

**21ST SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME (B)
23 AUGUST, 2015**

Choose this day whom
you will serve ... As for
me and my household,
we will serve the Lord.

St. Columban Parish

36 Fourth St. West, Cornwall, ON K6J 2R6

Masses: Sat Vigil: 7 p.m., **Sun:** 7:30, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.
Weekdays except Tuesdays: 7:30 a.m.

Today's Readings:

Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-18b
Psalm 34:2-3, 16-23
Ephesians 5:21-32
John 6:60-69

Unless you eat the
flesh of the Son of Man
and drink His blood, you
have no life in you.

Next weekend:

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8
Psalm 15:2-3, 3-4, 5-6
Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27
Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

THE WORD IN LITURGY

Today's reading from Joshua details the covenant ceremony in which the people participated upon their entrance into the Promised Land. It is a very important passage, which aptly sets the stage for today's doctrinal focus on faith.

As in the first reading, the drama of decision stands in the forefront of today's Gospel passage. When confronted with the difficulties of believing in Jesus, those who encounter Him are forced to decide whether to follow or abandon this troublesome figure. The evangelist tells us of disciples who were unable to believe that Jesus "came down from heaven," and consequently could not accept His mission of redemption, or His eventual ascension and glorification ("return to the Father"). Their desertion of Jesus illustrates the difficulty of discipleship, which proves too challenging for the faint-hearted or the merely curious.

The Twelve, on the other hand, with Simon Peter as their spokesman, decide in faith to follow Jesus. The passage makes clear that these were able to commit themselves not on their own power, but because of the generous action of God, Who freely draws them into a relationship with Jesus and thus with God's very Self. This relationship is one of faith. The Twelve believe the "words of life" that Jesus has spoken, and can therefore be caught up in the life He came to bring.

Faith

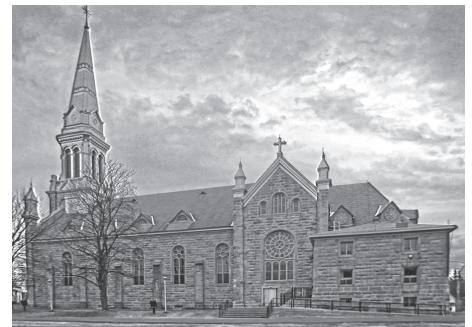
Although it would seem on first glance that the decision to believe (which may actually be a whole series of decisions and not just one particular moment) rests solely with the individual, Catholic doctrine is clear that believing begins with God's revelation. We cannot know God without God's self-revelation to us.

Desire for the almighty is written into our very being. However, the desire for the Almighty may be ignored or rejected. An unbelieving stance may result from the inability to reconcile evil in the world with a good God. Or it may result from religious ignorance and indifference. It may also result from a misplaced fascination with worldly things, or it may result from the scandal of bad example of Christians. Finally, the unbeliever may hide from the Almighty by willfully turning away in sin, refusing divine love.

Those who actively seek God, who place their trust in the divine, see life differently and are affected by the very faith that makes them stand within the community of believers. While faith affects relations-our communion with God and with one another-it also, by those relations, opens us to a fruitful life guided by the Holy Spirit as members of the body, the Church, which participates in the mission of Christ.

Finally, faith offers us surety. In a broken world there is much that can confuse us and turn us away from a God-centered life. Faith is our lifeline in a world beset by darkness, a light shining forth for us to follow. But it is not a weak or tenuous light. It has a specific content, radiating out from the person of Jesus Christ.

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Saturday 6:15 to 6:45 p.m.
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CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

Saturday, August 22nd

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions
6:15 – 6:45 p.m. Confessions
7:00 p.m. Greta Stone by the Lavictoire family

Sunday, August 23rd

7:30 a.m. Barbara Parisien by Joe Parisien & family
9:30 a.m. Intentions of parishioners
11:00 a.m. Judy McGillivray (3rd Anniversary of death)
by husband Robert

Monday, August 24th

7:30 a.m. Rueben & Eleanor Harvey & deceased
family members by Joe & Carole Harvey

Tuesday, August 25th No Mass

Wednesday, August 26th

7:30 a.m. Beverly St. Jean by Bridget Brennan

Thursday, August 27th

7:30 a.m. Mavis Menard (1st Anniversary of death) by
Rolland & children Jeff, Joce & Greg
6:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal: Wheeler - Meyer

