

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 42:1-4, 6-7
Psalm 29:1-4, 9-10
Acts 10:34-38
Matthew 3:13-17

Baptism is meant to be lived and celebrated throughout the believer's life.

Further Reflection from the Catechism:

CCC: 1234-40, 65-67
CCCC: 194-95, 200
YOUCAT: 256, 263



SCRIPTURE BACKGROUND

The Baptism of Jesus continues the theme of Jesus' humanity, which is apparent throughout the Christmas season. However, today's celebration of the Baptism of the Lord marks the end of the Christmas season. The Baptism of Jesus begins His public ministry. Today's readings help us understand the significance of the Sacrament of Baptism for all Christians.

The Old Testament reading today describes a chosen One Who will deliver God's people. God's servant will endure suffering and remain faithful to His mission. God's chosen servant will be a light to all nations and bring justice to the world.

The Gospel today presents the Baptism of Jesus. Jesus comes to John to be Baptized. John questions Jesus at first because he thinks that Jesus should be the One to Baptize. Jesus tells John to Baptize Him in order to fulfill what He has come to do. When Jesus comes up from the water, the heavens open and Jesus is revealed as God's Son, the beloved.

A KEY THEME:

In the Sacrament of Baptism we are joined to Jesus Christ and we are joined to the Church. We become members of the body of Christ and we share in the mission of Jesus. In Baptism we begin a new life that will be lived in the Spirit.

Water is the main symbol used in Baptism. The term "Baptism" comes from the Greek word to "plunge" or "immerse". At our Baptism we plunge into the water of new life. In Baptism we are cleansed and all sins are forgiven.

THINKING ABOUT IT

Catholics understand Baptism to be a Sacrament that we continue to live throughout our lives. Through Baptism we are charged with the responsibility to continue the mission of Jesus and to participate in the Church's mission of spreading Christ's message of forgiveness and love throughout the world.

- What does the Baptism of Jesus reveal about Him?
- How does our Baptism join us to Christ?
- How does our Baptism join us to the Church?
- How does our Baptism help us to spread Christ's message of love and forgiveness to others?



THE GOSPEL IN LIFE

How can you show others that you are a member of the Body of Christ this week?

Excerpted from RCL Benziger Lectionary Resources

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Monday-Thursday
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Evenings by appointment

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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, January 11th

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions
6:15 – 6:45 p.m. Confessions
7:00 p.m. John Collins by Marilyn & Ron

Sunday, January 12th

7:30 a.m. Kathleen Landon by Gerry Sampson
9:30 a.m. Intentions of Parishioners
11:00 a.m. Hubert Kennedy by Pam Belile & family

Monday, January 13th

7:30 a.m. Ransom Lefebvre by Shelley & Jeff Robertson

Tuesday, January 14th

7:30 a.m. Augustina Agwu by Ron Welsh

Wednesday, January 15th

7:30 a.m. Daphne Martell by husband Barice & family

Thursday, January 16th

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

Friday, January 17th

7:30 a.m. Gerald Caron by Audrey Levac

Saturday, January 18th

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions
6:15 – 6:45 p.m. Confessions
7:00 p.m. Harold McNicol (4th Anniversary of death)
by wife Kathleen & family

Sunday, January 19th

7:30 a.m. Intentions of parishioners
9:30 a.m. Gerald & Isabel Parisien by Joe Parisien & family
11:00 a.m. Lynn Arbic by husband Raymond & family

Monday, January 20th

7:30 a.m. Pearl Davis by Dawn Memeton

TOUR TO THE CANONIZATION OF POPE JOHN XXIII AND POPE JOHN PAUL II

Maritime Travel is offering a tour
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Fr. Kevin at 613-938-3100 or Donna at 613-933-8720

Book soon in order not to be disappointed.

Group size will be a minimum of 26 to a maximum of 38.

IN OUR PARISH

BISHOP MARCEL DAMPHOUSSE PASTORAL VISIT – 17 TO 19 JAN.

Bishop Marcel Damphousse will be making his pastoral visit to St. Columban Parish. He will preside at all the weekend Masses. Let's show him what a great parish we have.

After each Mass we will have our Snack and Chat with a chance to talk to Bishop Marcel.

He will also meet with the Parish Finance Committee and the Parish Leadership Team. As well, on the Friday he will visit St. Columban School and Bishop Macdonell School.

Father Dan



REST IN THE PEACE AND LOVE OF THE LORD

Dwight Richard, Adeline Cooper, Josephine Sauve
and all those who have died.

To those 19-39 years of age.

You are invited to reserve Sunday, 26 January
for a parish supported social event.

EUTHANASIA IS AT OUR DOORS

Presenter of this Pro-Life Diocesan Workshop is Michele Boulva, director of the Catholic Organization for Life & Family.

Lay people, priests & deacons are encouraged to come.

1:30 P.M., TUES., 14 JAN. AT BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH

THE 4 SIGNS OF A DYNAMIC CATHOLIC

QUESTIONS TO REFLECT ON AS YOU READ THE BOOK.
1 - When did you feel best about being Catholic? Why?
2 - How has this book changed your view of Catholicism?
3 - How would you like St. Columban's Parish to become more dynamic? Are you willing to help make this happen?

COME, PRAY, SHARE – BE A "DYNAMIC CATHOLIC"

Share what you've learned at our

DIOCESAN GATHERING -7 TO 9 P.M., TUES., 28 JAN.
at St. Peter's Church. (Snow Date Thurs.. 30 Jan.)

