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5th Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024



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This Week's Readings

	1st Reading	Gospel
Sun, April 28	Acts 9:26-31	John 15:1-8
Mon, April 29	Acts 14:5-18	John 14:21-26
Tues, April 30	Acts 14:19-28	John 14:27-31
Wed, May 1	Genesis 1:26 – 2:3	Matthew 13:54-58
Thurs, May 2	Acts 15:7-21	John 15:9-11
Fri, May 3	1 Corinthians 15:1-8	John 14:6-14
Sat, May 4	Acts 16:1-10	John 15:18-21

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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

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Individual Confession Times

Digby – every Saturday 10 – 11 am
 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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Digby: Adoration after Mass on Friday until 10:30am, 1st & last Fridays of month private adoration to follow until 12 noon
Kentville: Private Adoration available in Adoration Chapel

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 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

TUESDAY, APR 30

Kentville	8:30 AM	Barbara Holsworth by Doris Pasley
Digby	6:30 PM	Intentions of Don Boudreau by Parishioners of St Patrick's

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

Kentville	8:30 AM	Jean Stevenson by Barb & Dennis Nash
Middleton	9:00 AM	Intentions of Grace Bernard & Darlene MacDonald by Tom & Peggy Foley
Tideview Terrace	10:30 AM	For all the Staff at Tideview
Weymouth	4:00 PM	Laura, Mary, Lucy & Bill Belliveau by Lucille Saulnier

THURSDAY, MAY 2

Kentville	8:30 AM	Mary Ann Doucet by Richard & Family
Weymouth	4:00 PM	Etta Thibedeau by Betty Rice

FRIDAY, MAY 3

Berwick	9:00 AM	Souls in Purgatory by Helen Walsh
Digby	9:00 AM	Deceased Members of Family by Nancy Robinson

SATURDAY, MAY 4

Bridgetown	4:00 PM	Intentions of Sheila Porter by Tom & Linda Porter
Kentville	4:00 PM	Jack MacDougall by his Family
Digby	6:00 PM	David Burnham by Penny Murphy

SUNDAY, MAY 5

Windsor	8:30 AM	Guy K Smith by Mary-Alma & Family
Annapolis Royal	9:00 AM	Elaine Thimot by Marilyn, Harry & Family
Berwick	9:00 AM	Dick Pottie by Russell & Carolyn Turner
Kentville	10:30 AM	Gladys Coldwell by Elizabeth Tarrant-Young
Middleton	11:00 AM	Personal Intention for Fr Michael Walsh
Weymouth	11:30 AM	Herbert & Agnes Boudreau by Bobby Comeau
Wolfville	12:15 PM	Ezilda Countinho by Caroline & Julies Sequeira

13th Annual Convention of the Halifax-Yarmouth CWL Council is being held at St Joseph's Kentville on **May 4 & 5**. Hosted by CWL Councils of St Joseph's, St Monica's and St Louis. Please welcome members from around the diocese.

Ladies Prayer Breakfast will be held at St Anthony's, Berwick on Saturday, **May 4**. This will be the last prayer breakfast for this season with the next one happening in September.



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!



Cemetery Clean up (Kingston) Volunteers are needed for clean up at St. Lawrence Cemetery in Kingston on Saturday, **May 11** at 9:00 a.m. If you are available, please contact Robert Estey at 902-804-1611.

**Women's Retreat with Fr. Dominic Sultana
May 17-19 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- 8 pm; Saturday, May 18, 9 am - 4:30 pm; and Sunday, May 19, 9 am - Noon, including Mass. There will be opportunity for Confession on Sat at 4:30 pm. 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!

Yard Sale (Middleton) St. Monica's CWL invites you to our Bountiful Indoor Yard Sale on **Sat, May 25** from 8 am to 1 pm. You are welcomed to donate items that you no longer need and to find items that you do need! Lots of choices for men, women, and children, such as jewelry, tools & hardware, household items & home decor, linens and clothing, pictures & frames, books & puzzles, toys, small kitchen appliances & furniture, electronics, vintage & antiques, garden & plants. You may bring items to the church hall on Wed, Thurs, and Fri, May 22, 23, and 24 from 9 am to 6 pm. Due to limited space in our church hall and other events taking place there, please bring your items at these times. If you would like us to pick them up, please call Marion Hole. We look forward to seeing you and are grateful for your support. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Marion Hole (902-765-4435) or Mary Crooks (902-825-6495).



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!

Bursaries The Knights of Columbus – Bishop Gallagher Council 6297 provide bursaries of \$500 to two graduating students every year. Our Council is inviting students from the Church communities of St Anthony's, Queen of Heaven, St Monica and St Alphonsus to apply for one of the bursaries. For applications email: Russ Gaudet gkrussgaudet@gmail.com. Applications are available now and close on **May 26**.

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 has 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.

