

**18TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
3 AUGUST 2014**

"Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy?"

St. Columban Parish

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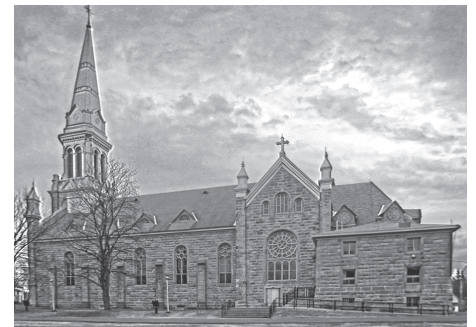
**Masses: Sat Vigil: 7 p.m., Sun: 7:30, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.
Weekdays: 7:30 a.m.**

Today's Readings:

Isaiah 55:1-3
Psalm 145
Romans 8:35, 37-39
Matthew 14:13-21

"You open Your hand,
satisfying the desire of
every living thing."

**Further Reflection
from the Catechism:**
CCC: 1340/48/83/85/96
CCCC: 275, 281, 287
YOUCAT: 40 - 42



THE BIBLE, PRAYER AND INTIMACY WITH GOD

Sacred Scripture reveals God's deepest desire for the human person. God has created us in His image and likeness. God's deepest desire is that we come to know Him.

In the Old Testament, God speaks to the heart of man through Abraham, Moses, the judges, the kings, and the prophets. As we read the Sacred Scriptures, not so much with the mind but with the heart, we discover that the Old Testament is truly our own personal story. It is the story of my life in rebellion against God, and of God's constantly reaching in, teaching me of His love for me. I too have worshiped, at times, false Gods. I too have sinned like David. I too have fallen and thought myself alone. But what is far greater is God's hunger and desire for me, for each one of us, for each and every human being. God will leave us free to respond in love. He leaves us totally free as He left Moses, the judges, the kings and prophets, the apostles, Mary, Elizabeth, Mary Magdalene, the Samaritan woman, all were free to say "Yes, we will receive Your love and follow You" or "no, we won't."

In the New Testament, this promise of love and mercy only deepens in the very revelation of Jesus Christ. The truth of the Gospel goes far beyond what any human could ever have imagined or dreamed of – that God Himself would enter the world and take on human flesh. Jesus reveals not only that He is Son of God, but He reveals the Father and the Holy Spirit. He reveals to us the intimate union that we are called into as disciples with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, that there are truly three persons in the one God. Look at how He approaches Peter's denial in the resurrection and the question that He asks Peter. He does not reprimand Peter, but He turns to the question of the heart: "Do you love me?" (Jn 21:15). And that is the question that He gives to each one of us: "Do you love me? And believe? And trust in that love?" We see it too in the conversion of Paul. Sadly, we do not see it in Judas, for Judas went the way of despair, not trusting in the love and mercy Jesus had revealed.

The fathers of the Second Vatican Council encouraged frequent reading of Sacred Scripture, saying that it would provide us spiritual vitality and help us to enter into the relationship with Jesus Christ to which we are called. They boldly quoted St. Jerome and reminded us: "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Jesus Christ" (Dei Verbum 25). And we as Catholics, sadly, at times are ignorant of Sacred Scripture, of the living Word of God, of the words of truth and life that Jesus Christ speaks to us (Jn 8:31-32 and Jn 10:10).

Only God can give us the "good", can give us the "holy", and in humility we receive those gifts. Humility will work against a lack of faith or a laziness about prayer, where we think, "I'll get my hour in on Sunday" or "I'll only do this much prayer and that's enough" or "it is my work."

The Catechism of the Catholic Church speaks of the close relationship expressed in Sacred Scripture between prayer and the heart. "In naming the source of prayer, Scripture speaks sometimes of the soul or the spirit, but most often the heart. According to Scripture, it is the heart that prays.

