

**5TH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME  
08 FEBRUARY, 2015**

“To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak ... I do it all for the sake of the Gospel ... to share in its blessings.”

# 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.  
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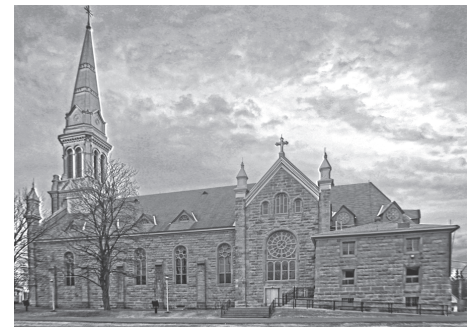
## Today's Readings:

Job 7:1-4, 6-7  
Psalm 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6  
1 Cor. 9:16-19, 22-23  
Mark 1:29-39

“Sing praises to the Lord Who heals the broken-hearted.”

## Further Reflection from the Catechism:

CCC: 374-9, 405-9, 1503-5  
CCCC: 72, 77, 314  
YOUCAT: 66, 69, 241



## ‘We need to be prepared to propose Christ to people’

Katie Dawson is no stranger to having conversations about Christ. When the 57-year-old was a teenager, she had a crisis of faith and coped by talking about it with other Catholics. Her mom, a convert to Catholicism, encouraged her to ask God to reveal Himself to her and to keep going to church. After 18 months, Dawson had a series of encounters and conversations with people of faith that caused her to change her life.

Since 2008, she has been on the San Fernando region’s evangelization committee formed in response to the archdiocese’s 2003 Synod calling for a New Evangelization. “Our role is to advise our bishop on steps we should take to have a more evangelizing church,” explained Dawson. The committee has been promoting a vision of evangelization based on the four pastoral priorities established by the bishop:

- Seeking out and drawing in the unbelieving and the unchurched.
- Fostering life-long discipleship and spiritual growth.
- Discernment of spiritual gifts (charisms) and vocations.
- Equipping and supporting extraordinary apostolates.

The committee proposed and hosted a “Making Disciples” workshop led by representatives from the Colorado-based Catherine of Siena Institute in October 2010. The event drew 800 attendees from several parishes.

“We’re simply going to have a new [visionary] lens, and we’re going to ask a different set of questions when we encounter people coming to church, returning to church or coming to church for the first time,” said Dawson. “When somebody shows up to register at a parish, we want to help them identify what their experience of God is and help them to find more ways to experience Him.”

For example, instead of concentrating only on objective questions, like “Where were you Baptized?”, interest would be shown in the prospective parishioner’s subjective experience of God and inquire where they see themselves on their journey of faith. “And then we want to propose a place where they can further that,” like a ministry or an opportunity within the parish, explained Dawson. “The ideal would be that everybody in the parish becomes increasingly aware that this is the [subjective] question we’re asking,” said Dawson. “We want to give people that perspective. It’s a paradigm shift and it takes overcoming some cultural baggage that says faith is a private matter.”

Dawson believes that the new evangelization “suggests that the starting point is an encounter with Christ and being able to share our experience of Christ with someone.” “It’s not about an argument,” she adds. “It’s about a conversation and sharing a great gift that you have received: the gift of faith and the gift of that relationship with God. “I think a lot of times Catholics feel very defensive about responding to questions or challenges. And we don’t need to be defensive; we simply need to listen.”

The first step of evangelization, she continues, “is to truly listen to the person we’re talking to, and to hear what their experience has been,” which may include stories of being wounded or offended in the past by churchgoers.

