

**1ST SUNDAY OF
LENT (C)
14 FEBRUARY, 2016**

If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

St. Columban Parish

36 Fourth St. West, Cornwall, ON K6J 2R6

Masses: Sat Vigil: 5:30 p.m., **Sun:** 7:30, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.
Lent weekdays except Mondays: 7:30 a.m., 12:10 p.m.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO "CONFESS" AND "BELIEVE" IN CHRIST ?

Father Bob Bedard, founder of the Companions of the Cross community of priests, was known to share the following prayer with his Religion class students at St. Pius X. The prayer is a beautiful example of surrendering our lives to the will of God. As we enter Lent, we can make it our prayer, as well.

PRAYER OF SURRENDER

Father, I pray a special blessing from You now as I make this commitment that I believe Your blessed, divine Son, Jesus is calling me to make. Come Holy Spirit; assist me now as I pray.

Father, I worship You as my Creator, Maker of all things, God of heaven and earth, and I want to give You all the praise and honour You expect from me.

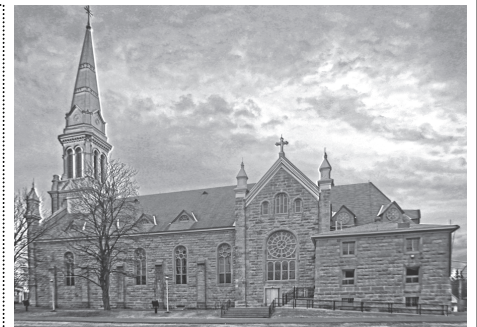
My Lord Jesus, I want to follow Your call. You have accomplished my salvation and that of all the world by Your death on the Cross and Your rising from the grave. You have won new life for us all. When I was Baptized as an infant, the Church prayed that newness of life for me. I now affirm my Baptism. I accept that salvation. I say "yes" to what You are calling me to. And I desire to experience that new life.

You call us to repent of our sins. I want to do that now. I confess my sinfulness before You (pause and silently specify). I accept the forgiveness You have already won for me. You call us to forgive all those who have sinned against us. I now forgive anyone who has ever offended me (pause and silently specify). It was love for us that drove You to give up Your life. Had I been the only one ever to respond, you would have done it just for me. I accept Your love. I want You to be the Lord of my life in every way. I give You my understanding, my will, my spirit, my physical being, my possessions, my desires, my plans. I want to surrender to You completely. I choose You as my Lord and Saviour. Help me to know You not only as Master, Redeemer and King but also as a friend.

I give You my cares, my worries, my fears, my hang-ups, all my difficulties, and I ask You to set me free.

Father, when I received the Sacrament of Confirmation, the Church prayed that I would be filled with Your Holy Spirit. I now ratify my Confirmation. I ask You, through Jesus, Your Son, to fill me completely with Your Spirit. Release the power of Your Spirit within me. Give me all that You want me to have; that clearness of faith, a deepening desire to pray and to experience Your presence, an awareness of the Word You speak to us through the Scriptures, an enthusiasm in celebrating the Eucharist and in public worship, wisdom and sensitivity in witnessing to my faith to others. I desire to experience Your direction in my life as I seek Your plan. I accept whatever gifts You wish to give me through Your Holy Spirit so that I might serve all those You lead me to serve.

Father, Your Son, Jesus, said that if we asked You anything in His name, You would grant it. He also said that You never refuse Your Holy Spirit to those who ask. I claim those promises now and thank You, for You are answering my prayer right now even as I ask. May all glory, all praise be to You, everlasting Father, all worship and homage, all honour and blessing, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, reigning with You, one God, now and forever. Amen.



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Mon. to Thurs. 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.
Also by appointment

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CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

Saturday, February 13th

3 – 4 p.m. Confessions
4:30 p.m. Wedding Lisa Boyer & Jason Gilles
5:30 p.m. George Primeau by wife Bernice & family

Sunday, February 14th

7:30 a.m. Intention of parishioners
9:30 a.m. Special Intention for Rose McGoldbrick by
John & Janice Meyer
11:00 a.m. Marlene MacMillan by Ernest & Lorna Marion
12:30 p.m. Baptisms

