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12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 23, 2024



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This Week's Readings

	1st Reading	Gospel
Sun, June 23	Job 38:1, 8-11	Mark 4:35-41
Mon, June 24	Isaiah 49:1-6	Luke 1:57-66, 80
Tues, June 25	2 Kings 19:9-11, 14-21, 31-36	Matthew 7:6, 12-14
Wed, June 26	2 Kings 22:8-13: 23:1-3	Matthew 7:15-20
Thurs, June 27	2 Kings 24:8-17	Matthew 7:21-29
Fri, June 28	2 Kings 25:1-12	Matthew 8:1-4
Sat, June 29	Acts 12:1-11	Matthew 16:13-19

Community's Email Addresses

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 St Patrick digby@corpuschristins.ca
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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
Windsor: 1st Saturday of the month ... 9 – 10 am
Middleton: Wednesday mornings after Mass until 10:00 am

Kentville: every Saturday 11 am – 12 noon
Berwick: 1st Saturday of the month ... 10 – 11 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 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 Ronda 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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TUESDAY, JUNE 25

Kentville	8:30 AM	Art Balaski by Frank & Catherine Brussett
Digby	6:30 PM	For the safety of our Fishermen by St Patrick's Community

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26

Kentville	8:30 AM	St Joseph's CWL
Middleton	9:00 AM	Intentions of Theresa Lirette by Fred & Marion Hole
Weymouth	4:00 PM	Nancy Henry by Mary LeBlanc

THURSDAY, JUNE 27

Kentville	8:30 AM	Keith Gibbon by the Montford Family
Weymouth	4:00 PM	For Intentions of Joanne & Jerry's 60th Anniversary

FRIDAY, JUNE 28

Berwick	9:00 AM	Claudette Sturk by Rick & Judy Coulombe
Digby	9:00 AM	Parishioners of Corpus Christi Parish

SATURDAY, JUNE 29

Bridgetown	4:00 PM	Dean Sabean by Patsy Sabean & Family
Kentville	4:00 PM	<i>Liturgy of the Word with Communion</i>
Digby	6:00 PM	Mark Saulnier by the Levings Family

SUNDAY, JUNE 30

Windsor	8:30 AM	<i>Liturgy of the Word with Communion</i>
Annapolis Royal	9:00 AM	Veronica Underhill by Parishioners of St Louis
Berwick	9:00 AM	Kelly Deal by George & Eileen Floris
Kentville	10:30 AM	<i>Liturgy of the Word with Communion</i>
Middleton	11:00 AM	Personal Intention of Fr Michael Walsh
Weymouth	11:30 AM	Lillian & Gordy Thibodeau by Evelyn Melanson
Wolfville	12:15 PM	<i>Liturgy of the Word with Communion</i>

Parish Mass ... *this* Sunday, June 23 !!!

2nd 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.

Please note – there will be no other **Sunday Masses** in our parish this Sunday morning.

However, Mass on Saturday 4pm-**Kentville** & 6pm-**Windsor** ... 4pm-**Bridgetown** ... 4pm-**Weymouth** & 6pm-**Digby**.

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**.

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.

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.

St. Monica's Bookstore (Middleton) Spiritual Classic Book: *Hail Holy Queen: An Explanation of the Salve Regina* prayer by St. Alphonsus Ligouri (\$3). Available at St. Monica's Church after Sunday Mass or contact Mary Crooks at 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.

Wolfville Area Inter Church Council (WAICC) is forming a **Housing Committee** to network with other organizations and in particular the Concerned Citizens' Group in Wolfville to investigate the local housing situation and determine ways WAICC may help in addressing homelessness, housing for seniors and the lack of affordable housing in general. The committee will bring forward proposals to WAICC for approval and recommendations for the allotted \$200,000 for housing needs in the area. We are looking for individuals who are willing to share their knowledge & experience in this area. Please give this need your prayerful consideration. Talk with your WAICC representative or call one of the WAICC nominating committee members. Barbara Aikman baikman@eastlink.ca Andy Pitter andriel_p@yahoo.ca Connie Veinotte cveinotte@bellaliant.net

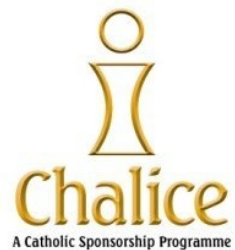
In the Hospital or Home Bound? If you know of someone (a family member or friend) who is in the hospital or at home and would like Holy Communion, the Sacrament of the Sick, or simply a visit, please contact for your church office or Community Liaison.

Tri-County Pregnancy Care Centre To all of you who have donated, **Thank You** for supporting this ministry. May God bless all of you! The results from the 2024 Tri-County Pregnancy Crisis Center Baby Bottle Drive are: Digby \$717.33, Weymouth \$997.55 for a total of \$1,714.88.

Thank You!

*Chalice extends their heartfelt gratitude to **Corpus Christi Parish** for hosting a Child Sponsorship Weekend on the Feast of Corpus Christi. As a result, **20 children were sponsored!** This is in addition to those who are usually sponsored after more time and consideration. On behalf of these children, we give thanks to God that you have revealed His love to them and have given them hope for the future!*

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Please consider making a donation to **your church community's Outreach Program** ... ie. Benevolent Fund, St Vincent de Paul, Christian Concern, Social Outreach, Community Kitchen etc. We provide help to many people each month with help with food, utility, and pharmacy bills. *To continue these programs, we need your support!*

Father's Day Tree Seedlings

On behalf of Corpus Christi Parish, we like to thank **Forest Nova Scotia** for the gracious donation of the Red Spruces for our Father's Day celebration. Forest Nova Scotia is a private organization dedicated in part to providing clean solutions to Nova Scotians. For more information, please google Forest Nova Scotia.

