

**7TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
23 FEB. 2014**

THE FOUR SIGNS OF A
**DYNAMIC
CATHOLIC**



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.**

THE CHURCH NEEDS MORE DYNAMIC CATHOLICS

Today's Readings:

Lev: 19:1-2, 17-18
Psalm 103
1 Corinthians 3: 16-23
Matthew 5: 38-48

"Be holy, for I the Lord
your God am holy ...
love your neighbour
as yourself."
"God dwells in you."

**Further Reflection
from the Catechism:**
CCC: 2013-2014, 507
CCCC: 428-429
YOUCAT: 80-84, 342

Holiness is a grace from God which requires our active cooperation. Each member of the Church can cooperate with God's grace in this regard. As we walk in the way of holiness, God can use that witness to reach others who are far from Him. By our Baptism, each of us is commissioned by God Himself to share the Good News of salvation in Christ Jesus with others.

During his Pastoral Visit here in January, Bishop Marcel met with the Parish Leaders and ministry Coordinators. He asked us how we would define our parish / what makes St. Columban unique. Among the responses were the fact that this is the "Mother Church" of the other Catholic parishes in Cornwall (although St. Raphael and St. Andrew are the Mother Churches of the diocese as a whole.) There was talk of how the community has benefitted from efforts of pioneering parishioners in the areas of health care, education and social justice. Also, the art and architecture of this beautiful and historic third church building conveys a sense of "stepping into God's world". It's conducive to worship and good liturgy has been of great importance to us. The sense of ministry and generosity have been hallmarks of parish life and the commitment of others encourages us all to be good parishioners.

At a time when Sunday Mass participation has declined steadily for years, we were also asked to share our dreams for the future of the parish. The bishop spoke last and had the following advice for us as chief shepherd of the diocese.

The bishop encouraged taking "small steps", choosing attainable goals as advocated by Catholic author and speaker Matthew Kelly.



He reminded us that our ministry cannot be pure human effort. With the Holy Spirit, we must bring Christ to the world. Personal and corporate prayer is huge if we want to see God's plan and have Him work through us. We're the people of God, not a social club.

We were challenged to think outside the box, embracing our strengths, but being careful not to idolize our traditions. We need to adapt our approach to the changing world around us. We must switch gears; bring Christ out to people rather than seeking to bring people in. The Church exists to bring the Kingdom of God to the world. We've forgotten our missionary focus, looking after our own. Be a missionary church or die. Bring Christ to people. Help them encounter Him and they'll seek a church.

Everyone is on a quest and is seeking happiness. We must embrace ways to communicate our good message. Evangelize and the bishop won't have to close parishes; he would rather not close churches. Identify current as well as the next "Dynamic Catholics."

Recently our Pastor, Parish Leaders and others participated in a diocesan "Dynamic Catholic" event. Now it's your turn. We need your participation on March 1st. Please make it a priority to join us Saturday from 10 a.m. to 12 in the church. Come prayed up!

Don Smith, Parish Leader for Catechesis & Evangelization



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Fr. Dan VanDelst, Pastor
Rev. Mr. Marcel Brunet, Deacon

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Mrs. Kelly Poitras

OFFICE HOURS

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, February 22nd

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions
 6:15 – 6:45 p.m. Confessions
 7:00 p.m. Special Intention for Vocations
 by St. Columban's Catholic Women's League

Sunday, February 23rd

7:30 a.m. Intentions of Parishioners
 9:30 a.m. Jack Clancey by John & Janice Meyer
 11:00 a.m. Raymond & Andre Tardif by Bea Tardif

Monday, February 24th

7:30 a.m. Special Intention for Frank Ricci by
 The Joy of the Lord Prayer Group

Tuesday, February 25th

7:30 a.m. Francis "John" Collins by Theresa Sullivan
 and Tina St. Martin

Wednesday, February 26th

7:30 a.m. Augustina Agwu by David and Nancy Hill

Thursday, February 27th

7:30 a.m. Gertrude "Trudy" Levy by Angus Kelly

Friday, February 28th

7:30 a.m. Mary Parisien (30th Anniversary of death)
 by Jane & Doug Anderson

Saturday, March 1st

7:00 – 7:25 a.m. Confessions
 8:00 a.m. Special Intention for Fr. Celestine Agwu by a parishioner
 10 a.m.-12 *Parish Gathering – 4 Signs of a Dynamic Catholic*
 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions
 6:15 – 6:45 p.m. Confessions
 7:00 p.m. Yvon David (2nd Anniversary of death)
 by wife Rose David

Sunday, March 2nd

7:30 a.m. Intentions of Parishioners
 9:30 a.m. James McLaverty by John and Janice Meyer
 11:00 a.m. Pauline Boileau (29th Anniversary of Death)
 by Gilles and Diane Lafrance

