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Ascension of the Lord

May 12, 2024



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This Week's Readings

	1st Reading	Gospel
Sun, May 12	Acts 1:1-11	Mark 16:15-20
Mon, May 13	Acts 19:1-8	John 16:29-33
Tues, May 14	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26	John 15:9-17
Wed, May 15	Acts 20:28-38	John 17:11-19
Thurs, May 16	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11	John 17:20-26
Fri, May 17	Acts 25:13-21	John 21:15-19
Sat, May 18	Acts 2:44-47	Luke 12:22-31

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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.

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 24/7

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, MAY 11

Bridgetown	4:00 PM	Pierre Boisvert by Jon & Lynn Main
Kentville	4:00 PM	Intentions of Peter John Nan by Mom & Dad
Digby	6:00 PM	My Grandmothers by Nancy Robinson

SUNDAY, MAY 12

Windsor	8:30 AM	Nina Taylor by Jan, Peter & Family
Annapolis Royal	9:00 AM	Elaine Thimot by Cynthia Hamilton & Family
Berwick	9:00 AM	Intentions of Anna Schworer by Shirley Rasmusson-Samson
Kentville	10:30 AM	For my Mom & my Children & their Families (L) by Helen Walsh
Middleton	11:00 AM	Personal Intention for Fr Michael Walsh
Weymouth	11:30 AM	Louise & Marie by Joanne & Jerry Belliveau
Wolfville	12:15 PM	Ezilda Countinho by Celine, Leslie & Family

TUESDAY, MAY 14

Kentville	8:30 AM	In Thanksgiving by Peter & Nan Agnes
Digby	6:30 PM	Kaye Sapper by Ann & Danny

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

Kentville	8:30 AM	Intentions of Darlene MacDonald by Barb Montford
Middleton	9:00 AM	Edith Herrmann Reuer by St Monica's CWL
Tideview Terrace	10:30 AM	For all the support workers at Tideview
Weymouth	4:00 PM	Edward Rice by Beth & Dixon

THURSDAY, MAY 16

Kentville	8:30 AM	St Joseph's CWL
AR Nursing Home	10:30 AM	For all the support works at Annapolis Nursing Home
Weymouth	4:00 PM	Leonard LeBlanc by Lucille Saulnier

FRIDAY, MAY 17

Berwick	9:00 AM	Bill Harvie by Dora & Family
Digby	9:00 AM	Vince & Sue Kavanheh by Ann & Danny

SATURDAY, MAY 18

Bridgetown	4:00 PM	Gerry Lutley by John & Linda MacDonald
Kentville	4:00 PM	Myrna Hetherington by St Joseph's CWL
Digby	6:00 PM	Tim Burnham by Penny Murphy

SUNDAY, MAY 19

Windsor	8:30 AM	Cecil Rolfe by Rhonda Cox & Keith Van de Sande
Annapolis Royal	9:00 AM	Brian Kelly by Betsy, David, Claire & Charlotte
Berwick	9:00 AM	Personal Intention for Fr Michael Walsh
Kentville	10:30 AM	Haley Keating by Cathy Forster
Middleton	11:00 AM	Intentions of Cathy MacGuire by Tom & Peggy Foley
Weymouth	11:30 AM	Dina Bake by Delia & Ron Bell
Wolfville	12:15 PM	Members of the Young Families & Spouses by Paul Young

Special Collection Envelopes For May, there is a special collection envelope for the **Pope's Pastoral Works**.....used by the Pope to help those stricken by natural disasters. Please write cheques to *Corpus Christi Parish*.

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.



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!

Kings Chorale presents "SOLACE - Music of Comfort" - featuring *Requiem* by John Rutter, *Psalm 23* by Joyce Riddell (World Premiere) and *I will Dream of You* by Santiago Veros (Canadian Premiere). Also included is a small orchestra, harp and organ and soloist Nicole Jordan. The concert takes place at **Wolfville Baptist Church on Monday, May 13** at 7:30pm. Tickets are \$25 for Adults, \$10 for Students and Children 5 and under are free.

