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April 14, 2024



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**This Week's Readings**

	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
Sun, April 14	Acts 3:13-15, 17-19	Luke 24:35-48
Mon, April 15	Acts 6:8-15	John 6:22-29
Tues, April 16	Acts 7:51 – 8:1	John 6:30-35
Wed, April 17	Acts 8:1-8	John 6:35-40
Thurs, April 18	Acts 8:26-40	John 6:44-51
Fri, April 19	Acts 9:1-20	John 6:52-59
Sat, April 20	Acts 9:31-42	John 6:60-69

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1. Weekly Offertory Envelopes
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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.*

<b><u>Individual Confession Times</u></b>	
	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, APR 13**

Bridgetown	4:00 PM	Gerry Lutley by Lynn Main
Kentville	4:00 PM	Raymond Wiseman by Doris Pasley
Digby	6:00 PM	Intentions of Robert Tomaselli by Anita Tomaselli

### **SUNDAY, APR 14**

Windsor	8:30 AM	Intentions of Kwang Pimpasuth by Laura Joyce
Annapolis Royal	9:00 AM	Elaine Thimot by Hubert & Paulette LeBlanc
Berwick	9:00 AM	Kelly Deal by Shirley & Gene Samson
Kentville	10:30 AM	Alistair Scott by Jacqueline Marshall
Middleton	11:00 AM	Allan Robicheau by the Hagen Family
Weymouth	11:30 AM	Elaine Thimot by Marion & Greg MacDonald
Wolfville	12:15 PM	Raymond Wiseman by Diane Wile & Margot Bishop

### **TUESDAY, APR 16**

Kentville	8:30 AM	Maurice Harquail by Dalce, Jennie & David
Digby	6:30 PM	My siblings Raymond, Sharon & Sister Carolyn by Margaret Mills

### **WEDNESDAY, APR 17**

Kentville	8:30 AM	Malcolm Pasley by Doris Pasley
Middleton	9:00 AM	Dennis Hagen by the Hagen Family
Tideview Terrace	10:30 AM	Deceased Residents of Tideview Nursing Home
Weymouth	4:00 PM	Millicent Cullen by Rosetta LeBlanc

### **THURSDAY, APR 18**

AR Nursing Home	10:30 AM	Betty Sullivan by Olive Amero
Weymouth	4:00 PM	Dalhgren Family by Bucky & Medora Dalhgren

### **FRIDAY, APR 19**

Berwick	9:00 AM	Kelly Deal by Carol Mooy
Digby	9:00 AM	John Levings by Pat Levings

### **SATURDAY, APR 20**

Bridgetown	4:00 PM	Mary Upham by Tom & Lois Porter
Kentville	4:00 PM	Intentions of Dennis & Barb Nash by Catherine Farrell
Digby	6:00 PM	Ralph & Joan Hughes by Angela O'Neil

### **SUNDAY, APR 21**

Windsor	8:30 AM	Annie Harvco by Mary-Alma Smith
Annapolis Royal	9:00 AM	Elaine Thimot by Hubert & Paulette LeBlanc
Berwick	9:00 AM	Personal Intention for Fr Michael Walsh
Kentville	10:30 AM	Wilfred Williams by Doris & Family
Middleton	11:00 AM	Mary Anne Supple by Ernie Supple
Weymouth	11:30 AM	Russell LeBlanc by Catherine LeBlanc
Wolfville	12:15 PM	Maynard Barry & Bob Best by Wayne Barry

**Special Collection Envelope** On April 21, there is a special collection envelope for **Cemeteries**. These donations are used for the upkeep of our cemeteries. You can designate your donation to a specific cemetery or to the general Corpus Christi Parish Cemetery account. Please write cheques to *Corpus Christi Parish*.

**St Joseph's Rosary Cenacle (Kentville)** Time Change - will now be held on Tuesdays at **7 pm** in Room 210.

**Yard Sale (Berwick)** – St. Anthony's will be holding a Yard Sale on **Sat, April 20**, 8 am - 1 pm. Set up time will start Wednesday at 1 pm. Items can be brought in any time Wed, Thurs or Fri from 1-7 pm. Helpers needed for those days and the Yard Sale day. Please contact John or Elaine Mailman 902-847-0480. There will also be a canteen and Jewelry table.

**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.

**Port Williams United Baptist Church – Take-Out Luncheon** on **Wed, April 17** from 11:30am to 12:15 pm. The Loyal Workers' Corn Chowder/Hamburger Soup luncheon will include a bowl of your chosen soup, Flower Cart roll and butter and either Apple Crisp or Carrot Cake with Cream Cheese Icing, all for \$10. Call by Monday, April 15 to Carol Ann Burden 902-542-3681 or Ruth Blenkhorn 902-542- 7141 and we will call you back with a pick-up time on April 16. This is our last luncheon of the season until we "See you in September"!