Friday, August 28th

7:30 a.m. William Fisher by Betty

Saturday, August 29th

3:00 – 3:45 p.m. Confessions
4:00 p.m. Wedding Corey Wheeler & Shawna Meyer
6:15 – 6:45 p.m. Confessions
7:00 p.m. Jacques Lebrun by Gerald & Marilyn Lebrun

Sunday, August 30th

7:30 a.m. Judy Bobka by a parishioner
9:30 a.m. Intentions of parishioners
11:00 a.m. John Earle by Angus Kelly
2:00 p.m. Annual St. Columban Cemetery Ceremony

Monday, August 31st No Mass

IN OUR PARISH

Collection 9 August, 2015 – Thank You

\$4,097.00 - Sunday Env. \$142.55 – Votive Candles
449.75 - Loose \$ 22.90 - Books
\$5,546.75 –Total

WEEKDAY MASSES

*Beginning 31 August there will be NO MONDAY MORNING
MASS. Weekday Masses revert back to
Tuesday to Friday at 7:30 a.m. For those who have
scheduled a Mass on Monday, your Mass will be rescheduled
to Tuesday morning. Thank you for your understanding.*

*Happy Anniversary
Father Claude Halle
Celebrating 49 Years of Ordination
on 27 August.*

CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for
our church bulletin. Advertising begins in November 2015 and
supports the bulletin service.
Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or
service. Call Liturgical Publications at 1-800-268-2637.

ST. COLUMBAN'S ANNUAL CEMETERY CEREMONY

The annual ceremony commemorating those who have been
buried at St. Columban's Parish Cemetery, will be held
SUNDAY, 30 AUGUST AT 2 P.M.
Please bring lawn chairs. In case of rain, the ceremony
will be held in St. Columban's Church.

ST COLUMBAN'S CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

MEETING – 7 P.M., TUESDAY, 1 SEPTEMBER
in the Parish Activity Centre (upstairs, Agape Bldg.)
New members are always welcome.

CATHOLIC Q & A

CHALLENGE (CCC)

What does the Common Good require? (1907-9)

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LAST WEEK'S CHALLENGE (CCC)

1 –By "authority" one means the quality by virtue of which
persons or institutions make laws and give orders to men and
expect obedience from them. Every human community needs
an authority to govern it.... It is necessary for the unity of the
state. Its role is to ensure as far as possible the common good
of the society.

2 – The sum total of social conditions which allow people,
either as groups or as individuals, to reach their fulfillment
more fully and more easily." The common good concerns the
life of all. It calls for prudence from each, and even more from
those who exercise the office of authority.

THE PATRONS OF ST. COLUMBAN FOUNDATION

presents a fundraising

Celtic Concert

2 P.M., SUNDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER

in St. Columban's Church. The musical entertainment features

THE BRIGADOONS.

Tickets \$12. are available at the Parish office during office hours,
at all the masses the weekends of 29-30 August and 5-6 Sept, by
calling Brian Lynch at 613-933-8353 & at the door on 13 Sept.

Funds raised at the concert will be directed to pay for major
repair work on the church.

THE PAINTING OF OUR LADY UNDOER OF KNOTS

The painting, by Johann George Melchior Schmidtner, dates back to around 1700, & is found in the Church of St. Peter am Perlach, in Augsburg, Bavaria, Germany. It measures 6 feet in height & almost 4 feet in width. It depicts Mary suspended between heaven & earth, resplendent with light. The Holy Spirit, in the form of a dove, is above her head, reminding us that she became Mother of God, full of grace, by virtue of the Third Person of the Holy Trinity. She is dressed resplendently in crimson, & a deep blue mantle represents her glory as Queen of the Universe & a crown of 12 stars adorns her head, signifying her Queenship of the Apostles. Her feet crush the head of the serpent, indicating her part in the victory over Satan. She is surrounded by angels, signifying her position as Queen of Angels & Queen of Heaven. In her hands is a knotted white ribbon, which she is serenely untying. Assisting her are 2 angels: one presents the knots of our lives to her, while another angel presents the ribbon to us, freed from the knots. *A copy of the painting is on the altar as you exit the west side of the Church.* On her continued pilgrimage in our community, Our Lady's statue will be visiting the home of Florence Gravelle on 23 August.

Articles of Devotion: Books, Novenas, Rosaries & Prayer Cards are available at the Catholic Information Centre.

IN THE DIOCESE

PILGRIMAGE TO CALVARY – SAT., 12 SEPT.

