

DEVINE MERCY SUNDAY

April 24, 2022



Mass Times

Windsor

Sunday 11:45 am

Wolfville

Sunday 10 am

Kentville

Saturday 4 pm

Sunday 8:30 &
11:45 am

Berwick

Sunday 8:30am

Middleton

Sunday 10 am

Bridgetown

Sunday 8:30 am

Annapolis Royal

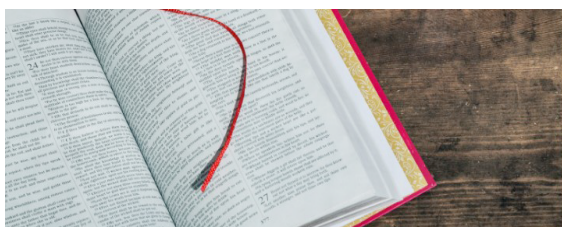
Sunday 9 am

Digby

Saturday 6 pm

Weymouth

Sunday 11:30 am



This Week's Readings

	1st Reading	Gospel
Sun, Apr 24	ACTS 5.12 - 16	JOHN 20.19-31
Mon, Apr 25	1 PETER 5.5b -14	MARK 16.15-20
Tues, Apr 26	ACTS 4.32 - 37	JOHN 3.7b - 15
Wed, Apr 27	ACTS 5.17 - 26	JOHN 3.16 - 21
Thurs, Apr 28	ACTS 5.27 - 33	JOHN 3.31 - 36
Fri, Apr 29	ACTS 5.34 - 42	JOHN 6.1 - 15
Sat, Apr 30	ACTS 6.1 - 7	JOHN 6.16-21

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Corpus Christi Catholic Books & Gifts: As we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, we have "Divine Mercy: Diary of Saint Faustina" in our store and in our library for loan, as well as Divine Mercy prayer books and prayer cards, novenas, pictures, and medals. Also, First Holy Communion and Confirmation gifts and cards. Available at St. Monica's church hall after Sunday Mass or Wednesday Adoration, or call Mary Crooks at 902-825-6495.

For Love of Harp Concert

Performed by Renowned Harpist - Gianetta Baril

At St Louis Catholic Church

Sunday, May 8, 2022, at 10:15 am

Attendance by donation to St Louis Fuel Fund.

SALE

The Kings Kikima Grannies will be holding a Spring Sale of Jewelry, Jewellery Art, Plants and More. Saturday April 23rd....., Wolfville Lions Hall.....9 am-2 pm. We continue to support Grandmothers in Kikima Kenya who are now raising their grandchildren whose parents were lost to HIV/Aids. Thank You for supporting our project.

St. John's, Windsor: There will be fundraiser for Ukraine at St John's Hall on April 24 after Mass. There will be Hospitality with a free will offering. If you are interested in contributing a plate of food or helping out, please contact Lisa Bradley at 902-757-2637 or

marklisabradley@eastlink.ca



Thank you for your donations to Corpus Christi.

Your Parish Administrative Team, that includes many volunteers, manages the counting of collections each week, making bank deposits, doing the bookkeeping, issuing annual tax receipts, and many other aspects of Parish Giving.

You can donate through:

- Weekly offering envelopes
- Cash donations in the collection basket at Mass
- E-transfers directly to Corpus Christi's bank account: finance@corpuschristins.ca
- PAR - pre-authorized remittances from your bank account to Corpus Christi's bank account
- Mailing a cheque to the Kentville Offi

KENTVILLE: "The Knights of Columbus will be having a social event to learn more about the order. We are inviting the families to the meeting to meet our current Knights and to discuss the order in more detail. We will share some videos and be open for questions to any of the Knights. We like to keep as informal as possible. The event will take place after 1145 Mass on Sunday May 1 st in the Multi Purpose Room at St. Joseph's Church. We will have tea/coffee snacks. We hope you and your family can attend."

