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5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

March 17, 2024



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**This Week's Readings**

	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
Sun, March 17	Jeremiah 31:31-34	John 12:20-33
Mon, March 18	Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62	John 8:1-11
Tues, March 19	2 Samuel 7:4-5, 12-14, 16	Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24
Wed, March 20	Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95	John 8:31-42
Thurs, March 21	Genesis 17:3-9	John 8:51-59
Fri, March 22	Jeremiah 20:10-13	John 10:31-42
Sat, March 23	Ezekiel 37:21-28	John 11:45-56

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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](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.*

**Individual Confession Times**

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

**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 16**

Bridgetown	4:00 PM	Gerry Lutley by Larry & Marcia Corneal
Kentville	4:00 PM	Patrick Hannick by Engrid Blais
Digby	4:00 PM	Intentions of Mike and Blanche Gilhen by Don and Ray

### **SUNDAY, MAR 17**

Windsor	8:30 AM	Stan Herridge by Laura Joyce
Annapolis Royal	9:00 AM	Erwin Schntzer by Maria Schntzer and Family
Berwick	9:00 AM	Kelly Deal by Carmen & Francis Hawley & Family
Kentville	10:30 AM	Lloyd McCue by Barbara Montford
Middleton	11:00 AM	Donald Gillis by Viki Gillis
Weymouth	11:30 AM	Lucy and Llawellyn Coggins by David and Corine Coggins
Wolfville	12:15 PM	Souls in Purgatory by Wayne Barry

### **MONDAY, MAR 18**

Middleton	6:30 PM	Hugh O'Fynn by Fred & Marion Hole
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### **TUESDAY, MAR 19**

Kentville	8:30 AM	Margaret Moors by Catherine Farrell
Berwick	6:30 PM	Elizabeth Fleiger by Kathy Fleiger & Suzanne Seyforth
Digby	6:30 PM	Parishioners of Corpus Christi

### **WEDNESDAY, MAR 20**

Kentville	8:30 AM	Our late Parents by Don & Debbie Muise
Middleton	9:00 AM	Intentions of Conrad & Ela Dramowicz by Gordon MacDonald
Tideview Terrace	10:30 AM	Residents of Tideview Terrace
Weymouth	4:00 PM	Wayne Hone by Joan Nelson

### **THURSDAY, MAR 21**

Kentville	8:30 AM	Nicole Doyle by Barbara Montford
Weymouth	4:00 PM	Dugas Family by Bucky and Medora Dahlgren

### **FRIDAY, MAR 22**

Berwick	9:00 AM	Kelly Deal by Leo & Anita Currie
Digby	9:00 AM	Kaye Sapper by Pat Levings

### **SATURDAY, MAR 23**

Bridgetown	4:00 PM	Gladys Hamilton Barrette & Joseph B Barrette by Jacqueline Barrette
Kentville	4:00 PM	Carol Boudreau by Carmen & Francis Hawley & Family
Digby	4:00 PM	Intentions of Don Blinn by Raymond Breton

### **SUNDAY, MAR 24**

Windsor	8:30 AM	Jose DaRosa by Carlos DaRosa
Annapolis Royal	9:00 AM	Elaine Thimot by Donald and Barbara Theriault
Berwick	9:00 AM	Wayne Knox by Judy & Family
Kentville	10:30 AM	Myrna Hettherington by Mari McCabe
Middleton	11:00 AM	Ron Cromwell by Fred & Marion Hole
Weymouth	11:30 AM	Millcent Cullen by Cathy LeBlanc
Wolfville	12:15 PM	Deceased members of the Kenny Family by Ann Young

## 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



### **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 Church Potluck Supper (Digby)**

will be held this **Sun, March 17** at 4-6 pm in St Patrick's Parish Hall. A good opportunity to meet our newest parishioners and show case our local potluck dishes. In addition, we are having special guests entertaining us from 4:00 pm to 4:30 pm, after which we share a meal together as a family.

### **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) this **Sunday, March 17**. Take Out Only. Pick up between 4:30 – 6:00 pm. Adults \$18, Under 12 \$5. Order in advance at 902-532-0746 or 902-526-0688.

