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3rd Sunday in Lent

March 3, 2024



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This Week's Readings

	1st Reading	Gospel
Sun, March 3	Exodus 20:1-17	John 2:13-25
Mon, March 4	2Kings 5:1-5	Luke 4:24-30
Tues, March 5	Daniel 3:25, 34-43	Matthew 18:21-35
Wed, March 6	Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9	Matthew 5:17-19
Thurs, March 7	Jeremiah 7:23-28	Luke 11:14-23
Fri, March 8	Hosea 14:2-10	Mark 12:38-34
Sat, March 9	Hosea 6:1-6	Luke 18:9-14

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1. Weekly Offertory Envelopes
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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.

Individual Confession Times

Kentville – every Saturday ... 11 am – 12 noon
 Windsor – 1st Saturday of the month ... 9 – 10 am
 Berwick – 1st Saturday of the month ... 10 – 11 am
 Middleton – 2nd Saturday of the month ... 10 – 11 am
 & after Wednesday morning Mass until 10:00 am

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, MAR 2

Bridgetown	4:00 PM	Gerry Lutley by Tom & Lois Porter
Kentville	4:00 PM	Margriet Elshof teBraake by Truus Ueffing
Digby	4:00 PM	Daryl Kramp by the Mills & Charron Families

SUNDAY, MAR 3

Windsor	8:30 AM	Jean Chasse by St John's Knights of Columbus
Annapolis Royal	9:00 AM	Gerard LeFort by the Parishioners of St Louis
Berwick	9:00 AM	Grover Rose by Colette Pellerine
Kentville	10:30 AM	Tom Coffey by Theresa Coffey
Middleton	11:00 AM	Intentions of Barb Theriault by Carolyn Gilbert
Weymouth	11:30 AM	Glendon Cromwell by Sharon & Keith
Wolfville	12:15 PM	Mrs Elizabeth Bresnan by the Family
Digby	4:00 PM	Intentions of Confirmation Class

MONDAY, MAR 4

Middleton	6:30 PM	Intentions of Fr Michael Walsh by Tom & Peggy Foley
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TUESDAY, MAR 5

Kentville	8:30 AM	Wilfred Williams by Doris & Family
Annapolis Royal	10:00 AM	Gerald LeFort by St. Louis CWL
Berwick	6:30 PM	Grover Rose by Anita & Leo Currie
Digby	6:30 PM	Deceased members of St. Patrick's Church

WEDNESDAY, MAR 6

Kentville	8:30 AM	Bill Harvie by Dora & Family
Middleton	9:00 AM	Bob Tumulty by Carolyn Gilbert
Tideview Terrace	10:30 AM	Residents of Tideview Terrace
Weymouth	4:00 PM	Edward Le Blanc by Rosetta LeBlanc

THURSDAY, MAR 7

Kentville	8:30 AM	Margriet Elshof teBraake by John teBraake
Weymouth	4:00 PM	Herbie Boudreau by Catherine LeBlanc

FRIDAY, MAR 8

Berwick	9:00 AM	Intentions of Elizabeth Pusztai by Vicki Gillis
Digby	9:00 AM	Parishioners of St. Patrick's

SATURDAY, MAR 9

Kentville	4:00 PM	Jack MacDougall by his Family
Digby	4:00 PM	Repose of the Souls in Purgatory

SUNDAY, MAR 10

Windsor	8:30 AM	Germaine DuMesnil by Paul DuMesnil
Annapolis Royal	9:00 AM	Gerard LeFort by Eloise Mailman
Berwick	9:00 AM	Grover Rose by Judy & Rick Coulombe
Kentville	10:30 AM	Stephen Power by Darlene Duggan
Middleton	11:00 AM	Ron Cromwell by Fred & Marion Hole
Weymouth	11:30 AM	Duane Cromwell by Keith & Sharon
Wolfville	12:15 PM	John Druken by Frances Bresnan
Bridgetown	4:00 PM	Keith Dalby by Lynn Main

Stations of the Cross

Fridays during Lent

9:45 am - Digby

2:30 pm – Annapolis Royal

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

6:30 pm - Kentville

Special Collection Envelopes On **March 17**, there is a special collection envelope for **Development & Peace**. These donations are forwarded to Development & Peace who help the world's most vulnerable populations suffering from injustice, poverty and humanitarian emergencies.