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, APRIL 23

Kentville	4:00 PM	Vince Burton by Theresa Coffey
Digby	6:00 PM	Arthur & Rose Loughran by the Janson Family

SUNDAY, APRIL 24

Bridgetown	8:30 AM	Mona Bateman by Patsy Sabean
Berwick	8:30 AM	Graeme King by Claudette & Eric Sturk
Kentville	8:30 AM	Alex McKinnon by Darryl & Pat Crossman
Annapolis Royal	9:00 AM	Camilla Johnstone by Joan & Lee Eisan
Middleton	10:00 AM	Danielle Grossenbacker by Bob & Kathleen Amos
Wolfville	10:00 AM	Arturo Rocha by Bibiana Burton
Weymouth	11:30 AM	Peter Comeau by Cathy LeBlanc
Kentville/Online	11:45 AM	Tony Avery by Dennis & Barb Nash
Windsor	11:45 AM	Deceased Members of Wilbur/Smith Families by Guy & Mary-Alma Smith

MONDAY, APRIL 25

Kentville/Online	8:30 AM	Souls in Purgatory
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TUESDAY, APRIL 26

Kentville/Online	8:30 AM	Agnes Anstey by Peggy Foley
Digby	6:30 PM	Kelly Mackintosh by Anna & Danny Corbett

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27

Kentville/Online	8:30 AM	Mary Ann D'Eon by Eric & Claudette Sturk
Middleton	3:15 PM	No Mass
Weymouth	6:30 PM	Peter Comeau by Betty Rice

THURSDAY, APRIL 28

Kentville/Online	8:30 AM	Intentions of the Bishop & Priests of our Diocese by the McIntyre Family
Weymouth	6:30 PM	Ulysse Gaudet & Corrine LeBlanc by Louis Gaudet

FRIDAY, APRIL 29

Kentville/Online	8:30 AM	Myrna MacDonald by Barb & Dennis Nash
Digby	9:00 AM	Sir Guy Mills & deceased members of the Mill's Family by Chuck & Margaret Mills

SATURDAY, APRIL 30

Kentville	4:00 PM	Arlene Foley by Peggy Foley
Digby	6:00 PM	Jason Bell by Mom

SUNDAY, MAY 1

Bridgetown	8:30 AM	Norah Stephen from the Family
Berwick	8:30 AM	<i>Liturgy of the Word with Communion</i>
Kentville	8:30 AM	Armeline Guay by LeBlanc Family
Annapolis Royal	9:00 AM	Lloyd Bright by Pat & Al Dill
Middleton	10:00 AM	Intentions of Marilyn Harry by Carolyn Gilbert
Wolfville	10:00 AM	All Corpus Christi Parishioners
Weymouth	11:30 AM	Derek LeBlanc by Cathy LeBlanc
Kentville/Online	11:45 AM	John Gaudet by Doris Gaudet
Windsor	11:45 AM	Members of Paul Young Family & Spouses

Then God Created Light Again

by Fr. Ronald Rolheiser o.m.i.

It doesn't matter whether you picture the origin of time the way science does, as beginning with the *Big Bang*, or whether you take the biblical account of the origins of the world literally. Either way there was a time before there was light. The universe was dark before God created light. However, eventually the world grew dark again. When?

We are told in the Gospels that as Jesus was dying on the cross, *between the sixth and ninth hour*, it grew dark and Jesus cried out "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me!" What really happened here?

Are the Gospels saying that it actually grew dark in the early afternoon, an eclipse of the sun, or are they referring to another kind of darkness, of a spiritual kind? Was there an eclipse of the sun as Jesus was dying? Perhaps. We don't know, but that is of secondary importance anyway. What the Gospels are referring to is a kind of darkness that envelops us whenever what's precious to us is humiliated, exposed as powerless, ridiculed, terminally defeated, and crucified by our world. There's a darkness that besets us whenever the forces of love seem overpowered by the forces of hatred. The light extinguished then is the light of hope, but there is deeper darkness and this is the kind of darkness that the Gospels say formed a cloud over the world as Jesus hung dying.

