

PRESENTATION

OF THE LORD

2 FEB. 2014



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:

Malachi 3:1-4
Psalm 24:7-10
Hebrews 2:14-18
Luke 2:22-40

*Living as though
we have "one foot in
this world & one in
the next"*

Further Reflection from the Catechism:

CCC: 527-530
CCCC: 103, 242
YOUCAT: 78



SCRIPTURE BACKGROUND

All of today's readings involve the Temple in some way. The first reading is from the prophet Malachi, who preached in about 460 BC. A staunch upholder of Judaism, the prophet was critical of the corrupt and ignorant priesthood of his day, as well as of abuses in the Temple that Ezra and Nehemiah were later to correct.

Luke's narrative in this Gospel makes it clear that Jesus comes into a family and a society within Judaism that is deeply ingrained with piety and lives in expectancy of the fulfillment of divine promises. The humble eloquence of Simeon, the profound piety of the elderly prophetess Anna, and even the simple poverty of the Holy Family (a pair of turtledoves was the sacrifice of the poor—those with greater means offered a lamb as well) combine to form a touching portrait of the manifestation of God's Son to the faithful of Israel. Simeon's canticle transforms a personal gift into a broad proclamation to the world. Mary here, as elsewhere, personifies Israel. The passage does not shy away from the prediction that Jesus will cause conflict and division within Israel, but at the same time proclaims that His coming is Israel's glory.

A KEY THEME:

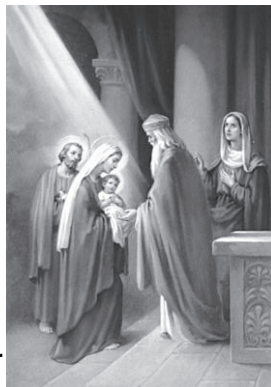
The Catholic Church teaches that Jesus possesses two natures: Jesus Christ is fully human and fully divine. Jesus is both the Son of God and the Son of the Virgin Mary. In the one person Jesus, God and humanity are united.

The feast of the Presentation celebrates that Jesus, the light of all peoples, is the only Messiah. Jesus is fully human and truly divine. Because of Jesus' humanity, He can identify totally with us. Because of Jesus' divinity He can help us to grow and become all that God has intended us to be.

- What two natures does Jesus possess?
- Why is Jesus able to identify with human experiences?
- How does Jesus help us to grow and change?

THINKING ABOUT IT

The feast of the Presentation celebrates that Jesus, the light of all peoples, is the only Messiah, "destined to be the downfall and rising of many." The Son of God is the only mediator between the Most High and humanity. How else could this be? If Jesus is not fully and truly human, how can He understand and identify totally with us? And if Jesus is not fully and truly divine, how can He ever assist us and transform us?



THE GOSPEL IN LIFE

Choose a situation in your life in which you trust that Jesus identifies with you. Speak to Jesus in prayer about this.

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

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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, February 1st

7:00 – 7:25 a.m. Confessions
 8:00 a.m. Special Intention for Fr. Celestine Agwu by a parishioner
 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions
 6:15 – 6:45 p.m. Confessions
 7:00 p.m. Kathleen Landon by Andrew & Brie Wheeler

Sunday, February 2nd

7:30 a.m. Intentions of Parishioners
 9:30 a.m. Francis “John” Collins by Theresa Sullivan
 and Tina St. Martin
 11:00 a.m. John Sampson by Doug & Jane Anderson

Monday, February 3rd

7:30 a.m. Augustina Agwu by Joy of the Lord Prayer Group

Tuesday, February 4th

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

Wednesday, February 5th

7:30 a.m. Mary & Clarence Roderick by Isabel Parisien & family

Thursday, February 6th

7:30 a.m. Kathleen Landon by Julie & Ron Lepage

Friday, February 7th

7:30 a.m. Fred & Evelyn Upton by Angus Kelly
 8:00 a.m. Adoration

Saturday, February 8th

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions
 6:15 – 6:45 p.m. Confessions
 7:00 p.m. Gisele Pilon by Albert & Aline

Sunday, February 9th

7:30 a.m. Intentions of parishioners
 9:30 a.m. Pauline Lafave by Angela Van Humbeck
 11:00 a.m. George Anderson (40th Anniversary of death)
 by Doug & Jane Anderson
 12:30 p.m. Baptisms

Monday, February 10th

7:30 a.m. Margaret Prevost by Shannon Papps

ADORATION – HOLY HOUR

8 A.M., FRIDAY, 7 FEBRUARY

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



ADORATION – WHY AM I HERE?

