

**21ST SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
24 AUGUST 2014**

Jesus asked:
"But who do you say I am?"
Simon answered,
"You are the Christ,
the Son of the living God."

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: 7:30 a.m.**

Today's Readings:

Isaiah 22:19–23
Psalm 138
Romans 11:33–36
Matthew 16:13–20

"Whoever eats My flesh
and drinks My blood has
eternal life, says the Lord,
and I will raise him up
on the last day."

Further Reflection from the Catechism:

CCC: 883, 891, 893, 894
CCCC: 157, 182
YOUCAT: 142 – 143

A PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS

God desires to be in a personal relationship with each one of us. He has given us the capacity to know Him. He wants to speak to us as friends, and to "take us into fellowship with Himself." What an extraordinary gift!

These same words were echoed by St. Pope John Paul II: "In the complex reality of mission, initial proclamation has a central and irreplaceable role, since it introduces man "into the mystery of the love of God, who invites him to enter into a personal relationship with Himself in Christ" and opens the way to conversion." (Redemptoris Missio, 44)

We are reminded that through the words of Scripture God seeks a "personal relationship" with His people: "The word of God is the first source of all Christian spirituality. It gives rise to a personal relationship with the living God and with His saving and sanctifying will," (Vita Consecrata, 94).

The Bible "gives rise to a personal relationship" because Jesus reveals Himself to us on every page. The Holy Spirit, the one who "searches the depths of God," (1 Cor 2:10) inspires that word in such a way that we actually encounter Christ in the words of Scripture. He speaks directly to our spirit, enabling us to know Him.

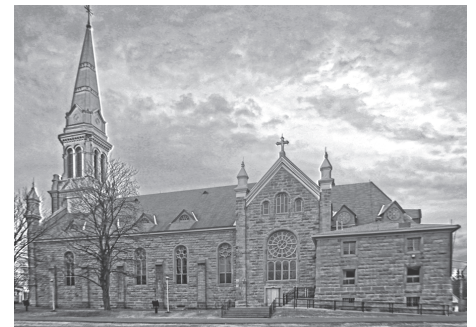
Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI called for a "new season" of the reading of the Word of God by all the Baptized, "so that their prayerful and faith-filled reading of the Bible will, with time, deepen their personal relationship with Jesus"(Verbum Domini, 72).

From Dr. Scott Hahn's new book 'Evangelizing Catholics: A Mission Manual for the New Evangelization' comes this summary of the Gospel, the kerygma: "It takes exactly ten seconds to proclaim the Gospel. In a mere one-sixth of a minute, you can pronounce the basic pillars of the faith: (1) God loves you; (2) we have sinned; (3) Christ has died for our sins and risen from the dead; and (4) we have to respond to those gifts by faith. It takes a whole lot longer, however, to understand those four truths and let them transform how we see the world and live with it."

New Evangelization is not a job for priests or bishops. It's a mission that only we, the laity, can achieve. We are the ones "in the trenches" so to speak. We are the ones who can go where priests and bishops can not readily go. The laity has the unique advantage of daily interaction with many people via our co-workers, family and friends.

Hahn adds: "As we go forward to do the work of the New Evangelization, we need to guard against an us vs. them mentality. In this culture, it's easy to see ourselves as the faithful few braving the condemnation of the secular world in order to proclaim the Gospel to all those fallen souls. We may not be sinning as boldly as others. But we still sin. We may believe in Christ. But we need to believe in Him more. In this world, we are all fallen. We are all in need of Christ's mercy and grace."

*Inspired by an article by Catholic Evangelist Peter Herbeck
and a review of Dr. Hahn's new book*



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CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

Saturday, August 23rd

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions
 6:15 – 6:45 p.m. Confessions
 7:00 p.m. Barbara Parisien by husband Joe Parisien
 and family

Sunday, August 24th

7:30 a.m. Intentions of the parishioners
 9:30 a.m. Deacon Ken & Joyce Lalonde in
 thanksgiving by the Surgeson family
 11:00 a.m. Blanche Pilon by Rita Martel

Monday, August 25th

7:30 a.m. Eleanor Morris by June Kerr

Tuesday, August 26th

7:30 a.m. Frank Campbell by Beatrice Tardif

Wednesday, August 27th

7:30 a.m. Mansel Spence by Leo & Mary Spence

Thursday, August 28th

7:30 a.m. Mary Lanteigne by Dorothy Black

Friday, August 29th

7:30 a.m. Paul Luscombe by Alfie & Annie McDonald

Saturday, August 30th

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions
 6:15 – 6:45 p.m. Confessions
 7:00 p.m. Jack Warner by George & Madeleine Clarke

Sunday, August 31st

7:30 a.m. Intentions of the parishioners
 9:30 a.m. Betty Cayer by Keith & Mary Grant
 11:00 a.m. Geraldine Begbie by Aunt Christine,
 Monica, Ashley & Bryony

Monday, September 01st

8:00 a.m. Leonard Kingston by Flora Martin

ST. COLUMBAN'S ANNUAL CEMETERY SERVICE 3 P.M., SUNDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER

In case of inclement weather, service will be held in our Church.