What's being insinuated here is that at Jesus' crucifixion, creation went back to its original chaos, as it was before there was light. But what's also being insinuated is that God created light a second time, this time by raising Jesus from the dead, and that this new light is the most staggering light of all because. Moreover, unlike the original light, which was only physical, this light is a light both for the eyes and for the soul.

For the eyes, the light of the resurrection is also a radically new physical phenomenon. At the resurrection of Jesus, the atoms of the planet were shaken up from their normal physical workings. A dead body rose from the grave to a life from which it would never again die. That had never happened before. Moreover, the resurrection of Jesus was also a radically new light for the soul, the light of hope. What is this latter light?

There's a famous song written by Robbie Robertson made popular in the early 1970s by Joan Baez, *The Night They Drove Old Dixie Down*. Narrated in the first person by a man called Virgil Caine, the song is a sad lament about the distress experienced by a poor white Southern family during the American Civil War. All that could go wrong for them, seemingly had gone wrong, including the death of their young son, killed in the war. Their situation is dark, lacking any hope. At a point in the song, the narrator offers this lament about his brother's death:

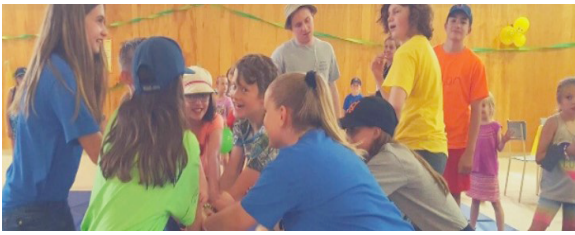
*He was just eighteen, proud and brave
But a Yankee laid him in his grave
I swear by the blood below my feet
You can't raise the Cain back up when it's in defeat*

Can life be raised back up when it's in defeat? Can a dead body come out of its grave? Can a violated body again become whole? Can lost innocence ever be restored? Can a broken heart ever be mended? Can a crushed hope ever again lift up a soul? Doesn't darkness extinguish all light? What hope was there for Jesus' followers as they witnessed his humiliation and death on Good Friday? When goodness itself gets crucified, what's the basis for any hope?

In two words, the resurrection. When darkness enveloped the earth a second time, God made light a second time, and that light, unlike the physical light created at the dawn of time, can never be extinguished. That's the difference between the resuscitation of Lazarus and the resurrection of Jesus, between physical light and the light of the resurrection. Lazarus was restored to his self-same body from which he had to die again. Jesus was given a radically new body which would never die again.

The renowned biblical scholar Raymond E. Brown tells us that the darkness that beset the world as Jesus hung dying, would last until we believe in the resurrection. Until we believe that God has a live-giving response for all death and until we believe God will roll back the stone from any grave, no matter how deeply goodness is buried under hatred and violence, the darkness of Good Friday will continue to darken our planet.

Mohandas K. Gandhi once observed that we can see the truth of God always creating new light, simply by looking at history: "*When I despair, I remember that all through history, the way of truth and love has always won. There have been murderers and tyrants, and for a time they can seem invincible. But in the end they always fall. Think of it, always.*"



Children and Youth

Corpus Christi Parish Presents:



Family Life and Youth presents: **GOD'S LOVE IS SO BIG! Dig Deeper with Dinosaurs!**

July 18 - 21, Saint Joseph's, Kentville

July 25 - 28, Saint John's, Windsor

Campers, (ages 4 - 11) are invited to join a fun and faith-filled week!

Junior Leader, (ages 12 - 15) and **Senior Leaders**, (16 - Adult) are needed and may be committed one day, a few days or all of the camp as game, craft, bible story, adventure leaders or as kitchen, administrative, supply coordinator, social media support.

