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10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 9, 2024



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This Week's Readings

	1st Reading	Gospel
Sun, June 9	Gensis 3:9-15	Mark 3:20-35
Mon, June 10	1 Kings 17:1-6	Matthew 5:1-12
Tues, June 11	Acts 11:21-26; 13:1-3	Matthew 10:7-13
Wed, June 12	1 Kings 18:20-39	Matthew 5:17-19
Thurs, June 13	Wisdom 7:7-14	Mark 16:15-20
Fri, June 14	1 Kings 19:9,11-16	Matthew 5:27-32
Sat, June 15	1 Kings 19:19-21	Matthew 5:33-37

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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, 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

TUESDAY, JUNE 11

Kentville	8:30 AM	Catherine Farrell
Digby	6:30 PM	Intentions of Fr John's Brother by Margaret & Chuck Mills

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12

Middleton	9:00 AM	Intentions of Fr Michael Walsh & Connie Verran by Tom & Peggy Foley
Weymouth	4:00 PM	Herbert Boudreau by Mary LeBlanc

THURSDAY, JUNE 13

Weymouth	4:00 PM	Lloyd Legere & Robbie MacDonald by Marion & Greg MacDonald
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FRIDAY, JUNE 14

Berwick	9:00 AM	Art Rasmusson by Shirley Samson
Digby	9:00 AM	Carol Rodgers by Sybil Spriggs

SATURDAY, JUNE 15

Bridgetown	4:00 PM	Gerry Lutley by Nancy Rent
Kentville	4:00 PM	Intentions of Pat Fitzgerald
Digby	6:00 PM	My Father, Grandfathers & Great Grandmothers by Nancy Robinson

SUNDAY, JUNE 16

Windsor	8:30 AM	James Little by Katherine Little
Annapolis Royal	9:00 AM	Elaine Thimot by Mary Gilbert
Berwick	9:00 AM	Personal Intention of Fr Michael Walsh
Kentville	10:30 AM	My Deceased Husband & Father and my Children & their Families (L) by Helen Walsh
Middleton	11:00 AM	Tom Wood by Fred & Marion Hole
Weymouth	11:30 AM	Daniel, Henry & Jacky by Joanne & Jerry LeBlanc
Wolfville	12:15 PM	John & Dorothy teBraake by Maggie & Phil Kenny

Confirmation - Archbishop Dunn will be celebrating Confirmation:

- **Saturday, June 8** at St. Patrick's, Digby ... 7 youth will be Confirmed.

Please keep these candidates in your prayers.

Name Tag Sunday (Windsor) – St John's will be having their Name Tag Sunday this **Sun, June 9**. *Let's learn the names of our fellow parishioners.*

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.

Teas in Weymouth - St Joseph's Hall in Weymouth is having a weekly Tea every Thursday until the end of August. The next 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.



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 BBQ. 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!*

Thank you Letter from Canadian Food for Children

Dear Parishioners of Corpus Christi Parish:

We would like to acknowledge a donation of **used eyeglasses and hearing aids** for the poor that we shipped in one of our 40 ft long containers. We would like to thank you for your gifts and are grateful for your help with our work. Our mission started in the 1980s after receiving a letter from Saint Mother Teresa of Kolkata to help the poor.

May God Bless you all! - Gloria Vargas, Assistant Executive Director

Birthday Party (Weymouth) The family of Lucille Saulnier is having an open house on **Sunday, June 23** to celebrate Lucille's 90th birthday. You are invited to drop in anytime between 2 -4 pm at her home, 4290 Highway 1, Weymouth, to wish Lucille a happy birthday. Tea, coffee, sandwiches and sweets will be served.

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.

Corpus Christi Parish Pilgrimage Walk Plans

Thank you to all who have completed the second survey. It gives us a better idea of the number of people who are interested and also the feasibility of doing this Pilgrimage in the spirit of creating unity in our parish. If you haven't had a chance to complete the second survey, please do it as soon as you can.

Remember: The plan is to start at St John Church in Windsor and finish at St Alphonsus Church in Bridgetown for the first half. The dates are Oct 22-27, 2024. The second half will start at St Alphonsus in Bridgetown and end at St. Joseph's in Weymouth in May 2025.

It's important to note that the walk does not have to be completed as a whole. Provisions will be made to do any part of the walk which is convenient for you. We encourage those who can't walk or who need walking aids to take part by walking a short distance or even to be along the trail to welcome walkers.

Friends are welcome to walk with us. They do not need to be members of Corpus Christi Parish. Our aim is to have a plan in place by the end of June. If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact Kay Whelan kaywhe@gmail.com 902-532-0746 or 902-526-0688.

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Parish Mass ... Sunday, June 23

2nd Annual **Outdoor Mass** at the United Church Campground in **Berwick**. Mass will be at **11 am**. 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**.

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.