*(Article continued inside)*

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**CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES**

Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup>

7-7:25 a.m. Confessions  
8:00 a.m. Special intention for our children & grandchild  
by Richard & Carole Pilon  
3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions  
6:15 – 6:45 p.m. Confessions  
7:00 p.m. Harold McNichol by wife Kathleen & family

Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>

7:30 a.m. Intentions of the parishioners  
9:30 a.m. Sr. Mary Duddy by John & Janice Meyer  
11:00 a.m. Mavis Menard by Rolland & Mary Rivette

Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup>

7:30 a.m. Sonny Herrington by Jean McLennan

Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> No Mass

Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>

7:30 a.m. Eileen Mondoux by the family

Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup>

7:30 a.m. Patrick O'Neil by Ethel Bingley

Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup>

7:30 a.m. George Primeau (11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of death)  
by his wife & children

Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup>

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions  
6:15 – 6:45 p.m. Confessions  
7:00 p.m. Jacqueline Pilon by Richard & Carole Pilon

Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup>

7:30 a.m. Intentions of the parishioners  
9:30 a.m. Jack Clancey by John & Janice Meyer & family  
11:00 a.m. Lois Margaret Rines by Brian & Maureen Ouimet

Monday, February 16<sup>th</sup>

8:00 a.m. Norm Baril by Gordon & Alice Hull

***WORLD DAY OF THE SICK***

***Wednesday, 11 February***

***Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes***

**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 February 21 - 22. 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, March 28 - 29, 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.

***"Prayer joined to sacrifice constitutes the most powerful force in human history" St. Pope John Paul II***

**IN OUR PARISH**

**COLLECTION - 25 JANUARY 2015 - THANK YOU**

Sunday	\$3,804.00	Christmas	\$ 10.00
Loose	398.39	New Year's	25.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,202.39</b>	Books	56.50
Candles	\$ 177.00	Initial Offering	40.00

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People may also express doubts about the existence of God or say that faith isn't reasonable. "We need to be able to say: faith has a reason that goes beyond science, beyond empirical reasons — it's reasons of the heart, which is not to say faith is not reasonable, because it is," said Dawson.

"I think we need to be prepared to propose Christ to people," she stated. She added that she hopes the work of the evangelizing committee will have a ripple effect throughout the region. The committee is working on a number of initiatives, including planning a "Called and Gifted" workshop series, developing an evangelization curriculum, sending Making Disciples trainers to hold evangelization workshops in parishes and launching an evangelization website with resources for parishes, staff and volunteers.

"Pope Paul VI said that evangelization is the reason for the Church," noted Dawson. "My hope would be that people would increasingly understand that and that they would be energized by their own relationship with Christ to share it with the world."

*Excerpted from an article in "The Tidings"*

**REST IN THE PEACE AND LOVE OF THE LORD**

Gordon Leroux, Georges Henning, Rhea Lalonde, Franklin Summers and all those who died this past week.

**INCOME TAX RECEIPTS**

Please pick up your tax receipt at the 4<sup>th</sup> Street entrance to the Church this weekend. Thank you.

**LENT**

**BEGINS 18 FEBRUARY - ASH WEDNESDAY  
MASSES AT 7:30 A.M., 12:10 NOON & 5:15 P.M.**

**WEEK DAY MASSES DURING LENT**

7:30 a.m.: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday  
12:10 Noon: Mondays and Wednesdays

**BOOK TABLE - LENTEN RESOURCES**

As we prepare to journey with Jesus over the 40 days of Lent, we have a number of Lenten reflections booklets. Whether you are "on the go" or are looking for "something deeper", check out the choices on the Booktable.

**COFFEE AND CHAT**

**NEXT SUNDAY AFTER MASS, STAY A FEW MINUTES FOR COFFEE & CHAT WITH YOUR FELLOW PARISHIONERS**

**SAPIENTIA CORDIS – WISDOM OF THE HEART**

*"I was eyes to the blind, & feet to the lame"*  
(Job 29:15)

This wisdom is a way of seeing things infused by the Holy Spirit in the minds & hearts of those who are sensitive to the sufferings of their brothers & sisters & who can see in them the image of God. So, let us take up the prayer of the Psalmist: *"Teach us to number our days that we may gain a heart of wisdom."* (Ps 90:12)

*Wisdom of the heart* means serving our brothers and sisters. Job's words point to the service which this just man, who enjoyed a certain authority and a position of importance amongst the elders of his city, offered to those in need. His moral grandeur found expression in the help he gave to the poor who sought his help and in his care for orphans and widows (Job 29:12-13).

