

4TH SUNDAY

OF ADVENT

21 DECEMBER, 2014

“He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High ... and of His Kingdom there will be no end.”

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:

2 Sam 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16
Psalm 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29
Romans 16:25-27
Luke 1:26-38

“For ever I will sing of
Your steadfast love,
O Lord.”

Further Reflection from the Catechism:

CCC: 461, 464, 469
CCCC: 86 - 89
YOUCAT: 77

OUR PROMISED SAVIOUR

In the first reading from the Old Testament Isaiah brings a message of hope to the people. He tells the people that they need to prepare because something great is about to happen. This passage was written at the time of the Exile, when Israel's trust in the Lord was being tested. Isaiah proclaims that the God of Israel will come with might and gentleness to save the people. He announces that the glory of the Lord is revealed and all people will see how God saves Israel from her sins.

In today's Gospel John the Baptist announces that something great is about to happen. This passage begins with the words from the Book of Isaiah to show that Jesus is the fulfillment of God's promise to send a saviour. John the Baptist is sent to prepare the people for the coming of Jesus. John preaches repentance and the forgiveness of sins as the way to get ready for the coming of Jesus. To be prepared for the coming of the Lord, one must experience a change of heart, conversion, and true repentance.

A KEY SCRIPTURAL THEME: CONFESSION OF SINS

Advent is filled with hope for a world that is healed of all division. We wait for God's promise of a life without hatred, violence, pain, or loss. We look forward to the coming of Jesus Christ. Making room for Jesus includes making changes. Advent calls for personal change and a healing of the hatred and violence that exists in our own hearts. We are not perfect and we need God and God's grace to change our lives. Confessing sin brings us closer to God. Just as John the Baptist points to Jesus Christ, the confession of our sins points to the healing mercy of a forgiving God. The Catholic Church teaches that an essential part of the Sacrament of Reconciliation is the confession of sin by the penitent to the priest. In this way, a penitent is opened to the healing of God's grace (CCC 1456).

During the Advent season we get ready for Jesus Christ, Whose birth we prepare to celebrate and whose coming again in glory we anticipate.

THINKING ABOUT IT

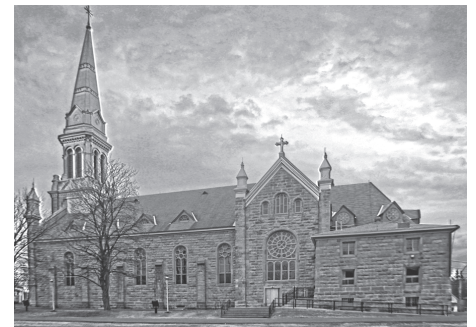
The Sacrament of Reconciliation Celebrates God's forgiveness and mercy. This Sacrament includes the confession of our sins to the priest. In this way we are opened to the healing of God's grace (CCC 1456).



THE GOSPEL IN LIFE

Work on the changes that you would like to make this week.

Excerpted from RCL Benziger Lectionary Resources



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Rev. Mr. Marcel Brunet, Deacon
Rev. Fr. Claude Halle, Guest Priest

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Mon. to Thurs. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
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 20th

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 21st

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 (17th Anniversary of death) by
Diane & Gilles Lafrance

Monday, December 22nd

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

Tuesday, December 23rd No Mass

Wednesday, December 24th CHRISTMAS EVE

5:00 p.m. Anunciacion Cespon by a parishioner

7:00 p.m. Yvonne Haineault by Jackie Sheney & family

Midnight Iola & Barbara Parisien by Joe Parisien & family

Thursday, December 25th NATIVITY OF THE LORD

10:30 a.m. Intentions of parishioners

Friday, December 26th

8:00 a.m. Elaine Samson by David & Nancy Hill

Saturday, December 27th

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions

6:15 – 6:45 p.m. Confessions

7:00 p.m. Cyril Dumond by wife Viola & family

Sunday, December 28th

7:30 a.m. Intentions of the Parishioners

9:30 a.m. Eric Surgeson by Janet, Stephanie & Louisa

11:00 a.m. Gerard Martel by Candace & Dan Patenaude

Monday, December 29th

7:30 a.m. Gerald Parisien by Joe Parisien & family

RESPONSORIAL PRAYER BEFORE MASS

THE ANGELUS

CAN BE FOUND IN YOUR SUNDAY MISSAL, PAGE 590

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.

