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This Week's Readings

	1st Reading	Gospel
Sun, June 2	Exodus 24:3-8	Mark 14:12-16, 22-26
Mon, June 3	2 Peter 1:2-7	Mark 12:1-12
Tues, June 4	2 Peter 3:12-15, 17-18	Mark 12:13-17
Wed, June 5	2 Timothy 1:1-3, 6-12	Mark 12:18-27
Thurs, June 6	2 Timothy 2:8-15	Mark 12:28-34
Fri, June 7	Hosea 11:1, 3-4, 8-9	John 19:31-37
Sat, June 8	2 Timothy 4:1-8	Luke 2: 41-51

Community's Email Addresses

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St Louis	annapolisroyal@corpuschristins.ca
St Patrick	digby@corpuschristins.ca
St Joseph	weymouth@corpuschristins.ca

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 – 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, JUNE 1

Bridgetown	4:00 PM	Dan Bernard by John & Linda MacDonald
Kentville	4:00 PM	Gisele Landry by Mom, Geneva Landry
Digby	6:00 PM	Rose & Aurthor Loughran by Pearl Janson

SUNDAY, JUNE 2

Windsor	8:30 AM	Leo & Maude Glavine by Betty Glavine & Mary Kelly
Annapolis Royal	9:00 AM	Elaine Thimot by Hubert & Paulette Le Blanc
Berwick	9:00 AM	Claudette Sturk by Don & Marie Sanford
Kentville	10:30 AM	Myrna Heatherington by Mari McCabe
Middleton	11:00 AM	Kelly Deal & Gerry Lutley by Tom & Peggy Foley
Weymouth	11:30 AM	Russel LeBlanc by Betty Rice
Wolfville	12:15 PM	Personal Intention for Fr Michael Walsh

TUESDAY, JUNE 4

Annapolis Royal	10:00 AM	Louis Thibodeau by Eloise Mailman
Digby	6:30 PM	For all our Volunteer Fire Fighters that keep us safe

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5

Middleton	9:00 AM	Kelly Deal & John Jevyetskee by St Monica's CWL
Tideview Terrace	10:30 AM	For all Maintenance Workers that keep Tideview running
Weymouth	4:00 PM	Millie Blinn by Marion & Greg MacDonald

THURSDAY, JUNE 6

Kentville	8:30 AM	Special Intention by Richard
Weymouth	4:00 PM	Comeau & Bell Family by Delia & Ronnie Bell

FRIDAY, JUNE 7

Berwick	9:00 AM	Souls in Purgatory by Helen Walsh
Digby	9:00 AM	Neil MacDonnell by Anna & Danny

SATURDAY, JUNE 8

Bridgetown	4:00 PM	Intentions of Darren Porter by John & Linda MacDonald
Kentville	4:00 PM	Gerry MacDougall by her Family
Digby	6:00 PM	Frank Mackintosh by Mackintosh Family

SUNDAY, JUNE 9

Windsor	8:30 AM	Lynn Cleveland by Jerone Cleveland & Family
Annapolis Royal	9:00 AM	Melanie Dennis by Parishioners of St Louis
Berwick	9:00 AM	Intentions of Jane Whittier by Gary Whittier
Kentville	10:30 AM	Carol Boudreau by Ann Meyers
Middleton	11:00 AM	Personal Intention of Fr Michael Walsh
Weymouth	11:30 AM	Daniel LeBlanc by Alvina & Michael LeBlanc
Wolfville	12:15 PM	Ben & Annie Harbers

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.



Confirmation - Archbishop Dunn will be celebrating Confirmation:

- **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.

Special Collection Envelope June 9, there is a special collection envelope for **Building & Maintenance**. These donations are used to support the maintenance and upkeep of our churches, halls and residences

Marian Prayer Hour (Middleton) will be held on **Sat, June 1** at 11:00 am at St. Monica's Church in Middleton, including the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary and special prayers in honour of the feasts of Corpus Christi (Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus), Sacred Heart of Jesus, and Immaculate Heart of Mary. All are welcomed! Led by St. Monica's CWL.