St. Joseph's (Kentville) CWL will hold its May monthly meeting on **Wed, May 15** at 6:30 pm in the Library across from the church office. All members and interested women are welcomed to come and share in companionship to warm the heart and spirit. For more information on the Catholic Women League of Canada, please call President Ann Myers at 902-680-8957.

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 12**. Come and be nourished by the meaningful presentations, uplifting companionship with other women in faith, and singing with joy!



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!

Used Tool Sale (Little Brook) Knights of Columbus Conseil Sigogne 6348 will be hosting an Used Tool Sale on **Sat, May 18** at 9 to 11am, Next to "Rug Shack", 1002 Nova Scotia Trunk 1, Little Brook NS.

Yarmouth and Area Women's Cursillo Weekend Clausura/Closing will be held at the St. Ambrose Parish Centre Dining Room at 4 pm **Sun, May 19**. All cursillistas welcome. Potluck supper will follow. Please note that there will only be general palanca for the candidates on the weekend.

Men of St. Anthony's & Friends (ie. Berwick Men's Choir) will be performing at St Joseph's Church in **Weymouth** on **Sun, June 9** at 3 pm . It will be a free will offering. All are welcome. For more information, please contact Marion MacDonald at 902-841- 1948.

Confirmation - Archbishop Dunn will be celebrating Confirmation:

- **Sunday, May 12** at St Joseph's, Kentville ... 14 youth will be Confirmed and 1 adult will be Received into the Church and Confirmed.
- **Sunday, June 2** at St. Monica's, Middleton ... 1 adult will be Received Into the Church and Confirmed.
- **Saturday, June 8** at St. Patrick's, Digby ... 7 youth will be Confirmed.

Please keep these candidates in your prayers.

*Chalice is coming to Corpus Christi Parish ! **On the Feast of Corpus Christi**, at the June 1-2 Masses, Canada's largest Catholic Child Sponsorship organization will provide you the opportunity to begin a relationship with a child in the developing world through the benefits of Child Sponsorship. It is a powerful way to reveal God's love for those most in need. Please visit chalice.ca for more information about Chalice and its mission.*



St Joseph's (Kentville)

Movie Night - Fri, May 17 at 7 pm ***The Greatest Showman***

Games Night – Sat, May 18 at 7 pm

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!*

On Thurs, June 6 – Guest Speaker Trishe Colman - *Senior Safety Coordinator* will give a talk on **Frauds and Scams**.

Parishioners of **St Louis (Annapolis Royal)** are doing a clean-up of their church. They will be installing insulation as part of their heating system upgrades. *Great time to remove junk/garbage!!!*



Reception into the Catholic Church, Confirmation and 1st Communion

Congratulations are extended to **Sarah McNeil, Mallory Boyd** and **Jordan Baker** as they celebrated the above with Archbishop Dunn and the people of St. John the Evangelist Church in Windsor last Sunday.

St. Monica's Bookstore (Middleton) In this month of May dedicated to Our Blessed Mother Mary, we have rosaries for men, women, youth, and children; rosary cases, booklets and prayer cards; auto rosaries; and children's books to help them learn about Mary's love for God and us. We have gifts for mothers and nurses as we celebrate them with gratitude, as well as First Holy Communion and Confirmation gifts. 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 St Joseph's (Kentville) CWL
for providing the items for Coffee Sunday last week.

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).



Catechetics Registration – Entire Parish

May is registration month for Catechetics in Corpus Christi Parish. As Catechetics for this year winds down, we are preparing for Catechetics for next September. We need to register the children and youth who will be attending our Grade primary to grade 8 programs in May so we know what to order for materials for next fall.

We want those presently attending catechetics to update a few items and there are longer forms for those just beginning their faith journey with us.

Registration forms are available in the churches. They can be placed in the offering, returned to the church office, or emailed to the Kentville liaison at kentville@corpuschirstins.ca

Please register by **May 31** so your children and youth will have the appropriate materials next September.