OFFICE HOURS

23 Dec. Closed 12 Noon / 24 & 25 December - Closed all day

30 Dec. Closed 12 Noon / 31 Dec., 1 January - Closed all day

CHILDREN'S LITURGY – IS TAKING A BREAK OVER THE

Christmas & New Year Holidays: 28 December, 4 January

The Children's Liturgy at the 9:30 a.m. Mass
will resume on Sunday, 11 January

IN OUR PARISH

COLLECTION – 7 DECEMBER– THANK YOU

Sunday	\$4,784.00	Votive Candles	\$170.60
Loose	487.29	Books	96.75
Total	\$5,271.29	Priests Pension Fund	5.00
		Prop. of the Faith	5.00

Merry Christmas - Peace & Joy

Dear brothers and sisters in the Lord, at this special time of the year, let us take time to express our gratitude to our loving God Who became flesh and dwelt among us. He came that we might embrace the opportunity to be reconciled to God both now and for eternity. Ever mindful that He will come again in glory, let us live in the dignity fitting of God's sons and daughters.

Please keep us in your prayers as we seek God's will for our parish community. Our prayer for you is that you will continue to grow by leaps and bounds in the knowledge and the love of our Saviour Who is God with us. May our shared worship and our very lives be found pleasing to Him.

As we enjoy the Christmas festivities, let us remember to invite Jesus to take His rightful place at the very centre of our celebrations.

Your Pastoral Team

Fr. Jerome, and Deacon Marcel

and

Your Parish Leadership Team

Don Smith, Anne Gauthier, Bill Brown,

Teresa Mac-Innis, Gloria Lajoie

APPLE CIDER AND CHAT – AFTER MASS TODAY

STOP TO WISH OTHERS A BLESSED CHRISTMAS.

To help celebrate as we await the arrival of Jesus at Christmas, you are invited to stop after Mass today for fellowship and sample some Christmas baking brought by parishioners to share.



MIDNIGHT MASS, CHRISTMAS EVE

WE WELCOME BISHOP MARCEL,

WHO WILL CONCELEBRATE MASS WITH 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.

COME AND WORSHIP

On Friday December 12 our parish hosted the Aramico Gospel Choir for an evening of praise and worship in support of our new Anawim ministry.

In spite of the lead singer, master of ceremonies and pastor all having strained voices due to upper respiratory infections, the interactive concert was greatly enjoyed as were the traditional Christmas carols sung in Mohawk by members of the Akwesasne Mohawk Choir.

Our sincere thanks to all who supported us in any way, including through the purchase of tickets, event programme advertisements and donations.

Aramico was appreciative of the warm welcome they received in the parish and are already discussing the possibility of a future event.

**ST. COLUMBAN
ANAWIM
MINISTRY**



ARAMICO GOSPEL CHOIR



MOHAWK CHOIR

FR. JEROME & DON



BECAME CHILDREN OF GOD THROUGH BAPTISM
*Talain Eli Tothfalose-Richardson, Brooklyn McCollum,
Riley Marc Kenneth McLaughlin, Taylynn Robinson
and Cymon Kyle Skidders-Denneny
were Baptised here last Sunday.*

PARISH DONATIONS – INCOME TAX RECEIPTS
We need to close the Parish Financial Books on 29 Dec.
Monies received after the 29th 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 29th of December.

PLEASE SUPPORT THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY
Through your donation, you participate in the mission
of sharing & helping the needy in our midst.
**ENVELOPES CAN BE FOUND ON THE REGISTERS AT ALL
ENTRANCES TO THE CHURCH.**
THANK YOU EVERYONE FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCHEON
NOON TO 2:30 P.M., THURSDAY, 25 DECEMBER
Will you be alone this Christmas Day? Come and 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.
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