

**BAPTISM  
OF THE LORD (C)  
10 JAN., 2016**

God anointed Jesus  
with the Holy Spirit and  
with power; He went  
about doing good.

# 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.  
**Weekdays except Mondays:** 7:30 a.m.

In the Western Church we end the Christmas season with the Feast of the Lord's Baptism in the Jordan. The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord marks the beginning of what is called the "public" ministry of Jesus.

In His sacred humanity He was nurtured, a sign of the beauty of the human experience of love, growth and maturation. He was raised by a human mother and father; and parenting and family life forever took on a deeper meaning in the domestic church of the family. At the bench of Joseph the carpenter; He learned the carpenter's trade and sanctified all human work as a participation in the continuing work of both creation and redemption.

The word "Epiphany" means "manifestation", a making present, a revealing. There is no doubt that even during those so called "hidden" years the plan, purpose and redemptive implications of the entire saving life, death, and resurrection of Jesus were being manifested and revealed. They reveal how the ordinary becomes "extraordinary" when lived in communion with the Father. The "Baptism of the Lord" is also called the "Theophany", the manifestation of God Himself.

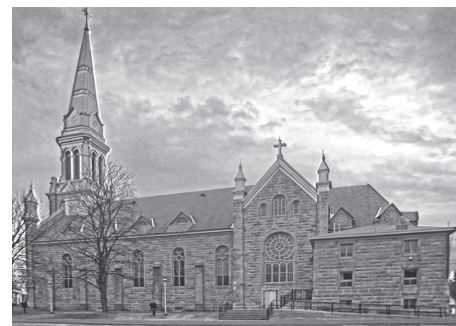
Christ is Baptized, not that He may be sanctified in the waters, but that He Himself may sanctify the waters, and by His own purification may purify those streams which He touches. Descending into the waters of the Jordan, Jesus, Who shares our humanity, makes that living water flow with healing mercy. His Divine Life is now mediated through the Sacraments in the life of the Church which is His Body.

"For the consecration of Christ is the greater consecration of another element. For when the Saviour is washed, then already for our Baptism all water is cleansed and the fount purified, that the grace of the laver may be administered to the peoples that come after. Christ therefore takes the lead in Baptism, so that Christian peoples may follow after Him with confidence." (St. Maximus of Turin, 423 AD)

We are invited on this great Feast to live our lives in the "Theophany" of the God Who is a Trinitarian communion of perfect love. The Christian vocation, no matter what our state in life, is to reveal the Love of the Trinity to the entire human race in order to bring them to the Waters of Baptism into New Life in the new humanity of the Church which is Christ's Body. There, joined in Him we participate in His ongoing redemptive mission until He returns to make all things new.



*Excerpted from an article by Deacon Keith Fournier*



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**CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES**

Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup>

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions

**5:30 p.m.** Amelia Lalonde by Bill & Sue Marlowe

Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup>

7:30 a.m. Intention of Parishioners

9:30 a.m. Deceased members of the Roots & Brown families by Rosemary, Bill & family

11:00 a.m. Johnny Digiosia by Brian Lynch & Katie Burke

Tuesday, January 12<sup>th</sup>

7:30 a.m. Caroline Smith by Florence Gravelle

Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>

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

Thursday, January 14<sup>th</sup>

7:30 a.m. Rita Poapst by Stella McDonald

Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup>

7:30 a.m. Richard, Carole, Godchildren & families

Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup>

3 – 4 p.m. Confessions

**5:30 p.m.** Harold McNicol by wife Kathleen & family

Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup>

7:30 a.m. Intentions of parishioners

9:30 a.m. Jacques Lebrun by John & Germaine Thompson

11:00 a.m. Robert John Boulerice by David Hill

**COMMUNION STATIONS ARE LOCATED  
CENTRE FRONT AND HALFWAY DOWN CENTRE AISLE**  
Please exit pews from the centre aisle  
and return by the side aisles. Thank you.

**FATHER ERNEST IS AWAY**

(on vacation); returning 9 February We wish him a wonderful time of rest and relaxation and look forward to his return. Fr. Arockia, will preside at all Masses in January.

Pope Francis' **universal prayer intention** for January 2016:

*“That sincere dialogue among men and women of different faiths may produce the fruits of peace and justice”.*

**His intention for evangelisation is:**

*“That by means of dialogue and fraternal charity and with the grace of the Holy Spirit, Christians may overcome divisions”.*

**IN THE PARISH**

**COLLECTION 25 DECEMBER, 2015 – THANK YOU**

\$1,452.00	Sunday Env	\$ 20.00	Priests Pension Fund
<u>1,653.73</u>	Loose	\$4,245.00	Christmas
<b>\$3,105.00</b>	<b>Total</b>	\$ 5.00	Vocations
		\$ 20.00	Prop. Of the Faith

**COLLECTION 27 DECEMBER, 2015 – THANK YOU**

\$2,895.00	Sunday Env.	\$ 370.60	Christmas
<u>235.95</u>	Loose	\$ 214.90	Candles
<b>\$3,130.95</b>	<b>Total</b>	\$ 35.85	Book Table

**.SATURDAY EVENING MASS AT ST. COLUMBAN  
NOW AT 5:30 P.M.**

**2016 PARISH ENVELOPES  
CALL TO ARRANGE PICK UP AT THE OFFICE**

**SNOW REMOVAL  
CHURCH ENTRANCES AND WALKWAYS**  
Please check the diagram (on bulletin boards) of the Church entrances and walkways which show where snow removal will be carried out on weekends when there is a major snowfall. As we have 5 entrances to be cleared of snow and our custodian is not scheduled to work on weekends, this will help eliminate some overtime work for him if a major storm occurs. Thank you everyone for your understanding.

