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March 31, 2024



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This Week's Readings

	1st Reading	Gospel
Sun, March 31	Acts 10:34, 37-43	John 20:1-9
Mon, April 1	Acts 2:14, 22-23	Mathew 28:8-15
Tues, April 2	Acts 2:36-41	John 20:11-18
Wed, April 3	Acts 3:1-10	Luke 24:13-35
Thurs, April 4	Acts 3:11-26	Luke 24:35-48
Fri, April 5	Acts 4:1-12	John 21:1-14
Sat, April 6	Acts 4:13-21	Mark 16:9-15

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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 30

Berwick 8:00 PM
Digby 8:00 PM
Windsor 8:00 PM

SUNDAY, MAR 31

Kentville 8:30 AM
Annapolis Royal 9:00 AM
Bridgetown 9:00 AM
Kentville 10:30 AM
Middleton 11:00 AM
Weymouth 11:30 AM
Wolfville 12:15 PM

TUESDAY, APR 2

Kentville 8:30 AM
Annapolis Royal 10:00 AM
Digby 6:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, APR 3

Kentville 8:30 AM
Middleton 9:00 AM
Tideview Terrace 10:30 AM
Weymouth 4:00 PM

THURSDAY, APR 4

Kentville 8:30 AM
Weymouth 4:00 PM

FRIDAY, APR 5

Berwick 9:00 AM
Digby 9:00 AM

SATURDAY, APR 6

Bridgetown 4:00 PM
Kentville 4:00 PM
Digby 4:00 PM

SUNDAY, APR 7

Windsor 8:30 AM
Annapolis Royal 9:00 AM
Berwick 9:00 AM
Kentville 10:30 AM
Middleton 11:00 AM
Weymouth 11:30 AM
Wolfville 12:15 PM
Digby 4:00 PM

Easter Vigil

Grover Rose by Judy Knox & Family
Patrick McIntyre & Vanessa McIntyre Gennette by Rose Family
Alice Kimball by Laura Joyce

Easter

William James Brown by Greg & Caroline Brown
Elaine Thimot by Donald & Barbara Theriault
Joyce Martine by Patsy Sabeau
Maynard Barry & Russell Clements by Wayne Barry
Intentions of Eloise Mailman by Carolyn Gilbert
Deceased Members of Bell & Comeau Families by Ronnie & Delia Bell
Lobo, D Souza & Ferras Fly by Jovian & Pearl

Nicole Doyle by Barbara Montford
Elaine Thimot by Hubert & Paulette LeBlanc
Lorna Burnham by Penny Murphy

For Prayers Answered by Richard Doucet
Deceased Members of Foley Family by Tom & Peggy Foley
Deceased Members of Tideview Nursing Home
Millicent Cullent by Bucky & Medora Dalhgren

Wilfred 'Junior' Avery by Dennis & Barb Nash
Russell LeBlanc by Bucky & Medora Dalhgren

Kelly Lynn Deal by Martina Smolenaars & Family
Deceased Family Members of Nancy Robinson

Beverly Tait by Lynn & Jon main
Joan Swards by Doris Pasley
Rose & Arthur Loughran by Pearl Janson

Dr Mike Major by Wana Zwicker
Elaine Thimot by Hubert & Paulette LeBlanc
Grover Rose by Carol Mooy
Judith Murphy by Leo Murphy & Family
Personal Intention of Fr Michael Walsh
Catherine Robichaud by Cathy LeBlanc
Souls in Purgatory by Wayne Barry
Eva Croft by Marion Croft

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

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.

Marian Prayer Hour (Middleton) will take place on **Sat, April 6** at 11:00 am at St. Monica's Church. All are warmly welcomed to come and pray the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary in this wondrous Easter season. It is a beautiful experience to lift up our voices together, with trust, joy and gratitude for the maternal care of Mary, Mother of Our Blessed Savior Jesus. Let us answer her call to come and pray with her.

St. Monica's Catholic Women's League (Middleton) will meet on **Mon, April 8** at 1:30 pm in our church hall, including a guest from Soldier's Memorial Health Auxiliary. All women are welcomed to come and enjoy companionship as we pray, learn, grow, and serve together in a spirit of joy and hope. We will be glad to see you!

St Monica's Catholic Women's League extends our prayers of gratitude, loving support, and encouragement to all our parishioners in this Holy Easter Season. May we rejoice in the faith, hope and love which bind us together in the Resurrection of our Lord. Let us live with His peace in our hearts, our thoughts, our words, and our deeds, as we share His love and mercy bountifully with all.

St Joseph's (Kentville) Coffee Social will be held after Mass on **Sunday, April 7.**

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.

Friendship Sunday – St. Francis (Wolfville) will take place after Mass on **Sunday, April 7.**
Coffee/tea etc. ... and pizza!

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.

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.

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, we have pamphlets, booklets, and holy cards that describe the Divine Mercy Novena and Chaplet, medals and holy cards of Divine Mercy and St Faustina; 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.

