

**3RD SUNDAY**

**OF ADVENT**

**14 DECEMBER, 2014**

The voice of one cries out: in the wilderness: "Make straight the way of 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:

Isaiah 61:1–2,10–11  
Luke 1:46–50,53–54  
1 Thess 5:16–24  
John 1:6–8, 19–28

"Do not quench the Spirit  
... test everything;  
hold fast to what is good;  
abstain from  
every form of evil."

## Further Reflection

### from the Catechism:

CCC: 1694, 1729, 2690  
CCCC: 359, 372, 596  
YOUCAT: 279/85, 498

## DISCERNMENT

"On this Third Sunday of Advent the readings focus our attention on the Lord Who is already present among us. Today we rejoice and celebrate the presence of God in our midst.

In the Old Testament reading today Isaiah announces a year of favour from the Lord and brings a message of healing and hope to the people of Israel. In the midst of the hardship and destruction that the people found upon their return from Exile, the prophet announces good news. In the dark days that followed Israel's return from exile, the prophet Isaiah rejoices over the light, which he sees dawning just over the horizon. Today's passage from the Old Testament brings hope to all those who await the Light of the World.

In today's Gospel the Jewish leaders question John about whether or not he is the messiah. John the Baptist makes it clear that he has been sent by God to prepare the way for the One Who is to come. The people hear from John that he isn't the light. John points to the One in their midst, Whom they do not recognize.

### A KEY SCRIPTURAL THEME:

The word "discernment" comes from the Latin term *discernere*, which means, "to separate," and "to distinguish." Believers understand discernment to be a process of reflecting on daily events in order to respond to the way that God is leading us.

We discern when we pray and examine our lives in order to hear the voice of the Spirit of God. We believe that God loves and cares about us. God does not cast us adrift. God sent Jesus into the world to give us direction and lead us to a closer relationship with God. Jesus promised the Holy Spirit to help us, console us, and guide us. The promised guidance of the Holy Spirit is the basis for the Christian understanding of discernment. Discernment requires trust in God, a posture of listening to the voice of the Spirit, and the ability to examine one's life with humility. Discernment is making choices prayerfully.

### THINKING ABOUT IT

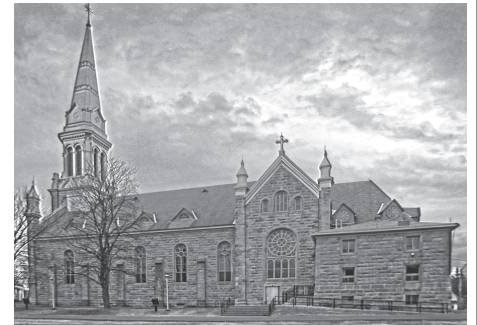
When we are Baptized, we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. In the Sacrament of Baptism we are reborn as adopted children of God. Throughout our lives the Holy Spirit helps to lead us to the truth.



### THE GOSPEL IN LIFE

How can you pay prayerful attention to where God's Spirit is leading you this week?

*Excerpted from RCL Benziger Lectionary Resources*



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Evenings by appointment

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By appointment  
1 month in advance

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Please give 6 months notice

### CONFESSIONS

Saturday 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.  
Saturday 6:15 to 6:45 p.m.  
Also by appointment

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## CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

### Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions  
 6:15 – 6:45 p.m. Confessions  
 7:00 p.m. Deceased Depatie family members by  
 Pauline, Joe & family

### Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>

7:30 a.m. Intentions of the parishioners  
 9:30 a.m. Edwin & Lawrence Joubert by Donna & Gilles Labelle  
 11:00 a.m. Phillip Bray by David & Nancy Hill

### Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup>

7:30 a.m. Deceased Welsh family members by Ron Welsh

Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> No Mass

### Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>

7:30 a.m. Barbara & Joe Parisien by Christa & Andrew Lauzon  
**2:00 p.m. Advent Reconciliation Service**

### Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup>

7:30 a.m. Mae Lapierre by her sister-in-law Doris Lapierre

### Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup>

7:30 a.m. Si Miller by wife Joan & family

### Saturday, December 20<sup>th</sup>

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions  
 6:15 – 6:45 p.m. Confessions  
 7:00 p.m. Hubert Lalonde by wife Alice and daughters Charlene,  
 Judy, Wendy, Debbie & Brenda

### Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup>

7:30 a.m. Intentions of the parishioners  
 9:30 a.m. For those Remembered in Memoriam by  
 The Patron's Foundation  
 11:00 a.m. Germaine Lafrance (17<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of death) by  
 Diane & Gilles Lafrance

### Monday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>

7:30 a.m. Daphne Martell by husband Barice & family

### RESPONSORIAL PRAYER BEFORE MASS THE ANGELUS

CAN BE FOUND IN YOUR SUNDAY MISSAL, PAGE 590

### ST. COLUMBAN'S PARISH

#### CHRISTMAS / NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULES

CHRISTMAS VIGIL Wed., 24 Dec. 5 p.m., 7 p.m., Midnight  
 CHRISTMAS DAY Thurs. 25 Dec. 10:30 a.m.  
 NEW YEAR'S EVE Wed. 31 Dec. 5 p.m.  
 NEW YEAR'S DAY Thurs. 1 Jan. 10:30 a.m.

### ST. COLUMBAN'S PARISH – OFFICE HOURS

Christmas - Tues. 23 Dec. Closed at Noon  
 Wed. 24 Dec. Christmas Eve – Closed all day  
 Thurs. 25 Dec. Christmas Day – Closed all day  
 New Year's Tues. 30 Dec. Closed 12 Noon  
 Wed. 31 Dec. New Year's Eve – Closed all day  
 Thurs. 01 Jan. New Year's Day – Closed all day

## IN OUR PARISH

### COLLECTION – 30 NOVEMBER – THANK YOU

Sunday	\$5,298.50	Votive Candles	\$178.20
Loose	456.46	Books	326.90
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,754.96</b>	Priests Pension Fund	410.00
Vocation Sunday	5.00	Christmas	15.00
Dev. & Peace	10.00	New Year's	20.00
Papal Charities	5.00	Initial Offering	5.00
NeedsCan.Church	5.00	Easter	20.00
Prop.of Faith	13.00	Good Friday	5.00
Donation- Supper	20.00	Flowers	5.00

### PARISH DONATIONS – INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

We need to close the Parish Financial Books on 29 Dec. Monies received after the 29<sup>th</sup> will be credited for 2015. If you want donations included on your 2014 Income Tax Receipt, it is important that we receive them before the 29<sup>th</sup> of December.

### ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES

7 p.m. Monday, 15 December – Blessed Sacrament  
 7 p.m. Tuesday, 16 December – St. Andrew's  
 2 p.m. Wednesday, 17 December – St. Columban's

### ADOPT-A-CANDIDATE – REMINDER

If you haven't placed a card for your child in the collection basket, please drop it in the Mail Box at the parish office by  
**TUESDAY, 16 DECEMBER.**

Thank you for praying for a child who is preparing for  
**CONFIRMATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION.**

### COFFEE AND CHAT - NEXT WEEKEND 20/21 DEC.

*STOP TO WISH OTHERS A BLESSED CHRISTMAS.*

All parishioners are invited to join in celebrating the Season by bringing a sample of your Christmas baking to share with other parishioners after Mass next weekend.

*APPLE CIDER WILL BE AVAILABLE (INSTEAD OF COFFEE)*



### REST IN THE PEACE & LOVE OF THE LORD

Thelma Gaudet, Maria Lalonde,  
 Agnes Mary MacDonald, Lloyd Cameron,  
 Rodney Cameron and all who have died.

### 2015 PARISH ENVELOPES – REMINDER

*If you haven't done so already, please pick up your box of 2015 Parish Envelopes. They are located on the register at the 4<sup>th</sup> Street Entrance to the Church. Thank You Everyone.*

## IN OUR PARISH

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:

Once a year during Advent we at SVDP have a fundraising drive to offset our annual expenses. We are a completely volunteer group with no overhead costs and thus you can be assured that all funds received will see their way to assisting the needy in our local area. As the Gospel often says, we who have, should attempt to share with and help the less fortunate. We should recall that those who assist the least of His people are assisting Him. Through us you can participate in this mission, and we ask that those of you, who wish to and have the means, make a donation to our charity.