Restoration at St. Joseph's Cemetery (Kentville)

We had 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 almost completed their work on this – it will cost us approximately \$10,000. 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.

Did You Know?

Walter D'Arcy Ryan is considered to be the inventor of the automobile headlight and as an illuminating engineer is also considered to be the inventor of the universal architectural standard of illuminating the exterior of buildings. He was responsible for the exterior lighting on many prominent buildings in the United States, including the Lincoln Memorial in Washington DC.

He was born in 1870 in Kentville NS ... and was a personal friend of Thomas Edison. His parents, James & Mary, are buried in the St. Joseph's Cemetery as are his grandparents, John & Catherine ... and 2 of his siblings. His father was a dry goods merchant in Kentville.

(See Bruce Nunn – *Mr. Nova Scotia Know-It-All ... More History With A Twist*)



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“How do I know God hears my prayers when I just say 'em in my head?”

The Litmus Test For Being A Christian

By Fr. Ron Rolheiser o.m.i.

Who's a real Christian and who's not? Who's faithful to the teaching of Christ and who's selective in following him? Who's morally committed and who's not?

Everywhere, in the name of religion, truth, morality, ideology, or political-correctness, we're erecting various tests of orthodoxy and morals. Usually one issue of morality, dogma, dress, or political-correctness is set up as the litmus test. How you stand on that issue determines how you are judged in general and, depending whether you're liberal or conservative, that issue can be anything from abortion, to feminism, to gay marriage, to war, to poverty, to capital punishment, to clerical dress, to (inside of Islam) whether not a woman covers her face in public. But, invariably, there is a litmus test, one issue on which you are judged.

So it's worth asking: Did Jesus have a litmus test? Is there one issue, principle, or dogma within his teaching that can function as a criterion for judgement so that we are, in effect, a Christian or not, depending upon where we stand on that issue?

The question isn't a simple one: On the one hand, it asks the question of essentials: What's essential and what's negotiable in the teachings of Jesus? But it asks, as well, whether there is there any one thing inside the teachings of Jesus that can serve as a defining criterion as to what makes one uniquely Christian?

Regarding the question of essentials, I submit, that there are four things that Jesus asks of anyone who would be his disciple:

First, that he or she "keep the commandments", both the larger commandment of the heart "to love God and neighbour" and the ten commandments. "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word." An essential component of Christian discipleship is having a private relationship to Jesus and being faithful in the area of private morality.

Second, Jesus mandates social justice as non-negotiable, not optional, within Christian discipleship. This is clear from Jesus' own life, from the text on the last judgement in Matthew's gospel, and from the fact that in the gospels, on average, one out of every eight lines is an imperative from Jesus to reach out to the poor.

Third, as Jesus defines it, discipleship demands involvement within a concrete community of faith. Christian discipleship is not something we do alone. We're asked to journey to God with each other, as part of an ecclesial community, as part of a church. As the First Epistle of John, puts it: "The one who claims to love a God that he cannot see and does not love a neighbour whom he can see is a liar."

Finally, what Jesus asks of us as an essential component of discipleship is a mellow, warm, grateful heart. Discipleship isn't just about what we do; it's also about the spirit within which we do it. We need the right truth, but also the right energy. Nothing counts for much, no matter how right or orthodox the action, if it doesn't issue from love and gratitude. In T.S. Eliot's words: "The last temptation that's the greatest treason, is to do the right thing for the wrong reason." When our concern for truth, orthodoxy, justice, or morality comes out of a place of anger, bitterness, or judgement, we are no longer acting as disciples of Jesus, no matter how right the cause. No action rooted in bitterness, anger, jealousy, self-righteousness, or in a desire for revenge can ever justify itself in Jesus' name.

Thus these things – private integrity, social justice, involvement in ecclesial community, and mellowness of heart – are the essentials of Christian discipleship. But there's still a further question: Is there anything in Jesus' teaching and his challenge to us that might serve as a litmus test? Is there any one, singular, teaching that can serve as a criterion as to who is and who isn't a true disciple of Jesus?

There is. For Jesus, the litmus test for a disciple, at least for a mature disciple, is this: Can you love an enemy? Can you bless someone who curses you? Can you forgive, and can you forgive even a murderer?

It is precisely to this challenge that Jesus refers when he tells us that our virtue must go deeper than the virtue of the scribes and Pharisees. The scribes and Pharisees were, for the most part, sincere and decent men and women who loved God, tried to help the poor, were concerned about truth and morals, and practised justice. But loving an enemy and forgiving a murderer aren't prescribed by justice, the ten commandments, church dogma, human decency, or even sincerity. They're an invitation to something deeper, an invitation that comes from Jesus' life and teaching, and an invitation that, in the end, constitutes the litmus test of mature discipleship.

Who's a real Christian and who's not? The deepest answer in the gospels would be: The person who can love an enemy, bless those who curse her, and forgive everyone, even a murderer.

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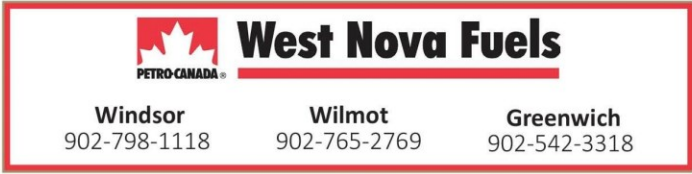
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