

5TH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME

9 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:

Isaiah 58:7-10  
Psalm 112:4-9  
1 Corinthians 2:1-5  
Matthew 5:13-16

How do I put into  
practice the Corporal  
and Spiritual Works  
of Mercy?

### Further Reflection

#### from the Catechism:

CCC: 1939, 2426, 2448  
CCCC: 509, 511  
YOUCAT: 332, 442, 50/1



### SCRIPTURE BACKGROUND

The first reading from the Old Testament makes clear how the people of God are to live. The message is to live with a concern for others, especially the poor. Those who do this will be like a light shining in the darkness and the glory of God will be with them. Today's passage stresses the call of God's chosen people to be a force for good in the world. God wants to eliminate the suffering of the poor. God's people are given instruction to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless and clothe the naked.

The theme of light shining in the darkness is also found in today's Gospel. Jesus tells His followers to let their light shine. Jesus' disciples let their light shine by becoming a force for good and love in the world. This Gospel passage encourages followers of Jesus to live with a concern for the poor. When action is taken on behalf of those in need, the light of God's presence shines in the world. God's love transforms the world. Disciples of Jesus are called to spread the light of God's love and make the world a better place.

### A KEY THEME:

The Church has always been concerned with the problems and injustices that exist in society. Out of concern for the dignity of the human person and the rights of all human beings, the Catholic Church developed a detailed social teaching.

An important part of the Church's social teaching is the preferential option for the poor. The preferential option for the poor is a commitment to care for the poor and work to alleviate poverty. This teaching calls us to make decisions with the poor and oppressed in mind. The needs and concerns of the poor should be given priority over others.

### THINKING ABOUT IT

When we work to eliminate the causes of poverty, and when we take action to improve the living conditions of the poor and oppressed, we truly become salt of the earth and light for the world. How does an individual or a group make a commitment in taking action to overturn structural injustice in society? There are **four steps** involved. **First**, careful analysis must be made of the situation being addressed so that before action is taken energy is not wasted on superficial change without addressing root causes of the injustice. **Second**, this analysis should stop collusion with the causes of oppression and thus promote a distancing of the individual or group from those others who are causing the injustice or who contribute to it. **Third**, concerted and organized actions should be planned and entered into at the political level, gradually escalating in scope and intensity, in order to challenge the injustice. **Fourth**, realistic alternatives to inhumane and unjust structures should be designed and brought to birth in society by believers.

### THE GOSPEL IN LIFE

How will you keep the poor in mind when you make decisions this week?

*Excerpted from RCL Benziger Lectionary Resources*

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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 8<sup>th</sup>

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 9<sup>th</sup>

7:30 a.m. Intentions of parishioners

9:30 a.m. Pauline Lafave by Angela Van Humbeck

11:00 a.m. George Anderson (40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of death)  
by Doug & Jane Anderson

12:30 p.m. Baptisms

### Monday, February 10<sup>th</sup>

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

### Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>

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

### Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>

7:30 a.m. Kathleen Landon by John & Donna Donnelly

### Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup>

7:30 a.m. George Primeau (10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of death)  
by wife Bernice & family

### Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup>

7:30 a.m. Cyril Dumond by wife Viola and family

### Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup>

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, February 16<sup>th</sup>

7:30 a.m. Intentions of parishioners

9:30 a.m. Daphne Martell by husband Barice & family

11:00 a.m. Sister Loretta Gaffney RHJS by Associates to RHSJ

### Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup>

7:30 a.m. In Thanksgiving to St. Cecelia by a parishioner

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED  
FAMILY DAY – MONDAY, 17 FEBRUARY**

A Parish Gathering on  
“**THE FOUR SIGNS OF A DYNAMIC CATHOLIC**”  
will take place here in the Church  
**10 A.M. TO 12 NOON, SATURDAY, 1 MARCH.**  
The format will be very similar to the one used at  
the Diocesan Gathering on 28 January.  
All parishioners are asked to commit this gathering to  
prayer and make a special effort to come.  
It is hoped that this will be  
an important moment in the life of our parish.

**SNACK AND CHAT**  
Next weekend, 15-16 February  
at the 4<sup>th</sup> Street Entrance to the Church.  
Plan to stay after Mass for a coffee, treat and chat

## IN OUR PARISH

### COLLECTION – 26 JANUARY – THANK YOU

Sunday	\$3,821.46	Initial	\$ 34.00
Loose	408.16	New Year's	180.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,229.62</b>		

### FATHER DAN WILL BE AWAY FROM THE PARISH

*February 10<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> on vacation.*  
May he enjoy these special days of rest and relaxation.  
We welcome Fr. Cameron  
who will preside at Masses during this time.  
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Fr. Dan will also be away Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> attending a meeting  
of the National Federation of Presbyteral Councils in Toronto,  
in his position as Central Region Vice-President..  
We welcome Fr. Dumoulin  
who will preside at Masses during this time.

**REST IN THE PEACE AND LOVE OF THE LORD**  
Ruth Crowder, Paul Trepanier and all who have died recently.

**CUSTODIAN REQUIRED FOR ST COLUMBAN PARISH**

The work involves the cleaning and general maintenance of parish buildings and property which includes the church, the rectory, the rectory garage and the activity center (a room on the second floor of the Agape Center). A complete job description is available from the office.  
Hours of work are from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. (25 hours per week), Monday to Friday. Position available starting May 19, 2014.  
Those interested please submit your application to the office at the rectory by March 14<sup>th</sup>.