**SHOULD YOUR CHILD RECEIVE  
FIRST COMMUNION, FIRST RECONCILIATION, AND/OR  
CONFIRMATION THIS YEAR?**

If your child is in the public school system OR is attending a separate school, but did not receive any of these Sacraments with others his/her age (Grade 2 typically), then this message is for you.

**Now is the time to register**  
with the parish for

**after-school preparation classes**  
if you wish your child to receive these Sacraments this Spring. Please leave your name, phone number and your child's name, date of birth, grade and school with the parish office (613-932-9616) and you will soon be contacted by a team member to make arrangements.

The relationship between Baptism and proclamation, and the calling shared by all the Baptized to proclaim the mighty acts of the Lord was inspired by two verses from the First Letter of St Peter.

This calling forms the theme of the **WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY, JAN. 18-25**

## SPECIAL PRAYER FOR JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

Pope Francis entreats the Lord to make the Jubilee of Mercy a year of grace so that the Church, "with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind."

### POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ

You have taught us to be merciful  
like the heavenly Father,

And have told us that whoever sees You, sees Him.  
Show us Your face and we will be saved.



Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money; the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things; made Peter weep after his betrayal, and assured Paradise to the repentant thief.

Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that You spoke to the Samaritan woman:  
"If you knew the gift of God!"

You are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God Who manifests His power above all by forgiveness and mercy; let the Church be Your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified.

You willed that Your ministers would also be clothed in weakness in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error: let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved and forgiven by God.

Send Your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and Your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind.

We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy, You who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever,  
Amen.

### THEOLOGY ON TAP – 8 P.M., FRI., JAN. 15<sup>TH</sup> at the Best Western Parkway, Cornwall.

This is a monthly encounter for young adults and their friends, married or single, where fun, friends and faith mix in a very relaxed and inspiring atmosphere.

## GODPARENTS FOR BAPTISM

*Choosing the godfather and the godmother of a child is an important decision. Their role is, with the parents, to present the child for Baptism and to help the Baptized to lead the Christian life in harmony with Baptism and to fulfill faithfully the obligations inherent to it.*

We would like to remind people of the following:

- according to the Code of Canon Law (the book containing the official laws of the Church)

- a child can have:
- a godfather and a godmother
  - or only one godfather
  - or only one godmother

the child cannot have two godfathers or two godmothers  
- also, the godfather or the godmother of a child cannot be changed later on

Conditions to be godfather or godmother:

1. be chosen by the parents (or person who takes their place)
2. be suitable for this role and have the intention of fulfilling it
3. be at least sixteen years of age
4. be a Roman Catholic who has already been Confirmed and has received the Holy Eucharist
5. be leading a life of faith in harmony with the role to be undertaken
6. not be under a canonical penalty, whether lawfully imposed or declared (for example, being "excommunicated", having officially renounced one's baptism)
7. not be either the father or the mother of the person to be Baptized

N.B.: For a just reason, one may admit:

- as *godfather* or *godmother*, an Eastern non-Catholic
- as *witness to the baptism*, a person belonging to a non-Catholic ecclesial community (i.e.: a Protestant, an Anglican) but only along with a Catholic godparent

*A non-baptized person cannot be either a godparent or a witness for a Baptism.*

St. Francis de Sales K of C

ROAST BEEF DINNER – 5 P.M., THURSDAY, 14 JANUARY

Adults \$10; Children \$5.

### HELP WANTED – SHALOM HOUSE, ALEXANDRIA

Put your cooking talents into a ministry of welcoming. Join the team at Shalom House in preparing nutritious meals, managing the kitchen and supervising staff and volunteers. Weekend availability is required. Salary negotiable. Please send your resume to Sister Sue at [maison-shalomhouse@bellnet.ca](mailto:maison-shalomhouse@bellnet.ca)

### REGISTRATION FOR STEUBENVILLE TORONTO 2016

The conference takes place 22-24 July on the campus at UOIT in Oshawa, Ont. Activ8 Youth Ministry is promoting a \$50. early bird registration discount (online and deposit of \$100) until 1 March. Register online at [www.steubenvilletoronto.com](http://www.steubenvilletoronto.com) for teens entering grade 9 next September. For more info contact Sr. Francine at [fguilmette@alexandria-cornwall.ca](mailto:fguilmette@alexandria-cornwall.ca)

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