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Palm Sunday

March 24, 2024



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This Week's Readings

	1st Reading	Gospel
Sun, March 24	Isaiah 50:4-7	Mark 14:1 – 15:47
Mon, March 25	Isaiah 42:1-7	John 12:1-11
Tues, March 26	Isaiah 49:1-6	John 13:21-33, 36-38
Wed, March 27	Isaiah 50:4-9	Matthew 26:14-25
Thurs, March 28	Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14	John 13:1-15
Fri, March 29	Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12	John 18:1 – 19:42
Sat, March 30	Genesis 1:1 – 2:2	Mark 16:1-7

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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.

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 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 Hetherington 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

MONDAY, MAR 25

Middleton	6:30 PM	Intentions of Shirley Houghton by St Monica's CWL
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TUESDAY, MAR 26

Berwick	6:30 PM	Kelly Deal by Colette Pellerine
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WEDNESDAY, MAR 27

Kentville	8:30 AM	Gerard Farrell by Catherine Farrell
Middleton	9:00 AM	Deceased Members of McKenzie Family by Tom & Peggy Foley
Weymouth	4:00 PM	Paul Turger by Joan Nelson

THURSDAY, MAR 28

Kentville	7:00 PM	Michael Nicholason by Bob & Linda Mullen
Middleton	7:00 PM	Garry Doucett by Jean Walsh
Weymouth	7:00 PM	Deceased Members of Bell & Comeau Families

FRIDAY, MAR 29

11:00 AM	Berwick	Holy Thursday
3:00 PM	Annapolis Royal, Bridgetown, Middleton	Michael Nicholason by Bob & Linda Mullen
3:00 PM	Kentville, Windsor, Wolfville	Garry Doucett by Jean Walsh
6:00 PM	Digby	Deceased Members of Bell & Comeau Families

SATURDAY, MAR 30

Berwick	8:00 PM	Grover Rose by Judy Knox & Family
Digby	8:00 PM	Patrick McNytre & Vanessa Geneette by Rose Family
Windsor	8:00 PM	Alice Kimball by Laura Joyce

SUNDAY, MAR 31

Kentville	8:30 AM	William James Brown by Greg & Caroline Brown
Annapolis Royal	9:00 AM	Elaine Thimot by Donald & Barbara Theriault
Bridgetown	9:00 AM	Joyce Martine by Patsy Sabean
Kentville	10:30 AM	Maynard Barry & Russell Clements by Wayne Barry
Middleton	11:00 AM	Intentions of Eloise Mailman by Carolyn Gilbert
Weymouth	11:30 AM	Deceased Members of Bell & Comeau Families by Ronnie & Delia Bell
Wolfville	12:15 PM	Lobo, D Souza & Ferras Fly by Jovian & Pearl

Special Envelope Collections: There are 2 special envelope collections during Holy Week. On **Good Friday**, March 29, there is a special collection envelope for **Needs of the Holy Land** ... helping Christians in the Holy Land to support their sanctuaries, help with Pastoral work, Catholic Schools and social assistance. The second one, is the **Easter Offering**, March 31, which is used for the operation of our churches and parish.

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: The final one will take place this Thursday March 28th 12:10-1:00 pm ... Jason Hall (Clarinet), Deanne van Rooyen (Harp) and Shimon Walt (Cello). This will be preceded by conversation and coffee/tea, 11:30am to 12:00pm. Admission is free. Wolfville Baptist Church, 487 Main St., Wolfville.

Wolfville – Good Friday – *Walk With the Cross*

Beginning at 10am – Manning Memorial Chapel, Acadia University

Continuing throughout the community, at multiple stations, including St. Francis Church.

Concluding at the L'Arche Building. *You are welcome to join!*



Concert – Wolfville On Tuesday, March 26th, 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) - Still working on those New Year resolutions? Such as decluttering!! Solution??? 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.

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.

St. Monica's Bookstore (Middleton) Help children to learn the true meaning of Easter by including a Catholic book or Catholic gift in their Easter baskets. We have affordable children's reading books and coloring-activity books, as well as *Easter Favorites CD*, with eleven Easter songs and an extra Easter Miracle Musical about Jesus (\$5.95). We also have religious Easter cards. Available at St. Monica's church hall after Sunday Mass, or call Mary Crooks 902-825-6495.

Divine Mercy Sunday takes place on April 7. To help us to understand and participate in this devotion, we have pamphlets, booklets, and holy cards that describe the Divine Mercy Novena and Chaplet, as well as the book *Divine Mercy: Diary of St. Faustina* in regular and large print, for purchase in our religious store or for loan from our library. (Available at St. Monica's church hall after Sunday Mass, or call Mary Crooks 902-825-6495 to arrange another time.)

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 selection of books to sign out near the Adoration Chapel.

Holy Triduum Schedule

Holy Thursday	7 pm – Weymouth, Middleton, Kentville
Good Friday	11 am – Berwick 3 pm – Annapolis Royal, Bridgetown, Middleton 3 pm – Kentville, Wolfville, Windsor 6 pm – Digby
Easter Vigil	8 pm – Digby, Berwick, Windsor
Easter Sunday	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

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Development and Peace News

Thank you for giving from the heart to Share Lent 2024! Development and Peace — Caritas Canada thanks you for supporting the *Reaping our Rights* campaign with your Share Lent donation. Thanks to your generosity, these donations will help support our sisters and brothers in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, Latin America and the Middle East. If you have not yet had a chance to give, you can still place your Share Lent envelope in the offertory or donate online at devp.org/give. Thank you for continuing to pray for all those who are working to build a world of peace and justice.



