

**WEEK OF PRAYER
FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY
18 JANUARY, 2015**

Go and make
disciples of all
nations. Mt 28:9

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 except Tuesdays: 7:30 a.m.**

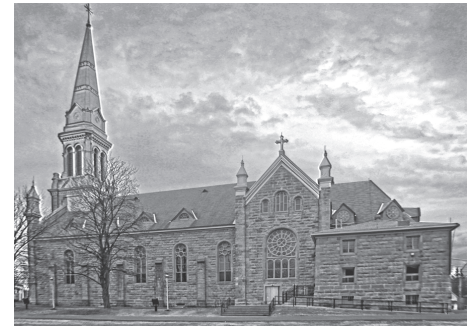
Today's Readings:

Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm 72
Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6
Matthew 2:1-12

The Church exists
to Evangelize
- EN, Pope Paul VI

Further Reflection from the Catechism:

CCC: 817-822, 866, 870
CCCC: 163-168
YOUCAT: 129-131



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Rev. Fr. Jerome Pastores,
Parochial Administrator
Rev. Mr. Marcel Brunet, Deacon
Rev. Fr. Claude Halle, Guest Priest

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Mon. to Thurs. 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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Rocking the Catholic World: Forming Intentional Disciples by Sherry Weddell

Forming Intentional Disciples has been a blockbuster bestseller. Sherry Weddell begins her book by quickly and systematically outlining the problem that the Church faces today.

Some alarming statistics:

- Only 30 percent of Americans who were raised Catholic are still practicing (p. 24).
- 79 percent of those who have dropped the name "Catholic" and claim no religious affiliation of any kind, have done so by age 23 (p. 33).
- The majority of adult Catholics are not even certain that a personal relationship with God is possible (p. 46)
- Mass attendance is always lower than, and goes up and down with, the percentage of those who are certain that it is possible to have a personal relationship with God (p. 44).

Sherry has a number of solutions in the book, including:

I. Become an intentional disciple: She notes, "Simon Peter's 'drop the net' decision is what we mean by intentional" (p. 65). Intentional is not a matter of following the rules or being a cultural Catholic. It means entrusting one's life to Jesus Christ. Weddell does a great job of showing how important the sacraments of the Church are. But, at the same time, she notes that the Sacraments are not magic; they are vessels of grace that we need to actively receive.

II. Discern your gifts: Sherry has gained an immense amount of experience and knowledge by training over 65,000 people with her *Called & Gifted Discernment Process*. Once someone has become a disciple of Jesus Christ and has committed their life to Him, it makes sense that that person would go on to share Christ with others. The *Called & Gifted Discernment Process* helps intentional disciples learn how to do this.

III. Make intentional disciples out of unevangelized Catholics **by using the five thresholds** (p.129-130):

- 1. Initial trust:** Someone makes a positive association with Jesus, the Church, or a Christian believer.
- 2. Spiritual curiosity:** A person is intrigued by or desiring to know more about Jesus, His life, His teachings or some aspect of the Christian faith.
- 3. Spiritual openness:** A person acknowledges to himself or herself and to God that he or she is open to the possibility of personal and spiritual change.
- 4. Spiritual seeking:** The person moves from being essentially passive to actively seeking to know the God who is calling him or her.
- 5. Intentional discipleship:** This is the decision to 'drop one's nets.' To make a conscious commitment to follow Jesus in the midst of His Church as an obedient disciple and to reorder one's life accordingly.

(Article continued inside)

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CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

Saturday, January 17th

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions

6:15 – 6:45 p.m. Confessions

7:00 p.m. Paul Rose by Cathy Miron

Sunday, January 18th

7:30 a.m. Mae Lapierre & deceased family members
by the estate

9:30 a.m. Intentions of the parishioners

11:00 a.m. Lionel Tessier (1st anniversary of death)
by wife Doris Tessier & family

Monday, January 19th

7:30 a.m. Shawn Kelly by his Dad

Tuesday, January 20th No Mass

Wednesday, January 21st

7:30 a.m. Special Intention for Fr. Celestine Agwu by Ron Welsh

Thursday, January 22nd

7:30 a.m. Gerald & Isabel Parisien by Joe Parisien & family

Friday, January 23rd

7:30 a.m. Rueben & Eleanor Harvey & deceased family members
by Joseph & Carole Harvey

Saturday, January 24th

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions

6:15 – 6:45 p.m. Confessions

7:00 p.m. Charles Adams (4th Anniversary of death)
by Cheryl Adams

Sunday, January 25th

7:30 a.m. Intentions of the parishioners

9:30 a.m. Norman Baril by Ethel Bingley

11:00 a.m. Fernand Ouimet by Richard & Carole Pilon

Monday, January 26th

7:30 a.m. Elizabeth Auger by Ron Welsh

GET SET FOR KINDERGARTEN!

