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Holy Trinity Sunday

May 26, 2024



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This Week's Readings

	1st Reading	Gospel
Sun, May 26	Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40	Matthew 28:16-20
Mon, May 27	1 Peter 1:3-9	Mark 10:17-27
Tues, May 28	1 Peter 1:10-16	Mark 10:28-31
Wed, May 29	1 Peter 1:18-25	Mark 10:32-45
Thurs, May 30	1 Peter 2:2-5, 9-12	Mark 10:46-52
Fri, May 31	Zephaniah 3:14-18	Luke 1:39-56
Sat, June 1	Jude 17, 20-25	Mark 11:27-33

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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 – 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 25

Bridgetown	4:00 PM	Keith Dalby by Arlette Plessis
Kentville	4:00 PM	Eleanor Nesbitt by Dennis & Barb Nash
Digby	6:00 PM	Henry & Etta Moulaison by Clark & Debbie Moulaison

SUNDAY, MAY 26

Windsor	8:30 AM	Phyl & Bernie Grant by Alan Grant
Annapolis Royal	9:00 AM	For Special Intentions by Joan & Lee Eisan
Berwick	9:00 AM	Graeme King by Dorothy & the Girls
Kentville	10:30 AM	Dolly & Jack Fitzgerald by Cora Fitzgerald
Middleton	11:00 AM	Personal Intention for Fr Michael Walsh
Weymouth	11:30 AM	Deceased Members of Comeau & Bell Families by Delia & Ron Bell
Wolfville	12:15 PM	Ben & Annie Harbers

TUESDAY, MAY 28

Kentville	8:30 AM	St Joseph's CWL
Digby	6:30 PM	Deceased Family Members of Nancy Robinson

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29

Middleton	9:00 AM	Intentions of Darren Porter & Mary Crooks by Mary Gillis
Weymouth	4:00 PM	Russel LeBlanc by Bucky & Medora Dalhgren

THURSDAY, MAY 30

Weymouth	4:00 PM	Annette Hendricks by Delia & Ronnie Bell
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FRIDAY, MAY 31

Berwick	9:00 AM	Claudette Sturk by John McNeil & Colleen Stephenson
Digby	9:00 AM	Special Intentions by Penny Murphy

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

A Celebration of Life will be held for **Grover Rose** on **Sat, May 25** at 2 pm at St Anthony's church, Berwick, followed by a reception.

Yard Sale (Middleton) St. Monica's Catholic Women's League invites you to our Bountiful Indoor Yard Sale on **Saturday, 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 Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, May 22, 23, and 24 from 9 am to 6 pm. 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).

AED Training (Kentville) There is an **AED (Automated External Defibrillator) machine** in the church foyer of St Joseph's Church (Kentville). Their Community Life Team has arranged a training session on it so more people can learn how to use it in case of an emergency. The training session will be on **Wed, May 29 at 6:30 pm** in the church foyer. Anyone interested in learning how to operate it is welcome to attend.

Spring Concert (Middleton) Fri, May 31: Sing Together Always is the spring concert of Middleton Choral Society, directed by Andrew Cranston, accompanied by Beth Cranston, to be held in **Middleton Baptist Church** at 7:30 pm. Special guest performers will be **The Fundy Three Trio**. Celebrating the choir's 50th anniversary, the concert will feature a door prize draw and an open reception following the concert. Tickets will be available from choir members or at the door.

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 women and men are welcomed. Led by St. Monica's CWL.

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. The idea of the Global Rosary Relay is a simple one. 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 You may also contact Isabel Gillis 902-870-3831 or 4isabelgillis@gmail.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.

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.

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. Monica's Bookstore (Middleton) *How To Pray the Rosary* by Fr. Dominic Sultana is a treasury in large clear print that provides the history of the rosary, papal teaching and practice of the rosary, related prayers and litanies, and an illuminating presentation of each of the Joyful, Sorrowful, Luminous, and Glorious Mysteries, including the Scripture passage, the historical and cultural context, and a prayerful reflection (\$30.00). We also have Confirmation gifts, laminated prayer cards, and greeting cards for 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.

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. The shelters are 8 ft x 8 ft, with a secure entrance, and a heating and cooling system. 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.



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@corpuschristians.ca

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

Mark the Date.....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.

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.

Baby Bottle Campaign

The **Baby Bottle Campaign** for the **Valley Care Pregnancy Centre (Kentville)** & the **Tri-County Pregnancy Care Centre (Yarmouth)** for the Annapolis Valley and Yarmouth area is well under way. 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.

Please **return the Baby Bottle to church** on Father's Day, **Sunday, June 16**. Please write cheques to *Valley Care Pregnancy Centre or Tri-County Pregnancy Centre*.

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 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.

