

**3RD SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
25 JANUARY, 2015**

“The appointed time has grown short ... the present form of this world is passing away.”

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.

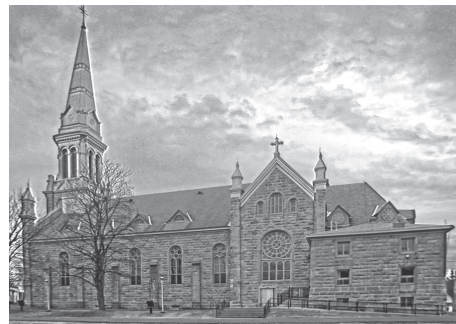
Today's Readings:

Jonah 3:1-5, 10
Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9
1 Corinthians 7:29-31
Mark 1:14-20

“Come follow Me
and I will make you
fishers of people.”

Further Reflection from the Catechism:

CCC: 1691-1695
CCCC: 357
YOUCAT: 279



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1 month in advance

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Saturday 6:15 to 6:45 p.m.
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Strategies for the new evangelization from the Synod of Bishops

The Synod of Bishops brought the Church a comprehensive strategy for the new evangelization. Even though there were many cautions at the synod about not making evangelization into a program, the overall thrust of the synod discussion pushed toward a very different, and potentially rich, pastoral approach to Catholic life today.

Rooted in Faith

Undoubtedly the drastic drop in people regularly involved in church in the developed world is a main cause for the call for the new evangelization. In developed countries the diminishment of Catholic participation and fervour's chief named culprit is “secularism” with its many attendant “isms”—individualism, relativism and materialism. This is even true of the lives of believers themselves.

The new evangelization invites modern people to rediscover God through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ in all His dimensions—in the Word, in Sacrament, in community and in the poor.

This all amounts to strategies of conversion—to call Catholics to deeper conversion and to help Catholics know that their lives are filled with experiences of conversion to help Catholics see the forgiveness, healing, renewal and unconditional love that are part of their lived experience. This conversion happens through the experience of the Mass, other Sacraments and daily prayer. This calls for an attitude toward worship quite different from the routine of “getting the Mass done” in 45 or 50 minutes.

Many synod fathers spoke of the need to focus on lay people, both in professional roles as catechists and in their ordinary lives, as witnesses to Christ. The new evangelization is inconceivable without catechists, lay people who instill the Word of God and elaborate it in church teaching—in personal and powerful ways—in the lives of the faithful. Synod participants saw the catechumenal process as one of the great gifts of the Second Vatican Council—a process of conversion and growth that should be a prime instance of the formation that happens in all catechetical processes.

Family and Community

Many bishops from developing nations insisted that small Christian communities (also called “base communities”) have become essential in the growth and maintenance of faith. They spoke of the way Catholics help reinforce the faith of others, become part of a larger support system and bring the experience of conversion into their relationships with neighbours. Parishes in developed countries might well ponder the gain that can accrue from such communities of faith.

In terms of organizing a congregation, small groups can accomplish what parishes, with their sometimes large and anonymous styles, often cannot—putting a personal face on the experience of Catholic life. Further, they can be the first points of outreach beyond the faithful, calling the ever-growing numbers of uninvolved people into some kind of faith relationship. If it is difficult for someone to make it to a parish church, it certainly is much easier for them to make it to a neighbour's house or apartment.

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CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

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 and
Carole Pilon

Monday, January 26th

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

Tuesday, January 27th No Mass

Wednesday, January 28th

7:30 a.m. Dianna Desrosiers by the family

Thursday, January 29th

7:30 a.m. Special Intention for Joseph &
Carole Harvey

Friday, January 30th

7:30 a.m. Sonny Herrington by Marie Greffe

Saturday, January 31st

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions
6:15 – 6:45 p.m. Confessions
7:00 p.m. CeJay & Grayson Bray by Kevin, Jessica,
Maria & family

Sunday, February 1st

7:30 a.m. Intentions of the parishioners
9:30 a.m. Anna Van den Broeck (1st Anniversary of
death) by Herman & family
11:00 a.m. Rita MacRae by St. Columban's C.W.L.

Monday, February 2nd

7:30 a.m. For Vocations by St. Columban's C.W.L.

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Registration for the 2015-2016 school year is
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at many locations.

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www.cdsbeo.on.ca for a complete list of schools and
information on how to register your child.

IN OUR PARISH

COLLECTION – 11 JANUARY 2015 – THANK YOU

Sunday	\$4,415.00	Christmas	\$ 30.00
Loose	331.23	New Year's	140.00
Total	\$ 4,746.23	Books	42.25
Candles	\$112.75	Initial Offering	244.00

READERS - IMPORTANT NOTICE

There will be a Diocesan meeting of all Readers
at the Agora Centre, John Paul II Hall
9:30 A.M. TO 11 A.M., SAT., 31 JANUARY
Goals: *Reflect on the meaning of this ministry and
Revise the way we are doing things.*
Readers - please confirm your attendance by
calling Sue Holland-Lalonde, 613-938-0368
Coordinator of Readers, St. Columban's Parish

**St. Columban's Catholic Women's League
GENERAL MEETING,**

7 P.M., TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD
in the Parish Activity Centre (upstairs Agape Bldg.)
New members always welcome

MASS FOR VOCATIONS

IN YEAR OF CONSECRATED LIFE

7:30 A.M., MONDAY, 2 FEBRUARY

Pope Francis has declared that a Year of
Consecrated Life be celebrated throughout the
world. The Catholic Women's League of St.
Columban's Parish invites all those who can attend
this Mass to please come and pray for
vocations to consecrated life.

