

HOLY FAMILY

SUNDAY

29 DEC. 2013



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.**

APPLYING GOD'S WORD TO MY LIFE

Today's Readings:

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14
Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5
Col 3:12-21 or 3:1-17
Matt 2:13-15, 19-23

The Holy Family is a model for our families.

Further Reflection

from the Catechism:

CCC: 2201-2231
CCCC: 455, 462
YOUCAT: 368-372

SCRIPTURE BACKGROUND

On today's feast of the Holy Family, the Church celebrates that Jesus was born into a family. The birth of Jesus into a family highlights His humanity. The humanity of Jesus makes holy all of humanity and Jesus' life in a family reflects the holiness of family life. The family, made holy by virtue of Jesus' life with Mary and Joseph, becomes a source of holiness for every Christian.

The Old Testament reading today stresses the Fourth Commandment, to honour your father and mother. The Fourth Commandment is crucial to both Jewish and Christian understandings of family life. The author of today's reading is concerned with the kind of relationships that make up family life. We are told that God does not forget when reverence and care is shown for one's parents. This passage encourages families to strive to live in harmony. Family life can be a source of holiness when lived within God's Commandments.

Today's Gospel brings to light the importance of Jesus' family life. Joseph guides his family with divine help through dangers to safety. Joseph, Mary, and Jesus listen to God's call and they leave Egypt and settle down in Nazareth. In this reading, Matthew identifies Jesus as the new Moses, called out of Egypt. Jesus' human destiny retells the entire history of the chosen people and His upbringing in Nazareth leads to the truth of his identity as Messiah, Son of God and Saviour.

Although today's Gospel passage does not emphasize Jesus' reverence toward His parents, we can be sure that Jesus' way to holiness would have included observance of the Fourth Commandment.

A KEY THEME:

The concept of law in the Old Testament comes from an understanding that Israel is chosen by God because of divine love. The commands of God are meant to be a light and guide for the chosen people, not a burden.

In the New Testament Jesus not only fulfills the Law, but also follows it closely. When Jesus is asked which Commandment is the greatest, He responds with twofold instruction to love God and to love one's neighbour. His attitude toward the Law is one of reverence and respect.

Catholic teaching on the Fourth Commandment recites the duties of family members. Children are to respect and obey their parents and guardians. Parents and guardians are to provide for their children's growth and well being, regarding them as children of God.

THINKING ABOUT IT

- How do you show respect for the members of your family?



THE GOSPEL IN LIFE

How can you help strengthen your family relationships this week?

Excerpted from RCL Benziger Lectionary Resources



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Monday-Thursday

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Evenings by appointment

BAPTISMS

By appointment 1 month in advance

MARRIAGES

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 28th

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions

6:15 – 6:45 p.m. Confessions

7:00 p.m. Gerald Parisien by Joe Parisien & family

Sunday, December 29th

Holy Family Sunday

7:30 a.m. Intentions of parishioners

9:30 a.m. Those Remembered in Memoriam by

The Patrons of St. Columban

11:00 a.m. Catherine & Rheel Deschamps by Bea Tardiff

Monday, December 30th

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

Tuesday, December 31st

New Year's Eve

5:00 p.m. Percy Lalonde by wife Amelia & family

Wednesday, January 1st

Mary, Mother of God

9:30 a.m. Intentions of parishioners

11:00 a.m. Kathleen Landon by Leigh & Dawn Wheeler

Thursday, January 2nd

7:30 a.m. Eleanor Morris by the family

Friday, January 3rd

7:30 a.m. John & Alice Herdman by Sean Herdman & family

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

Saturday, January 4th **First Saturday**

7:00 -7:25 a.m. Confessions

8:00 a.m. Theresa & Peter DiCola by Gerry & Lise DiCola

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions

6:15 – 6:45 p.m. Confessions

7:00 p.m. George & Carmel Belmore by the family

Sunday, January 5th

Epiphany

7:30 a.m. Intentions of parishioners

9:30 a.m. Suzan Smith by Mom, Steve, Lisa & Mike

11:00 a.m. Michael Ingram by Darleen & Kris Belanger

Monday, January 6th

7:30 a.m. Rita Marsolais by John Martel

NEW YEAR'S – MASS SCHEDULE

New Year's Eve Tues. Dec. 31st – 5:00 p.m.

New Year's Day Wed. Jan. 1st – 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

HOLY HOUR

8 A.M., FRIDAY, 3 JANUARY

After the 7:30 a.m. Mass, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed & a time of adoration, prayer, Scripture and meditation will follow. The hour closes with Benediction.

O COME LET US ADORE HIM – CHRIST THE KING

Eucharistic



Adoration



FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

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.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

We are on the threshold of another new year, 2014! We also leave behind 2013. As we leave it behind we reflect on what the year has been.



For the Catholic Church as a whole the biggest news was when Pope Benedict XVI stepped down and when Francis was elected our new Pope. His personality and openness to dialogue has brought a renewed interest in the Church both from within and from the media.

In October of 2012 we began a Year of Faith in the Catholic Church. As part of our parish efforts, our new Bishop, Marcel Damphousse lead a parish mission for us as he explored our faith.

Through the events of the liturgical year we remember the work of Lent leading to the celebration of Easter and our recent journey through Advent bringing us to this season of Christmas. Many of us remember another year of effort for sponsor-a-candidate, but also the responses we received in return.

We remember our Snack and Chat Sundays, the Parish Supper and the smaller Parish Social. At the social we had a chance to express our appreciation as we said good-bye to Fr. Celestine as he moved to St. Raphael and St. Margaret Parishes. As a parish we added to our history of outreach with our support to our brothers and sisters in the Philippines and in having a collection for Shelter Box where we collected enough for two of the emergency shelter boxes with tents and supplies. Hopefully, we have all grown as disciples of Jesus.