Catholic Summer Camp 2024

Sunday, August 7 to Friday, August 12

Ages 10-14

Johnston Christian Park South Range, Digby County

Early bird registration \$225.00 by June 28th and \$250.00 after June 28th

Don't let the cost deter you – financial assistance is available.

For more information, contact the Corpus Christi Parish Office.

A lot of great memories to be made!



Baby Bottle Campaign



The **Valley Care Pregnancy Centre (Kentville)** & the **Tri-County Pregnancy Care Centre (Yarmouth)** are local Christian Missions ministering throughout the Annapolis Valley and Yarmouth area. Churches partner together to share the grace and truth of Jesus with young women and men facing life and death decisions. This mission is active in ministering to needy women and men facing crisis pregnancies, struggling with parenting and bringing healing to those suffering deep regret after an abortion. These Pregnancy Centres offer ongoing support, counselling, material aid, love, and the Gospel of Jesus Christ to everyone who needs help. It is the goal of this mission to save lives, see hearts turn to faith in Jesus and be connected to the local church.

This **Baby Bottle Campaign** is one way we can all work together to pray, raise awareness in the community and supply practical support for these Moms, Dads and Babies in need. It's really simple. On Mother's Day, **May 12**, just take a baby bottle home, pray for this mission and over the next few weeks put a donation of cash or cheque in the bottle and **return it to church** on Father's Day, **Sunday, June 16**. Please write cheques to *Valley Care Pregnancy Centre or Tri-County Pregnancy Centre*.

It's a simple and effective way to make a powerful impact for the Gospel here in our own backyard. Together, we can make a big difference. By this time next year, a baby will be born who would not have existed if it were not for your support. Thank you.

Following Jesus – According to the Letter or the Spirit?

by Fr. Ron Rolheiser o.m.i.

I think it was Henri Nouwen who first commented with sadness that many of the angry, bitter, and ideologically driven people he knew, he had met inside of church circles and places of ministry. Within church circles, it sometimes seems, everyone is angry about something. Moreover, within church circles, it is all too easy to rationalize our anger in the name of prophecy, as a healthy passion for truth and morals.

The logic works this way: Because I am sincerely concerned about an important moral, ecclesial, or justice issue, I can excuse a certain amount of neurosis, anger, elitism, and negative judgment, because I can rationalize that my cause, dogmatic or moral, is so important that it justifies my mean spirit: I need to be this angry and harsh because this is such an important truth!

What makes us genuine disciples of Jesus is living inside the Holy Spirit, and this is not something abstract and vague. If one were searching for a single formula to determine who is Christian and who isn't, one might look at the Epistle to the Galatians, Chapter 5. In it, St. Paul tells us that we can live according to either the spirit of the flesh or the Holy Spirit.

We live according to the spirit of the flesh when we live in anger, bitterness, judgment of our neighbor, factionalism, and non-forgiveness. When these things characterize our lives, we shouldn't delude ourselves and think that we are living inside of the Holy Spirit.

Conversely, we live inside of the Holy Spirit when our lives are characterized by charity, joy, peace, patience, goodness, longsuffering, constancy, faith, gentleness, and chastity. If these do not characterize our lives, we should not nurse the illusion that we are inside of God's Spirit, irrespective of our passion for truth, dogma, or justice.

We need to be more self-critical in regard to our anger, harsh judgments, mean spirit, exclusiveness, and disdain for other ecclesial and moral paths. We may have truth and right morals on our side. But our anger and harsh judgments towards those who don't share our truth and morals may well have us standing outside the Father's house, like the older brother of the prodigal son, bitter both at God's mercy and at those who are receiving that mercy.

Nova Scotia March for Life - Friday, May 17

Halifax - at St Mary's Cathedral Basilica after the 12:15 Mass. March begins at the Basilica and ends at Province House ... or ... **Dartmouth** - at St Thomas More Church after the 12:15 Mass. March begins at St Thomas More Church, heads westward on Main Street, before returning to the Church. *Signs provided.*

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