An envelope is enclosed in this week's Church Bulletin, should you wish to make a donation. Thank you for your consideration.

### SNOW REMOVAL:

#### CHURCH ENTRANCES & WALKWAYS

Please check the diagram (copy on bulletin boards) of the church entrances and walkways which shows where snow removal will be carried out on weekends when there is a major snowfall. As we have 5 entrances to be cleared of snow and our custodian is not scheduled to work on weekends, this will help eliminate some overtime work for him if a major storm occurs. Thank you for your understanding.

*Your Finance Council*

### MIDNIGHT MASS, CHRISTMAS EVE

HERE AT ST. COLUMBAN'S CHURCH  
WILL BE CONCELEBRATED BY

**BISHOP MARCEL AND FATHER JEROME**

At Christmas we celebrate the great truth that our God entered human history. At the heart of Christianity is the belief that the most loving Word God spoke became a person, Jesus.

## IN THE DIOCESE

### DIOCESAN "LENDING" LIBRARY

ARE YOU AWARE THAT THERE IS AN  
EXTENSIVE LIBRARY OF BOOKS BY CATHOLIC AUTHORS  
AS WELL AS AUDIO AND VIDEO RESOURCES  
FOR YOU TO BORROW - FREE OF CHARGE

All that is asked of you is that you sign them out, treat these resources gently and return them within a reasonable amount of time (2 - 3 weeks). The Library is located in a room at St. Peter's Church (next door to the Adoration Chapel). You may gain access to the Library every day by ringing the bell at the side door.

*While you're there, you are welcome to stop in for a visit with our Eucharistic Lord in the Adoration Chapel.*

## IN THE DIOCESE AND COMMUNITY

### CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCHEON

**NOON TO 2:30 P.M., THURSDAY, 25 DECEMBER**

Will you be alone this Christmas Day? Why not join your extended family in Jesus for lunch (turkey & all the fixings) at the Agora Catholic Centre. No cost for the meal but a donation of non-perishable goods for St. Vincent de Paul appreciated. For more information or to volunteer at this luncheon, contact Darlene Walsh at 613-703-7696, or e-mail [dtwalsh@sympatico.ca](mailto:dtwalsh@sympatico.ca)

**DECEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup> TO 19<sup>TH</sup>**

### MOVIE: MARY OF NAZARETH

In time for the Christmas season, an epic new motion picture on the life of Mary, mother of Christ, from her childhood through the Resurrection of Jesus. This full-length feature film about the life of Our Lady, shot in English in High Definition, was filmed in Europe in very authentic locales with outstanding cinematography, a strong cast, and a majestic music score. Actress Alissa Jung gives a beautiful, compelling and inspired portrayal of Mary. The movie is showing at the Port Theatre each evening at 7 p.m. from December 5<sup>th</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup> and matinées during the week from Monday to Friday beginning at 1:30 pm.

Knights of Columbus, St. Francis de Sales Parish

### FAMILY BREAKFAST

**8:30 TO NOON, SUNDAY, 21 DECEMBER**

In the Parish Hall - \$7/person

### NEW YEAR'S EVE BALL - 8 P.M. TO 1 A.M.

K of C Hall, 205 Amelia St.

Hot and cold buffet served at Midnight. Music by Crazy Dave - Door Prizes & spot dances. Call 613-932-7600 for tickets.

### FIRST CHRISTMAS STORIES FROM THE BIRTH OF CHRIST

Evening of music, praise and reflection to prepare us for the great celebration of Christmas. Hear stories of those who were there at the Birth of Christ Jesus -

the Shepherd, a Wiseman, the Innkeeper and others.

**BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH - 7 P.M., SATURDAY, 20 DEC**

### MEGA CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE FOR TEENS

Over 2,000 young people (Grades 8 to 12) will gather to celebrate & grow their faith. This conference is strongly Catholic with great young speakers, fantastic music and beautiful celebrations of our faith.

Alexandria-Cornwall diocese will be taking a group to the conference. Mark your calendar & plan to attend.

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