AED Unit – St Joseph's (Kentville) In case of an emergency, there is an AED (automated external defibrillator) at St Joseph's, located at the back of the church in the foyer, under the stairs. It is maintained by BraveHeart First Aid Inc in Kentville.

A training session was recently held to train more parishioners.

"Thank You" from the Windsor KOC The Windsor Council 11526 of the Knights of Columbus extends a most sincere thank you to all parishioners, families and friends who offered donations of money, items for auction at our **Gala Dinner and Silent Auction**, and who joined us for a wonderful and most successful dinner & auction on April 27 at our St. John's Church Hall. This delightful event was held to raise financial support for several community projects: (a) School supplies for needy children, (b) Needy families at Christmas, and (c) "Coats for Kids" Program – (24 coats again in 2024). The amount of money raised was in excess of \$4000 and this will nicely help support these projects.

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.



Things Hidden From the Learned and the Clever

by Fr. Ron Rolheiser o.m.i.

I've lived and worked within academic circles for most of my adult life, studying in various universities, teaching within university circles, and having university professors as close friends and colleagues. What's that world like? What kind of folks inhabit academic circles?

Perhaps my experience is atypical because most of the scholars under whom I studied and most of the theologians and other scholars who have been my colleagues became professors and university lecturers in function of ministry, as a vocation, rather than as a career. Thus, instead of struggling with faith and church, they were driven to become academics in function of their faith and church commitments. In some ways, professors in theology schools and schools of ministry aren't typical of academic circles.

But an academic is an academic and graduate and post-graduate studies, whatever the motivation for doing them, have some of the same effect on people. And so I suspect that the circles I have been part of, in the end, are more typical than atypical. And what is typical?

Academics, scholars, and university professors, like any segment of society, are a complex mix: In university circles you will find some of the most humble, gracious, faith-filled, and genuinely good people you will ever meet; just as you will also find some of the most arrogant, self-absorbed, amoral, and cynical people in the world. The academic world looks like the rest of the world.

Given that truth, I have long been haunted by a saying of Jesus that, often times, the deep secrets of life and of faith are hidden from the learned and the clever and revealed instead to children, to those of a less-complex mind. I don't doubt the truth of this; I wonder why.

Why? Clearly intelligence and learning are good things. Intelligence is the gift from God that sets us apart from animals and access to learning is a precious right given us by God. Indeed, ignorance and lack of education are things every healthy society and every healthy individual strive to overcome. Scripture praises both wisdom and intelligence and the health of any church is partly predicated on having a vigorous intellectual stream within it. Every time in history that the church has let popular piety, however sincere, trump sound theology it has paid a high price. The Reformation arose out of just that and one of the first things that the Council of Trent mandated for Roman Catholics was that its priests be better trained intellectually.

Intelligence and learning are good things. God did not give us intelligence and then ask us not to use it. Naiveté is not a virtue and should never be confused with innocence. So why is being "intelligent and clever" something that can work against our understanding of the deeper secrets within life and faith?

The fault is not with intelligence and learning, both good things in themselves, but in what they can inadvertently do to us. Intelligence and learning often have the unintended effect of undermining what's childlike in us, that is, the very strength that they bring into our lives can allow us to unconsciously claim a superiority and have us believe that, given our intelligence, we have both the need and the right to isolate ourselves from others in ways that the natural neediness of children does not permit them to do. Children are not self-sufficient even though they fiercely want to be. They need others and they know it. Consequently they more naturally reach out and take someone's hand. They don't have the luxury of self-sufficiency.

When we are "learned and the clever" we can more easily forget that we need others and consequently don't as naturally reach for another's hand as does a child. It's easier for us to isolate ourselves. When we are less aware of our contingency we more easily lose sight of the things to which God and life are inviting us. The very strength that intelligence and learning bring into our lives can instill in us a false sense of self-sufficiency that can make us want to separate ourselves in unhealthy ways from others and understand ourselves as superior in some way. And superiority never enters a room alone, but always brings along a number of her children: arrogance, disdain, boredom, cynicism. All of these are occupational hazards for the "learned and the clever" and none of these helps unlock any of life's deep secrets.

But we must be careful not to misread the lesson. Faith does not ask us to not stretch our minds. Neither ignorance nor naiveté serve faith. Faith not only doesn't fear the hard questions it invites us to ask them. The depths of infinity are never threatened by finite intelligence. And so it's never a bad thing to become learned and sophisticated; it's only a bad thing if we remain there. The task is to become post-sophisticated, that is, to remain full of intelligence and learning even as we put on again to the mindset of a child.

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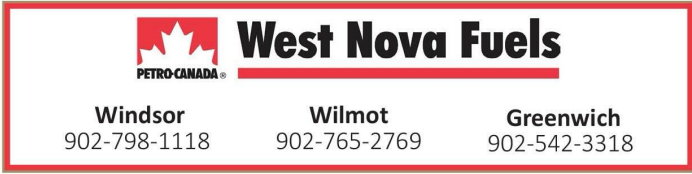
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