To register or for more information: Jennifer Moore (902 799 1250) or the Parish Office (902 678 3303)



The Ukrainian city of Mariupol has been virtually under siege and inaccessible to the media for weeks. News emerged only last week that a Caritas centre in the city had sustained a

Russian tank attack last month. Seven people, including two Caritas staff members, lost their lives in that attack.

Friday, April 29 at 7:00 PM, Saint Joseph's, Kentville: Deacon Don Boudreau will celebrate the **Liturgy of the Word with Adoration** with the Confirmation class. Parishioners wishing to support the Confirmation candidates in prayer are welcome to attend.



Rosary Bracelets - A Steubenville

Fundraiser! If you would like to purchase a Rosary bracelet, handcrafted by our teens, please contact Jennifer Moore (902 799 1250) or the Parish Office (902 678 3303). Prices: 1 for \$20 or 2 for \$35. Bracelets can be delivered to all churches in the parish.



Our First Communion candidates begin, 'Invited to His Table' on May 5. The final online series in their preparation for the Sacrament on May 29th. Please keep these eleven children in your prayers.



The Confirmation candidates will take part in a Penance retreat, hosted by the Saint Francis faith community, Saturday, April 23. Please continue to pray for these candidates.

Son of God: Thank you to everyone who joined the Confirmation class on Good Friday for the movie, Son of God.

Development and Peace has strongly condemned the atrocity and reaffirmed its commitment to peace and to the people of Ukraine.

Please continue to pray for all involved in the conflict in Ukraine. If you would like to contribute to the aid efforts in Ukraine being made by D&P you can find more information or make a donation by visiting: www.devp.org

Make sure to add your Community's email to your address book.

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YARD SALE TIME AGAIN

St. Patrick's, Digby will be having their ANNUAL SPRING YARD SALE on Friday, April 29th 5 - 8 pm and Saturday, April 30th from 9 am – 1 pm. Items for this sale can be dropped off at the church hall on Monday April 25th from 1 – 4 pm or on Thursday from 1 - 4 pm.

St. Anthony's in Berwick will be having their ANNUAL YARD SALE ON SATURDAY, JUNE 25TH. Please save all your good items this spring clean-up and we will tell you when and where to deliver all the goodies.

St. Monica's CWL Indoor Yard Sale on Saturday, June 11 from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm in our church hall. We welcome clean usable donations, such as household items, decor, linens, books, puzzles, CD's, DVD's, pictures, hardware, jewellery, plants and small furniture. (Please no old TV's.) Items may be dropped off after Sunday Mass or on June 9-10 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Thank you!! Contact persons: Marion Hole 765-4435 or Mary Crooks 825-6495.

Did you know ?

Renewal of Easter Vigil

Today the Easter Vigil has regained its rightful place as the most important ritual of the year and the primary celebration of Easter. This happened first in 1951 by way of experiment and was finalized in 1955. In its renewed form, the Easter Vigil is almost the same as that in earlier centuries, except that the ritual takes about 2 hours rather than all night. It has 4 clearly defined parts: the service of light, the liturgy of the word, the celebration of baptism, and the Eucharist.

The renewal of the Easter Vigil has resulted in what seems like 2 Easters in the typical parish. Each year, however, the Easter Vigil is becoming for more and more parishioners what it had been in its origin: the night of all nights and the primary celebration of resurrection, or Easter. The renewal of the adult catechumenate in parishes has added an important feature to the Easter Vigil that had been lost for centuries: the baptism of adults. For other parishioners, Easter Sunday morning Mass, officially the 2nd Easter Mass, is still the Easter experience.

The family of the late John Mackinnon of Digby would like to thank all who helped them in any way in the last few months. A special thank you goes out to the Parishioners of St. Patrick's Church and the volunteers at St. Patrick's Community Kitchen. Thank you for all your prayers, Mass cards, visits & calls. Also, thank you to all who donated gas cards, TV and helped with any of our expenditures. Your generosity will never be forgotten. God Bless you all. Theresa & Family.



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