Registration for the 2015-2016 school year is now underway at Bishop Macdonell and St. Columban's Catholic Schools.

OUR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS ARE NOW OPEN FOR KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR SEPTEMBER 2015

We offer a rich, play-based learning program for our Kindergarten learners.

We also have extended day programs, on-site daycare, and French Immersion at many locations.

Please call your local Catholic school for more information, or visit www.cdsbeo.on.ca for a complete list of schools and information on how to register your child.

IN THE PARISH

COLLECTION – 25 DECEMBER– THANK YOU

Sunday	\$531.00	Christmas	\$5,140.00
Loose	1,835.13		

COLLECTION – 28 DECEMBER– THANK YOU

Sunday	\$4,573.00	Votive Candles	\$306.89
Loose	525.28	Books	133.45
Total	\$5,098.28	Priests Pension Fund	50.00
Prop.of the Faith	5.00	Christmas	747.00
Dev. & Peace	5.00	Easter	5.00
Papal Charities	5.00	Vocation Sunday	5.00
NeedsCan.Church	5.00	Good Friday/Holy Land	5.00
Parish Outreach-Anawim Concert	935.00		

COLLECTION – 1 JANUARY 2015 – THANK YOU

Sunday	\$ 641.00	Christmas	\$ 110.00
Loose	333.90	New Year's	2,039.00
		Initial Offering	574.00

COLLECTION – 4 JANUARY 2015 – THANK YOU

Sunday	\$2,127.00	Christmas	\$ 5.00
Loose	222.25	New Year's	307.00
Total	\$2,349.25	Books	98.25
Candles	\$ 166.35	Initial Offering	225.00

COFFEE AND CHAT

Plan to stop at the 4th Street Church entrance and enjoy a coffee or tea and conversation after Mass this weekend



BECAME CHILDREN OF GOD THROUGH BAPTISM

Ayven King and Olivia Smith were Baptized here last weekend. May the Lord Jesus be their constant companion throughout their lives.

REST IN THE PEACE AND LOVE OF THE LORD

Rita Macrae, Patrick Finnerty, Robert Bazinet and all those who died this past week

FATHER HALLE

NEEDS PASTORAL CARE VOLUNTEERS

to assist him in the many nursing homes which he services. For more information, please contact Father Halle at 613-933-6097.

PAPAL PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY

That those from diverse religious traditions and all people of good will may work together for peace.

That in this year dedicated to consecrated life, religious men and women may discover the joy of following Christ and strive to serve the poor with zeal.

UPCOMING EVENTS

St. Francis de Sales Parish
FAMILY BREAKFAST, SUN, 25 JAN. - 8:30 A.M. TO NOON
in the parish hall. All are welcome - \$7/person

YEAR OF CONSECRATED LIFE

Pope Francis has declared that a Year of Consecrated Life be celebrated throughout the world. Our Diocese has prepared a series of events, including a Mass at St. Peter's Church
2 P.M., MONDAY, 2 FEBRUARY
Other initiatives include a video on religious communities in the Diocese, to help our students understand consecrated life.

BISHOP'S MOVIE PIX - JANUARY 23RD TO 29TH IDA

will be held at the Port Theatre - \$7.50 a ticket.
For more information go to www.alexandria-cornwall.ca

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: 10 WEEK COURSE ON THE PROPHETS

will be held bi-weekly **STARTING 11 FEBRUARY AT 7 P.M.**
at St. Columban's Activity Centre (Upstairs, Agape Bldg.)
Discover who the prophets were and how their powerful words speak to us today, shedding light on our faith and our lives.
Cost for the study is \$40. To register contact Marilyn Light at
613-537-2021 marilyn.light@gmail.com or
Heidi Krol 613-347-7561, michaelkrol@xplornet.com

COME AND SING - 6:30 TO 7:30 P.M., 19 FEBRUARY AS WE PRAISE OUR LORD THROUGH MUSIC.

