

**15TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
13 JULY 2014**

**GOD'S WORD:
IT WILL CHANGE YOUR LIFE**



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.**

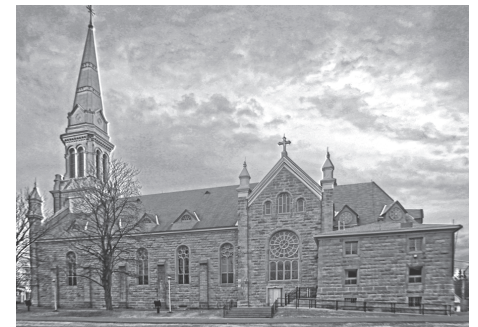
Today's Readings:

Isaiah 55:10-11
Psalm 65:10-14
Romans 8:18-23
Matthew 13:1-23

What place of importance
do I give to the Word of
God in my Life?
Do I pray with my Bible
or does it collect dust?

Further Reflection from the Catechism:

CCC: 102-109
CCCC: 14, 18-19, 24
YOUCAT: 14-16



SCRIPTURE BACKGROUND

In the first reading from the Old Testament, the prophet Isaiah reassures the people that God will protect and care for them. According to Isaiah, Israel can trust in the continuing power of God's Word to deliver them from exile. Isaiah compares God's Word to life-giving water. Rain and snow fall from the sky and water the earth, providing good soil for seeds to grow. The word of God is like rain, sent to enliven the faith of the people.

In today's Gospel, the Word of God is spoken through Jesus' parable. Jesus told stories to help people understand the Kingdom of God. Today's parable about the sower and the seed shows the challenges of hearing God's word and letting it bear fruit. The author of today's passage provides an interpretation of the story. The seed is the word of God. The challenge for the listener is to be like good soil and allow the word of God to take root. Today's parable makes clear our call to hear the word of God and live it.

- Why is it hard sometimes to truly hear God's Word?
- How can we allow God's Word to take root in us?
- What does it mean to hear the Word of God and live it?

A KEY THEME:

We Catholics believe that God is the author of Sacred Scripture. The Old and New Testaments contain inspired writings. While human beings composed the texts, they were written under the inspiration of God. We believe that Jesus Christ; the living Word of God is present in the Sacred Scriptures. Jesus opens our minds and hearts so that we may understand the truth of the written word.

THINKING ABOUT IT

The Church helps us interpret the Word of God with the guidance of the Spirit. To discover the meaning of God's Word, the Church teaches that we first must understand why God speaks to us. The purpose is for our salvation in Jesus Christ. When interpreting Scripture we also must try to understand the style of writing that a particular author used to communicate God's message. When we understand what the human author was trying to do, we can better understand what God is trying to say to us. The Word of God nourishes our faith and gives us strength. All members of the Church are urged to hear God's Word and carry the Good News to others.

- How are you nourished by God's Word in the Sacred Scriptures?
- Why is God's Word part of the Mass?
- What does it mean to carry the Good News to others?

THE GOSPEL IN LIFE

How can you make listening to the Word of God an important part of your life?

Excerpted from RCL Benziger Lectionary Resources

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Parochial Administrator
Rev. Mr. Marcel Brunet, Deacon

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Mrs. Kelly Poitras

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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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CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

Saturday, July 12th

3 - 4 p.m. Confessions
 4:00 p.m. Wedding Eric Ayotte & Amanda Trepanier
 6:15-6:45 p.m. Confessions
 7:00 p.m. Louisa & Salvatore Calise by Janet, Stephanie & Louisa

Sunday, July 13th

7:30 a.m. Intentions of the parishioners
 9:30 a.m. Kathleen Landon by Patrick Wheeler
 11:00 a.m. Richard Pidgeon by his sister Judy Pidgeon

Monday, July 14th

7:30 a.m. Mr. & Mrs. Augustin Amyotte, Eva Cole and
 Cleophas Desrosiers by Jacqueline Cadieux

Tuesday, July 15th

7:30 a.m. Wayne Lalonde by Isabel & Sandra

Wednesday, July 16th

7:30 a.m. Lawrence Campbell by Tom & Kay Cavanaugh

Thursday, July 17th

7:30 a.m. Bernadette Surgeson by Jeanne Rozon

Friday, July 18th

7:30 a.m. Denise Coughlan by her husband Rod Coughlan

Saturday, July 19th

3:00 - 4:00 p.m. Confessions
 6:15 - 6:45 p.m. Confessions
 7:00 p.m. Lawrence Stanley by Elise & Wilfred Stanley

Sunday, July 20th

7:30 a.m. Intentions of the Parishioners
 9:30 a.m. Raymond & Kelly Poitras (35th Wedding Anniversary)
 by sons Scott & Ben
 11:00 a.m. Marilyn Romanovitch (7th Anniversary of death)
 by husband John & family

Monday, July 21st

7:30 a.m. Anne McDonald by Dawn Ford

PASTORAL CARE OUTREACH TEAM

A team of volunteer parishioners under the direction of Fr. Dan, and alongside others in the diocese, has come together for formal training and formation over the past year. We seek to bring God's love to others by telephoning and visiting the ill, disabled, elderly and those who have suffered a loss, such as the loss of a spouse. A key focus is maintaining contact with those who are unable to attend Mass regularly. We're good listeners, respectful of confidentiality, embracing an attitude of prayer with and for others. If you know anyone in our parish community who might be in need of a comforting contact from a caring member of the pastoral care outreach team, please present your request through the parish office during regular office hours.