As a pastoral team we wish to thank you for your support and the many ways you give of yourselves for the parish. Thank you.

As we look to the new year, what blessings will it bring? What challenges will we face? We can't tell the future, but we wish each of you the best for the new year. Certainly Pope Francis will continue to refresh the Church, challenging us to live simply and to remember those most in need.

Wishing you a blessed New Year!

Your pastoral team,



Father Dan and Deacon Marcel

OFFICE HOURS – NEW YEARS

Tuesday December 31st Closed at 12 noon

Wed. & Thurs. January 1st & 2nd Closed all day

IN THE PARISH

PASTOR'S NOTE

You will notice a change in the book table in the size of the *Living with Christ* that is available for purchase. The publisher has discontinued the small print version and now only publishes the larger print size. The book table will continue to carry it for those who want the daily readings. The larger print format comes at a higher cost. Starting in January the book table will be charging \$3.25 for each monthly edition of the *Living with Christ*. Thank you for your understanding.

Father Dan

To those 19-39 years of age.

All who are between the ages of 19 and 39 are invited to reserve Sunday, 26 January, for a parish supported social event.

COLLECTION – 8 DECEMBER – THANK YOU

Sunday Env.	\$6,583.91	Needs Can.Church	\$ 5.00
Loose	564.17	Candles	191.25
Total	\$7,148.08	Christmas	5.00
Book Table	\$ 115.55	D&P Philippines	340.00
Priests Pension	\$ 65.00	Shelterbox	147.00
		Prop.of the Faith	5.00

IN THE DIOCESE

RETIREMENT PARTY FOR FR. GEORGE MALONEY

St. Francis de Sales Parish Hall – Best Wishes Only
2 TO 4 P.M., SUNDAY, 29 DECEMBER

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THE DIOCESE'S 4TH ANNUAL FREE FAMILY SKATE

Pad 3 at the Benson Centre. Cookies & hot chocolate for all.
1:30 TO 3 P.M., SUNDAY, 29 DECEMBER

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RING IN THE NEW YEAR – 31 DECEMBER

Bowling – groups of 4 to 6 are invited to choose 1 of 3 time slots (4:30, 6:30 or 8:30) for 90 mins. of bowling + shoes, pizza, popcorn, party favours and a New Year's countdown. \$15/person.

Dance and Light Lunch – in the JP II Hall at the Agora Centre. Tickets \$25/person. For tickets to both events call 613-933-0590.

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NEW YEAR'S EVE BALL – K OF C HALL

Hot & cold buffet at midnight. Door Prizes & Spot Dances
8 P.M. TO 1 A.M., TUES, 31 DEC.

Call 613-932-7600 for tickets - \$20/person

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EUTHANASIA IS AT OUR DOORS

DIOCESAN PRO-LIFE WORKSHOP – 1:30 P.M., TUES. 14 JAN.

Presented by Michele Boulva, Director, Catholic Organization for Life and Family (COLF). Location: Blessed Sacrament Church. Lay people, Priests and Deacons are encouraged to come.

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MINI MONSTER BINGO FOR NATIVITY PARISH – SAT. 4 JAN.

Doors open 4:01 p.m.; Regular Bingo starts at 7 p.m.; Package of 12 cards \$21. includes specials. Bonanza extra at 50 cents. Early Bird Games start at 6 p.m. Prizes 50% of sales, max. \$100/game

POPE FRANCIS

CHARISMS ARE A WAY OF GROWING IN FAITH

Vatican City, 6 Nov. 2013 (VIS) – The communion of holy persons who grow through participation in spiritual goods, and above all the Sacraments, the charisms and charity, was the theme of Pope Francis' catechesis.



In the Sacraments, each one of us is "incorporated in Christ and united with the entire community of believers. Therefore, if on the one hand there is the Church who 'makes' the Sacraments, on the other there are the Sacraments which 'make' the Church, edifying her, generating new sons, and joining them to the holy people of God". Furthermore, "the Sacraments offer us the impetus to become missionaries, and the apostolic commitment to taking the faith to all places, even the most hostile, is the most authentic fruit of a steadfast sacramental life, inasmuch as it constitutes participation in God's salvific plan, which aims at bringing salvation to all".

The second aspect of communion in holy things is the communion of charisms. "The Holy Spirit dispenses a multitude of gifts and spiritual graces to the faithful ... for the edification of the Church", explained the Pope. "Therefore, they are not given for the benefit of the recipient, but for use by the people of God.. The charisms are particular graces, given to some for the good of many others", and "they are born in the conscience and experience of certain persons, called to put their gifts at the service of the community. In particular, these spiritual gifts are of benefit to the sanctity of the Church and her mission".

Charity is the third aspect of this communion with spiritual goods. "The charisms are important in the life of the Christian community, but they are always means of growing in charity, which St. Paul places above the charisms. Without love", Pope Francis emphasised, "even the most extraordinary gifts are in vain, while the smallest of our gestures of love brings good to all. ... This brotherly solidarity is not a rhetorical figure, a figure of speech, but rather an integral part of communion between Christians. If we live this solidarity, we are a sign to the world, a 'sacrament' of God's love".

"This is not that easy charity that we offer between ourselves, but instead something deeper: it is a communion that makes us able to enter into the joy and the pain of others in order to sincerely make them our own. And often we are too arid, indifferent and detached, and instead of transmitting brotherliness, we transmit ill-humour, coldness and selfishness. And with ill-humour, coldness and selfishness, one cannot help the Church to grow; the Church grows only with the love that comes from the Holy Spirit".

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