At St. Peter's Church - Open to all who love God & love to sing.
God gave us our voices, good and not so good... we give them back to Him with our Praise and Worship music.

ENCOUNTER WITH JESUS

Renown Catholic speaker, Ralph Martin will preach a
MINI RETREAT - 27 AND 28 MARCH

at the Agora Catholic Centre. A great opportunity to grow in faith during the Lenten season. As a best-selling author, TV host and President of Renewal Ministries, Ralph travels the world bringing the Good News of Salvation far and wide. All are welcome.

LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY

SATURDAY, 7 MARCH, 9 A.M. TO 5:30 P.M.

at Metro Toronto Convention Centre, 255 Front St W
Theme this year "The Happiness Factor" will fill you with certainty of the abiding love & joy God has for His people.

Keynote Speaker, Al Kresta, CEO of Ave Maria Catholic Radio, and host of Kresta in the Afternoon, aired on EWTN, will be joined by **the Renewal Ministries team of Ralph Martin, Sr. Ann Shields, and Peter Herbeck**. In addition to compelling talks and uplifting music, there will be prayer ministry, inspiring personal testimonies, Confession, a Divine Mercy celebration and Eucharistic procession. **Closing Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Thomas Cardinal Collins.**

A separate Youth Rally (13-18 yrs.) will be held simultaneously in the theatre next door to the Adult Rally. Tickets are \$10 for the Youth Rally and \$20 for the Adult Rally. Be sure to get yours.

Even better, evangelize by bringing a friend.

For general information, call 416-251-4255 or email LJHR@rogers.com or visit www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.org.

CONTINUED FROM FRONT COVER

Quotes from the book

"We must be convinced that all the Baptized - unless they die early or are incapable of making such a decision - will eventually be called to make a personal choice to live as a disciple of Jesus Christ in the midst of his Church" (p. 70).

"If we do not see the parish as a center of evangelization and apostolic formation, we are denying priest and their pastoral collaborators one of the great, abiding joys of ministry and one of the most powerful protections against cynicism and burnout" (p. 95).

"In recent decades, there has been little or no serious discussion at the parish level about how an individual receiving the Sacraments can prepare his or her heart, soul, and life to do so fruitfully" (p. 98-99).

Deliberate, conscious discipleship

Fr. John Berg says: "My friends know that I appreciate candor, and that I can be frank to a fault. I don't tolerate it well when everyone in the room is desperately trying to ignore the proverbial eight-hundred pound gorilla sitting in the corner. Author Sherry Weddell does not tolerate this well either. And she would like us - "active" and presumably committed Catholics, lay, religious, consecrated and clergy - to focus on one rather large gorilla sitting in the corner of our contemporary Church: the reality that a disturbingly large proportion of Church-going Catholics fail to live as disciples of Jesus - as intentional disciples ... To be sure, Sherry Weddell has supplied us with one amazing resource - *Forming Intentional Disciples* - which is must-reading for any Catholic who wants to be realistically, honestly and effectively engaged in the drama of making disciples."

Excerpted from articles by Kevin Cotter, FOCUS and Fr. John Berg

NEW EVANGELIZATION SUMMIT - 24 & 25 APRIL

This exciting conference will be live-streamed from Ottawa to the Agora Catholic Centre. Over 4,000 people in a dozen different sites will learn from this gathering of 8 top Catholic speakers from across North America. Don't miss it.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP CAMP

A unique dynamic and interactive Salesian Youth Leadership Camp will take place

FRIDAY, MARCH 6 UNTIL SUNDAY, MARCH 8,

It is for youth in grades 8 to 12. The program aims at building leadership skills useful in family, school, work, social and Church. Cost: \$30 per participant.

Place: Camp Tibériade, near St. Jerome, Que.

Only 20 places available - Register a.s.a.p.

For information please contact Sister Francine, FMA (youth ministry coordinator) at activ8faith@gmail.com

NEW LIFE COURSE

6:30 TO 8:30 P.M. - 8, 9, 10, & 15, 16 MARCH

At St. Francis de Sales Church.

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