Monday, February 15th No Mass

Tuesday, February 16th

7:30 a.m. Phoebe O'Brien by the Furco family
12:10 p.m. Jack Tyo by the estate

Wednesday, February 17th

7:30 a.m. Angus McIntosh by Stella MacDonald
12:10 p.m. Annie MacDonald by Liz & Jennie

Thursday, February 18^h

7:30 a.m. Tonie Van Riel, Maurice & Georgette Bray
by Maria Bray & family
12:10 p.m. Jacques Lebrun by Gail Walsh

Friday, February 19th

7:30 a.m. Souls in Purgatory by a parishioner
12:10 p.m. Amelia Lalonde by Nicole, Chris & Jason Leger

Saturday, February 20th

3 – 4 p.m. Confessions
5:30 p.m. Beverley Stoneham by Nancy Weir

Sunday, February 21st

7:30 a.m. Intention of parishioners
9:30 a.m. Si Miller (2nd Anniversary of death) by
wife Joan & family
11:00 a.m. Maria Rosa Vincelli by St. Columban
Pastoral Leadership Team

Monday, February 22nd 7:30 a.m. No Mass

2015 PARISH TAX RECEIPTS

Are available
at the back of the Church this weekend

**COMMUNION STATIONS ARE LOCATED
CENTRE FRONT AND HALFWAY DOWN CENTRE AISLE**

Please exit pews from the centre aisle
and return by side aisles.
Thank you.

IN THE PARISH

COLLECTION 31 JANUARY, 2016 – THANK YOU

\$4,270.70	Sunday Env.	\$ 295.80	Candles
373.05	Loose	\$ 30.00	New Year's
\$4,643.75	Total	\$ 30.00	Initial Offering
		\$ 168.10	Book Table
		\$ 410.00	Ham Supper

Welcome Back Father Ernest

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

*"Whoever is generous will be blessed because he
shares his food with the poor" Proverbs 22.9*

Happy 95th Anniversary

St. Columban's Catholic Women's League

BOOKTABLE NEWS

There are a variety of **LENTEN** meditation booklets, by
different authors available for your Lenten prayer time.

Also available are some copies of the
MAGNIFICAT "YEAR OF MERCY" COMPANION
with readings, testimonies, reflections, etc. that will immerse
you day-by-day through the year in the virtue of mercy. \$7.95

ITALIAN SUPPER

5 P.M., SUNDAY, 28 FEBRUARY

St. Columban Activity Centre (upstairs Agape Bldg.)
Adults \$10., child \$5.

Tickets will be sold in advance on 21 February

LENTEN CROSSES IN THIS JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

The Catholic Women's League is providing Lenten Crosses
again this year. Pick up a cross & pray for the souls in
Purgatory, especially those without family or friends to pray for
their reception into Heaven. Keep the same cross throughout
Lent & return it on Palm Sunday. Thank you for participating
in this Spiritual Work of Mercy.

COFFEE AND CHAT – 20–21 FEBRUARY

Take a little time to say hello and chat over
a cup of coffee after Masses next weekend.

REST IN THE PEACE AND LOVE OF THE LORD

James Herrington, Christopher Seguin
and all who have died.

PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

During the month of February,
please pray in a special way
for vocations to religious life and married life

AT ST. COLUMBAN'S PARISH – REGISTER TODAY

GIVE YOUR FAITH A LIFT THIS LENT AND BEYOND

We may be familiar with different aspects of our Catholic faith... but how does it all fit together? And what difference does it make for our lives?

SYMBOLON: THE CATHOLIC FAITH EXPLAINED

is a stunning new **video series** that systematically presents the BIG picture of the Catholic Faith. Filmed on location in Rome, the Holy Land, Calcutta, & in the Augustine Institute studios in Denver, dozens of nationally-known teachers clearly present the beauty & brilliance of Catholicism.

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In Part 1 we journey through the core teachings of the Catholic Church traced out in the Creed and Catechism with the goal of knowing the Faith.

In Part 2, we focus on our encounter with God in the Sacraments and the moral life so that we can be fully living the Faith. The first 5 sessions will be held

7:15 P.M. TUESDAYS DURING LENT (FEB 16, 23, MAR 1, 8, 15) and consists of viewing a video and discussion. We invite parishioners to enroll for this **"COME AND CHECK IT OUT"** period and then decide about the remaining sessions. Due to other commitments, it is understood that some people may not be able to participate in every session and that is fine. However,

ADVANCE REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.

REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED UNTIL NOON, SUNDAY, 14 FEB.

A parishioner has covered the cost of the DVDs. Only cost to you is \$10 (if you want a copy of the participant handouts).

Complete your registration form this weekend (available near the Church entrances) and put it in the box labelled **"SYMBOLON"**.

(Important - Do NOT put it in the collection basket.)

Registrants will be contacted.

If you would like more information about SYMBOLON, it is available at www.symboloncatholic.org.

INAUGURATION OF TWO JUBILEE DOORS OF MERCY IN THE DIOCESE OF ALEXANDRIA-CORNWALL

Archbishop Terrence Prendergast

will preside at Masses and inaugurate the Diocese's two Jubilee Doors of Mercy.

These will also be opportunities for the faithful of the Diocese to meet the Apostolic Administrator.

**4 P.M., SATURDAY, 20 FEBRUARY
AT STE-CROIX CHURCH IN CORNWALL**

**11 A.M., SUNDAY, 21 FEBRUARY AT
ST. FINNAN'S CATHEDRAL IN ALEXANDRIA**

IN THE DIOCESE AND COMMUNITY

WHAT CATHOLICS BELIEVE – 9-10 AM. THURS. IN LENT

Lead by Fr. Kevin on The Gospel of John.
in St.. Francis de Sales Parish Hall.

LENTEN MISSION – BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH
JESUS: OUR EUCHARISTIC LORD. Guest speaker Fr. Scott McCaig, General Superior of Companions of the Cross.
7 P.M., 28 FEB. TO 2 MARCH

LANGUAGE OF THE HEART...AN INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE
(The Patriarchs, Moses, How the New Testament came to be, The Gospel of Mark, The Gospels of Matthew and Luke)
7 P.M. WEDNESDAYS DURING LENT
Lead by Fr. Dan In St. Andrew's Church Sacristy

MERCIFUL LIKE THE FATHER
5 interactive sessions at Shalom House, looking at the mercy that was the mission of Jesus & how we, as followers, are called to continue this ministry.
rsvp to 613-525-1704 or maisonshalomhouse@bellnet.ca
7 P.M. TUESDAYS, 16 & 23 FEB., 1, 8 & 15 MARCH

THEOLOGY ON TAP
Monthly encounters for young adults & their friends (married or single) where fun, friends & faith mix in a relaxed atmosphere. This month Jenna & Kevin McDonald will speak about Catholic Family Life – How tiny gestures will save the world.
8 P.M., FRIDAY, 19 FEBRUARY AT THE BEST WESTERN

FUN (AND FREE) EVENING OF BOWLING AND PIZZA
HOSTED BY ARCHBISHOP TERRENCE PRENDERGAST
who wants to meet the youth & young adults of Alexandria-Cornwall. Put together a team of 5 or 6 people. Text Sister Francine at 613-363-3899 to reserve a spot for your team.
6 TO 8 P.M. SAT. 20 FEB, AT NATIVITY BOWL.

Knights of Columbus – St. Francis de Sales
ROAST BEEF DINNER – 5 P.M., THURSDAY, 18 FEBRUARY
In the Parish hall - Adults \$10 – Children \$5.

NEW EVANGELIZATION SUMMIT – 15/16 APRIL
Live-streamed to the Agora Centre. Speakers Sherry Weddell, author of *Forming Intentional Disciples: The Path to Knowing and Following Jesus*, Christopher West, expert on the Theology of the Body, Dr. Peter Kreeft, convert & author, Angele Regnier, co-founder of CCO, Fr. Raniero Cantalamessa, preacher to the Papal household & more. Music, prayer & socializing Fri. evening & all day Sat. with lunch included. Register online at www.newevangelization.ca or call Marilyn at 613-703-7823.

SPAGHETTI JAMBOREE 4 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT, SAT. 5 MARCH
St. Martin of Tours Parish, Glen Robertson
Fundraiser for a new natural gas furnace for the Church.

NEEDED – PALLIATIVE CARE VOLUNTEERS AT HEARTWOOD
to sit with residents 1 or 2 hours at a time as needed. Training in palliative care an asset, but not required. For more info. please contact Lisa Herjavec, Recreation/Rehab Manager, 613-933-7420, or lisa.herjavec@reveraliving.com

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