

**HOLY  
FAMILY**

**28 DECEMBER, 2014**

“My eyes have seen Your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to Your people Israel.”

# 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.

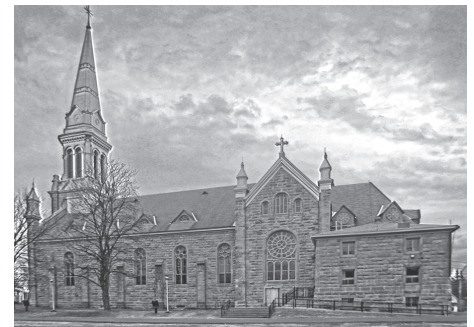
**Today's Readings:**

Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3  
Psalm 105:1-2,3-4,5-6  
Heb 11:8,11-12,17-19  
Luke 2:22-40

“The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon Him.”

**Further Reflection from the Catechism:**

CCC: 2201-2231  
CCCC: 455, 462  
YOUCAT: 368 – 373



The Feast of the Holy Family highlights that Jesus was born into a family, which in turn reinforces Jesus' humanity. This feast celebrates that through Jesus Christ, all human nature is sacred, including family life.

The first reading from the Old Testament focuses on God's gift of family. The author is concerned with how family members treat one another. Many scholars consider today's passage to be a commentary on the fourth commandment, to honour one's father and mother. The message is clear, God wants certain qualities to exist in family life—qualities such as care and kindness and holding mothers and fathers in a place of honour. Showing reverence and care for members within one's family leads to many blessings from God.

Today's Gospel shows Mary and Joseph's obedience to God and their gratitude for God's gift of family. Mary and Joseph follow the Jewish law of their time by presenting Jesus to the Lord in the Temple in Jerusalem. In the Temple, the Holy Family meets Simeon who proclaims Jesus to be the glory of Israel and Anna who predicts that Jesus will cause conflict and division within Israel. After the presentation in the Temple, Mary, Joseph and Jesus return home to Nazareth. In Nazareth Jesus continues to grow in wisdom within his loving family. This passage shows the grace of God given for all families.

**A KEY SCRIPTURAL THEME:**

We believe that the family is a gift from God (CCC 2203). Like all gifts from God, we have a responsibility to use and enjoy the gift of family properly. Church teaching helps to guide families to live in God's grace. The fourth commandment: "Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you" (Exodus 20:12 and Deuteronomy 5:16), is the basis for the Church's teaching on family.

**THINKING ABOUT IT**

All families experience times of crises or conflict. When faith and love exist in families, family members can grow through such experiences. Families function properly when members express love, compassion, and respect for one another. When parents express God's love and when their children return this love, family members learn to care for and take responsibility for one another.



Through the Sacrament of Marriage, a married couple becomes a sign of God's own love for humanity and the love Jesus has for the Church itself.

**THE GOSPEL IN LIFE**

What is one thing that you can do this week to show love and respect for a member of your family?

*Excerpted from RCL Benziger Lectionary Resources*

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## CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

### Saturday, December 27<sup>th</sup>

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 28<sup>th</sup>

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 29<sup>th</sup>

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

### Tuesday, December 30<sup>th</sup> No Mass

### Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup> ***New Year's Eve***

5:00 p.m. Sonny Herrington by his sister Dawn Ford

### Thursday, January 01<sup>st</sup> ***Mary, Mother of God***

10:30 a.m. Intentions of Parishioners

### Friday, January 02<sup>nd</sup>

7:30 a.m. Marguerite Wood by Hugh & Barbara Ann Wood

**8:00 a.m. Adoration**

### First Saturday, January 03<sup>rd</sup>

7:00 – 7:25 a.m. Confessions

8:00 a.m. Betty Burt (5<sup>th</sup> Anniv.of death)by Doug & Jane Anderson

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions

6:15 – 6:45 p.m. Confessions

7:00 p.m. Percy Lalonde by wife Amelia & family

### Sunday, January 04<sup>th</sup> ***Epiphany of the Lord***

7:30 a.m. Intentions of the Parishioners

9:30 a.m. Remi & Alice Carriere by Marleene McWilliam & family

11:00 a.m. Loretta Broussard by Alice & Gordon Hull

### Monday, January 05<sup>th</sup>

7:30 a.m. Special Intention for Fr. Jerome by Ron Welsh

## RESPONSORIAL PRAYER BEFORE MASS

### *THE ANGELUS*

CAN BE FOUND IN YOUR SUNDAY MISSAL, PAGE 590

### *EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – HOLY HOUR*

**8 A.M., FRIDAY, 2 JANUARY**

After 7:30 a.m. Mass, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed and a time of adoration, prayer, Scripture & meditation follows.

Hour closes with Benediction.

**O COME LET US ADORE HIM – CHRIST THE KING**



### **FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS**

**3 JANUARY**

Rosary prayed at 7:30 a.m.

Mass at 8 a.m.

Confessions available from 7 to 7:25 a.m

All are welcome to come and pray

## MESSAGE OF HOPE

*If Christ would come  
and walk this earth once again.*

HE would be among the 132 school children in Peshawar,  
Pakistan senseless killings.

HE would be with the family members of the two hostages  
shot dead following a 16-hour siege at a popular café  
at Martin Place in Sydney.

HE would be among the homeless children today still  
looking for their lost family members after Typhoon  
Haiyan in the Philippines a year ago.

