

**EPIPHANY
OF THE LORD (C)
3 JAN., 2016**

They saw the child with
Mary, His mother; and
they knelt down and paid
Him homage.

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 Mondays: 7:30 a.m.**

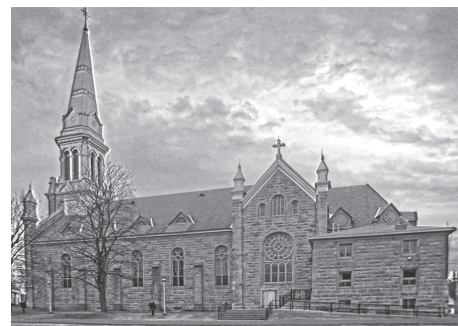
OUR NEW BOOK OF GOSPELS

After years in the making, the Catholic Church in Canada is pleased to have a Canadian edition of the Book of Gospels. Our Book of Gospels contains all of the NRSV Gospel passages from the Lectionary: Sundays and Solemnities and the Lectionary and more.

"The reading of the Gospel constitutes the high point of the Liturgy of the Word. The Liturgy itself teaches the great reverence that is to be shown to this reading by setting it off from the other readings with special marks of honour, by the fact of which minister is appointed to proclaim it and by the blessing or prayer with which he prepares himself; and also by the fact that through their acclamations the faithful acknowledge and confess that Christ is present and is speaking to them and stand as they listen to the reading; and by the mere fact of the marks of reverence that are given to the Book of Gospels." [GIRM 60]

When a deacon is present, he will process with the book; otherwise a reader will carry it in procession. When a bishop presides, the Book of Gospels may be carried to him for veneration. He may also bless the people with it (GIRM 175). The Gospel procession should be of sufficient length and dignity with ministers accompanying the procession to the ambo with candles and incense if possible. The procession should also be visible to the assembly. For this reason, it is suggested that the procession should move around the Altar and proceed across the front of the Altar and the people to the Ambo. The Book of Gospels is not carried in the procession at the end of Mass ("Introduction to Book of Gospels", no. 22).

Bishop Marcel Dampousse blessed our Book of Gospels, a gift from a parishioner, at the Christmas Eve midnight Mass; Fr. Ernest made first use of it that night as depicted in the photo.



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CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

First Saturday, January 2nd

7:00 – 7:25 a.m. Confessions
8:00 a.m. Rita Poapst by Stella McDonald
3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions
6:15 – 6:45 p.m. Confessions
7:00 p.m. Jacques Lebrun by Elaine, Todd, Trisha & family

Epiphany of the Lord - Sunday, January 3rd

7:30 a.m. Abandoned Souls in Purgatory by a parishioner
9:30 a.m. Intention of parishioners
11:00 a.m. Leon Parisien (25th Anniv. of death) and Betty Burt (5th Anniv. of death) by Jane & Doug Anderson

Tuesday, January 05th

7:30 a.m. Special Intention by a parishioner

Wednesday, January 06th

7:30 a.m. Rita Poapst by Heather & Russ Leszkowiat
8:45 a.m. St. Columban School Mass

Thursday, January 07th

7:30 a.m. Jacques Lebrun by Nicole Leger
9:00 a.m. Bishop Macdonell School Mass

Friday, January 08th

7:30 a.m. In thanksgiving for favors received by
Marleene McWilliam

Saturday, January 09th

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions
5:30 p.m. Amelia Lalonde by Bill & Sue Marlowe

Sunday, January 10th

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

FATHER ERNEST

will be away (on vacation) from 28 Dec. to 9 Feb.
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.

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.

IN THE PARISH

COLLECTION 20 DECEMBER, 2015 – THANK YOU

\$4,705.00 Sunday Env	\$120.00 Priests Pension Fund
377.34 Loose	\$ 5.00 Flowers
\$5,082.34 Total	\$ 53.05 Book Table
\$ 160.00 Christmas	\$ 5.00 Development & Peace
\$ 5.00 New Year's	\$ 5.00 Papal Charities
\$ 15.00 Easter	\$ 30.00 Needs of Can. Church
\$ 146.15 Candles	\$ 5.00 Prop. Of the Faith
\$ 5.00 Voc.Sunday	\$ 5.00 Good Friday/Holy Land
\$ 5.00 Initial Offering	

**SATURDAY EVENING MASS AT ST. COLUMBAN
TIME CHANGE TO 5:30 P.M.**

**EFFECTIVE SATURDAY, 9 JANUARY, 2016
AND**

SATURDAY CONFESSIONS WILL BE 3 TO 4 P.M. ONLY

OFFICE CLOSED

MONDAY & TUESDAY, 4 & 5 JANUARY

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.