### **St Joseph's (Kentville)**

**Movie Night** - Fri, April 19

**Games Night** – Sat, April 20



**Seniors Drop-In** Thursdays 1-3 pm in Double Classroom in lower level behind the kitchen.

Companionship, games and a cup of tea or coffee. *Everyone welcome, come and enjoy some fellowship!*

**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.

**Concert (Bridgetown)** Annapolis Valley Centre Royal Canadian College of Organists presents "Sacred, Secular and Silly XVII," its annual scholarship fundraising concert featuring local vocalists, organists, and pianists in Bridgetown Baptist Church, Bridgetown on **Friday, April 26** at 7:30 pm. Admission will be by free-will offering.

**St. Monica's Bookstore (Middleton)** We have plastic bottles for Easter Holy Water and Marian holy water founts to place inside the entrance to your home, or in your bedroom, a child's room, or by your prayer space. Available at St. Monica's church hall after Sunday Mass, or call Mary Crooks 902-825-6495 to arrange another time or for special requests.

**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.

**Thank you** to Margaret Kaizer and Donna Chisholm for hosting St Joseph's (Kentville) Coffee Sunday last weekend.



**Confirmation & Mother's Day Brunch (Kentville)** On Sunday, May 12 after Mass, there will be a Brunch to celebrate Confirmation and Mother's Day at St Joseph's, Kentville. Brunch menu will include quiche Lorraine (or youth menu), fresh fruit bowl, hashbrowns and ham. All are welcome!



**Postpartum Mental Health & Wellness Program (Lawrencetown)** – A program for Moms with babies 2 years old and younger who want to improve their mental health and wellness will be held Fridays, starting May 3 (10am – Noon), ending June 21 in the Family Matters Resource Centre, 10 Middle Road, Lawrencetown. To register, email [AVProgramRegistration@nshealth.ca](mailto:AVProgramRegistration@nshealth.ca) or phone 902-848-6416. Help with child care and transportation costs is available.

**Kings County Seniors' Safety Society - Living Alone** is a four week program that will provide skills and information to assist the older adult who is faced with living on his or her own - either through divorce, separation or the death of a loved one. Topics include: Grief and Loss, Right Sizing Your Home, CAPABLE program, Financial literacy, Resolving Conflict, Home Repair Grants, Understanding Dementia, Home Safety. The sessions will be held at **Christ Anglican Church**, 238 Commercial Street, **Berwick** Tuesdays, April 23, 30 & May 7 & 14, 9:30 am to Noon. The program is FREE but you must register by calling Trishe Colman at (902)670-0725 by April 19. A light snack will be provided



**Seniors' Community Shredding Event** – Fri, May 17 10:00 – 1:00 pm at the **Kingston Lions Club** Parking Lot. Identity Theft is the number one growing crime in North America. Documents containing your name, phone number, address, financial, legal or medical information should be shredded before recycling. For more information call Seniors' Safety Director, Trishe Colman at 902-670-0725. Bring your documents; they will shred them for you!

**Envelope 7075** - Looking for the person who is using Envelope #7075. We do not have a name associated with that number. On the next envelope that you use, please write your name, address and phone number or contact the Kentville office.

**MassMealMusic**

**Mass 4 pm**  
**Meal 5 pm**  
**Music 6 pm**

Sunday, April 28  
St. Joe's, Kentville

**PRAISE & WORSHIP**

**Sun, Apr 28, 6pm**

Meal & Music Freewill  
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# Go Crazy or Turn Holy

by Fr. Ron Rolheiser o.m.i.

In a poem *Serenade*, Brazilian poet **Adelia Prado** speaks of a painful ache we feel inside us as we forever wait for something or someone to come and make us whole. What are we waiting for? Love? A soulmate? God? No matter, the frustration eventually pushes us towards a choice, go crazy or turn holy:

*I am beginning to despair*

*And can see only two choices:*

*Either go crazy or turn holy.*

And when that someone or something finally does come:

*How will I open the window, unless I'm crazy?*

*How will I close it, unless I'm holy?*

*Either go crazy or turn holy.* The older we get the more we realize how true that is, how eventually that's the choice forced on all of us, both by the way we are built and the limitations inherent in life itself. Why? Is there something wrong with life and with us? Why can't we find a peaceful space somewhere between crazy and holy?