HE would be among the 200,000 ethnic communities terror-  
ized by jihadists & forced to flee for their lives  
in the Middle East.

**IF CHRIST WOULD COME AND WALK THIS EARTH  
ONCE AGAIN, DEEP IN HIS EYES,  
YOU WOULD SEE THE SORROW OF MANKIND.**

Who of us humans could ever have thought of such a possibility, a God wanting to become like us human beings, stripped off His divinity and becoming like us, bearing our frailties, sufferings, and deaths.

This is the mystery of the Incarnation. The ultimate and only motive behind this marvelous plan of God is His kindness and love. *"God so loved the world (you and I included) so much that He gave His only Son" (Jn 3, 16).*

It is important to come during this Christmas to a new experience of the love of God in our personal lives. It is not enough just to look back to the fact of two thousand years ago and be sentimentally touched by it. We also in our present times, and especially in our very own lives, discover this goodness and kindness of the Lord still at work.

Here lies the challenge of Christmas that we become instruments of this love of God for others and bring light, hope, and joy into the many dark spots and shadows of this world.

This is the meaning behind the many popular customs and traditions of this season: the lights of the Christmas tree, the manger, the writing of Christmas cards, the caroling, the gift-giving -- all these are meant to challenge us to hand on the joy and love we all have experienced in the Nativity of Jesus.

Whenever Christmas is celebrated He walks this earth once again to heal us of our wounds. Whenever His Incarnation is recalled & celebrated, He makes sacred and consecrates again our humanity. Whenever we prepare a crib for the baby born Saviour, hope of our broken world is born again to us, and the human race sanctified and elevated to greater dignity.

In the midst of a troubled world, the Word became flesh and dwelt among us. Despite my sinfulness, He remains Emmanuel, the God with us. Our hope is faithfulness to His promise, *"I will be with you always until the end of time"*.

**WISHING YOU A NEW YEAR  
FILLED WITH HOPE AND LOVE**

*Father Jerome*

## IN OUR PARISH

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY FATHER JEROME**  
CELEBRATING YOUR ANNIVERSARY  
OF ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD ON JANUARY 3<sup>RD</sup>.

### 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  
Children's Liturgy at the 9:30 a.m. Mass will resume Sun, 11 Jan.

### 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.

### PARISH ENVELOPES FOR 2015 – PLEASE VERIFY

the number on the label to the number in the box. If different please return them to the office. Print your name on the envelope for the first few weeks in 2015 & discard any 2014 envelopes.

### SNOW REMOVAL – CHURCH ENTRANCES & WALKWAYS

Please check the diagram (on bulletin boards) which shows church entrances & walkways where snow removal will be carried out on weekends when there is a major snowfall. There are 5 entrances to be cleared & our custodian is not scheduled to work weekends. This will help eliminate some overtime work for him when a major storm occurs. Thank you for your understanding.

## WE ARE GRATEFUL TO GOD FOR THE MANY GIFTS HE HAS BESTOWED UPON OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

We are also thankful for the ways that many of you have used the gifts entrusted to you, making them available to the parish to aid in the building up of the Kingdom of God in our midst.

Some are useful for the liturgy in the service of the Word or Sacrament, music, hospitality or practical helps. Some are used in service to others. Still others aid in areas of leadership.

Of course, there has been and will continue to be an increased focus on gifts useful in evangelism so necessary in reaching souls for the Kingdom.

Our new parish Anawim ministry has just been launched and the Pastoral Outreach team continues to be attentive to needs in the community.

As well, we continue to call forth new ministries, including a greater diversity of music at the various Masses.

*Looking forward with Hope*

Father Jerome, Deacon Marcel  
and your Parish Leadership Team Members  
Don Smith, Anne Gauthier,  
Bill Brown, Teresa MacInnis, Gloria Lajoie  
*Happy New Year Everyone*

### COLLECTION – 14 DECEMBER– THANK YOU

Sunday	\$5,010.55	Votive Candles	\$1167.40
Loose	365.05	Books	91.65
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,375.60</b>	Priests Pension Fund	42.00
		Prop. of the Faith	2.00

## IN THE DIOCESE

### FATHER HALLE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

to help serve as Ministers of Communion at the many facilities he services (Hospice, Cornwall Community Hospital and 10 Nursing Homes). Please call 613-933-6097.

### WOMEN'S MORNING OF REFLECTION– SAT., 3 JAN.

9:30 a.m. to Noon at the Charles-Emile Claude Centre. Morning of fellowship includes Mass, a light breakfast, a talk, Confession and the Rosary. Bishop Marcel will speak on Vocations (part 2). A free will offering of \$5 is appreciated.

### 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

St. Francis de Sales K of C  
**ROAST BEEF DINNER – THURSDAY, 15 JANUARY**  
in the parish hall. Adults \$10; children \$5  
Two sittings to accommodate all: 4:30 & 5:30 p.m.

**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 ARE ON THE REGISTERS AT ALL ENTRANCES TO THE CHURCH. THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**

### PRAISE AND WORSHIP – 3<sup>RD</sup> THURS. OF EVERY MONTH 6:30 TO 7:30 P.M. STARTING 15 JANUARY

At St. Peter's Church - Led by  
Martin Callan & Richard Leroux, Natalie Desrosiers & friends  
*All your favorite songs: Open the eyes of my heart; Here I am to worship; Blessed be the name of the Lord & more*

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