### **St Joseph's Kentville Social Committee Announcements**

**Thurs, March 21 Seniors Drop-In** ... 1-3 pm (starting March 21) in Double Classroom in lower level behind the kitchen. Come and enjoy some companionship, games and a cup of tea or coffee. Everyone welcome, come and enjoy some fellowship.

**Fri, March 22 Movie Night** at St Joseph's 7 pm MP Room, Snacks available. This month we are pleased to share *I CAN ONLY IMAGINE*. This PG movie tells a true story of finding forgiveness and God.

**Sat, March 23 Games Night** 7 pm 10 pm MP Room, Come and enjoy your favorite game and conversation.

### **Chowder – Good Friday**

**Berwick:** After the 11am service at St Anthony's, there will be a lunch of Fish or Corn Chowder.

**Kentville:** After the 3pm service at St. Joseph's, there will be a fish chowder in the MP Room.  
Compliments of the K of C.



### **Ladies Prayer Breakfast (Berwick)**

will take place on **Sat, April 6 at 8:30 am** in St Anthony's Hall. Come join in a few hours of reflection, prayer and community interaction. If possible, bring a small breakfast item to share. Everyone is welcome.

### **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 21: Peter Togni, *Nocturnes by Peter-Anthony Togni*
- March 28: Jason Hall (Clarinet), Deanne van Rooyen (Harp) and Shimon Walt (Cello)

### **Concert – Wolfville**

On Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, the Acadia University Singers with the Blue Engine String Quartet present "A Mother's Courage" – a concert program featuring Marie-Claire Saindon's *Méditations de la Vierge Marie* (2016) and Pergolesi's *Stabat Mater* (1736). Together, these two works present the life and death of Jesus through Mary's perspective and are a powerful exploration of the courage it takes to love unconditionally. This concert begins at 7:30pm in Denton Hall Auditorium; admission is by freewill donation at the door.

**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 20**. We are willing to take those unwanted items. Setup will start Wed, April 17 at 1 pm.

**Easter Flowers** - If you would like to contribute to the purchase of flowers for Easter, please put in an envelope marked "**Easter Flowers**" and place in the collection basket with your name and envelope number.

<b>Holy Triduum Schedule</b>	
<b>Holy Thursday</b>	7 pm – Weymouth, Middleton, Kentville
<b>Good Friday</b>	11 am – Berwick
	3 pm – Annapolis Royal, Bridgetown, Middleton
	3 pm – Kentville, Wolfville, Windsor
	6 pm – Digby
<b>Easter Vigil</b>	8 pm – Digby, Berwick, Windsor
<b>Easter Sunday</b>	8:30 am – Kentville
	9:00 am – Annapolis Royal, Bridgetown
	10:30 am – Kentville
	11:00 am – Middleton
	11:30 am – Weymouth
	12:15 pm – Wolfville

**Catholic Graduates of CK, Horton and NEKEC** - Applications for the Knights of Columbus Nova Scotia scholarship (\$1000) and the Kentville Knights of Columbus scholarship (\$750) are now available. For applications, email [johnboulter7@gmail.com](mailto:johnboulter7@gmail.com).

## Development and Peace News

This 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent is also known as **Solidarity Sunday**. Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's **Reaping our Rights** campaign invites you to give generously and thanks you warmly for your generosity. **Your donation transforms the lives of some of our most vulnerable sisters and brothers across the world.** " Development and Peace — Caritas Canada — accompanies, supports and respects our institutional autonomy. It creates a climate of trust. I thank our sisters and brothers in Canada for their solidarity, a solidarity that generates life opportunities, that accompanies the dreams of women and men, of families, of communities and territories. **Thank you!**" — *Eva Colque, Executive Director, Fundación NUNA, a partner in Bolivia.*

Help create hope and dreams of the communities we support in the Global South by giving to your Share Lent parish collection or at [devp.org/give](http://devp.org/give). **Thank you for your solidarity!**



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

**Special Collection Envelopes** This Sunday, **March 17**, is the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent and Solidarity Sunday. Because of this 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.

**Chalice** – works in impoverished communities to help struggling families overcome the cycle of poverty. Education is the first and most important step in breaking the cycle. Too often, children must skip class or drop out of school to carry water, care for siblings, or earn money for their families.