**THANK YOU FROM
THE CHILDREN'S TREATMENT CENTRE**

Sincere thanks to you, Fr. Pastores and the
parishioners of St. Columban's Parish for the
Christmas gifts donated to the children who attend
the Centre and their siblings. You and the
parishioners have provided, as in past years,
wonderful gifts that took into consideration the
ages of the children and their interests.

It was most uplifting for all of us at the Centre to
watch the smiles on the faces of the children when
they received their gifts. You have all indeed
brought laughter and joy into their lives at
Christmas.

We wish you, Fr. Pastores, the parishioners of
St. Columban's Parish and all your loved ones,
peace, happiness and best of health in the New
Year.

*Kind regards,
Robert Smith, M.A Executive Director*

DIOCESAN NOTICES

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

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: 10 WEEK COURSE ON THE PROPHETS
bi-weekly **STARTING 11 FEBRUARY AT 7 P.M.**
at St. Columban's Activity Centre (Upstairs, Agape Bldg.). \$40.
Discover who the prophets were and how their powerful words
speak to us today, shedding light on our faith and our lives.
Register: Marilyn 613-537-2021 marilyn.light@gmail.com or
Heidi 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.

SALESIAN YOUTH LEADERSHIP CAMP (GR. 8-12)
FRIDAY, MARCH 6 UNTIL SUNDAY, MARCH 8,

Building leadership skills useful in family, school, work, social
and Church. \$30 per participant. At Camp Tibériade, near St.
Jerome, Que. *Only 20 places available – Register a.s.a.p.*
Info: Sr Francine, FMA activ8faith@gmail.com

LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY: SAT., 7 MAR, 9 A.M. TO 5:30 P.M.

Metro Toronto Convention Centre, 255 Front St W

Al Kresta, host of EWTN's Kresta in the Afternoon joined by **the
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and Peter Herbeck**. Compelling talks and uplifting music, prayer
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Simultaneous Youth Rally (13-18 yrs.) in the theatre next door to
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Rally. Get your ticket. Evangelize by bringing a friend. Info: 416-
251-4255, LJHR@rogers.com or www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.org

NEW LIFE COURSE

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

At St. Francis de Sales Church. Open to all who want to
experience the fullness of life that Jesus has offered.

AN ENCOUNTER WITH JESUS

Renown Catholic speaker, Ralph Martin will preach a

MINI RETREAT – 27/28 MARCH – AGORA CENTRE

Great Lenten opportunity to grow in faith. Best-selling author, TV
host and President of Renewal Ministries, Ralph travels the world
bringing the Good News of Salvation far and wide.

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.

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These small groups help believers experience the power
of the Word through reflection, discussion, personal sharing
and common prayer as the Word leads them to fuller
awareness and acceptance of God's action in their lives.

Transforming the Parish

Synod fathers urged the devout and expressive celebration
of the Eucharist as a key value in the Catholic experience.
They spoke about welcome and inclusion as part of one's
experience of the parish. Looking at Catholic life in relational
terms, Catholics could see the parish as the main gathering
community for the smaller communities of faith (families and
small groups) that are part of the new evangelization.

Synod fathers pointed to the works of Mother Theresa and
other initiatives to feed the hungry and care for people in need
as examples of how the reality of faith is revealed through
charity. Jesus coupled His preaching with miracles—deeds of
wonder that showed God's liberating power and forgiveness to
all, particularly those without much esteem in society.

The synod spoke often of the need to reach out to those
who have no faith or who have become "tired" in their faith. No
document received more attention than "On Evangelization in
the Modern World," an apostolic exhortation of Pope Paul VI,
which spoke of evangelization as the essential mission of the
church, the reason for its existence. While the new
evangelization focuses particularly on those peoples who have
already received the faith (rather than those who have not
explicitly heard the Gospel), it recognizes that hard-and-fast
categories cannot be laid down in a world as mobile as ours, a
world where people shift their allegiances so often.

Parishes have some images to fall back on when they think
of liturgy and catechesis (much as these images need to be
infused with new life); few of them, however, have institutional
images of reaching out beyond their own membership to those
who have ceased practicing their faith or who might be ready to
accept an invitation.

The call to live faith boldly, while dialoguing with modern
culture & all believers, hearkened back to the confidence Pope
John XXIII engendered when he asked that the ancient
windows of the Catholic Church be opened to let in more air.

The synod, then, looks for a renewed Catholic people, this
time engaged in faith through their own experience, not just
recipients of faith through a Catholic culture. The experience
primarily turns on Jesus and the community of faith He began.
As Catholics live in the world, they bring to that world the power
of these relationships of faith, sharing them freely within their
families and inviting others to participate in the joy of faith in
Jesus Christ.

Should these goals and directions take root, the primary
vision of the Catholic faith, the people of God who have
encountered their saviour in Jesus, can transform not only the
billion plus who identify as Catholic, but, as importantly, many
beyond the community of faith.

*Excerpted from an article by Frank DeSiano, C.S.P., in
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