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Divine Mercy Sunday

April 7, 2024



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This Week's Readings

	1st Reading	Gospel
Sun, April 7	Acts 4:32-35	John 20:19-31
Mon, April 8	Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10	Luke 1:26-38
Tues, April 9	Acts 4:32-37	John 3:7-15
Wed, April 10	Acts 5:17-26	John 3:16-21
Thurs, April 11	Acts 5:27-33	John 3:31-36
Fri, April 12	Acts 5:34-42	John 6:1-15
Sat, April 13	Acts 6:1-7	John 6:16-21

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Giving to Corpus Christi Parish

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1. Weekly Offertory Envelopes
2. Cash donations
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4. PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittances)
5. Through the mail, send to Kentville Parish Office

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<u>Individual Confession Times</u>	
	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**.

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 6

Bridgetown	4:00 PM	Beverly Tait by Lynn & Jon main
Kentville	4:00 PM	Joan Sowards by Doris Pasley
Digby	6:00 PM	Rose & Arthur Loughran by Pearl Janson

SUNDAY, APR 7

Windsor	8:30 AM	Dr Mike Major by Wanda Zwicker
Annapolis Royal	9:00 AM	Elaine Thimot by Hubert & Paulette LeBlanc
Berwick	9:00 AM	Grover Rose by Carol Mooy
Kentville	10:30 AM	Judith Murphy by Leo Murphy & Family
Middleton	11:00 AM	Personal Intention of Fr Michael Walsh
Weymouth	11:30 AM	Catherine Robichaud by Cathy LeBlanc
Wolfville	12:15 PM	Souls in Purgatory by Wayne Barry

TUESDAY, APR 9

Kentville	8:30 AM	Alden Young by Joan Young
Digby	6:30 PM	Douglas McClafferty by Carolyn & Family

WEDNESDAY, APR 10

Kentville	8:30 AM	St Joseph's CWL
Middleton	9:00 AM	Intentions of Marion Hole & Paul Hamilton by Gordon MacDonald
Weymouth	4:00 PM	Kaye Sapper by Catherine LeBlanc

THURSDAY, APR 11

Kentville	8:30 AM	Deceased Members of St Joseph's Rosary Cenacle
Weymouth	4:00 PM	Gustave LeBlanc by the Family

FRIDAY, APR 12

Berwick	9:00 AM	Intentions of Shirley & Gene Samson by Tony & Rita Roefs
Digby	9:00 AM	Kaye Sapper by Carolyn McClafferty

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 Gwang 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

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

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

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 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 to 1 pm. Set up time will start Wednesday afternoon 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 day of the Yard Sale. Please contact John or Elaine Mailman. There will also be a canteen and Jewelry table.

St. Monica's CWL (Middleton) will meet on **Monday, 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 Joseph's CWL (Kentville) will meet on **Wed, April 10** at 6:30 pm for our April monthly meeting in the Library across from the church office. New members welcomed. If anyone has any questions about Catholic Women's League of Canada, please contact President Ann Myers at 902-680-8957 or email: ann.myers@ns.sympatico.ca

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

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.



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“Churches are smart. They have pretty windows, but you hafta come inside to see them.”

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 15. 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.

St. Monica's Bookstore (Middleton)

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.

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

The Passion of Jesus

by Fr. Ron Rolheiser o.m.i.

The renowned spiritual writer Henri Nouwen, shares how he once went to a hospital to visit a man dying of cancer. The man was still relatively young and had been a very hardworking and generative person. He was the father of a family and provided well for them. He was the chief executive officer in a large company and took good care of both the company and his employees. Moreover he was involved in many other organizations, including his church, and, because of his leadership abilities, was often the one in charge. But now, this once-so-active man, this person who was so used to being in control of things, was lying on a hospital bed, dying, unable to take care of even his most basic needs.

As Nouwen approached the bed, the man took his hand. It's significant to note the particular frustration he expressed: *"Father, you have to help me! I'm dying, and I am trying to make peace with that, but there is something else too: You know me, I have always been in charge – I took care of my family. I took care of the company. I took care of the church. I took care of things! Now I am lying here, on this bed and I can't even take care of myself. I can't even go to the bathroom! Dying is one thing, but this is another! I'm helpless! I can't do anything anymore!"*

Despite his exceptional pastoral skills, Nouwen, like any of us in a similar situation, was left rather helpless in the face of this man's plea. The man was undergoing an agonizing passivity. He was now a patient. He had once been active, the one in charge; and now, like Jesus in the hours leading up to his death, he was reduced being a patient, one who is ministered to by others. Nouwen, for his part, tried to help the man see the connection between what he was undergoing and what Jesus endured in his passion, especially how this time of helplessness, diminishment, and passivity is meant to be a time where we can give something deeper to those around us.

Among other things, Nouwen read the Passion narratives of the Gospels aloud to him because what this man was enduring parallels very clearly what Jesus endured in the hours leading up to his death, a time we Christians entitle, "the Passion of Jesus". What exactly was the Passion of Jesus?

As Christians, we believe that Jesus gave us both his life and his death. Too often, however, we do not distinguish between the two, though we should: Jesus gave his life for us in one way, through his activity; he gave his death for us in another way, through his passivity, his passion.

It is easy to misunderstand what the Gospels mean by the Passion of Jesus. When we use the word passion in relationship to Jesus' suffering we spontaneously connect it to the idea of passion as pain, the pain of the crucifixion, of scourging, of whips, of nails in his hands, of humiliation before the crowd. The Passion of Jesus does refer to these, but the word asks for a different focus here. The English word passion takes its root in the Latin, *passio*, meaning passivity, and that's its real connotation here. The word "patient" also derives from this. Hence what the Passion narratives describe is Jesus' passivity, his becoming a "patient". He gives his death to us through his passivity, just as he had previously given his life to us through his activity.

Indeed the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke can each be neatly divided into two distinct parts: In each Gospel we can split off everything that is narrated until Jesus' arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane and call this part of the Gospel: The Activity of Jesus Christ. Then we could take the section of the Gospels that we call "the Passion" and call that section: The Passivity of Jesus Christ. This would in fact help clarify an important distinction: Jesus gave his life for us through his activity whereas he gave his death for us through his passivity. Hence: Up until his arrest, the Gospels describe Jesus as active, as doing in things, as being in charge, preaching, teaching, performing miracles, consoling people. After his arrest, all the verbs become passive: he is led away, manhandled by the authorities, whipped, helped in carrying his cross, and ultimately nailed to the cross. After his arrest, like a patient in palliative care or hospice, he no longer does anything; rather others do it for him and to him. He is passive, a patient, and in that passivity he gave his death for us.

There are many lessons in this, not least the fact that life and love are given not just in what we do for others but also, and perhaps even more deeply, in what we absorb at those times when we are helplessness, when we have no choice except to be a "patient".



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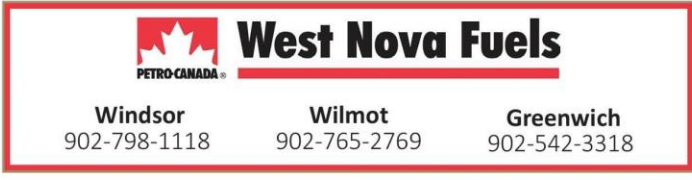
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