PRAYER DURING JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY.

*Following your daily Rosary, please include the
HOLY FATHER'S*

PRAYER FOR THE YEAR OF MERCY.

Copies are available in the Church.

**EXCERPT FROM POPE FRANCIS' HOMILY
FOR FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY**

In the Year of Mercy, every Christian family can become a privileged place on this pilgrimage for experiencing *the joy of forgiveness*.



Forgiveness is the essence of the love which can understand mistakes and mend them. How miserable we would be if God did not forgive us! Within the family we learn how to forgive, because we are certain that we are understood & supported, whatever the mistakes we make.

Let us not lose confidence in the family! It is beautiful when we can always open our hearts to one another, and hide nothing. Where there is love, there is also understanding and forgiveness.

To all of you, dear families, I entrust this most important mission - the domestic pilgrimage of daily family life - which the world and the Church need, now more than ever.

NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE TO THE BELOVED PEOPLE OF GOD

We would like to use this opportunity to congratulate each and every one of you as we celebrate the gift of the New Year. After the gift of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, God has given us another gift of the New Year.

For some of you, the year has been very difficult. It has been a year of grief, sadness, and loss as we stated in the Christmas message. We express our deepest sympathies to all who have lost their dear ones. May the good Lord console all of you. For some of you the year has been a year of triumph, success, progress in life and we rejoice with you and we thank God for you. However, for most of us, it has been a combination of joy and sadness, ups and downs, triumphs, and failures and as we reflect on the joys and pains, we turn to God for comfort, consolation, strength, thanksgiving and guidance.

We continue to celebrate Christmas, which is God's decisive intervention in our life. The words of the prophet Isaiah should accompany us during the New Year. ("The people who walk in darkness have seen a great light." Is 9:2). We would like to thank each and every one of you for participating and contributing in making St. Columban a welcoming and vibrant parish. We thank you for the financial, spiritual, and moral support that you give to the parish. May the good Lord continue to reward you abundantly.

Let us bear in mind that the New Year is a time of making New Year's resolutions. What should be our New Year's resolutions? Among our New Year's resolutions would we include how to move our parish forward no matter what?

Besides, those of us in the various ministries, would we make it as our new year's resolution to accommodate others and not doing our ministries as something personal to us or our private property.

As we discharge the duties entrusted to us, we should try to welcome others' ideas and their suggestions. Can we be humble enough in carrying out the various ministries entrusted to us, no matter what we think that our gifts, talents and charisms may be or are.

New Year's is a time for forgiveness, reconciliation and peace. It is also time to show mercy and compassion to one another. On December 8, 2015, the Feast of Immaculate Conception, Pope Francis officially opened the Jubilee Year of Mercy. He urges us not to be judgemental, but rather to be people full of mercy and compassion.

As a family of St. Columbans' family of God which we are, we should be people whose actions and activities are full of love, mercy and compassion especially in this Jubilee Year of Mercy.

We are sure that God has prepared all the help we will need to make 2016 a good year. Let us work hard doing the right things everyday and let us not waste even a single day. May we all have a good year so that at the end we can come to God with hands full of praise and thanksgiving.

"May the Lord bless you and protect you. May the Lord smile on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord show you His favour and give you His peace." (Num 6:24- 26.).

We heartily wish you and your families a blessed, happy, peaceful and healthy New Year in 2016. God bless you and your loved ones.

Sincerely Yours in Jesus and Mary,

REV. FR. ERNEST EMEKA EMEODI

AND

REV. FR. AROCKIA DHAS RAYAPPAN

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Clergy:

Rev. Fr. Ernest

Rev. Fr. Arockia

Parish Leadership Team

Bill Brown,

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IN THE DIOCESE AND COMMUNITY

THEOLOGY ON TAP – 8 P.M., FRI., JAN. 15TH

at the Best Western, 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.

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 (on line and deposit of \$100) until 1 March. Register on line at www.steubenvilletoronto.com for teens entering grade 9 next September. For more info contact Sr. Francine at fguilmette@alexandria-cornwall.ca

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