Spring Gospel Concert & Hymn Sing – Kentville Baptist, **Sunday, May 5, 6:30 pm.** Music by Mark Riley & Friends, Rewind, ADC Alum Quartet, as well as the church choir and tone chimes. Freewill offering. *All welcome!*

Twelve Baskets Foodbank (Middleton) May needs include coffee, flakes of ham/chicken, canned tomatoes, pasta sauce, laundry & dish soap, cookies, crackers, hand/body soap, toothpaste, toilet paper, salt & pepper and Prayers.

St. Monica's Bookstore (Middleton) We have a wide selection of laminated and paper holy cards and bookmarks for children, youth and adults to use in your prayer books and missals, or as meaningful gifts or enclosures in cards for your loved ones. The prayer cards cover a wide range to Jesus, Mary, the saints, sacraments, and special needs. Also, plastic bottles for Easter Holy Water and Marian holy water fountains to place inside the entrance to your home, 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.

*Have you signed up for Flocknote? If not, please do so.
We use Flocknote to send out important notices, reminders, changes, cancelations etc.*

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 up this challenge!*



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A lot of great memories to be made!

Cowboy Wisdom

If ya get to thinkin' you're a person of some influence, try orderin' somebody else's dog around.

Fear

by Fr. Ron Rolheiser o.m.i.

Unless you are already a full saint or a mystic, you will always live in some fear of death and the afterlife. That's simply part of being human. But we can, and must, move beyond our fear of God.

As a child, I lived with a lot of fear. I had a very active imagination and too-frequently imagined murderers under my bed, poisonous snakes slithering up my leg, deadly germs in my food, playground bullies looking for a victim, a hundred ways in which I could meet an accidental death, and threats of every kind lurking in the dark. As a child, I was often afraid: afraid of the dark, afraid of death, afraid of the afterlife, and afraid of God.

As I matured, so too did my imagination; it no longer pictured snakes hiding everywhere or murderers under my bed. I began to feel strong, in control, imagining the unknown, with its dark corners, more as opportunity for growth than as threat to life. But it was one thing to block out fear of snakes, murderers, and the dark. Not so easily did I overcome my fear of death, fear of the afterlife, and fear of God. These fears are the last demons to be exorcised, and that exorcism is never final, never completely done with. Jesus, himself, trembled in fear before death, before the unknown that faces us in death. But he didn't tremble in fear before God, the opposite in fact. As he faced death and the unknown, he was able give himself over to God, in childlike trust, like a child clinging to a loving parent, and that gave him the strength and courage to undergo an anonymous, lonely, and misunderstood death with dignity, grace, and forgiveness.

We need never be afraid of God. God can be trusted. But trust in God does include a healthy fear of God because one particular fear is part of the anatomy of love itself. Scripture says: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. But that fear, healthy fear, must be understood as a reverence, a loving awe, a love that fears disappointing. Healthy fear is love's fear, a fear of betraying, of not being faithful to what love asks of us in return for its gratuity. We aren't afraid of someone we trust, fearing that he or she will suddenly turn arbitrary, unfair, cruel, incomprehensible, vicious, unloving. Rather we are afraid about our own being worthy of the trust that's given us, not least from God.

But we must trust that God understands our humanity: God doesn't demand that we give him our conscious attention all of the time. God accepts the natural wanderings of our hearts. God accepts our tiredness and fatigue. God accepts our need for distraction and escape. God accepts that we usually find it easier to immerse ourselves in entertainment than to pray. And God even accepts our resistances to him and our need to assert, with pride, our own independence. Like a loving mother embracing a child that's kicking and screaming but needs to be picked up and held, God can handle our anger, self-pity, and resistance. God understands our humanity, but we struggle to understand what it means to be human before God.

For many years, I feared that I was too immersed in the things of this world to consider myself a spiritual person, always fearing that God wanted more from me. I felt that I should be spending more time in prayer, but, too often, I'd end up too tired to pray, more interested in watching a sports event on television or more interested in sitting around with family, colleagues, or friends, talking about everything except spiritual things. For years, I feared that God wanted me to be more explicitly spiritual. He probably did! But, as I've aged, I've come to realize that being with God in prayer and being with God in heart is like being with a trusted friend. In an easeful friendship, friends don't spend most of their time talking about their mutual friendship. Rather they talk about everything: local gossip, the weather, their work, their children, their headaches, their heartaches, their tiredness, what they saw on television the night before, their favorite sports teams, what's happening in politics, and the jokes they've heard recently – though they occasionally lament that they should ideally be talking more about deeper things. Should they?

John of the Cross teaches that, in any longer-term friendship, eventually the important things begin to happen under the surface, and surface conversation becomes secondary. Togetherness, ease with each other, comfort, and the sense of being at home, is what we give each other then.

That's also true for our relationship with God. God made us to be human and God wants us, with all of our wandering weaknesses, to be in his presence, with ease, with comfort, and with the feeling that we are at home. Our fear of God can be reverence or timidity; the former is healthy, the latter is neurotic.

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