The Fundy Chorale presents "Imagine" a world without Music Concert on **Sunday, June 2** at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, **Digby** @ 4:00 pm. Tickets \$15 at the door. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Teas in Weymouth - St Joseph's Hall in Weymouth would like to have a weekly Tea every Thursday, starting in June until the end of August. The first tea will be held **Thurs, June 6** from 2-4 pm. Proceeds for this tea will be for the Hall to purchase 2 coffee urns and supplies for the rest of the summer. The second tea will be held **Thurs, June 13** from 2-4 pm, hosted by the Digby Cancer Helpfund Association. We have booking for later dates in the summer but still have lots of available dates. If you would like to book a date for your organization, please call Joanne Belliveau at 902-837-4934 or email joannebelliveau45@gmail.com. To book the hall, you will need proof of insurance. Free will offering at the door.



Guest Speaker (Kentville): **Thurs, June 6** at **1pm** – Trishe Colman - *Senior Safety Coordinator* will give a talk on **Frauds and Scams** ... how to recognize & avoid them. She will also talk about **Identity Theft and Hacking**. Seniors, in particular, are at risk. *All are welcome!*

Join the World in Prayer for Our Priests: The Annual Global Rosary Relay for the Sanctification of Priests will take place on **Fri, June 7**. On this day, countries around the world will pray and offer their Holy Rosary in Thanksgiving to God for Priests and to implore the protection and loving care of our Lady, mother of all priests, for all her priestly sons. You may pray individually, as a family, as a parish or prayer group. At midnight on June 7, the Rosary Relay will begin with groups praying the Holy Rosary in one part of the world and will continue to be passed on to other countries until the entire world is encircled in prayer over a 24 hour period. For more information, please visit: www.worldpriest.com

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.

Annapolis Voices presents "Then we Burst Forth" on **Sunday, June 9** at 3 pm at St George & St Andrew Church, Annapolis Royal. A concert built around the theme of overcoming, featuring "Toward the Unknown Region" written by Ralph Vaughn William. It has been newly arranged by our own Phil Roberts. The text is a poem by Walt Whitman. Special guests are the Conduit Chamber Choir. Tickets: \$20 for Adults, \$5 for Youth. Tickets can be bought by phoning 902-526-3609.

St Joseph (Kentville) Knights of Columbus Council #5030 will be holding a Membership drive on Fathers' Day Weekend. This will follow Mass on **June 15 & 16**. Come to Father Jack's Room downstairs following mass for beverages, snacks and information on the many benefits of the Knights of Columbus. We hope to see many of you there! Vivat Jesus!

Twelve Baskets Foodbank (Middleton) Needs for **June** include tuna, canned vegetables, Kraft Dinner, pasta & pasta sauce, laundry & dish soap, cookies/crackers, hand & body soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, prayers

St. Monica's CWL extends our warm **thanks** for donating your time, talent, and items for our Spring Yard Sale. The proceeds support our work with local needs, as well as other Catholic charities, notably Chalice. This annual event has become a time of welcome and relationship-building with our community, providing assistance with material needs in an affordable way, and promoting stewardship and sharing through re-use. Thanks to our Knights of Columbus for adding a tasty barbeque. If you have any questions or items to donate for next year, please see Marion Hole (902-765-4435) or Mary Crooks (902-825-6495). God bless you!



Parish Unity Challenge

Got Your Car in Gear? The Parish challenge is ON!

Pick up your challenge score sheet (pamphlet) and hit the road. How many churches will you visit this summer? How many of you will get to all 9? Don't forget to get a signature of someone you met at the visited church.