Jesus gives the answer:

“Come to Me all you who labor and are heavily burdened, and I will refresh you and give you peace of soul.” (Mt. 11:28-29)

SUNDAY, 2 FEB. – WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

IN OUR PARISH

COLLECTION – 19 JANUARY – THANK YOU

Sunday	\$4,121.00	Candles	\$ 124.10
Loose	491.50	Books	25.35
Total	\$4,612.50	Christmas	55.00
Initial Offerings	\$ 75.00	New Year's	94.00

THANK YOU NOTE FROM FR. DAN

*Thank you everyone who sent me a card for Christmas and those who gave a gift.
 Your prayers, thoughts and generosity are greatly appreciated. May God bless you abundantly. Thank you.
 Father Dan*

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

The 2013 Income Tax Receipts from the Parish have been mailed

READERS URGENTLY NEEDED FOR 9:30 A.M. SUNDAY MASS

This is not only a fulfilling ministry for *individuals* but is a beautiful way for *couples* to participate in Mass together by each proclaiming one of the readings. We understand that it is not an easy decision but by at least saying “yes” to finding out more about it, you will be better able to determine if this ministry is for you. Please contact Sue at 613-938-0368 or sue.h@sympatico.ca Thank you.

SACRISTANS – MEETING/WORKSHOP

A workshop/meeting is planned for all current sacristans and those who would like to consider becoming one.

It will be held in the upper room of the sacristy.

10 A.M., SATURDAY, 15 FEBRUARY

Please mark your calendars. Further information will be available. Contact Sue at 938-0368 or sue.h@sympatico.ca

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE – GENERAL MEETING

All members are encouraged to attend, meet your new executive and find out what is planned for 2014.

We hope to see you there.

7 P.M., TUESDAY, 4 FEBRUARY

in the Parish Activity Centre (Upstairs, Agape Bldg)

JOY OF THE LORD PRAYER GROUP

Meets Mondays at 7 p.m. in the Upper Room of the Church.
 All are welcome

REST IN THE PEACE AND LOVE OF THE LORD

Lynn Martin
 and all those who have died recently.

SOCIAL TIME – TUESDAYS, 1 TO 4 P.M.

in the Parish Activity Centre (upstairs Agape Bldg).
 Nice way to spend an afternoon in a warm environment,
 renew old friendships and make a few new ones.

IN THE DIOCESE

BISHOP'S PIX MOVIES SERIES

The Diocese of Alexandria-Cornwall & the Port Theatre have joined forces to present a monthly movie – showing a different movie during the 2nd week of each month, beginning in Feb. First movie is **BERNADETTE**, official film at the Lourdes grotto. On 11 Feb. 1858 Our Lady first appeared to 14 year old Bernadette Soubirous. Cost \$10/person

7:15 P.M. FEB. 7TH THROUGH 13TH AT THE PORT THEATRE

K OF C 755 – BREAKFAST SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, 2 FEB. CANCELLED DUE TO A BUILDING MECHANICAL FAILURE

ROAST BEEF DINNER – 5 TO 7 P.M., THURSDAY, 13 FEB.

Hosted by Knights of Columbus. St. Francis de Sales Church Hall
Adults \$10; children \$5. – Treat your Sweetheart

HOSPICE CORNWALL FUNDRAISER – SAT., 22 FEB.

Carnavale 2014 – 7 course Italian dinner, live music & dancing.
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DIOCESAN CHOIR FOR THE CHRISM MASS

7 p.m., Tuesday, 15 April at Nativity Co-Cathedral

ALL PARISH MUSICIANS ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE CHOIR

Rehearsals begin 7 p.m. Tues., 18 Feb. at St. Peter's Church.
Call Helen McAlear 613-932-8326.