Monday, March 3rd

7:30 a.m. John Sampson by Chris and Pauline Chisholm

LENTEN CROSS

Lent is a time for reflection, sharing and prayer. Members of the Catholic Women's League have prepared purple crosses that will be available at the doors of our church every weekend Mass throughout Lent, *beginning the weekend of March 8 & 9*. Adults are invited to wear a cross for one week to symbolize the bearing of your own cross. Each weekend, return your cross to the basket and exchange it for another and simply pray for the other person's cross. No names will be exchanged and on Palm Sunday, April 12 & 13, all crosses are to be returned to the basket. No crosses are to be worn through Holy Week as we thank Jesus for the cross He carried for us.

INVITATION TO BRUNCH

TO THOSE WHO ARE 18 TO 30 YEARS OF AGE
 In the Parish Activity Centre, 2nd Floor, Agape Bldg.
 FOLLOWING THE 11 O'CLOCK MASS, SUNDAY, 2 MARCH

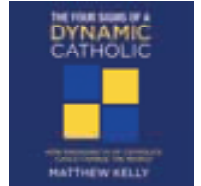
IN OUR PARISH

COLLECTION – 9 FEBRUARY – THANK YOU

Sunday	\$4,617.30	Initial	\$ 45.00
Loose	524.20	New Year's	40.00
Total	\$5,141.50	Candles	118.80
Flowers	\$ 25.00	Book Table	88.78

Parish Gathering

10 A.M. TO 12 NOON,
 NEXT SATURDAY, 1 MARCH
 In The Church



The format will be similar to the Diocesan Gathering: prayer, small group sharing, testimonies, Adoration. *All parishioners are asked to commit this Gathering to prayer and make a special effort to be a part of this important time in the life of our church.*

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS – 1 MARCH

Rosary prayed at 7:30 a.m.
 Confessions 7 to 7:25 a.m. - Mass at 8 a.m.
 All are welcome to come and pray.



BOOK SALE – THIS WEEKEND

A parishioner is disposing of his library, graciously donating his books to us. They include writings of the popes, saints, prayer books, devotionals, inspirational and other good Catholic reading. As Matthew Kelly pointed out: *"If we were to read 5 pages of a great Catholic book each day, our lives would be transformed."* Bishop Marcel and Fr. Dan also encourage us so that we might become 'Dynamic Catholics' - who know and love their faith and share it with others. The books are located in the main foyer at the back of the Church. *Freewill offerings - with proceeds going to support our Parish - so please be generous.*

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

After Mass please leave your pew clean of tissues, bulletins, etc. and return books to the pew racks. These simple tasks help tremendously in the care of our church! Thank you.

PARISH CUSTODIAN REQUIRED

Work involves cleaning and general maintenance of parish buildings & property which includes the church, rectory, rectory garage & activity center (a room on the 2nd floor of the Agape Centre). A job description is available from the office. Hours of work are 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. (25 hours per week), Monday to Friday. Start date 19 May. If interested please submit your application to the office by 14 March.

4 SIGNS – 4 WEEKS

Do you have questions or ideas you want to discuss concerning Matthew Kelly's book *"4 Signs of a Dynamic Catholic"*? If you are interested in being part of a *small group* aiming to take a deeper look at the book & how it impacts your life, call Rick and Bernadette at 613-932-2872. The group will meet for 4 weeks beginning **THURS, 6 MARCH AT 7 P.M.**

IN THE DIOCESE

LENT STARTS WEDNESDAY, 5 MARCH
ASH WEDNESDAY – A DAY OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE.

K of C, Bishop Brodeur Assembly is hosting a
HAWAIIAN BREAKFAST – 8:30 TO 12:30, SUNDAY, 23 FEB.
 Blessed Sacrament Hall; Cost..Good will donation
 Ham, sausage, homefries, eggs, pancakes, baked beans, etc.

St. Francis de Sales K of C is hosting a
'FAMILY BREAKFAST' – 8:30 TO 12, SUNDAY, 23 FEBRUARY
 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Everyone welcome.

Knights of Columbus and Scouts are hosting a
COMMUNITY BREAKFAST– 9:30 TO 12, SUNDAY, 23 FEBRUARY
 St. Therese de Lisieux Parish Hall. Proceeds to Scout activities.

Knights of Columbus 755, 205 Amelia Street
BREAKFAST, BUFFET STYLE, 9 TO 12:30, SUNDAY, 2 MARCH
 \$7/person, free under age 6.

St.Martin of Tours Parish, Glen Robertson
SPAGHETTI JAMBOREE, SATURDAY, 8 MARCH
 Supper 4 to 7 p.m. Jamboree 7 p.m. Adults \$10, Children \$5.