Parish Mass ... Sunday, June 23

Our 2nd **Outdoor Mass** at the United Church Campground in **Berwick**. Mass will be at **11 am**. For all of you who attended last year and who took some photos, please send in your shots so they can be posted on our website. Also, anyone who would like to help on that day contact Judy Griffith- Coulombe at griffithj749@gmail.com. Archbishop Brian Dunn will be the main celebrant.

Please note – there will be no other **Sunday Masses** in our parish on that Sunday morning. However, Mass on Saturday 4pm-**Kentville** & 6pm-**Windsor** ... 4pm-**Bridgetown** ... 4pm-**Weymouth** & 6pm-**Digby**.

St. Monica's Bookstore (Middleton) *Eucharistic Gems: Daily Wisdom on the Blessed Sacrament.* Fr. Donald Calloway has compiled 366 quotes from popes, saints, and others who have cherished the Real Presence of Christ with us in the Blessed Sacrament. These short meditations can draw us deeper during Adoration and Benediction. Or, begin each morning with this spiritual food to savour throughout the day and then to ease your sleep at night. Manageable size and clear print. (\$19.95). We also have gifts, laminated prayer cards, and greeting cards for Confirmation of youth and adults. 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.

Catholic Summer Camp 2024

Sunday, August 7 to Friday, August 12 **Ages 10-14**

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Early bird registration \$225 by June 28 and \$250 after June 28.

Don't let the cost deter you – financial assistance is available. For more info, contact the Parish Office.

St Patrick's (Digby) Shelter Update The Emergency Tiny Shelters at St. Patrick's are now available for occupancy. The two shelters have been provided by the Archdiocese of Halifax/Yarmouth, to offer housing to people who are experiencing homelessness. Shelter occupants are eligible for help with securing food and showering. The level of these services to clients will depend on need and availability of volunteers. The Archdiocese has hired a shelter coordinator who will collaborate with local volunteers to choose appropriate clients for the shelters, through an application process. Individuals are referred to the shelter program by community members or organizations. If you know someone who is experiencing homelessness and could use a dry, warm, and clean place to sleep, please reach out, locally to Michelle Levings 902-400-0805 or Lindsay Misiner, shelter coordinator 902-789-9795 or lmisiner@halifaxyarmouth.org.

Corpus Christi Parish Pilgrimage Walk Plans

Now that you have seen an update on the plans for the pilgrimage walk through Corpus Christi parish, the tentative dates (Oct 22, 2024 to Oct 27, 2024) and the plan to do the first half of the walk from St John, Church in Windsor to St. Alphonsus Church in Bridgetown, we want to ask you to fill out the second survey. This will give us a better idea of the number of interested parishioners. The survey can be completed online or on paper.

Even if you answered before we will need to hear from you again to make sure these tentative plans work for you. Thank you so much for your interest and willingness to support the walk which is being planned in an effort to support parish unity, one of the goals of Corpus Christi Parish.

If you have any questions you may contact Kay Whelan, at kaywhe@gmail.com or call 902 532 0746.

Restoration at St. Joseph's Cemetery (Kentville)

We have approximately 40+ stones that have either fallen over or have been vandalized. People have been commenting for quite some time that work needs to be done. So, **Murphy's Headstone Restoration** (Hants County) will begin working shortly. If you would like to make a financial contribution, please make out the cheque to Corpus Christi Parish (earmark: Kentville Cemetery Restoration). E-transfers or cash are also accepted. This cemetery is 1 of 3 connected with St. Joseph's in Kentville and 1 of 21 cemeteries in our parish.

SCENT FREE AWARENESS

Please be reminded that our parish offers a **scent free** environment.

Those with allergies to scented products, including one of our priests, can (and have) become very ill after exposure to scented products. Products to be mindful of include colognes, scented hair product, body sprays, aftershave, and dryer fragrance.

This is a reminder for everyone, in our efforts care for each other, to refrain from wearing /using scented products particularly when attending Mass or other church activity. Let's do our best to keep each other healthy.

