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2nd Sunday in Lent

February 25, 2024



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This Week's Readings

	1st Reading	Gospel
Sun, Feb 25	Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18	Mark 9:2-10
Mon, Feb 26	Daniel 9:4-10	Luke 6:36-38
Tues, Feb 27	Isaiah 1:10, 16-20	Matthew 23:1-12
Wed, Feb 28	Jeremiah 18:18-20	Matthew 20:17-28
Thurs, Feb 29	Jeremiah 17:5-10	Luke 16:19-31
Fri, March 1	Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28	Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46
Sat, March 2	Micah 7:14-15, 18-20	Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

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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
	Windsor – 1 st Saturday of the month ... 9 – 10 am
	Berwick – 1 st Saturday of the month ... 10 – 11 am
	Middleton – 2 nd 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, FEB 24

Bridgetown	4:00 PM	Keith Dalby by Nancy Rent
Kentville	4:00 PM	Virgina Walzak by Taya & Bob Shields
Digby	4:00 PM	Betty Cosman by Edythe Amirault

SUNDAY, FEB 25

Windsor	8:30 AM	Ernie Rooney by Laura Joyce
Annapolis Royal	9:00 AM	Shirley Marie McNeil by Pat & Alan Dill
Berwick	9:00 AM	Grover Rose by Claudette & Eric Sturk
Kentville	10:30 AM	Maurice Harquail by Dalyce, Jennie & David
Middleton	11:00 AM	Anna & Slavomir Dramowicz by Konrad & Ela Dramowicz
Weymouth	11:30 AM	Henry Belliveau by Joanne & Jerry Belliveau
Wolfville	12:15 PM	Leo & Maude Glavine by Betty Glavine & Mary Kelly

MONDAY, FEB 26

Middleton	6:30 PM	Intentions of Fr John MacPherson & Fr Keith Billard by Tom & Peggy Foley
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TUESDAY, FEB 27

Kentville	8:30 AM	Relatives & Friends in Purgatory by Barb Montford
Berwick	6:30 PM	Grover Rose by John McNeil & Colleen Stephenson
Digby	6:30 PM	Parishioners of Corpus Christi

WEDNESDAY, FEB 28

Kentville	8:30 AM	Bertha Gaul by Dennis & Barb Nash
Middleton	9:00 AM	Intentions of Fr Michael Walsh by Carolyn Gilbert
Weymouth	4:00 PM	Russel LeBlanc by Lucille Saulnier

THURSDAY, FEB 29

Kentville	8:30 AM	Frank Neville by Barb Montford
Weymouth	4:00 PM	Greg Glasgow by Marion & Greg MacDonald

FRIDAY, MAR 1

Berwick	9:00 AM	Margaret Rose Timmins by Judy & Rick Coulombe
Digby	9:00 AM	Souls in Purgatory

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

Stations of the Cross

Fridays during Lent - starting Feb 16

9:45 am - Digby

2:30 pm – Annapolis Royal

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

6:30 pm - Kentville

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

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

Share Lent Workshop (Dartmouth) SHARE your LENT with our sisters and brothers in the Global South who are striving to build a world of JUSTICE and PEACE. This year's Development and Peace – Caritas Canada **SHARE LENT WORKSHOP** for Halifax-Yarmouth Archdiocese will be held on **Sat Feb 24** at St. Thomas Moore Church Hall, 15 Caledonia Road Dartmouth from 2:00 - 3:30 pm (4 p.m. Mass). Please join us to exchange ideas and work together to bring our Share lent alive in our churches for a world of dignity, Justice, love, and peace. Book sale and light refreshments will be served. For further info contact aogbe@devp.org

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!

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

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.

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

Collection of Used Eye glasses and Hearing Aids: A parishioner of St John's, Windsor has over the course of the last number of year has been collecting used eyeglasses and used hearing aids for the missions. There are Collection boxes for these items at your church. The used eyeglasses and hearing aids can be sent/dropped off to the Kentville office.

St. Anthony's Lenten Project (Berwick) The **40 Item Boxes Project** will take place again this year. Goal is to provide at least 10 boxes filled with needed supplies for the Evangeline Club and the people who are using their service. 40 items – 1 item for each day in Lent. More information on this project is available at St Anthony's.