Well, the biblical preacher in the **Book of Ecclesiastes** offers a reason. After penning that beautiful, oft-quoted text about how there is a time for everything – *a time to be born and to a time to die; a time to plant and a time to harvest; a time to break down and a time to heal; a time to weep and a time to laugh; a time to mourn and a time to dance; a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to keep silent and a time to speak; a time for love and a time for hate; and a time for war and a time for peace* – he offers us this. God has laid out a beautiful rhythm for life and has made everything beautiful in its own time, but God has put *timelessness* into the human heart so that we are out of sync with the seasons from beginning to end. God has established a beautiful rhythm to nature; but we, unlike the physical elements and the plants and the animals who don't have timelessness in their souls, never quite fit into that rhythm. We are overcharged for life on this planet. (Ecclesiastes 3, 1-11)

You find expressions of this in literature everywhere in both religious and secular circles. For example, the renowned German theologian **Karl Rahner** used to affirm that *in the torment of the insufficiency of everything attainable we learn that here in this life there is no finished symphony*. In that, he echoes **Saint Augustine's** famous line that is as true and apropos today as it was seventeen hundred years ago when he wrote it: *You have made us for yourself, Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you*. That single line expresses both a non-negotiable understanding of the human person and a non-negotiable path he or she must walk. We don't have a final home here and that's why at the end of the day there is no option other than going crazy or turning holy. It's no surprise that **Ruth Burrows**, the renowned spiritual writer, begins her autobiography with these words: *I was born into this world with a tortured sensitivity and my path has not been an easy one*.

While this motif is everywhere present in religious literature, it is also present in the thought of many secular poets, novelists, and philosophers. For instance, after he won the Nobel Prize for Literature, **Albert Camus**, a professed atheist, was asked by a journalist if he believed in God. He answered: No, I don't believe in God, but that doesn't mean I am not obsessed with the question of God. Why that obsession? Because in his thought he could not make sense of the world, nor find a fully sensible place in it for humans, unless there was a God. Without a God, human existence cannot make peace with itself. He likened the condition of someone in this world to that of a prisoner in certain medieval prisons, where they would put a prisoner in a cell that was so small that he or she could never stand fully upright or ever fully stretch out. The perpetual feeling of being

cramped, it was believed, would eventually break the prisoner's spirit. For Camus, that's our situation in life. We can never really stand up fully or ever stretch out fully. Eventually, this breaks our spirit – and we either go crazy or get holy. That's also the basic view of other atheistic existentialists like **Martin Heidegger** and **Jean-Paul Sartre**.

Go crazy or get holy! **Richard Rohr** offers us a third option, get bitter. He submits that once we get to a certain age, we have only three options left open to us: We can become *a pathetic old fool*; or we can become *a bitter old fool*; or we can become *a holy old fool*. Notice what's non-negotiable. We will all eventually become old fools. We have the choice only as to what kind of old fool we will be – crazy, bitter, or holy.



“Jeffy's only kneeling on one knee again and saying half the Hail Mary.”

## The Catholic Worldview: Optimism

by Fr. Richard Rohr o.f.m.

Catholicism has a rather optimistic view of human nature (contrary to popular opinion!). I was with some members of another tradition recently, folks who come from a Calvinist, or Reformed, tradition. One man said to me, “*The human heart is endlessly depraved.*” There's a small amount of truth to that, but we Catholics should never start there.

The Catholic worldview starts with, “*And it was good*” (Genesis 1:10). We get to original sin afterward. It's original blessing first, then realism. Many of our Protestant brothers and sisters will start with the hard realism. The tendency, then, is to protect us against that dark, realistic side by law and salvation theories.

Catholics don't begin there. We legitimate Mardi Gras, the wine and dancing, the singing: It's all OK, we say. God loves us. Enjoy life, but be willing to repent. Witness the Mediterranean cultures, as opposed to the Anglo-Saxon culture. The first are more formed by the Catholic ethos – for good and for ill. I'm not idealizing all of that, but Catholics really do have a different starting point.

To look at the dark side, Catholic regions often suffer a huge amount of social injustice, in the form of materialism, racism, sexism and militarism. The powerful enjoy and the poor suffer because we refuse to be realistic about the also “depraved” human heart.

Optimism is both our gift and our greatest sin.

■ from *Why Be Catholic?*

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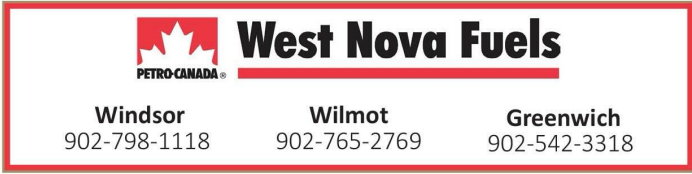
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