Bishop Marcel invites you to join him for the final outdoor mass (10:30 am) of the season. To mark our 125th anniversary, the Diocese has organized a special pilgrimage to Calvary followed by lunch at Shalom House & a tour of St. Finnan's Cemetery. (Tour includes the graves of our first 4 bishops.) Bus departs from the old Wal-Mart parking lot at 9:30 am. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at the Catholic Information Centre (146 Chevrier Ave). There are just 48 tickets available so hurry. Calvary is located behind Ste-Marie-de-l'Assomption Church on Hwy 34 in Green Valley for those who wish to drive and attend only the Mass.

BISHOP'S 2ND ANNUAL DINNER – FRIDAY, 2 OCTOBER

BISHOP MARCEL will host his 2nd annual fundraising dinner. Funds raised will support the work of our local church in a variety of areas including family, faith formation, youth & young adults & supporting our priests in the New Evangelization.

This year we have invited **BISHOP CHRISTIAN RIESBECK, CC**, Ottawa's new auxiliary bishop to be our guest speaker. Bishop Riesbeck, currently Canada's youngest bishop, is a great ambassador of the Gospel of Joy, and an articulate, convincing agent of the New Evangelization.

Tickets to this event are \$100. per person, with a \$50. tax receipt being issued. Tickets will be available after Labour Day, however feel free to reserve one or more tickets by speaking to your parish priest. Last year's event sold out very quickly and proved to be a great success. We hope you will consider joining Bishop Marcel for this year's dinner!

IN THE DIOCESE, ETC.

ST. JULIAN'S CHAPEL (24 HOUR ADORATION)

(located at St. Peter's Church - use rear entrance)
Please prayerfully consider spending an hour a week in front of the Blessed Sacrament. To volunteer or for more information, please contact Florence at 613-932-8936

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY STARTS 16 SEPTEMBER and continues every 2nd Wednesday for 24 sessions from 7 to 9 p.m. in St. Columban Parish Activity Centre (2nd floor of the Agape building). Study the **Gospel of Matthew** with Jeff Cavins. Cost is \$50. To register contact Marilyn 613-537-2021 marilyn.light@gmail.com or Heidi 613-347-7561 michaelkrol@xplornet.com

ANNUAL CEMETERY SERVICES – SUNDAY, 20 SEPT.

NATIVITY – 1 P.M. / NOTRE DAME – 2 P.M.

Rain or shine –
service will take place at the cemeteries.

BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH 50TH ANNIVERSARY – HARVEST SUPPER 4 TO 7 P.M., SUNDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER

Turkey with all the trimmings and all kinds of pies. *Adults: \$12, children 6-12 yrs. \$6.; under 6 free.* All take outs \$12.

SUNDAY NIGHT MASS STARTING 6 SEPTEMBER

Blessed Sacrament Parish will be adding a
SUNDAY NIGHT MASS AT 7:30 P.M.,

This will be the last Sunday Mass in the diocese. There will also be fellowship after Mass for all young adults ... a meet & greet. Music ministry is by the EPIC band. If you are interested in being a part of this band, you are welcome to join.

AN HOUR OF PRAISE AND WORSHIP MUSIC

at St. Peter's Church. Bring whatever voice God gave you and sing it back to Him. Praise & Worship is a style of music that speaks directly to our Lord and becomes a personal prayer for those who sing it or listen to it. Most of the melodies are simple to learn. We gather for this hour usually on the 4th Thursday of the month. All are welcome.

6:30 TO 7:30 P.M., THURS, 27 AUG

GLENGARRY FENCIBLES TRUST SAVES BISHOP'S HOUSE!

On 14 August, an agreement was reached between the Catholic Diocese of Alexandria-Cornwall & the non-profit citizens' group Glengarry Fencibles Trust by which the diocese will sell the historic Bishop's House in St. Raphael's, to the Fencibles for \$2. The deal comes after 11 years of campaigning & negotiating by the Fencibles to ensure the preservation & renovation of the grand 3-storey stone house, built in 1808 by the Rev. Alexander Macdonell, parish priest of St. Raphael's in the early 1800s and later the first Bishop of Ontario. The Glengarry Fencibles Trust is immediately embarking on plans to upgrade and restore the Bishop's House, this following two decades of neglect. Great news for the Bishop's House! Great news for St. Raphael's, for Glengarry County, and for the cause of historic preservation everywhere!

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