Update on Plans for Pilgrimage Walk Through Corpus Christi Parish

Thank you to all who have replied to our survey and thank you for your interest in the walk and/ or your willingness to help. A committee has been formed consisting of Father John, Judy Griffith-Coulombe, Eileen Kelleher, Monika Treleaven and Kay Whelan. We certainly will welcome more committee members as we proceed. Here are some of the tentative plans.

Dates: Tuesday, Oct 22, 2024 to Sunday, Oct 27, 2024 (First Half)

Walk: Starting at St John's Church in **Windsor**, we will begin walking on the rail bed in Grand Pre and finishing at St Alphonsus Church in **Bridgetown**. This will be the first half of the pilgrimage. The second part will take place in the Spring of 2025 and will begin at St Alphonsus Church in **Bridgetown** and end at St Joseph's Church in **Weymouth**. The average daily walk will be 20 km or less.

Cost: Participants doing the full walk will pay \$150 to cover the cost of food, transporting baggage and other miscellaneous expenses. Those who do part of the walk and join us for a meal will make a free will donation. Please do not let the cost be a deterrent. We will figure out ways to cover costs if it is a problem for anybody.

Shortly, you will receive another short survey where we will ask if these plans work for you. We appreciate the feedback. If you have not indicated an interest but are now interested, just let us know in the survey.



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.

A Spirituality of the Ascension

by Fr. Ron Rolheiser o.m.i.

The Ascension throws some important light on the mystery of love and intimacy. What's the Ascension?

It's an event inside of the life of Jesus and the early church, a feast-day for Christians, a theology, and a spirituality, all woven together into one amorphous bundle of mystery that we too seldom try to unpackage and sort out. What does the Ascension mean?

Among other things, that the mystery of how we touch each other's lives is strangely paradoxical in that the wondrous life-giving power of arriving, touching another's life, speaking words that nurture, doing actions that build up, and giving life for another, depends also upon eventually leaving, being silent, absorbing rather than actively doing, and giving our goodbye and death just as we once gave our presence and our life. Presence depends too upon absence and there's a blessing we can only give when we go away.

That's why Jesus, when bidding farewell to his friends before his ascension, spoke these words: *"It's better for you that I go away."* *"You will be sad now, but your sadness will turn to joy."* *"Don't cling to me, go instead to Galilee and I will meet you there."*

How might we understand these words? How is it better that someone we love goes away? How can the sadness of a goodbye, of a painful leaving, turn to joy?

This is something that's hard to explain, though we experience it daily in our lives. Allow me an example: When I was 22, in the space of four months, my father and mother died, both still young. For myself and my siblings, the pain of their deaths was searing. Initially, as with every major loss, what we felt was pain, severance, coldness, helplessness, a new vulnerability, the loss of a vital life-connection, and, the brutality and finality of something for which there is no preparation. There's nothing warm, initially, in any loss, death, or painful goodbye.

Time is a great healer (though there's a lot more to this than simply what washes clean or is anaesthetized by the passage of time). After a while, for me this took several years, I didn't feel a coldness any more. My parents' deaths were no longer a painful thing. Instead their absence turned into a warm presence, the heaviness gave way to a certain lightness of soul inside me, their seeming incapacity to speak to me now turned into a surprising new way of having their steady, constant word in my life, and the blessing that they were never able to fully give me while they were alive began to seep ever more deeply and irrevocably into the very core of my person. The same was true for my siblings. Our sadness turned to joy and we began to find our parents again, in a deeper way, in Galilee, namely, in those places where their spirits had flourished while they were alive. They had ascended and we were the better for it.

We often have this kind of experience, simply in less dramatic ways. Parents, for instance, experience this, often excruciatingly, when a child grows up, grows away, and eventually goes away to start life on his or her own. A real death takes place here. An ascension has to happen, an old way of relating has to die, painful as that death is. Yet, it's better that our children go away. The same is true everywhere in life. When we visit someone, it's important that we come, it's also important that we leave. Our leaving, painful though it is, is part of the gift of our visit. Our presence partly depends upon our absence.

This however must be carefully distinguished from what we mean by the axiom: *"Absence makes the heart grow fonder."* In essence, that's not true. Absence makes the heart grow fonder, but only for a while and mostly for the wrong reasons. Physical absence, simple distance from each, without a deeper dynamic of spirit taking place beneath, ends more relationships than it deepens. In the end, most of the time, we simply grow apart. That's not how the ascension deepens intimacy, presence, and blessing.

The ascension deepens intimacy by giving us precisely a new presence, a deeper, richer one, but one which can only come about if our former way of being present is taken away. Perhaps we understand this best in the experience we have when our children grow up and leave home. It's painful to see them grow away from us, painful to say that particular goodbye, painful to see them, precisely, ascend.

But, if their words could say what their hearts intuit, they would say what Jesus said before his ascension: *"It's better for you that I go away. There will be sadness now, but that sadness will turn to joy when, one day soon, you will have standing before you a wonderful adult son or daughter who is now in a position to give you the much deeper gift of his or her adulthood."*

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