Today too, how many Christians show, not by their words but by lives rooted in a genuine faith, that they are "eyes to the blind" and "feet to the lame"! They are close to the sick in need of constant care & help in washing, dressing & eating. This service, especially when it is protracted, can become tiring & burdensome. It is relatively easy to help someone for a few days but it is difficult to look after a person for months or even years, in some cases when he or she is no longer capable of expressing gratitude. And yet, what a great path of sanctification this is! In those difficult moments we can rely in a special way on the closeness of the Lord, and we become a special means of support for the Church's mission.

*Wisdom of the heart means being with our brothers & sisters.* Time spent with the sick is holy time. It is a way of praising God who conforms us to the image of His Son, who *"came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many"* (Mt 20:28). Jesus Himself said: *"I am among you as One who serves"* (Lk 22:27).

With lively faith let us ask the Holy Spirit to grant us the grace to appreciate the value of our often unspoken willingness to spend time with these sisters & brothers who, thanks to our closeness & affection, feel more loved & comforted. How great a lie, on the other hand, lurks behind certain phrases which so insist on the importance of "quality of life" that they make people think that lives affected by grave illness are not worth living!

*Wisdom of the heart means going forth from ourselves towards our brothers and sisters.* Occasionally our world forgets the special value of time spent at the bedside of the sick, since we are in such a rush; caught up as we are in a frenzy of doing, of producing, we forget about giving ourselves freely, taking care of others, being responsible for others. Behind this attitude there is often a lukewarm faith which has forgotten the Lord's words: *"You did it unto Me"* (Mt 25:40).

For this reason, I would like once again to stress "the absolute priority of 'going forth from ourselves toward our brothers & sisters' as one of the two great commandments which ground every moral norm & as the clearest sign for discerning spiritual growth in response to God's completely free gift" (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 179). The missionary nature of the Church is the wellspring of an "effective charity and a compassion which understands, assists and promotes" (ibid).

*Wisdom of the heart* means showing solidarity with our brothers & sisters while not judging them. Charity takes time. Time to care for the sick & time to visit them. Time to be at their side like Job's friends: *"And they sat with him on the ground 7 days & 7 nights, & no one spoke a word to him, for they saw that his suffering was very great"* (Job 2:13). Yet Job's friends harboured a judgement against him: they thought that Job's misfortune was a punishment from God for his sins. True charity is a sharing which does not judge, which does not demand the conversion of others; it is free of that false humility which, deep down, seeks praise & is self-satisfied about whatever good it does. Job's experience of suffering finds its genuine response only in the Cross of Jesus, the supreme act of God's solidarity with us, completely free & abounding in mercy. This response of love to the drama of human pain, especially innocent suffering, remains forever impressed on the body of the risen Christ; His glorious wounds are a scandal for faith but also the proof of faith (cf. *Homily for the Canonization of John XXIII and John Paul II, 27 April 2014*)

Even when illness, loneliness & inability make it hard for us to reach out to others, the experience of suffering can become a privileged means of transmitting grace & a source for gaining & growing in *sapientia cordis*. We come to understand how Job, at the end of his experience, could say to God: *"I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you"* (42:5). People immersed in the mystery of suffering & pain, when they accept these in faith, can themselves become living witnesses of a faith capable of embracing suffering, even without being able to understand its full meaning.

I entrust this World Day of the Sick to the maternal protection of Mary, who conceived and gave birth to Wisdom incarnate: Jesus Christ, our Lord. O Mary, Seat of Wisdom, intercede as our Mother for all the sick and for those who care for them! Grant that, through our service of our suffering neighbours, and through the experience of suffering itself, we may receive and cultivate true wisdom of heart!

*With this prayer for all of you, I impart my Apostolic Blessing.*  
Pope Francis

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