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## 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 25<sup>th</sup>, 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 19<sup>th</sup> century.*

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### **Emergency Shelter Update / Volunteers Needed:**

Are you interested in serving as an overnight shelter host? Please contact [valley@connectoutreach.ca](mailto:valley@connectoutreach.ca) / 902-599-2421 to receive a volunteer application. Volunteers work in teams of 2-3, so people can let us pair them up or they can sign up with a spouse or friend.

Since our December reboot in Kentville, our team of volunteers have hosted 4-6 guests/night. Some shelter guests have moved on to housing, back to other communities or found other supports, but our goal is to support people towards the solutions *they* need. Just this week, we are delivering two guests back to their respective hometowns, one to a year-long recovery program and one to a supportive sober living community. We are seeking volunteers both for **Kentville** and the **new Middleton** emergency shelter.

## **“Parish Level” Committees for Corpus Christi Parish**

### **Parish Leadership Team (PLT):**

Jennifer Hilborn (Windsor & Parish Administrator)  
George Henry (Wolfville)  
Rosaire Blais (Kentville)  
Judy Griffith-Coulombe (Berwick)  
Eileen Kelleher (Annapolis Royal)

### **Parish Finance & Administrative Committee (PFAC):**

Harold Alexander (Digby & Chair)  
Eric Brown (Annapolis Royal)  
Deacon Dave Hasler (Berwick & Parish)  
Ann Young (Kentville & Parish Accountant)  
Jennifer Hilborn (Windsor & Parish Administrator)  
Phil Kenny (Wolfville)

### **Parish Building Committee (PBC – a subcommittee of the PFAC):**

Robbie Zwicker (Windsor & Chair)  
Johnny MacDougall (Kentville)  
Rick Coulombe (Berwick)

### **Parish Pastoral Council (PPC):**

Judy Griffith-Coulombe (Berwick & Chair)  
Ann Louise Doucet (Weymouth)  
Monika Treleaven (Digby)  
Kay Whelan (Annapolis Royal)  
Deacon Kevin Grandy (Middleton & Parish)  
Caroline Brown (Kentville)  
Shannon Harbers (Kentville-Wolfville)  
Laura Joyce (Windsor)

Deacon Don Boudreau (Berwick & Parish)  
George Floris (Berwick)  
John Mailman (Berwick)

## Humour???

A husband died and his wife was planning the funeral. The funeral director informed the widow that the first seven words of the obituary were free but for any after that there was a charge. "Okay", she said. "Please write 'John Smith died. Golf clubs for sale.'"



## The Empty Tomb

by Fr. Ron Rolheiser o.m.i.

No one knows what actually happened. Those who claimed Jesus was alive again didn't see him rise and emerge from the tomb, they met him only after he had already risen and, immediately, believers and sceptics began to divide from each other, persons who claimed to have touched him and persons who doubted that testimony.

There have been sceptics and believers ever since and no shortage of persons, professional theologians, and non-scholarly Christians alike, who believe in the resurrection of Jesus as a faith event but not as a physical event, where an actual body came out of a grave.

Jesus' resurrection was both a faith event and a physical event. The Gospels are pretty clear in emphasizing that the tomb was empty and that the resurrected Jesus was more than a spirit or ghost.

For the resurrection of Christ to have full meaning it must, among other things, have been a brute physical fact. There needs to be an empty tomb and a dead body returned to life, not as some kind of miracle proof, but because of the incarnation. To believe in the incarnation and not to believe in the radical physical character of the resurrection is a contradiction.

We believe that in the incarnation the Word was made flesh. This takes the mystery of Christ and the reality of the resurrection out of the realm of pure spirit. The incarnation always connotes a reality that's radically physical, tangible, and touchable. To believe in the incarnation is to believe that God was born into real physical flesh, lived in real physical flesh, died in real physical flesh, and rose in real physical flesh.

I believe that Jesus was raised from the dead, literally. I believe too that this event was, as the rich insights within contemporary theology point out, highly spiritual: an event of faith, of changed consciousness, of new hope empowering a new charity and a new forgiveness. It was also radically physical, just as are all events that are part of the incarnation wherein God takes on real flesh.

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