**SACRISTANS MEETING / WORKSHOP**  
All current sacristans as well as those who would like to consider becoming one, are invited.  
**10 A.M., SATURDAY, 15 FEBRUARY**  
in the upper room of the sacristy. For more information contact Sue at 938-0368 or sue.h@sympatico.ca

**CHILDREN'S TREATMENT CENTRE**

expresses warm heartfelt gratitude for the generosity and spirit of giving showed by St. Columban's parishioners to the children served at the Centre again this year through your donation of gifts, which make the children and their parents feel very special, valued and remembered. Everyone at the Centre is deeply touched by the interest and sense of caring the parishioners of St. Columban's have shown over the years. We wish you all a blessed New Year.  
*Robert Smith, M.A., Executive Director*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS**

The Alexandria-Cornwall Council of the Catholic Women's League are praying for **VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD, RELIGIOUS LIFE AND FOR MARRIAGES.**  
Each Council has a particular month to pray. During February, St Columban's CWL members invite all parishioners to pray along with them. A prayer for Vocations may be found on the inside cover of the Gather Hymnal.

## IN THE DIOCESE

### BISHOP'S PIX MOVIES SERIES

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

**7:15 P.M. FEB. 7<sup>TH</sup> THROUGH 13<sup>TH</sup> AT THE PORT THEATRE**

Cathoc Women's League of St. Peter's Parish is hosting a **CARD PARTY – 7:30 P.M., SUNDAY, 16 FEBRUARY**  
Share the Wealth, Cash Prizes, Door Prizes, Light Lunch  
Admission \$5. – Everyone welcome.

**ROAST BEEF DINNER – 5 TO 7 P.M., THURSDAY, 13 FEB.**  
Hosted by Knights of Columbus, St. Francis de Sales  
Adults \$10; children \$5. – Treat your Sweetheart

**HOSPICE CORNWALL FUNDRAISER – SAT., 22 FEB.**  
Carnavale 2014 – 7 course Italian dinner, live music & dancing.  
Best Western \$90/person. For tickets call Tina at 613-938-8540.

**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 Nussbaumer at  
613-525-2027. To register call Sr. Alice at 613-525-1704.

**LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY: HOPE RISING**  
Speakers: Thomas Cardinal Collins, Ralph Martin,  
Sr. Ann Shields and Peter Herbeck.  
**9 A.M. TO 5:30 P.M., SATURDAY, MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup> IN TORONTO**  
Call Heidi at 613-347-7561 if interested in attending.

## IN THE CHURCH WE ARE ALL MISSIONARIES & DISCIPLES (CONTINUED)

Thus is God's grace and thus also our faith, which we should pass on to our children; pass on to the children so that these, as adults, can pass it on to their children. This is Baptism ... it brings us into this People of God ... who walk and who pass down the faith."



Through Baptism, each of us becomes "missionary disciples, called to bring the Gospel to the world. Each of the baptized, whatever their role in the Church or the educational level of their faith, is an active agent of evangelization. ... The new evangelization should involve ... a new central role for each of the baptized.

The People of God is a People of disciples -  
because we receive the faith.  
and a missionary People - because we pass on the faith.

This is what makes Baptism in us: it gives us Grace and transmits the faith. **ALL OF US IN THE CHURCH ARE DISCIPLES, ALWAYS AND FOR OUR ENTIRE LIVES; AND WE ARE ALL MISSIONARIES, EACH IN THE PLACE THAT THE LORD HAS ASSIGNED US.**

"All of us," the Bishop of Rome improvised, "even the smallest is a missionary and the one who seems greater is a disciple. Some of you will say: 'Bishops aren't disciples; the bishops know everything. The Pope knows everything and isn't a disciple.' No, even the bishops and the Pope are to be disciples because, if they aren't, it's not good; they can't be missionaries; they can't pass on the faith. All of us are disciples and missionaries."

"No one is saved by themselves," the Pope said to the thousands of persons gathered in St. Peter's Square. "We are a community of believers and in this community we feel the beauty of sharing an experience of love that proceeds us all, but that at the same time asks us to be 'channels' of grace for one another, in spite of our limits and our sins. The communal dimension is not only a 'frame' or an 'outline' but an integral part of the Christian life, witness, and evangelization."

Pope Francis ended by recalling the history of the Christian community in Japan, whose persecution at the beginning of the 17th century caused many martyrs. "Members of the clergy were expelled and thousands of faithful were killed. There was no priest left in Japan; all of them were expelled. The community retreated into hiding, keeping their faith and prayer hidden. When a child was born, the mother or father baptized them, since all the faithful can baptize under particular circumstances.

When, after two and a half centuries, 250 years later, the missionaries returned to Japan, thousands of Christians came out of hiding and the Church could flourish. They had survived through the grace of their Baptism!

This is great: the People of God pass on the faith, baptizing their children and carrying on. They had maintained, even in secret, a strong communal spirit because Baptism had made them to become one body in Christ. They were isolated and hidden but were always members of the People of God, members of the Church. We can learn so much from this story!"

## IN THE CHURCH WE ARE ALL MISSIONARIES & DISCIPLES.

*Vatican City, 15 January 2014 (VIS) -*

"Baptism brings us into the People of God, makes us members of a People on a journey, a pilgrim People in history," Pope Francis asserted, quoting words from the Second Vatican Council during his Wednesday catechesis at the general audience, which was dedicated to the first of the sacraments. He explained how life is passed on from generation to generation and that "through rebirth at the baptismal font, grace is also passed on from generation to generation. With this grace the Christian People walk through time, like a river that irrigates the earth and spreads God's blessing throughout the world." The disciples "went forth to baptize. From that time to today there is a chain in the transmission of faith through Baptism. Each of us is a link in that chain, a step forward always, like the river that irrigates.



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