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.

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

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.

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) The Way of the Cross is a meditative prayer that can be offered privately or in community. As we walk the 14 Stations with Jesus, we are touched by His great love and mercy for us, and we learn about ourselves through those He meets along the way. This devotion is especially meaningful during the Lenten season. We have a variety of pamphlets and booklets ranging in price from free to \$3.00, including the Way of the Cross for Caregivers; the Way of the Cross by St. Alphonsus Ligouri; the Way of the Cross St. Anne de Beaupre; the Way of the Cross with Pope Francis; and the Way of the Cross Wounded Hands. Available at St. Monica's church hall after Sunday Mass, or call Mary Crooks 902-825-6495.

Thank you for everyone that participated in and/or helped with St Joseph's, Kentville Family Day Celebrations.

Thank you all for your prayers, support, and messages at the passing of Mahe. Your kindness and friendship was much appreciated at a very difficult time for our family and friends. Your continuing prayers and support are valued and we are so pleased that you welcomed us all as members of your community. Many Blessings. With Gratitude, Kavi, Amos and Ellis Patabendgie



Stewardship – Time, Talent, Treasure in Lent

What if Lent could be more than just giving stuff up? What if it could be a time of using your God given gifts to impact your community with generosity.

Use your **TIME** during Lent to pray more; attend daily Mass; pray the Rosary or Stations of the Cross.

Use your **TALENT** during Lent to volunteer in a new ministry; prepare a meal for somebody in need; welcome and thank others in church for their service and offer to help.

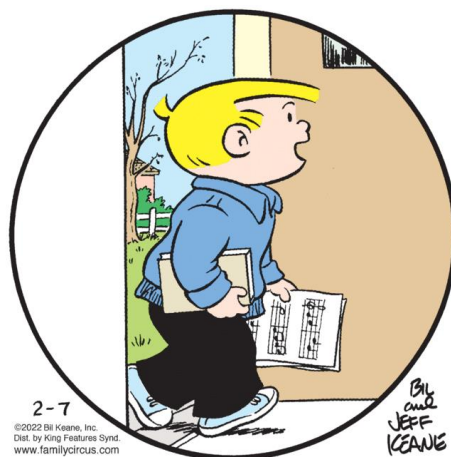
Use your **TREASURE** to build up the Church; give to a local charity or help support the many ministries in your Parish through regular giving i.e. envelopes or electronic.

Dust off your Stewardship Booklets and revisit your commitments, we always welcome new ways to spend time with God and being good stewards.

Development and Peace News

Established in 1967, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada is the official international solidarity organization of the Catholic Church in Canada. We address the root causes of poverty, oppression, and inequality by working with partners in the Global South and by mobilizing Canadians in the common struggle for justice and dignity. We champion women and social movements as key agents of lasting change. Our transformative work is possible **thanks to the generosity and support of our members** and Canadians who stand by us. **Join the movement** of over 12,000 members and help us bring our campaigns to life in your community. Visit devp.org/membership.

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



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**“My piano teacher is very religious.
She keeps closing her eyes and
saying, ‘Good Lord!’”**

Waking Up

by Fr. Richard Rohr o.f.m.

In the New Testament, whenever Jesus eats with or encounters the rich he always, without exception, challenges them to come beyond where they are. Yet he never accuses them of malice. He instead shows them their blindness.

Always the judgment is blindness. The rich man just can't see the plight of Lazarus (Lk 16:19-31). The rich man is not evil, he didn't cause the poor man at his gate to be poor. He simply wasn't aware. He couldn't see. That spiritual blindness is the primary sin.

Spirituality is about waking up. Eastern religions know this. The word *Buddha* means the “awakened one”. Spirituality has come upon hard times in the West, where legalism so often took over that we didn't need spirituality. We lost the spiritual disciplines and tools to know how to remain awake. We lost the disciplines to show us what's happening, what human relationships mean, the effects of what we do to one another in our relationships.

The Church must continually be taught by the poor. Those who are oppressed and kicked around, who are not beneficiaries of the system, always hold for us the greatest breakthrough-truth and the greatest wisdom. In mythology they are imaged as blind beggars who in fact are true seers.

