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13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 30, 2024



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This Week's Readings

| | 1st Reading | Gospel |
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| Sun, June 30 | Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24 | Mark 5:21-43 |
| Mon, July 1 | Amos 2:6-10, 13-16 | Matthew 8:18-22 |
| Tues, July 2 | Amos 3:1-8; 4:11-12 | Matthew 8:23-27 |
| Wed, July 3 | Ephesians 2:19-22 | John 20:24-29 |
| Thurs, July 4 | Isaiah 58:6-11 | Matthew 25:31-46 |
| Fri, July 5 | Amos 8:4-6, 9-12 | Matthew 9:9-13 |
| Sat, July 6 | Amos 9:11-15 | Matthew 9:14-17 |

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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 Fridays until 10:30am
Bridgetown: Thursday mornings at 9:00 am for Rosary & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Kentville: Private Adoration available in Adoration Chapel 24/7



Mass Times & Intentions

SATURDAY, JUNE 29

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| 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

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| 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> |

TUESDAY, JULY 2

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| Annapolis Royal | 10:00 AM | Elaine Thimot by Marilyn Harry & Family |
| Digby | 6:30 PM | Maynard Barry & Lawrence MacDonald by Wayne Barry |

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3

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| Middleton | 9:00 AM | Intentions of Theresa Lirette by St Monica's CWL |
| Tideview Terrace | 10:30 AM | For all the Activity Staff at Tideview |
| Weymouth | 4:00 PM | Alice Lombard by Mary LeBlanc |

THURSDAY, JULY 4

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| Weymouth | 4:00 PM | Mildred Shipley by Mary LeBlanc |
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FRIDAY, JULY 5

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| Berwick | 9:00 AM | Souls in Purgatory by Helen Walsh |
| Digby | 9:00 AM | Anne & Bertram Downey by Pat Fitzgerald |

SATURDAY, JULY 6

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| Bridgetown | 4:00 PM | Helen MacDonald by Gordon & Family |
| Kentville | 4:00 PM | Gisele Landry by Carmen & Francis Hawley & Family |
| Digby | 6:00 PM | Leo Ueffing by Truus Ueffing |

SUNDAY, JULY 7

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| Windsor | 8:30 AM | Guy Nadeau by Denise & Lloyd Vassallo |
| Annapolis Royal | 9:00 AM | Elaine Thimot by Betty & Laurence Ritcey |
| Berwick | 9:00 AM | Personal Intention of Fr Michael Walsh |
| Kentville | 10:30 AM | Lisa Ennis by her Family |
| Middleton | 11:00 AM | Dan Bernard by Bernard Family |
| Weymouth | 11:30 AM | 50th Wedding Anniversaries. - Marion & Greg MacDonald, Mike & Alvina, Marie & Melvin Deveau |
| Wolfville | 12:15 PM | Maheendra Madduma by Helen Walsh |

St Monica's (Middleton) - June 25 will be the last gathering of the Scripture Reflection and Rosary during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament group until the fall.

St Alphonsus (Bridgetown) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the Rosary at St Alphonsus Church will be held on **Wed, July 3** at 9 am and not Thurs, July 4.

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.

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**.

Catholic Summer Camp 2024

Sunday, August 4 to Friday, August 9 **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.

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

St. Monica's Bookstore (Middleton) "Only God knows the good that can come about by reading one good Catholic book." (St. John Bosco) Come and choose a Catholic book for your summer reading! We have a variety of Catholic books in our store, in our Free Will Basket, on our Free Table, and for loan from our library. 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.

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.

We would like to thank **PepsiCo** for the gracious donation of drinks for our Outdoor Parish Mass.

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 assist many people each month with food, and help pay utility bills, pharmacy bills etc. *To continue these programs, we need your support!*

Restoration at St. Joseph's Cemetery (Kentville)

We had approximately 40+ stones that have either fallen over or have been vandalized. **Murphy's Headstone Restoration** (Hants County) have completed their work – and 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.

Outdoor Parish Mass

Our Prayers Were Answered!

We have been praying over the last few months for good weather on June 23. While it wasn't a hot and sunny summer day, it was dry and pleasant right to the end of the main event. Many spent time walking through the beautiful campground after mass or enjoyed eating lunch in the open areas. We were treated to hot dogs, sausages on a bun, chips and ice cream sandwiches prepared and served by the KOC. Others returned to the atrium to listen to songs provided by the Men of St Anthony and Friends and The Corpus Christi Hooligans.

As a precaution, the seating area and altar were set up in the covered open area atrium. Most of the seating area was filled while others stood in the perimeter to participate in a wonderful event. The setting and the homily by Archbishop Dunn, combined with the music and singing of the Praise and Worship Choir, made for a truly spiritual experience.

A huge thank you to all who helped before, during and after the event. This was a big undertaking that involved planning and the participation of many for it to run smoothly.

As well, I would like to thank all the parishioners who didn't listen to the weather forecast cast and took the chance to come and give their support. This was one opportunity for us to bring our large parish together in faith and fellowship.

