us with gifts of love and mercy. We focus our attention on Him, spending quiet time together, in a spirit of hope and promise. *Holy Eucharist*, compiled by Matthew Kelly, is a book of reflections on the Real Presence of Jesus, opening His heart and arms to us (\$1). Available at St. Monica's church hall after Sunday Mass or call Mary Crooks 902-825-6495.

**Emergency Shelter (Middleton):** Due to a perceived need in our community, we are seeking to open an overnight shelter in the Middleton area. The immediate **need** is for male and female **volunteer shelter hosts** - 2 to 3 per night are required. The shelter will be open from 9:30 in the evening until 7:30 in the morning. For more information, please reach out to Diane Thurber at 902-765-8783 / [dthurber184@gmail.com](mailto:dthurber184@gmail.com) or Linda Thorsen at 902-309-0684 / [thorsenlindae@gmail.com](mailto:thorsenlindae@gmail.com) or Jeff Milne 902-825-8536 / [pastorjeff.nictaux@gmail.com](mailto:pastorjeff.nictaux@gmail.com)

**Valley Connect Outreach** ... is a continuation of Street Ministry & Community Advocacy that began more than 20 years ago. It is our privilege and joy to welcome and assist people seeking help. Food, faith and friendship together form bonds and a place of refuge for many through our weekly recovery supports, life skills programs and regular meals through the Community Soup Kitchen in Kentville and the Middleton Outreach Centre.

The sense of new identity and purpose arising from this work helps liberate people to make healthy choices as part of God's family. Our passion is for spiritual renewal and that people discover an array of solid supports required to leave old negative patterns behind.

Current supports, advocacy and food programming are expanding to address the growing needs in our region. We have recently re-launched the **Inn From the Cold** emergency shelter program in **Kentville** (at the Anglican Church) ... and we will also be launching **Inn From the Cold** in **Middleton** soon (see item above).

**Valley Connect Outreach Association** provides oversight and direction for the following programs and services:

- Community Chaplaincy, Navigation & Advocacy
- Community Soup Kitchen
- Middleton Outreach Centre
- Inn From the Cold (Kentville & Middleton)

Volunteer opportunities are available with Inn From the Cold (in Kentville and Middleton) and with our charity thrift store in Kentville (The Purple Peacock).

Thank you for your support and prayers. Office contact: 902-698-9627 or [valley@connectoutreach.ca](mailto:valley@connectoutreach.ca) or to chat with Bruce Caldwell (902-385-2478).

## Small Groups During Lent

Many parishioners belong to small faith groups who weekly pray, study scripture, watch videos, share their faith etc.

One of the common responses during the recent Synod process was the value of belonging to a small faith group. People appreciated the fellowship, support, encouragement, enlightenment, and challenge.

During Lent, we will be encouraging all of our parishioners to try the “small group” experience.

We will do our best to facilitate the formation of these groups.

*More information to come!*

## Lent 2024 begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>.

by means of Flocknote, Corpus Christi Parish will be sending out:

- **Ascension Lenten Companion** to the **adults** of our parish. Fr. Mark Toups will give reflections of 5 to 10 minutes which will be sent on Ash Wednesday, each week of Lent, Holy Week, and Easter. These will help us enter more deeply into the season of Lent, help us find peace, and guide us to let God heal the hurts of our hearts.
- The **children** of our parish will receive daily emails in the **Lenten Adventure 2024**.

Caroline and Greg Brown will be leading a **small group** for those who wish to meet **online** to discuss the material presented in this Lenten Challenge 2024. It will meet on zoom on Monday evenings at 7pm starting on Feb. 19 and concluding on March 25. To sign up for this group, email the Kentville liaison at [kentville@corpuschristins.ca](mailto:kentville@corpuschristins.ca)

### Also ... you might like:

- Matthew Kelly’s **Dynamic Catholic’s Best Lent Ever** is a “A Historic Journey to Eucharistic Consecration.” It offers a **daily video** with spiritual insight and practical ways to apply the consecration to your life. It contains three simple daily steps to prepare your heart, mind, and soul for this surrender to God. Go to the website <https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/lent.html> or you can sign up at [info@dynamiccatholic.com](mailto:info@dynamiccatholic.com)

## Development and Peace News

This year, **Development and Peace** - Caritas Canada’s **Create Hope: Reaping our Rights** campaign calls you to stand with small-scale farmers and peasant communities who feed the world while caring for the Earth. Do this by:

1. **Donating** online at [devp.org/give](http://devp.org/give) or during the Solidarity Sunday collection on March 17, the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent. Your generosity helps support over 73 projects in 36 countries around the world!
2. **Learning more by reading the Mini-magazine** and other resources available at: [devp.org/lent/resources](http://devp.org/lent/resources).
3. Meeting our solidarity visitors and **participating in the campaign launch webinar** on Feb 17 at 2:30 pm.