FOR YOUTH IN THE DIOCESE

STUEBENVILLE TORONTO – 4 TO 6 JULY
Alexandria-Cornwall Diocesan Youth Ministry office is organizing a youth delegation for this major event for young people who will begin grade 9 in Sept. 2014 up to those graduating high school by the end of 2014.

Save the date and visit the web site for more information
www.ocytoronto.org/steubenville.

ACTIVITIES FOR YOUTH AGES 8 TO 16 FRIDAYS 6:30 TO 8:30 P.M.

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ROAST BEEF DINNER
in the Parish Hall – Adults \$10., Children \$5.
5 TO 7 P.M., THURSDAY, 16 JANUARY

Cornwall Catholic Sec. Schools Mission Team Fundraiser
PARTYLITE BINGO – 7 P.M., SUN., 19 JANUARY
Precious Blood Parish Hall, Glen Walter.

St. Francis de Sales K of C 11531
FAMILY BREAKFAST
In the Parish Hall – everyone welcome
8:30 A.M. TO 12 NOON, SUNDAY, 26 JANUARY

REFLECTION BY ARCHBISHOP PAUL-ANDRE DUROCHER PRESIDENT, CANADIAN CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS

“A lively awareness of our relatedness helps us to look upon and to treat each person as a true sister or brother; without fraternity it is impossible to build a just society and a solid and lasting peace.”



Pope Francis, 1 January 2014

New Year's Day 2014, Pope Francis published his first message for the celebration of the World Day of Peace, focusing on the theme of brotherhood. As President of the Conference of Catholic Bishops of Canada, I want to relay Pope Francis' intervention to my fellow citizens by taking a look from our own Canadian perspective at some of the questions he has chosen to raise.

Families: The Pope identifies the family as the first school of brotherhood. Unfortunately, too many Canadian families live in poverty, suffering from unemployment, experiencing violence, breakdowns & indifference. Should we not commit ourselves to the full flowering of our families as a genuine social priority?

Aid to poor countries: Francis reminds us that rich countries have a special responsibility in building a common future for humanity. He suggests that human brotherhood presents itself in this regard under 3 aspects: the duty of solidarity, the duty of social justice & the duty of universal charity. When we consider our foreign policy, the role of our ambassadors, our international commitments and our economic agreements, should we not consider these three duties as foundational?

Poverty in Canada: The Pope recognizes that our world is experiencing a reduction in absolute poverty. However, relative poverty is increasing, that is to say “inequality between people and groups who live together in particular regions”. This certainly describes Canada, one of the most prosperous countries of the world, where we unfortunately find too many soup kitchens, drop-in centres and neglected, unhealthy neighbourhoods. And what about our Indian reserves where overwhelming and devastating poverty is unfortunately rampant? Could we not foster true

REFLECTION – CONTINUED

brotherhood among us, a brotherhood made concrete by our care of others and our sharing with them as well as the development of government policies and programs that make a greater difference in people's lives?

Voluntary Simplicity: The Pope salutes those families and individuals who intentionally choose voluntary simplicity in their life style. This is a testimony that speaks to all, a gesture that makes a difference. As we begin this New Year, could we not all reflect on our lifestyle, our consumption and our priorities?

Ethics in business and finance: Francis invites business leaders to uphold the traditional virtues of prudence, temperance, justice and perseverance as they engage in commercial and financial activities. Otherwise, we may find ourselves beset with the continuing financial and economic crises that have shaken our country and our world. Should not all Canadian business leaders strive to be international models of these ethical principles?

The arms trade: The Pope's words are incisive: “As long as so great a quantity of arms are in circulation as at present, new pretexts can always be found for initiating hostilities.” Should Canadian companies be complicit in the many fratricidal wars that hurt our world and kill children? Do not our governments have an obligation to consider this question more seriously?

Organized crime: Our Pope deplores the presence of criminal organizations that profit from the sale of drugs, corruption, human trafficking and prostitution. Persons involved in such organizations or doing business with them should seriously listen to the call of Pope Francis: “In the heart of every man and woman is the desire for a full life, including that irrepressible longing for fraternity which draws us to fellowship with others and enables us to see them not as enemies or rivals, but as brothers and sisters to be accepted and embraced.” How shall we help our brothers and sisters free themselves from the scourge of organized crime?

The ecological challenge: Francis warns us of greed and the arrogance of domination, possession, manipulation and exploitation. It would be more helpful to consider nature as “a gracious gift which we must care for and set at the service of our brothers and sisters, including future generations”. Since Canada is recognized for its natural beauty and its rich natural resources, we have an even more serious obligation in this area. Harmonizing economic development and respect for nature is not easy, yet social and political will must rise to the task. Will we leave our grandchildren and great -grandchildren a healthy and ecologically rich environment?

In conclusion: When I look at the state of the world today, I cannot help but count myself lucky to live in a prosperous and peaceful country like Canada. This prosperity and peace allow us to strive even more radically towards the ideal of brotherhood. Yes, let us rejoice in the path already travelled, but let us also remain clear-thinking as we face the path ahead. Citizens, governments and community organizations, I call on you with Pope Francis: let us once again take up the pilgrim's staff. Together, let us journey ever further along the path of brotherhood, the true road to peace.

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