God Bless, *Judy Coulombe*

Chair – Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)



Humour??? The More Things Change, The More They Stay The Same.

"The golden age was never the present age." - English proverb

From the past, here are some **comments** about the "youth of the day".

"The world is passing through troublous times. The young people of today think of nothing but themselves. They have no reverence for parents or old age. They are impatient of all restraint. They talk as if they know everything, and what passes for wisdom with us is foolishness to them. As for the girls, they are immodest and unwomanly in speech, behaviour and dress." – **Peter the Monk, 1274 AD**

"Two tablets dating back to 2800 BC were unearthed in Babylon not long ago. They both commented on the trends of the day. One reads: *'Times are not what they used to be.'*

The other tablet reflected a major concern of many people living 28 centuries ago. Their complaint: *'The world must be coming to an end. Children no longer obey their parents and every man wants to write a book.'*

-- **Anonymous**

Aristotle, the great Greek philosopher who lived more than 2,000 years ago, wrote this about the young people of his time: *"Their faults are nearly all errors of exaggeration. They overdo in cases of love and in all other things. They imagine that they know everything, and stubbornly stand on their point. They like to crack jokes for joking is the bad-manneredness of the well mannered."*



The Law of Karma

By Fr. Ron Rolheiser o.m.i.

Faith and instinct both give us a sense of what Hindus and Buddhists call the law of karma. Simply put, we have a gut-feeling that our actions, good and bad, have consequences that come back to either bless or haunt us. But is this true? Do we really have to pay for everything we do?

Mary Jo Leddy, in her wonderful book on gratitude, claims that one of the great principles innate within reality itself is this: *"The air you breathe into the universe is the air that it will breathe back and if your energy is right it will renew itself even as you give it away."*

In essence, that's the law of karma, a mystery expressed in different ways in all the great religions of the world.

Jesus, for instance, puts it this way: *"The measure you give out is the measure you will be given."* The air you breathe out is the air you will re-inhale.

If that's true, and it is, it explains a lot of things (though not necessarily to our liking). Why, perennially, are we caught up in situations of pettiness, jealousy, and non-forgiveness? Why are we inhaling so much bitter air? Perhaps it has to do with the air we're breathing out. What are we breathing out?

We'd like, of course, to think that we're breathing out the air of gratitude, generosity, forgiveness, honesty, blessing, self-effacement, joy, delight. We'd also like to believe that we are breathing out the air of concern for the poor, the suffering, the unattractive, the bothersome. And, we'd like to believe too that we're big-hearted people, breathing out understanding and reconciliation.

Would it were so. Too often we're blind to what's really going on inside us and are unconsciously breathing out the air of arrogance, self-interest, pettiness, jealousy, competition, fear, paranoia, dishonesty, interest in others only when it's convenient, and are emitting signals that others are a threat to us as we seek attention and popularity, and jostle with them for sexual, financial, and professional position.

We can learn something from watching toddlers play. There's a disarming, brutal honesty in them. They simply rip what they want from each others' hands and try to shout louder than the rest to gain attention. We do the same thing, except in more subtle and less honest ways. Beneath the surface of our everyday politeness and decorum, in ways we don't often have the courage to look at or acknowledge, we're still toddlers trying to snatch the toys from each other and trying to shout louder than others to get attention. The real air we're breathing out is fraught with self-interest, jealousy, competitiveness, pettiness, fear, and less than full honesty. In subtle, and not-so-subtle, ways we're saying to each other:

"You're a rival – sexually, professionally, and in terms of popularity and attention." "Who do you think you are!" "I'm more important than you." "I'm brighter and more successful than you." "I'm better looking than you." "I've had more life-experience than you." "I'm sophisticated beyond your naivete." "I'm the person here who's the most knowledgeable, everyone should be listening to me." "My sufferings are deeper and more important than yours." "I'm more interesting than others and my story is more important." "I hate you for your good looks and good luck, none of which you deserve." "I really don't like you, but I'll be nice to you until I find a way to free myself of this relationship that circumstance has dictated." We would never admit that we feel these things, but, too often, that's the air we're breathing out.

Is it any mystery then that our lives are full of competition, jealousy, bitterness, anger, accusation, and false judgement? Is it a mystery why so often, beneath a polite surface, there is so much thinly disguised competition, jealousy, and non-forgiveness around? We're breathing these things into the world, should we be surprised that we're re-inhaling them? The measure we're measuring out is the measure that we're receiving.

And Jesus takes this even further. He adds: *"To those who have much, even more will be given; and from those who have little, even what they have will be taken away."* That sounds so unfair, the innate cruelty of nature, the survival of the fittest applied to the gospels, Jesus as Darwin. Isn't Jesus' message supposed to be about the survival of the weakest? It is, but a certain law of karma still applies:

To the big of heart, who breathe out what's large and honest and full of blessing, the world will return a hundredfold in kind, honesty and blessing that swells the heart even more. Conversely to the miserly of heart and dishonest of spirit, the world will give back too in kind, pettiness and lies that shrink the heart still further.

That's the deep mystery at the centre of the universe: The air we breathe out into the world is the air we will re-inhale.

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