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4th Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024



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This Week's Readings

	1st Reading	Gospel
Sun, April 21	Acts 4:8-12	John 10:11-18
Mon, April 22	Acts 11:1-18	John 10:1-10
Tues, April 23	Acts 11:19-26	John 10:22-30
Wed, April 24	Revelation 3:7-8, 10-12	John 10:11-16
Thurs, April 25	1 Peter 5:5-14	Mark 16:15-20
Fri, April 26	Acts 13:26-33	John 14:1-6
Sat, April 27	Acts 13:44-52	John 14:7-14

Community's Email Addresses

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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>	
	Digby – every Saturday 10 – 11 am
	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**.

Middleton: 2pm to 3pm - Scripture reflection, 3pm to 4pm - Rosary during Exposition



Mass Times & Intentions

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 Hawco 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 & John Barry by Wayne Barry

TUESDAY, APR 23

Kentville	8:30 AM	St Joseph's CWL
Digby	6:30 PM	Eva Croft by Marion Croft

WEDNESDAY, APR 24

Kentville	8:30 AM	Tony Avery by Barb & Dennis Nash
Middleton	9:00 AM	Intentions of Darlene MacDonald by Fred & Marion Hole
Weymouth	4:00 PM	Etta Thibedeau by Lucille Saulnier

THURSDAY, APR 25

Kentville	8:30 AM	Deceased Member of St Joseph's Rosary Cenacle
Weymouth	4:00 PM	Etta Thibedeau by Lucille Saulnier

FRIDAY, APR 26

Berwick	9:00 AM	Ronald Melanson by wife Ann & Family
Digby	9:00 AM	David Webster by Nancy Robinson

SATURDAY, APR 27

Bridgetown	4:00 PM	Jim Nodwell by Main Family
Digby	6:00 PM	Lorna Burnham by Penny Murphy

SUNDAY, APR 28

Windsor	8:30 AM	Dr Camilee DuMesnil by Paul, Skylar & Evangeline DuMesnil
Annapolis Royal	9:00 AM	Elaine Thimot by Carolyn Gilbert
Berwick	9:00 AM	Personal Intention for Fr Michael Walsh
Kentville	10:30 AM	Intentions of Joel MacPherson by Wendy Clem
Middleton	11:00 AM	Intentions of Carolyn Gilbert & Marilyn Harry by Peggy & Tom Foley
Weymouth	11:30 AM	Russell LeBlanc by Greg & Marion MacDonald
Wolfville	12:15 PM	Andre Roux by Maureen Lombard Roux
Kentville	4:00 PM	Marilyn Touesnard & Ned Nash by Dennis & Barb Nash

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*.

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.

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.

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 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.

St. Monica’s Bookstore (Middleton) We have gifts and cards for First Holy Communion and Confirmation, including special rosaries, crosses, books, laminated prayer cards, figurines, and plaques. 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.



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 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!

Sincere Thanks & Gratitude to everyone who supported the Twelve Baskets Food Bank in Nictaux. 432 lbs. of food was collected and \$1,370 in cash donations received from January to March. May God bless you all abundantly!

Mattress Request (Wolfville) - Saint Vincent de Paul have a request for a double size mattress from one of our clients. If you have one, please contact them at 902-542-9499.

In the Hospital or Home Bound? If you know of someone (a family member or friend) who is in the hospital or at home and would like Holy Communion, the Sacrament of the Sick, or simply a visit, please contact for your church office or Community Liaison.

**Women's Retreat with Fr. Dominic Sultana
May 16-18 Middleton**

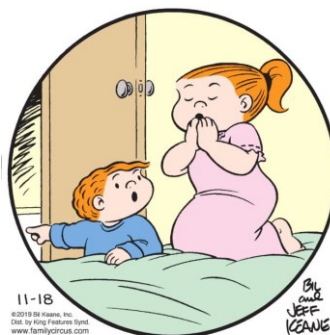
In the routine and bustle of daily life, finding moments for spiritual renewal is essential, yet often overlooked. St. Monica's Catholic Women's League extends a heartfelt invitation to pause, reflect, and explore deeper meanings at our upcoming retreat, **"Finding My Life Purpose."** This special gathering is for all women of all ages, as we seek to nurture our spiritual growth and to discern our unique purpose as it is evolving in the different stages and circumstances of our lives.

It will take place at St. Monica's church hall (Middleton) on Friday, May 17, 6:00 - 8:00 pm; Saturday, May 18, 9:00 am - 4:30 pm; and Sunday, May 19, 9:00 am - Noon, including Mass. The retreat is free and includes lunch and refreshments.

To help us plan well, **please register** by contacting Mary Crooks at 902-825-6495 or mtcrooks@hotmail.com, preferably by **May 11**. Come and be nourished by the meaningful presentations, uplifting companionship with other women in faith, and singing with joy!

Have you signed up for Flocknote? If not, please do so.

We use Flocknote to send out important notices, reminders, changes, cancelations etc.



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By
JEFF
KEANE

"No, Dolly, our father art
downstairs watching football."



A Parish Unity Challenge

As a means of uniting our 9 churches, the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) is promoting a challenge to every parishioner. Between May and October of this year, we invite you to attend Mass in as many of these churches as you are able. Each is set in a community with something of interest. So, you can combine a Mass and an outing and learn something about our large parish and your fellow parishioners.