ST COLUMBAN'S CWL GENERAL MEETING 7 P.M., TUESDAY, 2 SEPTEMBER

in the Parish Activity Centre. New members always welcome.

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IN OUR PARISH

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Sunday	\$3,439.00	Votive Candles	\$191.60
Loose	578.97	Book Store	\$ 38.23
Total	\$4,017.97	Vocation Sunday	\$ 20.00
		Easter	\$ 5.00

INCOME COMPARATIVE STATEMENT JULY 2014

	YTD ACTUAL	YTD LAST YR.	DIFFERENCE
REVENUE			
Sun. Collections	\$156,847.	\$160,075.	\$- 3,228.
Other	24,702.	29,657.	\$-4,955.
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The home of parishioners Linda and Steven King was
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 However, they are in need of housing for the next 3 to 6
 months while their home is being restored.

They are looking for a 3 bedroom apartment or house
 (preferably furnished) and no carpets. If you are aware of any
 places for rent, please contact Elaine Smith at 613-932-3543
 as Linda & Steve are difficult to reach by phone at this time.

Or you may see them at the 9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass.

Thank you.

**HOMILY OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS AT
MASS FOR PEACE & RECONCILIATION**



In Seoul, Myeong-dong Cathedral, 18th August 2014

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As my stay in Korea draws to a close, I thank God for the many blessings He has bestowed upon this beloved country, & in a special way, upon the Church in Korea. Among those blessings I especially treasure the experience we have all had in these recent days of the presence of so many young pilgrims from throughout Asia. Their love of Jesus & their enthusiasm for the spread of His Kingdom have been an inspiration to us all. My visit now culminates in this celebration of Mass, in which we implore from God the grace of peace & reconciliation. This prayer has a particular resonance on the Korean peninsula. Today's Mass is first & foremost a prayer for reconciliation in this Korean family. In the Gospel, Jesus tells us how powerful is our prayer when two or three of us join in asking for something (cf. Mt 18:19-20). How much more when an entire people raises its heartfelt plea to heaven! The first reading presents God's promise to restore to unity & prosperity a people dispersed by disaster & division. For us, as for the people of Israel, this is a promise full of hope: it points to a future which God is even now preparing for us. Yet this promise is inseparably tied to a command: the command to return to God & wholeheartedly obey His law (cf. Dt 30:2-3). God's gifts of reconciliation, unity & peace are inseparably linked to the grace of conversion, a change of heart which can alter the course of our lives & our history, as individuals & as a people.

At this Mass, we naturally hear this promise in the context of the historical experience of the Korean people, an experience of division & conflict which has lasted for well over 60 years. But God's urgent summons to conversion also challenges Christ's followers in Korea to examine the quality of their own contribution to the building of a truly just & humane society. It challenges each of you to reflect on the extent to which you, as individuals & communities, show evangelical concern for the less fortunate, the marginalized, those without work & those who do not share in the prosperity of the many. And it challenges you, as Christians & Koreans, firmly to reject a mindset shaped by suspicion, confrontation & competition, & instead to shape a culture formed by the teaching of the Gospel & the noblest traditional values of the Korean people. In today's Gospel, Peter asks the Lord: "If my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive him? As many as seven times?" To which the Lord replies: "Not seven times, I tell you, but seventy times seven" (Mt 18:21-22). These words go to the very heart of Jesus' message of reconciliation & peace. In obedience to his command, we ask our heavenly Father daily to forgive us our sins, "as we forgive those who sin against us". Unless we are prepared to do this, how can we honestly pray for peace & reconciliation?

Jesus asks us to believe that forgiveness is the door which leads to reconciliation. In telling us to forgive our brothers unreservedly, He is asking us to do something utterly radical, but He also gives us the grace to do it. What appears, from a human perspective, to be impossible, impractical and even at times repugnant, He makes possible and fruitful through the infinite power of His Cross. The Cross of Christ reveals the power of God to bridge every division, to heal every wound, and to reestablish the original bonds of brotherly love.

IN THE DIOCESE

ANNUAL CEMETERY SERVICES

NATIVITY CEMETERY – 1 P.M., SUN., 21 SEPTEMBER

In case of inclement weather, service will be in the Church

NOTRE DAME CEMETERY – 2 P.M., SUN., 21 SEPTEMBER

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St. Peter's Church.

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