2024 World Day of Prayer World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement lead by Christian women who welcome you to join in prayer and action for peace and justice. The service for this year has been prepared by the Women of Palestine. Everyone is invited to attend. This will be held on **Friday, March 1** at 2 pm at the following churches: Berwick Baptist Church, St. Alphonsus Church, Bridgetown and St George & St Andrews United Church, Annapolis Royal.

Marian Prayer Hour (Middleton) will take place on **Sat, March 2** at 11:00 am at St. Monica's Church, including the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary and Mary's Way of the Cross. In this holy Lenten season, let us share this quiet time with Our Lady of Sorrows who listens to our deepest needs for light and hope in our hearts, our bodies, our minds, our souls, and our world. Hosted by St. Monica's CWL; all are welcomed!

St. Monica's Catholic Women's League (Middleton) will meet on **Monday, March 4** at 1:00 pm in our church hall, with mini presentations on Divine Mercy Sunday and Social Justice from a Catholic Perspective. Special guests from our CWL Diocesan Council will join us to talk about CWL Unity across our nation. All women of our parish are warmly welcomed to come and share in prayer, learning, and companionship together.

Middleton Choral Society, led by Andrew Cranston, accompanied by Beth Cranston, presents an open rehearsal Sing Social on **Wed, March 6** from 7:00 to 9:00 pm in Holy Trinity Anglican Church, 45 Main Street, Middleton. All are welcome to join or observe an hour of singing, followed by a social time with snacks.

Cursillo Movement Ultreya (Yarmouth Area) ... is on **Thurs, March 7** at 7 pm at St. Ambrose Marian Hall.

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

St Patrick's Day Potluck Dinner & Dance (Middleton) - **Saturday, March 16**, 6:00 pm. Join us for an evening of Irish joy and fellowship as we celebrate St Patrick's Day with a Potluck Dinner and Dance. This event will not only be a delightful occasion but will also support St Monica's Church through a freewill offering. Music provided by *The Hooligans*, live entertainment starting at 6:30 pm. Bring your favorite Irish-inspired dish or anything else to share with the community. Get ready to dance the night away with lively Irish and Maritime tunes as well as some Golden Oldies. For more information, please contact: Russ Gaudet Phone: 902-717-2859 gkrussgaudet@gmail.com

St Patrick's Potluck Supper (Digby) will be held on **Sun, March 17** 4:30-6:30 pm in St Patrick's Parish Hall. Come and enjoy Irish music and Potluck dinner.

St Patrick's Day Irish Stew Dinner (Annapolis Royal) St Louis Church will be holding a Irish Stew Dinner (Includes Irish Stew, rolls, Gingerbread with sauce, gluten free options available) on **Sunday, March 17**. Take Out Only. Pick up between 4:30 – 6:00 pm. Adult \$18, Under 12 \$5. Order in advance at 902-532-0746 or 902-526-0688

Lenten Reconciliation

Digby	Sat Mar 2	1 - 3 pm
Annapolis Royal	Tues, Mar 5	9 - 10 am
Weymouth	Tues, Mar 5	2:30 - 3:30 pm
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Berwick	Fri, Mar 15	after 9am Mass
	Sat, Mar 23	10 – 11 am
Middleton	Sat, Mar 16	10 – 11 am
	Wed, Mar 20	4 – 6 pm
Bridgetown	Sat, Mar 16	after 4pm Mass
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Windsor	Mon, Mar 11	4 - 6 pm
Kentville	Tues, Mar 12	4 - 6 pm

Wolfville Baptist Church Noon-hour Concerts in Lent: Thursdays in March, 12:10-1:00 pm, preceded by conversation and coffee/tea, 11:30am to 12:00pm. Admission is free. Wolfville Baptist Church, 487 Main St., Wolfville.