The same is true inside ourselves. That part of oneself that we most hate, that we are most afraid of and most reject, is the poor, oppressed woman or man within. That hated person within holds our greatest gift. We must hold out a preferential option for our own poverty. Our poverty has the key; it offers the breakthrough moment for us to wake up. It's the hole in the soul, that place where we are radically broken, where we are powerless and therefore open.

- from *Breathing Under Water: Spirituality and the 12 Steps*

When We Doubt the Power of Prayer

by Fr. Ron Rolheiser o.m.i.

We need to pray even when that seems the most lifeless thing to do. That's a counsel from Michael J. Buckley with which we need to challenge ourselves daily. In the face of real life, prayer can often seem like the most lifeless thing to do. What difference does prayer make?

I will pray for you! Please keep me in prayer! Know that you have my prayers! We use those expressions all the time. I suspect not a day goes by that most of us do not promise to pray for someone. However, do we really believe our prayers make a difference? Do we really believe that our prayers can stop a pandemic, ease tensions within our communities, erase centuries-long misunderstandings among various religious denominations, cure someone dying of a terminal disease, bring our children back to church, or help someone forgive us? What can prayer do in the face of our own helplessness in a situation?

Jesus said there are certain demons that can only be cast out by prayer and fasting. I suspect that we find that easier to believe literally, in terms of an evil spirit being cast out of a person, than we believe that our prayer can cast out the more earthly demons of hatred, injustice, misunderstanding, division, war, racism, nationalism, bigotry, and bodily and mental illness. These are the real demons that beset our lives and even though we ask for God's help in prayer, we don't often do it with a lot of confidence that our prayers will make a difference. How can they?

The long history of Judaism and Christianity has taught us that God is not in the easy habit of positively interfering in nature and human life, at least not in ways that we can see. Miracles do happen, perhaps by the millions in ways that we cannot perceive. But, if we cannot see miracles, how are they real?

Reality has different modalities. There is the empirical and there is the mystical. Both are real, though both are not equally observable as an action of God in history. If a dead body rises from its grave (the Resurrection) or if a race of people walks dry shod through the Red Sea (the Exodus) that is clearly an intervention of God in our world, but if some world leader has a change of heart and is suddenly more sympathetic to the poor, how do we know what prompted that? Likewise, for everything else for which we pray. What inspired the insight that led to the discovery of a vaccine for the pandemic? Pure chance? A touch from above? You can ask that same question vis-à-vis most anything else we pray about, from the world situation to our personal health. What is the source of an inspiration, a restoration to health, a melting of a bitterness, a change of heart, a correct decision, or a chance meeting with someone that becomes a grace for the rest of your life? Pure chance, simple luck, or a conspiracy of accidents? Or does God's grace and guidance positively touch you because of prayer, someone else's or your own?

Central to our faith as Christians, is the belief that we are all part of one mystical body, the Body of Christ. This is not a metaphor. This body is a living organism, just as real as a physical body. Inside of a physical body, as we know, all parts influence each other, for good and for bad. Healthy enzymes help the whole body to retain its health and unhealthy viruses work at sickening the whole body. If this is true, and it is, then there is no such thing as a truly private action. Everything we do, even in our thoughts, influences others and thus our thoughts and actions are either health-giving enzymes or harmful viruses affecting others. Our prayers are health-giving enzymes affecting the whole body, particularly the persons and events to which we direct them. This is a doctrine of faith, not wishful thinking.

Earlier in her life, Dorothy Day was cynical about Therese of Lisieux (*The Little Flower*) believing that her isolation in a tiny convent and her mystical "little way" (which professed that our smallest actions affect the events of the whole world) was pious naiveté. Later, as Dorothy gave herself over to symbolic actions for justice and peace that in effect seemed to change very little in real life, she adopted Therese as her patron saint. What Dorothy had come to realize through her experience was that her small and seemingly pragmatically useless actions for justice and peace, were not useless at all. Small though they were, they helped open up some space, tiny at first, which slowly grew into something larger and more influential. By slipping some tiny enzymes into the body of the world, Dorothy Day eventually helped create a little more health in the world.

Prayer is a sneaky, hidden antibiotic – needed precisely when it seems most useless.

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