Twelve Baskets Foodbank (Middleton) Needs for **April** include canned string beans, Kraft Dinner, spaghetti sauce, canned tomatoes, laundry detergent, dish detergent, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, prayers

Sat. April 13, 8-10:00am Community Breakfast **HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH**, 45 Main Street, **Middleton**, is hosting a Community breakfast where all are welcome! **FREE WILL OFFERING**. Known as the breakfast that buys local and buys fresh because when you buy the best you serve the best. Reviews: "Best Eggs east of TOFINO", Anon.

Windsor Knights of Columbus Council will be hosting a **Spring Gala Dinner** and **Silent Auction** on **Sat, April 27** in St. John's Hall ~ reception 5:30 ~ dinner 6:30 pm. Join us for an evening of fellowship, fun, good food, an opportunity to pick up one or more of our special auction items and to assist our neighbours in West Hants who are struggling financially to meet some of the basic needs for their families during the tough times of 2024. Meal will include salad, baked ham dinner, choice of dessert, tea/coffee. Tickets are \$25. Reservations will be accepted until April 21 by contacting Keith AuCoin or Brian Boone or get your ticket after Mass. If you can't attend the Dinner but would like to make a financial donation to help the cause, we will be grateful for your donation.

Praise & Worship (Kentville) On **Sunday, April 28**, there will be Praise & Worship Evening at St Joseph's Church, Kentville. **Mass** at 4pm, **Meal** at 5pm, **Music** at 6pm. Meal & Music freewill offering, donations to go to Christian Concern.

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.

Sponsorship gives children the support needed to overcome obstacles so they can attend and stay in school, and allows families to provide nutritious food and better care for their children. Children are selected for sponsorship based on need and family circumstances, regardless of race, age, ability, gender, or religion. Education gives every child the opportunity to shine. For more information, go to **chalice.ca**.



The Passion of Christ As Passivity

by Fr. Ron Rolheiser o.m.i.

We speak of that section in the Gospels which narrates Jesus' life from the Last Supper until his death and burial, as chronicling his "Passion". On Good Friday, the lector begins the Gospel with the words: "The *Passion* of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to John".

Why do we call Jesus' suffering just before his death his passion?

Generally, this is not properly understood. We tend to think that "passion" here refers to intense sufferings, as in "passionate suffering". This isn't wrong but misses a key point. Passion comes from the Latin, *PASSIO*, meaning passiveness, non-activity, absorbing something more than doing something. Hence, the "Passion" of Jesus refers to that time in his life when his meaning for us is not defined by what he was doing but rather by what was being done to him. What's being said here?

The life and ministry of Jesus can be divided into two distinct parts: scholars estimate that Jesus spent about three years preaching and teaching before being put to death. For most of that time, in fact for all of it except the last day, he was very much the doer, in command, the active one, teaching, healing, performing miracles, giving counsel, eating with sinners, debating with church authorities, and generally, by activity of every sort, inviting his contemporaries into the life of God. And he was busy, so pressured that at times he didn't have time to eat. For almost all his public life Jesus was actively doing something.

However, from the time he walked out of the last supper room that activity stopped. He is no longer the one who is doing things for others, but the one who is having things done to him. In the garden, they arrest him, bind his hands, lead him to the high priest, then to Pilate. He is beaten, humiliated, stripped of his clothes, and eventually nailed to a cross where he dies. This constitutes his "passion", that time in his life and ministry when he ceases to be the doer and becomes the one who has things done to him.

What is so remarkable about this is that our faith teaches us that we are saved more through his passion (his death and suffering) than through all his activity of preaching and doing miracles. How does this work?

Allow me an illustration: some years ago, my sister Helen, an Ursuline nun, died of cancer. A nun for more than thirty years, she much loved her vocation and was loved within it. For most of those thirty years, she served as a den-mother to hundreds of young women who attended an academy run by her order. She loved those young women and was for them a mother, an older sister, and a mentor. As well, for the last twenty years of her life, after our own mother died, she served in that same capacity for our family, organizing us and keeping us together. Through all those years she was the active one, the consummate doer, the one whom others expected to take charge. And she relished the role, was born for it. She loved doing things for others.

Then, nine months before she died, cancer struck her brutally and she spent the last months of her life bedridden. Now things needed to be done for her. Doctors, nurses, the sisters in her community, and others, took turns taking care of her. And, like Jesus from the time of his arrest until the moment of his death, her body too was humiliated, led around by others, stripped, prodded, and stared at by curious passers-by. Indeed, like Jesus, she died thirsty, with a sponge held to her lips by someone else.

That was her passion. She, who had spent so many years doing things for others, now had to submit to having things done to and for her. But, and this is the point, like Jesus, she was able in that period of her life when she was helpless and no longer in charge, to give life and meaning to others in a deeper way than she could during all those years when she was active and doing so many things for others.