COUPLES RETREAT 15/16 FEB.; A GIFT FOR YOUR MARRIAGE

Led by Bishop Marcel. *"Rediscovering Prayer as a Couple"*.

Shalom House. \$220./couple includes all meals & Sat. night accommodation. For info. call Tony or Angie at 613-525-2027.
To register call Sr. Alice at 613-525-1704.

LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY: SAT. 1 MARCH IN TORONTO

Speakers: Thomas Cardinal Collins, Ralph Martin,
Sr. Ann Shields and Peter Herbeck.

Call Heidi at 613-347-7561 if interested in attending.

BINGOS START 7 P.M. WEDNESDAY, 5 FEBRUARY

at Precious Blood Parish Hall, Glen Walter.

Early Bird Games start at 6:20 p.m.

MARY SHERWOOD, MISSIONARY FOR GLOBAL TEAMS

Tea, coffee & dessert & listen to her tell about her ministry in Madagascar with children from Ajany Tafita & Akany Famonjena.

1 P.M., MONDAY, 3 FEBRUARY – TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH
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PURSUIT OF UNIFORMITY ERODES THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Vatican City, 9 October 2013 (VIS)

Pope Francis dedicated the catechesis to Catholicism and the concept of being Catholic. He explained 3 fundamental meanings of the Idea, based on the Greek "kath'olon", "totality", and how these can be applied to the Church.



Firstly, "THE CHURCH IS CATHOLIC", he said, "BECAUSE SHE IS THE SPACE, THE HOUSE IN WHICH THE FAITH IN ITS ENTIRETY IS ANNOUNCED, IN WHICH THE SALVATION BROUGHT BY CHRIST IS OFFERED TO ALL". ... IN THE CHURCH, EVERY ONE OF US FINDS WHAT IS NECESSARY TO BELIEVE, TO LIVE AS CHRISTIANS, TO BECOME HOLY, TO WALK THIS PATH IN EVERY PLACE AND IN EVERY AGE".

"THE CHURCH IS CATHOLIC", he continued, explaining the second meaning, "BECAUSE SHE IS UNIVERSAL, SHE SPREADS THROUGH EVERY PART OF THE WORLD AND PROCLAIMS THE GOSPEL TO EVERY MAN AND EVERY WOMAN. THE CHURCH IS NOT AN ELITE GROUP, SHE DOES NOT CONCERN ONLY THE FEW. ... THE CHURCH IS NOT CLOSED, SHE IS SENT TO ALL OF HUMANITY. SHE IS THE ONLY CHURCH PRESENT EVEN IN THE SEEMINGLY LEAST SIGNIFICANT PARTS OF HUMANITY".

With regard to the third meaning of Catholicism, the Pope reiterated how "THE CHURCH IS CATHOLIC BECAUSE SHE IS THE 'HOUSE OF HARMONY' WHERE UNITY AND DIVERSITY KNOW HOW TO COME TOGETHER TO CREATE RICHNESS". The Holy Father compared this to the image of the symphony, which means harmony and accord, in which different instruments play together. Each one retains its own inimitable timbre and the characteristics of its sound, guided by a director who ensures that the instruments all play together in harmony, but that the timbre of each instrument is not cancelled; on the contrary, the special quality of each one finds its highest expression. The Church, he said, "is like a great orchestra. We are not all the same, and we should not all be the same", he emphasised. "Each person offers what God has given him/her".

The Pope concluded by asking the 60,000 pilgrims present in St. Peter's Square to live this harmony and to accept diversity, without seeking uniformity. "The life of the Church is variety", he said, "and when we seek to make it uniform, we erode the gifts of the Holy Spirit. ... Let us pray that the Holy Spirit may render us ever more 'Catholic!'"

A DYNAMIC CATHOLIC PRAYS, STUDIES, IS GENEROUS, EVANGELIZES

"We cannot keep ourselves shut up in parishes, in our communities, in our parish or diocesan institutions, when so many people are waiting for the Gospel.

It is not enough simply to open the door in welcome because they come, but we must go out through that door to seek and meet the people."

Pope Francis, 27 July, 2013

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