Reacting to Criticism

by Fr. Ron Rolheiser o.m.i.

In much of the secularized world today, we live in a climate that's somewhat anti-Christian and anti-church (as contradictory as this may sound in a culture that still considers itself Christian). But the truth is that in many circles today it is fashionable to bash Christianity, especially its churches, be they Roman Catholic, Protestant, or Evangelical. Invariably the criticism will focus on inconsistencies, faults, and historical sins inside these churches. Indeed, the expression, *I am spiritual but not religious*, carries a not-so-subtle critique of the churches. *I want God, but not Christianity and the churches.*

How serious is this? What's to be our response? While it's irritating, ultimately it's not a major cause for concern. As a church, we are not fundamentally threatened by this and we should not overreact. Why?

First, because a certain amount of this criticism does us good. We have real faults and shortcomings and our culture generously points them out. The present criticism of the church is healthily humbling us and pushing us towards a more courageous internal purification. Our critics show us our faults; they do us a favor. Besides, for too long we enjoyed a situation of privilege, never a good thing for the church. We tend to be healthier as Christians whenever we are living in a time of dis-privilege rather than in a time of privilege, albeit it isn't as pleasant. Moreover, there's something weightier at stake.

We must be careful not to overreact to the present anti-ecclesial climate because this can lead to an unhealthy defensiveness and put us too much in the position of adversary vis-a-vis the culture. That's not where the gospel wants us to be, not at all. Our task instead is to absorb this criticism, painful though it can be, gently point to its unfairness, but resist every temptation to be overly defensive. Why? Why not aggressively defend ourselves?

Because we are strong enough not to, pure and simple. We can withstand this without having to become hard and defensive. No matter how prevalent or unfair the criticism, the church is not about to go under or away any time soon. We are more than two billion Christians in the world, stand within a two-thousand-year-old tradition, have among ourselves a universally accepted scripture, have two thousand years of doctrinal entrenchment and refinement, have massive centuries-old institutions, are embedded in the very roots of Western culture and technology, constitute one of the biggest multi-national groups in the world, and are growing in numbers worldwide. We are hardly a reed shaking in the wind, reeling, a ship about to go under. We are strong, stable, blessed by God, an elder in the culture. Because of this we owe the culture graciousness and understanding.

Beyond that, and more important than our historical strengths, is the fact that we have Christ's promise to be with us and the reality of the resurrection to sustain us. Given all this, I think it's fair to say that we can absorb a fair amount of criticism without fear of losing our identity. Moreover, we must not let this criticism make us lose sight of why we exist in the first place.

The church does not exist for its own sake or to ensure its own survival. It exists for the sake of the world. We can too easily forget this and, in all sincerity, lose sight of what the gospel asks of us. For example, compare these two responses: at a press conference, someone once asked the late Cardinal Basil Hume what he considered the foremost challenge facing the church today. He replied: *"To save the planet."* Some years later, another Cardinal (unnamed here because of his answer) in a television interview was asked roughly the same question, *"What do you see as your first task in taking over this diocese?"* His reply: *"To defend the faith."* A very different answer, clearly.

Everything about Jesus suggests that Hume's view is closer to the gospel than the other. When Jesus says, *my flesh is food for the life of the world*, he is telling us that the major task of the church is not to defend itself, to ensure its continuity, or to keep the world from grinding it up. The church exists for the sake of the world, not for its own sake. That's why Jesus was born in a trough, a place where animals come to eat, and it's why he gives himself on a table, to be eaten. Being ground up is part of what Jesus is about. Everything about him suggests vulnerability over defensiveness, risk over safety, trust in a divine promise over any human defense and insurance.

The very essence of the gospel is a call to risk beyond defensiveness, to absorb what's unjust, to not be defensive— *Forgive them for they know not what they do*. We are meant to be food for the world, not anxious about our own survival. We must be the food of understanding, graciousness, and forgiveness for the world.

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