- March 7: Walter Delahunt (piano: Schumann, Albeniz)
- March 14: Rosemary MacPhee (mezzo-soprano) and Heather Price (piano) – *Sea Pictures, Elgar*
- March 21: Peter Togni, *Nocturnes by Peter-Anthony Togni*
- March 28: Jason Hall (Clarinet), Deanne van Rooyen (Harp) and Shimon Walt (Cello)

St. Monica's Bookstore (Middleton) We have greeting cards, laminated prayer cards, and religious books and gifts for adults who are entering the Catholic Church and are receiving First Holy Communion and Confirmation this Easter. Let us celebrate with them in a spirit of joy, gratitude, and deep desire to learn and grow in faith and prayer. Available at St. Monica's church hall after Sunday Mass, or call Mary Crooks 902-825-6495.

Library/Bookstore (St. Joseph's – Kentville) We have a growing variety of books to sign out and also to purchase, along with a number of religious items. Books/items are located across the hallway from the parish office ... plus we have a large selections of books to sign out near the Adoration Chapel.

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.

Twelve Baskets Foodbank (Middleton) For the month of March, the foodbank needs include canned milk, vegetable soup, Hamburger Helper, canned tomatoes, canned bean, toilet paper, shampoo, bars of soap and Prayers.

Development and Peace News

Denouncing oil pollution in Nigeria - Nigeria is Africa's largest economy and biggest oil producer. Despite oil exports worth billions of dollars, millions of Nigerians remain in poverty and face food insecurity. In the south, pollution and contamination by the oil industry are causing great hardship. Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's partner Health of Mother Earth Foundation (HOMEF) defends farmers' rights and helps protect their lands. To learn more about the work of HOMEF, read our [Mini-magazine](#) and watch the video at devp.org/lent.

If you are interested in promoting Development and Peace in your home church and community please contact Bernadine teBogt. bernadine.tebogt@gmail.com 902-670-7264

Change in Mass Time, March 9/10 (Bridgetown)

For the weekend of March 9, Mass in Bridgetown will be on **Sun, March 10 at 4 PM** instead of Saturday. This will be followed by a potluck supper and CLT meeting.

Public Lecture

Converging Governmentalities: The Emergence of Catholic Residential Schools

by **Darren Dias OP, PhD**

*Executive Director of the Toronto School of Theology
& Associate Professor of Systematic Theology at the University of St. Michael's College*

Monday, March 25th, 7pm

Scotiabank Conference Theatre, St. Mary's University, Halifax

Albert Lacombe OMI spent 65 years as a missionary in Western Canada. Using his life and times as an artefact, this talk traces some of the theological movements and ecclesial contexts that gave rise to and informed the residential schools system in the mid-to-late 19th century.

The Transcendence of God

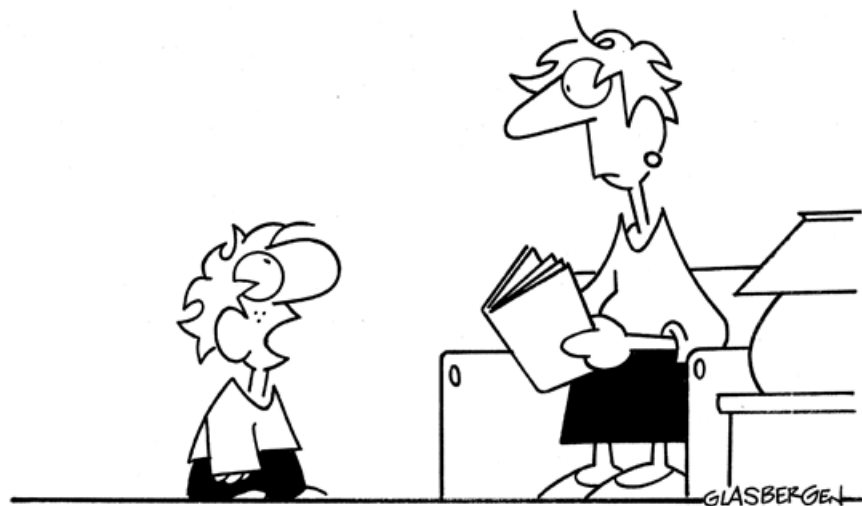
by Fr. Richard Rohr o.f.m.

Worship means lifting our hands to a God who seems totally beyond us. Modern humanity has lost the call to worship because it's a blow to our pride and sophistication to worship God who is utter otherness. So instead of adoring God, much worship becomes an attempt to control or influence God.