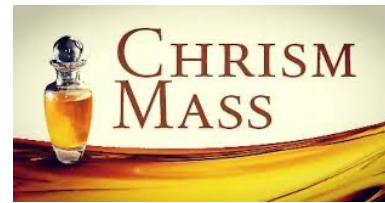
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St Joseph's Kentville .. Seniors Drop-In Thursdays 1-3 pm in Double Classroom in lower level behind the kitchen. Come and enjoy some companionship, games and a cup of tea or coffee. Everyone welcome, come and enjoy some fellowship.

Bulletin Bloopers ???

- Due to the pastor's illness, Wednesday's healing services will be discontinued until further notice.
- Fr. Smith spoke briefly, much to the delight of the audience.
- Don't let worry kill you, let the church help.
- The choir invites any member of the congregation who enjoys sinning, to join the choir.
- A songfest was held at the church last Wednesday.

Our Lenten journey will come to a close as we enter into Holy Week. While many people are aware of the Triduum that begins with Holy Thursday, we would like to highlight the **Chrism Mass** that will be celebrated this **Tuesday, March 26th** at **12noon** at St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica in Halifax.



The Chrism Mass is held during Holy Week in every Catholic diocese. During this Mass, the priests, deacons and representatives of the entire diocesan community gather around Archbishop Dunn, who blesses the holy oils for use in the coming year. Whenever the Holy Oils are used in a diocese, the ministry of the Bishop who consecrated them is symbolically present. The oils are:

- Oil of the Sick
- Oil of Catechumens
- Sacred Chrism

The Chrism Mass reminds us of our oneness in Christ through Baptism and its holy anointing made possible by the ministry of the Bishop and his priests. The Chrism Mass is also a key moment in which the unity of the Bishop with his priests (together, they form the presbyterate) is manifested and renewed. During the liturgy, the entire assembly is called to renew its baptismal promises; deacons and priests also renew their promise of obedience to the local Bishop and their commitment to serve God's people. At the end of the Chrism Mass, the Holy Oils are brought back to the parishes of the diocese for use in the coming year.

All are welcome to join Archbishop Dunn and the clergy of the Archdiocese for this special liturgy!



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.



**"When I get to heaven, do I
get to hug God or just
shake His hand?"**

Waiting For the Angel To Come

by Fr. Ron Rolheiser o.m.i.

The night before he died, Jesus struggled mightily to accept his Father's will. The Gospels describe him in the Garden of Gethsemane, prostrate on the ground, "sweating blood", and begging his Father to save him from the brutal death that awaited him. Then, after he finally surrenders his will to his Father, an angel comes and strengthens him.

This begs a question: where was the angel when, seemingly, he most needed it? Why didn't the angel come earlier to strengthen him?

Two stories, I believe, can be helpful in answering this.

The first comes from Martin Luther King Jr. In the days leading up to his assassination, he met angry resistance and began to receive death threats. He was courageous, but he was also human. At a point, those threats got to him. Here is one of his diary entries.

"One night towards the end of January, I settled into bed late, after a strenuous day. Coretta had already fallen asleep and just as I was about to doze off the telephone rang. An angry voice said, 'Listen, nig., we've taken all we want from you; before next week you'll be sorry you ever came to Montgomery.' I hung up, but I couldn't sleep. It seemed that all of my fears had come down on me at once. I had reached a saturation point.

I got out of bed and began to walk the floor. Finally, I went to the kitchen and heated a pot of coffee. I was ready to give up. With my cup of coffee sitting untouched before me, I tried to think of a way to move out of the picture without appearing a coward.

In this state of exhaustion, when my courage had all but gone, I decided to take my problem to God. With my head in my hands, I bowed over the kitchen table and prayed aloud. The words I spoke to God that midnight are still vivid in my memory.

'I am here taking a stand for what I believe is right. Now I am afraid. The people are looking to me for leadership, and if I stand before them without strength and courage, they too will falter. I am at the end of my powers. I have nothing left. I've come to the point where I can't face it alone.' *At that moment I experienced the presence of the Divine as I had never experienced Him before.*" (Strive Toward Freedom)

Notice at what point in his struggle the angel appears.

In her autobiography, *The Long Loneliness*, Dorothy shares this story. As a young woman, along with the man she loved, she had been somewhat militant in her unbelief. Indeed, their reluctance to enter the institution of marriage was meant as a statement of their non-acceptance of traditional Christian values. Then she conceived a child and its birth was the beginning of a radical conversion for her. The joy she felt holding her baby convinced her that there was a God and that life had a loving purpose. She became a Roman Catholic, much to the chagrin of the man she loved, the father of her child: he gave her an ultimatum: if you have this child baptized, our relationship is ended. She had the child baptized and lost that relationship (though they continued as friends). However, she now found herself a single mother with no job and no real vision or plan as to where to go now in life.

At one point, she became desperate. She left the child in the care of others and took a train from New York City to the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. In her autobiography, she describes how she prayed that day, how desperate her prayer was. Like Jesus in Gethsemane and Martin Luther King in Montgomery, her prayer was one of raw need and helplessness, of an admission that she no longer had the strength to go on. Essentially, she said this to God: *I have given up everything for you and now I am alone and afraid. I don't know what to do and am lacking strength to carry on in this commitment.*

She prayed this prayer of helplessness, took the train back to New York, and not long after found Peter Maurin sitting on her doorstep, telling her that he had heard about her and that he had a vision of what she should now do, namely, to start the *Catholic Worker*. That set the path for the rest of her life. The angel had come and strengthened her.

Notice at what point in these stories the angel makes its appearance – when human strength is fully exhausted. Why not earlier? Because up to the point of exhaustion, we don't really let the angel in, relying instead on our own strength. But, as Trevor Herriot says, "*Only after we have let the desert do its full work in us will angels finally come and minister to us.*"

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