For more information contact; Bernadine teBogt cell: 902-670-726 or [bernadine.tebogt@gmail.com](mailto:bernadine.tebogt@gmail.com)

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In Corpus Christi Parish, we support both **Development & Peace** and **Chalice**. *Is there any difference in their focus? Yes.*

**Development & Peace** is primarily dealing with “**social justice**” issues. How is the country/area in terms of the distribution of its wealth, opportunities, and privileges? Is the distribution “Christian”? Are the rights of individuals and the common good taken into account?

**Chalice** is more focused on “**social aid** and **social service**”. It works with established Catholic religious communities to address directly the needs that are apparent in young people and their families (ie. food, education, shelter etc.)

Both are essential and they are difficult to compare. But we need to make the distinction.

**Archbishop Helder Camara** (1909-1999) of Brazil: *“When I give food to the poor, they call me a saint. When I ask why they are poor, they call me a communist.”*

## Our Daily Bread

by Fr. Richard Rohr o.f.m.

When Moses prays to God, “Yahweh, feed these people,” Yahweh replies, “I will feed them. I will let manna drop from heaven but they are to pick up only enough to feed themselves for one day.” (Exodus 16:4)

The whole message of the desert is a message of continual dependence on God, minute by minute, learning to trust in Providence. Some of them want to store up the manna in order to have some for tomorrow. They want to plan for the future, and allay their fears. Moses says, “No! Only enough for today. Yahweh will give you your daily bread.” But some kept an excess for the following day, and it bred maggots and it smelt foul. (Exodus 16:20)

Instead we say, “Give us this day our daily bread.” How strange these words sound to people with savings accounts, insurance policies, and three-year warranties, even on their toasters!

■ from *The Great Themes of Scripture*

## The Security To Be Insecure

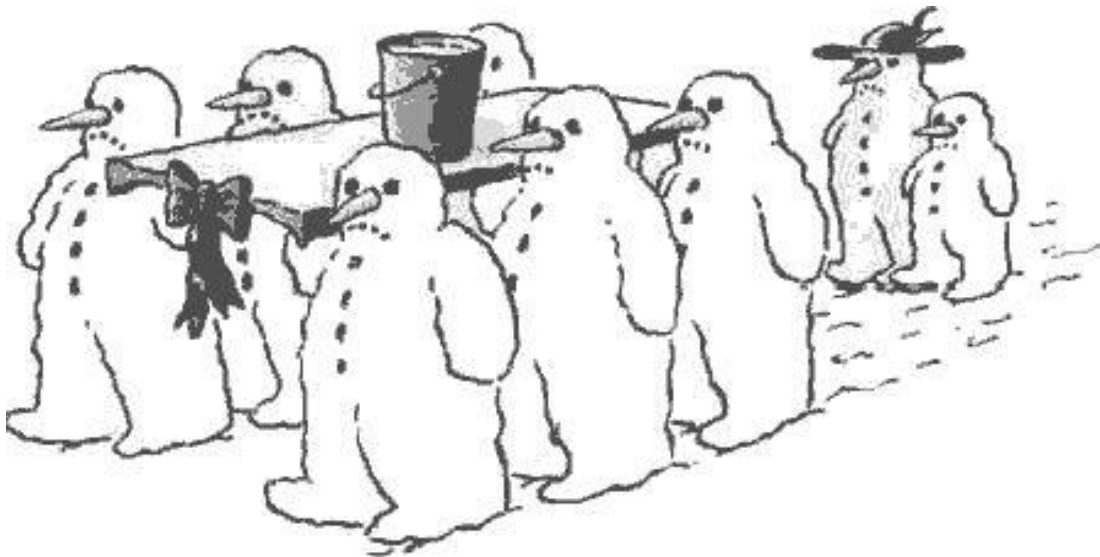
by Fr. Richard Rohr o.f.m.

Imagine walking in a darkened room. We put our hands in front of us, afraid we are going to bump into a piece of furniture or slip on a rug. We walk very slowly. This is very much what God calls us to on the journey of faith.

It’s not easy, because we want to have our pathway illuminated in front of us. We want to know where, how, why we’re going. Faith, though, is the security to be insecure. Our trust is in God and not in our own cleverness. It’s not in our ingenuity, our planning, our personality, status, money.

The desert is the place where all of the false names for God are taken away from us. The storehouses are always empty. It is the time for learning total dependence on God, minute by minute. What happens in the desert? We will constantly experience a new name for God, like the Hebrews did. God always has a new face.

■ from *The Great Themes of Scripture*



## Stations of the Cross

*Fridays during Lent - starting Feb 16*

3:00 pm – Weymouth, Berwick, Middleton, Windsor

6:30 pm - Kentville

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