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11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 16, 2024



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**This Week's Readings**

	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
Sun, June 16	Ezekiel 17:22-24	Mark 4:26-34
Mon, June 17	1 Kings 21:1-16	Matthew 5:38-42
Tues, June 18	1 Kings 21:17-29	Matthew 5:43-48
Wed, June 19	2 Kings 2:1, 6-14	Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18
Thurs, June 20	Sirach 48:1-14	Matthew 6:7-15
Fri, June 21	2 Kings 11:1-4, 9-18, 20	Matthew 6:19-23
Sat, June 22	2 Chronicles 24:17-25	Matthew 6:24-34

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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](mailto: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 – 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month ... 9 – 10 am  
 Berwick – 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month ... 10 – 11 am  
 Middleton – Wednesday mornings after Mass until 10:00 am

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

**Digby:** Adoration after Mass on Friday until 10:30am  
**Bridgetown:** Thursday morning at 9:00 am for Rosary and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
**Middleton:** Tuesdays 2pm to 3pm - Scripture reflection, 3pm to 4pm - Rosary during Exposition  
**Kentville:** Private Adoration available in Adoration Chapel 24/7



## Mass Times & Intentions

### **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

### **TUESDAY, JUNE 18**

Digby	6:30 PM	Special Intentions by Monica Trealeven
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### **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19**

Middleton	9:00 AM	Leo Paul, Allison, Samantha Jane by Roger & Theresa Lirette
Tideview Terrace	10:30 AM	For all the Families of the Residents of Tideview Nursing Home
Weymouth	4:00 PM	Kaye Sapper by Mary LeBlanc

### **THURSDAY, JUNE 20**

Annapolis Royal Nursing Home	10:30 AM	Intentions of Donald Therault BD by Mary Gilbert
Weymouth	4:00 PM	Wayne Comeau by Mary LeBlance

### **FRIDAY, JUNE 21**

Berwick	9:00 AM	Alice Sullivan by Michelle Mackey
Digby	9:00 AM	Carol Rodgers by Steven, Stuart & Sean Spriggs

### **SATURDAY, JUNE 22**

Bridgetown	4:00 PM	Gerry Lutley by William Black Pastoral Church of Canada
Kentville	4:00 PM	Intentions of Rita Roefs & Souls of her daughter Kelly & brother Peter by Doris Pasley
Weymouth	4:00 PM	Herbert & Agnes Boudreau by Marie, Melbourne & Denise
Digby	6:00 PM	Intentions of Steve Bicknell by Sharon Bicknell
Windsor	6:00 PM	Cecil Rolfe by Ronday Cox & Keith Van de Sande

### **SUNDAY, JUNE 23**

Berwick at United Church Campground	11:00 AM	Outdoor Mass Parishioners of Corpus Christi Parish
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## Parish Mass ... Sunday, June 23

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

Archbishop Brian Dunn will be the main celebrant.

The festivities will continue with food, music and fellowship. A wonderful way to spend the first Sunday in Summer!

PS Bring along your Parish Challenge Passport to get extra credit for visiting communities in the parish this summer.

Anyone who would like to help on that day contact Judy Griffith- Coulombe at griffithj749@gmail.com.

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 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!

**AED Training – St John's (Windsor)** There is now an AED (automated external defibrillator) at St John's, located at the back of the church by the choir stairs. A training session will be held on **Wed, June 19** at 6:30 pm at St John's Church.

**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.

**Windsor KOC 2024 Bursary Applicants** - The Windsor Council of the Knights of Columbus is offering our 2024 \$500 Fr Claude McLean Bursary to a student who is normally a resident of the area and is a member of St. John's Church. The student must be graduating in the current year from Avon View High School, Horton District High School or Kings Edgehill School. Applications are available at the back of the Church or by sending an e-mail request to keith.aucoin@ns.sympatico.ca. Deadline for submissions is **July 5**.

## **Thank You Letter from Canadian Food for Children**

Dear Parishioners of Corpus Christi Parish:

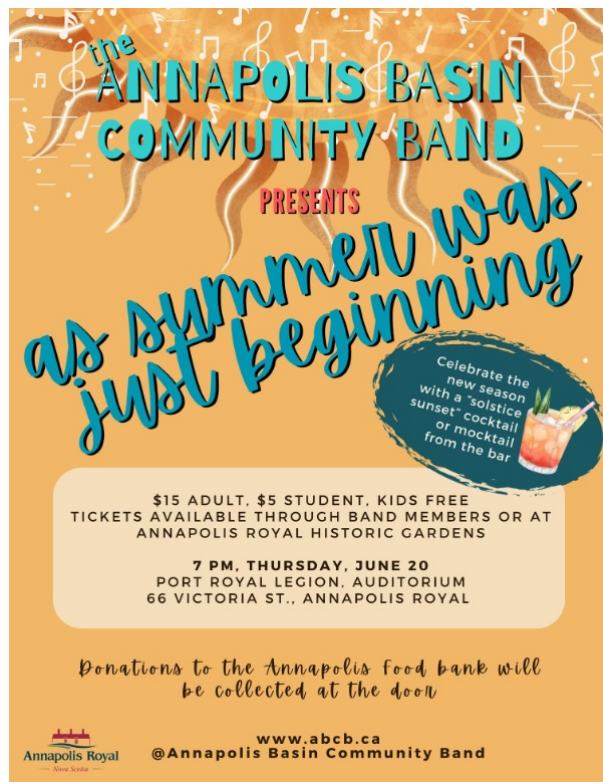
We would like to acknowledge a donation of **used eyeglasses and hearing aids** for the poor that we shipped in one of our 40 ft long containers. We are grateful for your help with our work. Our mission started in the 1980s after receiving a letter from Saint Mother Teresa of Kolkata to help the poor.