BEAN SUPPER & ROCKATHON 4:30 – 6:30 P.M., SAT., 8 MAR
 St. Theresa Church Hall – Baked Beans, Shepherds Pie, Mac. &
 Cheese, Dessert, \$10. person; \$5. under age 10; free under 6

Knights of Columbus, 205 Amelia St.
SPAGHETTI SUPPER, 4:30 TO 6:30 P.M., SUNDAY, 9 MARCH
 \$8/adult; free under age 12; take-out orders available.

READY TO EVANGELIZE ?

All are welcome to a special workshop at the Agora Centre,
 by Michael Dopp. Learn to tell HIS story... and your story.
1:30 TO 3:30 P.M., MONDAY, 3 MARCH

LENTEN MISSION – WANT JOY? FOLLOW JESUS.

St. Peter's Parish. Michael Dopp of Mission of the
 Redeemer Ministries ties in ideas from "Dynamic Catholic".
7 TO 8:30 P.M., MARCH 3, 4, 5

WEEKDAY LENTEN MASSES IN CORNWALL'S ENGLISH PARISHES

ASH WEDNESDAY	Blessed Sacrament	8:00 a.m. &	7:00 p.m.
5 MARCH	St. Columban	7:30 a.m. &	12:10 a.m.
	St. Francis	8:00 a.m. &	7:00 p.m.
	St. Peter	8:00 a.m. &	6:30 p.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Blessed Sacrament	Morning	Tuesday, Thursday & Friday	8:00 a.m.
	Evening	Wednesdays	7:00 p.m.
Saint Columban	Morning	Monday to Friday	7:30 a.m.
	Afternoon	Tuesdays & Thursdays	12:10 p.m.
Saint Francis	Morning	Tuesday to Friday	8:00 a.m.
	Evening	Mondays	6:30 p.m.
Saint Peter	Morning	Monday to Friday	8:00 a.m.
	Evening	Mondays & Wednesdays	6:30 p.m.

WE WILL NOT BE ALONE AT THE FINAL JUDGEMENT

Vatican City, 11 Dec 2013 (VIS) – The Pope dedicated his final catechesis on the Creed to its last article "I believe in life everlasting", focussing on the final judgement.



"When we think of Christ's return & of His final judgement, which will show, up to the very last consequences, the good that each person will have done or omitted to do during his or her earthly life, we realise that we find ourselves before a mystery that overwhelms us, that we cannot even imagine. A mystery that almost instinctively arouses in us a sense of fear, and perhaps even trepidation. However, if we reflect closely on this fact, it cannot but enlarge the heart of a Christian, and constitutes a great reason for consolation and trust".

Pope Francis explained that "in this respect, the witness of the first Christian communities is very interesting, since their celebrations and prayers were generally accompanied by the exclamation 'Maranatha', an acclamation made up of two Aramaic words which may be understood either as an entreaty: 'Come, Lord!', or as a certainty nurtured by faith: 'Yes, the Lord is coming, the Lord is near'. It is the exclamation in which all of Christian revelation culminates, at the end of the marvellous contemplation offered in the Apocalypse of St. John ... in which the Church, bride in the name of all humanity, turns to Christ, her spouse, in the hope of receiving His embrace, full of life and love. *If we think of the judgement in this way, all fear and hesitation makes way for expectation & profound joy.* It will be the moment in which we will be judged as finally ready to be clothed in the glory of Christ".

A second reason for trust is offered to us by "the realisation that, at the moment of judgement, we are not left alone. ... How good it is to know that, in that situation, we can count on Christ, our advocate before the Father, and upon the intercession and benevolence of many of our brothers and sisters who have preceded us on the path of faith ... and who continue to love us in an indescribable way! The saints already live in the presence of God, in the splendour of His glory, praying for us, for those who still live on earth".

A third element is offered to us by the Gospel of St. John, when he states that "God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him". "This means, then, that the judgement is already in process, throughout our existence. This judgement is pronounced in every instant in our lives, as reflected in our acceptance in faith of salvation, present and through the work of Christ, or in our incredulity and our consequent self-centredness. Salvation means opening oneself to Jesus. If we are sinners, the Lord forgives us, but we must open ourselves to Jesus' love, which is greater than all things; and opening up means repenting".

"The Lord Jesus gave Himself, and continues to give Himself for us", concluded the Holy Father, "to fill us with the grace and the mercy of the Father. We can become in a certain sense our own judges, condemning ourselves to exclusion from communion with God and with our brethren. ... therefore, let us never tire of keeping watch over our thoughts and attitudes, so that we might have right now a foretaste of the warmth and splendour of the face of God, which in eternal life we will contemplate in all its fullness".

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