That is the mystery of the fruitfulness of passivity, of helplessness. And there's an important lesson here, not the least of which is the potential fruitfulness of the terminally ill, the severely handicapped, and the sick. There's a lesson too on how we might understand what we have to give to others when we are ill, helpless, and in need of care from others.

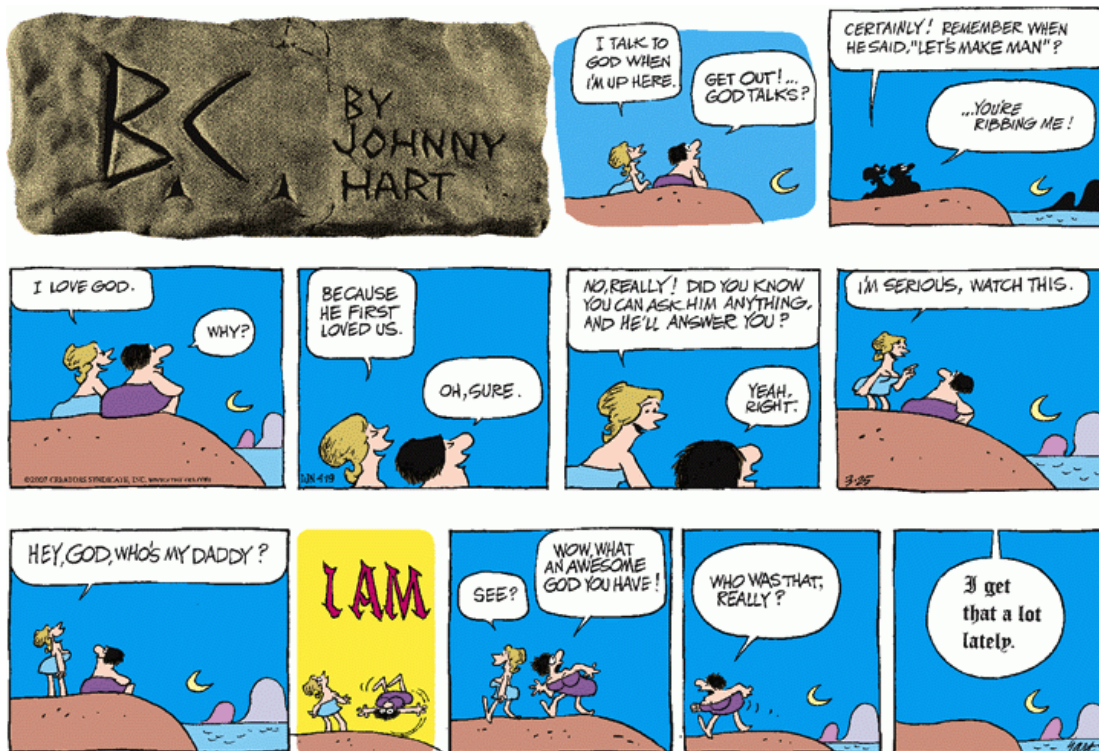
The passion of Jesus teaches us that, like Jesus, we give as much to others in our passivity as in our activities. When we are no longer in charge, beaten down, humiliated, suffering, and unable even to make ourselves understood by our loved ones, we are undergoing our passion and, like Jesus in his passion, have in that the opportunity to give over our love in a very deep way.

Humour ???

- A woman went to a lawyer and said, "My husband wants to get a divorce!" The lawyer asked, "Does he have any grounds?" "Yes", she replied, "about 20 acres." "That's not what I meant," the lawyer said. "Does your husband have a grudge?" "No," she said, "just a carport." "What I meant was, does he beat you up?" the lawyer asked. "No, I get up first every morning," she replied. "So just what is your problem?" the frustrated lawyer asked. "My husband says we can't communicate!" she said.
- When it was time for Marvin, age 6, to say his bedtime prayers, his mother found him sitting on his bed looking worried. She asked what was troubling him. "I don't know what'll happen with this bed when I get married," he replied. "How will I fit my wife in?"
- "On the first date, most people just tell each other lies, and that usually gets them interested enough to go for a second date." - Sarah, age 9

Signs & Wonders

- Seen on an outside church sign: "Do you ever wonder what goes on here between weddings and funerals?"
- Sign in a yard: "U-Pick ... free weeds"
- Bumper sticker: "You have the right to remain silent. Anything you say will be misquoted, then used against you."



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Walking in the Spirit

by Fr. Richard Rohr o.f.m.

When you no longer expect something more from life, you are for all practical purposes an atheist. When you are no longer open to do something new, to see and feel in new ways about old things, you might as well hang it up. There always is more of the Spirit for you to receive, or you would not be sustained another moment.

The experience of the Spirit is an undeserved, unmerited becoming, a new whole greater than the sum of all the parts. It draws us out and beyond ourselves in spite of ourselves. It is radical grace. To walk in the Spirit is to allow yourself to be grabbed by God and taken into a much larger world of meaning.

- from *The Great Themes of Scripture*

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