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

## **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. **Murphy's Headstone Restoration** (Hants County) has been working for the past couple of weeks on this. 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.

**"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.



## 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 Alphonse Church in Bridgetown for the first half. The dates are Oct 22-27, 2024. The second half will start at St Alphonse 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](mailto:kaywhe@gmail.com) 902-532-0746 or 902-526-0688.

## 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.*

## 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.

**Congratulations** are extended to youth from different churches in our parish who celebrated

**Confirmation:**

Minsung Kang, Lawon Kang, Ava Comeau, Alaina Carangan, Dherec Burgos and Johanna Amutan at **St Patrick's (Digby)**  
and to  
Theresa Gladish-Lirette as she was Received into the Catholic Church & Confirmed at **St Monica's (Middleton)**

**First Communion:**

Payson Ludlow and Jovian Lobo at **St Joseph's (Kentville)**



Picture of Confirmation of six of our youth along with Fr. Marcellus and Archbishop Dunn at St Patrick's Church (Digby) on June 8<sup>th</sup>.

**St. Monica's Bookstore (Middleton)** Plaque of the Sacred Heart with inscription: "*I will bless the houses in which this picture of my Sacred Heart shall be exposed and honoured.*" On the back are written the promises of Our Lord to Saint Margaret Mary in favour of those who are devoted to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. (\$1) Available at St. Monica's Church after Sunday Mass or contact Mary Crooks at 902-825-6495.

**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.



**"You'll notice my sermon outline in our All-Points Bulletin this morning."**

# Why Stay In the Church?

by Fr. Ron Rolheiser o.m.i.

Several weeks ago after giving a lecture at a religious conference, the first question from the audience was this one: How can you continue to stay in a church that played such a pivotal part in setting up and maintaining residential schools for the indigenous people of Canada? How can you stay in a church that did that?

The question is legitimate and important. Both in its history and in its present, the church has enough sin to legitimize the question. The list of sins done in the name of the church is long: the Inquisition, its support for slavery, its role in colonialism, its link to racism, its role in thwarting women's rights, and its endless historical and present compromises with white supremacy, big money, and political power. Its critics are sometimes excessive and unbalanced, but, for the most part, the church is guilty as charged.

However, this guilt isn't unique to the church. The same charges might be leveled against any of the countries in which we live. How can we stay in a country that has a history of racism, slavery, colonialism, genocide of some of its indigenous peoples, radical inequality between its rich and its poor, one that is callous to desperate refugees on its borders, and one within which millions of people hate each other? Isn't it being rather selective morally to say that I am ashamed to be a Catholic (or a Christian) when the nations we live in share the same history and the same sins?

Still, since the church is supposed to be leaven for a society and not just a mirror of it, the question is valid. Why stay in the church? There are good apologetic answers on this, but, at the end of the day, for each of us, the answer has to be a personal one. Why do I stay in the church?

First, because the church is my mother tongue. It gave me the faith, taught me about God, gave me God's word, taught me to pray, gave me the sacraments, showed me what virtue looks like, and put me in contact with some living saints. Moreover, despite all its shortcomings, it was for me authentic enough, altruistic enough, and pure enough to have the moral authority to ask me to entrust my soul to it, a trust I've not given any other communal entity. I'm very comfortable worshipping with other religions and sharing soul with non-believers, but in the church in which I was raised, I recognize home, my mother tongue.

Second, the church's history is not univocal. I recognize its sins and openly acknowledge them, but that's far from its full reality. The church is also the church of martyrs, of saints, of infinite generosity, and of millions of women and men with big, noble hearts who are my moral exemplars. I stand in the darkness of its sins; but I also stand in the light of its grace, of all the good things it has done in history.

Finally, and most important, I stay in the church because the church is all we've got! There's no other place to go. I identify with the ambivalent feeling that rushed through Peter when, just after hearing Jesus say something which had everyone else walk away from him, Peter was asked, "*do you want to walk away too?*" and he (speaking for all the disciples) replied: "*We'd like to, but we have no place else to go. Besides we recognize that, despite everything, you still have the words of everlasting life.*"

In essence, Peter is saying, "*Jesus, we don't get you, and what we get we often don't like. But we know we're better off not getting it with you than going any place else. Dark moments notwithstanding, you're all we've got!*"

The church is all we've got! Where else can we go? Behind the expression, *I am spiritual, but not religious* (however sincerely uttered) lies either an invincible failure or a culpable reluctance to deal with the necessity of religious community, to deal with what Dorothy Day called "the asceticism of church life". To say, *I cannot or will not deal with an impure religious community* is an escape, a self-serving exit, which at the end of the day is not very helpful, not least for the person saying it. Why? Because for compassion to be effective it needs to be collective, given the truth that what we dream alone remains a dream but what we dream with others can become a reality. I cannot see anything outside the church that can save this world.

There is no pure church anywhere for us to join, just as there is no pure country anywhere for us in which to live. This church, for all its checkered history and compromised present, is all we have. We need to own its faults since they are our faults. Its history is our history; its sin, our sin; and its family, our family – the only lasting family we've got.

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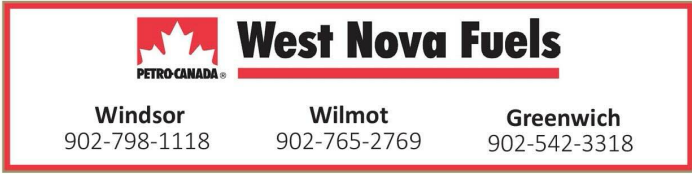
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