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

First Saturday, August 2nd

8:00 a.m. Rita Antoine by St. Columban's CWL
3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions
6:15 – 6:45 p.m. Confessions
7:00 p.m. Zita Andrews by Yolande Robinson

Sunday, August 3rd

7:30 a.m. Intentions of the Parishioners
9:30 a.m. Eric Surgeson by Janet, Stefanie & Louisa
11 a.m. Ray Langlois by wife Christine, Monica & girls

Monday, August 4th

8:00 a.m. Anne McDonald by Bea Tardif

Tuesday, August 5th

7:30 a.m. Barbara Parisien (4th anniversary of death)
by Joe Parisien & family

Wednesday, August 6th

7:30 a.m. Ron Picard by Mom & Dad

Thursday, August 7th

7:30 a.m. Mansel Spense by CDSBEO

Friday, August 8th

7:30 a.m. Theresa Girand by Audrey Moores

Saturday, August 9th

3:00--4:00 p.m. Confessions
6:15--6:45 p.m. Confessions
7:00 p.m. Jack MacDonell by wife Dorothy & family

Sunday, August 10th

7:30 a.m. Intentions of the parishioners
9:30 a.m. Deceased family members by Ron Tremblay
11:00 a.m. June Lalonde (6th anniversary of death)
by Joe Parisien & family
12:30 *Baptisms*

Monday, August 11th

7:30 a.m. Mary Lanteigne by St. Columban's CWL

HOME BOUND PARISHIONERS:

If you have a family member who is home bound and would like to receive the Holy Eucharist, please notify the parish.

PARISH ENVELOPES

It would be greatly appreciated if you would assist our Collection Counters by writing the amount of your offering on the front of your Sunday envelopes. Thank you everyone.

POPE FRANCIS – PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST

That refugees, forced by violence to abandon their homes, may find a generous welcome & the protection of their rights.
That Christians in Oceania may joyfully announce the faith to all the people of that region.

IN OUR PARISH

COLLECTION – 20 JULY – THANK YOU

Sunday	\$4,248.00	Votive Candles	\$ 174.30
Loose	554.41	Book Store	45.95
Total	\$4,802.41	Initial Offering	5.00

DEAR FELLOW PARISHIONERS

We encourage each parishioner to increase their weekly donation by just a few dollars (the cost of a chocolate bar) to help balance our parish's operating costs. Thank you for your support.

St. Columban's Parish Finance Council

PASTORAL CARE OUTREACH TEAM

A team of volunteer parishioners, alongside others in the diocese, has come together for formal training and formation over the past year. Team members seek to bring God's love to others by telephoning and visiting the ill, disabled, elderly and those who have suffered a loss, such as the loss of a spouse. A key focus is maintaining contact with those who are unable to attend Mass regularly. We're good listeners, respectful of confidentiality, embracing an attitude of prayer with and for others. If you know anyone in our parish community who might be in need of a comforting contact from a caring member of the pastoral care outreach team, please present your request through the parish office during regular office hours.

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

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

VOTER INFORMATION – MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2014.

Are you recorded as an eligible elector for the upcoming municipal and school board elections?

Voting for your School Board Trustee is important. Trustees develop & implement recommendations for educational programs, budgets, facilities & property issues, & policies & procedures that govern their Board's operation.

You are registered to vote for Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario trustees if your direction of school support status is listed as the **English Separate school board**.

A new tool from the **Municipal Property Assessment Corp.** (MPAC) allows voters to view & update their elector information, including their direction of school support.

Check your direction of school support status.

Updating this information will help to ensure that the Voters' Lists, prepared by each municipality, are accurate & up-to-date in preparation for municipal & school board elections occurring this fall.

Visit voterlookup.ca to confirm & update your elector details. For more information, contact MPAC at 1-866-296-6722

EXCERPTED FROM A TALK BY BISHOP SAMUEL J. AQUILA
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If our heart is far from God, the words of prayer are in vain" (CCC 2562). The heart is our hidden center, beyond the grasp of our reason and of others; only the Spirit of God can fathom the human heart and know it fully. It is the place of encounter, because as image of God we live in relation: it is the place of covenant (CCC 2563). As we read the paragraphs of the Catechism, we cannot help but recall the words of St. Augustine in his Confessions: "My heart was restless until it rested in You." To be fulfilled, every human heart must rest in Jesus Christ, because He is the only Lord and Saviour of the world.

We, too, are called into intimate union with the Trinity. Our late Holy Father John Paul II, in his apostolic exhortation Catechesis in our Time, reminds us "the definitive aim of catechesis is to put people not only in touch but in communion, in intimacy, with Jesus Christ: only He can lead us to the love of the Father in the Spirit and make us share in the life of the Holy Trinity." Jesus' hunger and desire for you is this intimacy. We are disciples and our hearts must be in communion with the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit if we are to bring others to Jesus Christ.