Pamphlets for the challenge will be available after Mass at each of the churches over the next few weeks. Inside the pamphlet, there is a list of the churches along with their addresses and Mass times. There is also space for you to mark when you visit any particular church as well as space for signatures of contacts you made from that community.

There may even be a prize for those who get to all 9 churches! *Happy Travels to those who take this challenge!*

A poster for a chamber choir concert. The top text reads "CONDUIT Chamber Choir" and "Andrew Cranston, Artistic Director Presents their Inaugural Concert". The title "FULL OF GRACE" is in large, pink, serif letters. Below it, it says "A celebration of Mary's life and motherhood". The date and time are "SUN MAY 5, 3PM". The location is "Middleton Baptist Church, 26 School St." and the ticket price is "Tickets \$15 at the door". A list of featured works by various composers is provided. The bottom left has the "CONDUIT chamber choir" logo and a Facebook link. The right side of the poster features a painting of the Virgin Mary holding the Christ Child.

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Reasons To Believe In God

by Fr. Ron Rolheiser o.m.i.

Today belief in God is often seen as a naïveté. For many, believing in God is like believing in Santa and the Easter Bunny, nice, something for the kids, a warm nostalgia or a bitter memory, but not something that's real, that stands up to hard scrutiny and indeed stands up to the dark doubts that sometimes linger below the surface of our faith. Where's there evidence that God exists?

A true apologetics, I believe, needs at a point to be personal. So here are my own reasons why I continue to believe in God in the face of the agnosticism of our overly-adult world and despite the dark nights that sometimes beset me.

First, I believe in God because I sense, at the deepest level of my being, that there's an inalienable moral structure to things. Life, love, and meaning are morally-contoured. There's an inalienable "law of karma" that's experienced everywhere and in everything: good behavior is its own happiness, just as bad behavior is its own sorrow. Different religions word it differently but the concept is at the heart of all religion and is in essence the very definition of morality: *The measure you measure out will be the measure that's measured back to you.* That's Jesus' version of it, and can be translated this way: *The air you breathe out is the air you will re-inhale.* Simply put: If we cut down too many trees we will soon be breathing in carbon monoxide. If we breathe out love, we will meet love. If we breathe out hate and anger we will soon enough find ourselves surrounded by hated and anger. Reality is so structured that goodness brings goodness and sin brings sin.

I believe in God because blind chaos could not have designed things this way, to be innately moral. Only an intelligent Goodness could have built reality this way.

My next reason for believing in God is the existence of soul, intelligence, love, altruism, and art. These could not have emerged simply from blind chaos, from billions and billions of cosmic bingo chips coming out of nothing, with no intelligent loving force behind them, endlessly churning through billions of years. Random chaos, empty of all intelligence and love from its origins, could not have eventually produced soul and all that's highest inside it: intelligence, love, altruism, spirituality, and art. Can our own hearts and all that's noble and precious within them really be just the result of billions of fluke chances colliding within a brute, mindless process?

I believe in God because if our hearts are real then so is God.

Next, I believe in God because the Gospel works – if we work it. What Jesus incarnated and taught ultimately resonates with what's most precious, most noble, and most meaningful inside of life and inside each of us. Moreover, this checks out in life. Whenever I have the faith and courage to actually live out the Gospel, to roll the dice on its truth, it always proves to be true, the loaves multiply and feed the thousands and David defeats Goliath. But it doesn't work unless I risk it. The Gospel works, if we work it.

The objection could be raised here, of course, that many sincere, faith-filled people risk their lives and truth on the Gospel and, from all appearances in this world, it doesn't work for them. They end up poor, as victims, on the losing side of things. But again, that's a judgment we make from the standards of this world, from the Gospel of Prosperity where whoever has the most worldly success wins. The Gospel of Jesus undercuts this. Anyone who lives it out as faithfully as he or she is able, will be blessed with something beyond worldly success, namely, the deeper joy of a life well-lived, a joy which Jesus assures us is deeper, less ephemeral, and more lasting than any other joy.

I believe in God because the Gospel works! As does prayer!

Finally, though certainly not least, I believe in God because of the community of faith that stretches back to the beginning of time, that stretches back to the life and resurrection of Jesus, and that baptized me into the faith. Throughout all of history virtually all human communities have been also communities of faith, of belief in God, of worship, and of sacred ritual and sacrament.

I believe in God because of the existence of families of faith and the existence of church and sacrament.

I wrote my doctoral thesis on the classical proofs for the existence of God, arguments for God's existence taken from some of the great intellectuals in history: Anselm, Thomas Aquinas, Descartes, Leibnitz, Spinoza, and Alfred North Whitehead. I rambled through nearly 500 hundred pages of articulating and evaluating these proofs and then ended with this conclusion.

We don't come to believe in God because of the compelling power of some mathematical equation or logical syllogism. God's existence becomes real to us when we live an honest, sincere life.

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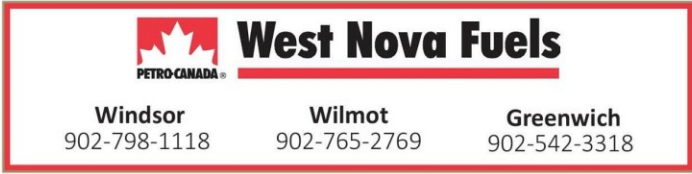
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