Is adoration pushing God away from us? No! It's allowing God to make the voluntary move toward us – but from beyond us. Sometimes we want to pull God down here. But God is already totally here, by God's own action. In worshipping what seems like a totally transcendent God, we discover the opposite is also true: God is within us. Such faith comes hard to modern humankind: We don't know how to adore.

- from *The Great Themes of Scripture*

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“Our pastor says all men are brothers. Does that mean all men want to pull my underwear up over my head?”

The 99 and the 1

by Fr. Ron Rolheiser o.m.i.

Throughout the years that I've been writing, I've received lots of criticism. Sometimes it's bitter and mean-spirited and I tend, then, not to respond to it, believing that things are furthered by familial conversation, not by a fist fight.

Sometimes, though, the criticism is sincere, thoughtful, and genuinely challenging. One such critique has to do with my approach in general: *"Why,"* people sometimes ask me, *"do you write the way you do, invariably with some kind of secular bent? Why don't you focus more on catechesis, on teaching church doctrine, on explaining the creeds, on defending the church's position on moral issues such as abortion, and on doing apologetics for the church?"*

Fair enough. The Christian community needs these things, particularly today when many Christians, including regular churchgoers, lack clarity about what they are supposed to believe and lack the tools they need to explain and defend their beliefs in the face of an ever-growing number of critics. So why do I write the way I do? Why, as my critics put it, *"the invariable bent toward the secular"*?

My answer: Because I am trying to be a missionary and missionaries have been asked, by Jesus himself, to leave the 99 and go after the 1.

Allow me an image: Midway through his pontificate, John Paul II instituted World Youth Day. When he first proposed this concept, his advisors were pretty skeptical: *"Young people aren't going to come out to see an old man,"* they said. But his critics were wrong, and in a huge, huge way. His meetings with youth brought together some of the largest crowds ever assembled. Millions of youth gathered to pray with him.

I was living in Toronto when World Youth Day was held there in 2002 and I joined with the nearly one million young people from around the world who gathered to meet with John Paul II. And it was a wonderful, graced event.

But, while nearly a million young people came out for that event, 50 million young people didn't — and not just because they didn't have the practical or financial means to go to Toronto. For every young person who was excited about that event, there were probably 50 who were indifferent to it or, worse still, turned off by it.

That's not a commentary on John Paul II, this event, or the church, but a commentary on the lived reality and attitude of the majority of persons, including the majority of baptized Christians today, at least inside of our highly secularized culture. Those people who were indifferent to, or turned off by, World Youth Day, are the "strays" that Jesus told us to search for lovingly in the desert, even if it means not being able to focus as much as we'd like on the 99 who are being faithful.

Please don't misunderstand this: Those who are faithful and practice regularly, the million who show up for World Youth Day, need to be nurtured and fed — with doctrine, catechesis, clear moral teaching, and the apologetic tools they need to explain their faith to their over-zealous critics.

But Jesus' mandate is still there: Leave the 99 who haven't strayed and go after the 1 who has strayed. Today, however, the default seems to have shifted and it's perhaps more a case of leaving the one and going after the 99.

And this requires that our teaching and preaching, and our reaching out to the world in general, must contain more than only catechesis, explanations of our creeds, clarity around dogma and morals, and even the repetition (however valid, needed, and timeless) of the language of Scripture and the creeds. Those things need to be done, but that is only part of the task. The other part, equally needed and perhaps more difficult, is the task of relating these things (Scripture, the creeds, our dogmas, our moral teaching) to the energy, the color, the endeavors, the longings, the health, the sickness, the virtues, the sin, the beauty, and the pathos of our world.

More and more people feel themselves thoroughly disconnected from our church circles and our church language, and the fault isn't all on their side. We need missionaries to the world, people like Henri Nouwen, who can stand solidly within the church and invite the world, with all its desires and grandiosity, to join us, not as adversary but as family. And the language we need to do this isn't simply out there, in our catechisms and dogmas, to be picked up and deployed. Much of the language we need has to be created anew by our own generation which, like every generation, needs itself to eat God's word, digest it, and then en flesh it so that God's written word becomes a living word, inside our own flesh.

I don't claim to have accomplished this, nor to be anybody's expert, but I do know that Christ's mandate is to reach out to the world and not just to those who are coming to our churches.

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