1 – The opening of our hearts to be ready to say "yes" to the Lord, **receptivity** is absolutely essential because God is there waiting to meet us. God initiates and the human person receives.

2 – **Pouring out our heart to God** in prayer. When we turn away from the noise of the world and open our hearts to the Lord, asking the questions that come to our hearts, the Lord will respond. The Lord will speak the truth to our hearts as He spoke to the disciples on the road to Emmaus.

3 – In prayer, be **attentive to the Scriptures**, to the relationships, to the Word of God speaking to me personally. I do not approach it as some dry book of history. I do not approach it to see how things were structured. I approach it with a listening heart, with an attentive heart, with a heart that is ready to learn about God's love for me and God's love for all humanity.

4 – In every celebration of every **Sacrament** there is the Liturgy of the Word that leads us more fully into the Sacrament and helps us to understand and receive the Sacrament more fully. We are truly blessed with both the Word and the Sacrament.

5 – It should lead us to **go out and to proclaim the good news**. We are sent out into the world, into that new evangelization to which John Paul II called us and which Benedict XVI has confirmed. We are to go out with hearts on fire and proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord.

God's deepest desire for us is to have an intimate relationship with Him possible only through the total gift of self. We see in God this total gift of self first in the Old Testament. It is fulfilled in the New Testament in Jesus Christ. The total self gift of God given to man goes beyond our greatest hopes – in the Incarnation, in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and is continued in the Eucharist. God humbles Himself in His desire for intimacy with us. We too must have the same desire. As our God makes Himself a total self gift to us, so too are we called to make ourselves a total self gift to Him. We are called to surrender ourselves to Him completely and totally.

DIOCESE AND AREA

BILINGUAL OUTDOOR MASSES AT CALVARY

Calvary is an outdoor Way of the Cross located behind Ste-Marie de l'Assomption Church in Green Valley.
MASSSES 7 P.M., 13 AUGUST & 10:30 A.M., 6 SEPTEMBER

Fr. Louis Groetelaars & the parishioners of St. Anthony's & St. Michael's invite all former parishioners and friends to attend **CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION MASS – SUNDAY, 3 AUG. 2 P.M., – ST. ANTHONY'S CHURCH, APPLE HILL.**
And join us after Mass for refreshments and reminiscing.

ST. JULIAN'S CHAPEL (24 HOUR ADORATION)
(located at St. Peter's Church)

Please prayerfully consider spending an hour a week in front of the Blessed Sacrament. To volunteer or for more information, please call Florence at 613-932-8936.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY – STARTS 17 SEPTEMBER

This 10 week course will be offered on the Book of James. Cost is \$40. with a \$20 deposit when you register. Course will be held in the St. Columban's Parish Centre (upstairs in the Agape Building – Room 102). For more info. or to register, contact Marilyn 613-537-2021 (marilyn.light@gmail.com) or Heidi 613-347-756 (michaelkrol@xplornet.com)

60TH ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO MONT SAINT-GREGOIRE
birthplace of Saint Andre. Buses leave St. Joseph's Oratory on **SUN., 31 AUGUST** at 9 a.m. Mass at 11 a.m. at Parish Church, Prayer at the memorial to St. Andre at 2:30 p.m., Luncheon.
For info & reservations call Denis at 514-733-8211 x 2792 or pelerinage@osj.qc.ca

ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO ST-ANNE-DE-BEAUPRE AND TO CAP-DE-LA-MADELEINE – 9 & 10 AUGUST

Weekend celebrant is Archbishop Terrence Prendergast accompanied by our Bishop Marcel Damphousse & others.
For information contact Mike Budge at 613-224-8110 or www.ste-anne-de-beaupre.com.

PILGRIMAGE TO OUR LADY OF KNOCK SHRINE, ST. MALACHY'S CHURCH, MAYO, QUE. – 17 AUGUST

11 a.m. Mass Presided by The Most Rev. Paul-Andre Durocher. Rosary Procession to the Cemetery, Marian Hymns, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Blessing of Religious Articles, Healing Service.

For more info e-mail: mayopilgrimage@gmail.com, contact Ellen Butler 819-986-3860 or Jean Dunnigan 819-986-8763

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