IN OUR PARISH

COLLECTION -29 JUNE - THANK YOU

Sunday	\$4,463.25	Easter	\$ 10.00
Loose	527.61	Christmas	20.00
Total	\$4,990.86	New Year's	10.00
Votive Candles	\$ 122.25	Good Fri/Holy Land	10.00
Book Store	102.40	Vocation Sunday	10.00
Flowers	10.00	Needs of Can.Church	10.00
Dev. & Peace	10.00	Papal Charities	30.00
		Prop.of the Faith	10.00

INCOME COMPARATIVE STATEMENT - MAY 2014

	YTD Actual	YTD Last Yr.	Difference
REVENUE			
Sunday Collection	\$113,355.	\$116,184.	-2,829.
Other Revenue	16,470.	20,346.	-2,876.
TOTAL REVENUE	\$130,825.	\$136,530.	-5,705. less
EXPENSES	\$125,304.	\$136,370	-11,066 Less

Dear Fellow Parishioners

As shown in the above summary, please note the decline in our Sunday Collections - which amounts to approximately \$475. per month. The Finance Council has cut costs where possible while still doing the necessary repairs required to maintain our Parish Church.

We encourage each parishioner to increase their weekly donation by just a few dollars (the cost of a chocolate bar) to help balance the parish operating costs. Thank you for your support.

St. Columban's Parish Finance Council

FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR FATHER DAN

It was a wonderful send-off for our beloved Pastor.

A big thank you is extended to Trinity Anglican Church for donating their hall for this event - it was the perfect venue. Thanks also to those parishioners who volunteered to help in any way on this special event and all who came to honour Father Dan and wish him well in his new posting.

PARISH PICNIC

A successful picnic was the result of the dedicated volunteers. Thank you for your service. Sincere thanks also to those who donated baked goods, they were a big hit and to Knights of Columbus Council 6083 who provided the BBQ.

PARISH ENVELOPES

It would be greatly appreciated if you would assist our Collection Counters by writing the amount of your offering on the front of your Sunday envelopes. Thank you everyone.

HOME BOUND PARISHIONERS:

If you have a family member who is home bound and would like to receive the Holy Eucharist, please notify the parish.

POPE FRANCIS

Vatican Radio— July 5th, 2014 Pope Francis emphasized the dignity of the human person in the realm of work & the call of all members of the Church to service both to God & to others.



(excerpts from Pope Francis' homily)

"There is much need for commitment in the service of others "in the face of situations of material & spiritual precariousness, especially in the face of unemployment, a plague that requires every effort and much courage on everyone's part," he said. The challenges of work calls upon the particular responsibility of institutions & of the business & financial world. "It is necessary to place the dignity of the human person at the centre of every prospect & every action. Other interests, even if legitimate, are secondary". "At the centre is the dignity of the human person. Why? Because the human person is in the image of God, he was created in the image of God & we are all in the image of God!" The first reading reminded us of the characteristics of divine wisdom, which liberates from evil & oppression those who place themselves at the service of the Lord. In fact, He is not neutral, but in His wisdom He is close to people who are fragile, discriminated against & oppressed, who abandon themselves in trust to Him. This experience of Jacob & Joseph, recounted in the Old Testament, reveals 2 essential aspects of the life of the Church. The Church is a people who serves God; the Church is a people who lives in the freedom that He gives. First of all, we are a people who serves God. Service to God is realized in different ways, in particular in prayer, adoration, proclamation of the Gospel & in the witness of charity. And always, the icon of the Church is the Virgin Mary, the "handmaid of the Lord" (Lk 1,38; cfr 1,48). Immediately after having received the message from the Angel & having conceived Jesus, Mary leaves in a hurry to go to help her elderly relative Elizabeth. In this way, she showed that the preferred way to serve God is to serve our brothers & sisters who are in need. At the school of the Mother, the Church learns to become every day "handmaid of the Lord", to be ready to go to encounter situations of greatest need, to be caring toward the small & the excluded. But we are all called to live the service of charity in ordinary life, that is, in the family, in the parish, at work, with neighbours. It is the charity of everyday, ordinary charity. The witness of charity is the main path of evangelization. In this, the Church has always been "on the front line", a maternal & fraternal presence, which shares the difficulties & frailties of the people. In this way, the Christian community seeks to instill in society that "supplement of the soul", which allows you to look beyond & to hope. The Church is the people who serve the Lord. For this, it is the people who experiences His freedom & lives in this freedom that He gives. The Lord always gives true freedom. First of all, the freedom from sin, from selfishness in all its forms: the freedom to give of oneself & to do so with joy, like the Virgin of Nazareth, who is free from herself, she does not close in on herself in her condition & she would have had reason! – but thinks of those who, in that moment, have greater need. She is free in the freedom of God, which is realized in love. And this is the freedom that God has given us and we must not lose it: *the freedom to adore God, to serve God & to serve Him even in our brothers and sisters.*"

DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

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(located at St. Peter's Church)
Please prayerfully consider spending an hour a week in front of the Blessed Sacrament. To volunteer or for more information, please call Florence at 613-932-8936.

BILINGUAL OUTDOOR MASSES AT CALVARY
Calvary is an outdoor Way of the Cross located behind Ste-Marie de l'Assomption Church in Green Valley.
MASSES 7 P.M., 13 AUGUST & 10:30 A.M., 6 SEPTEMBER

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOTER INFORMATION – MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2014.
Are you recorded as an eligible elector for the upcoming municipal and school board elections?
Voting for your School Board Trustee is important. Trustees develop & implement recommendations for educational programs, budgets, facilities & property issues, & policies & procedures that govern their Board's operation. You are registered to vote for Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario trustees if your direction of school support status is listed as the **English Separate school board**. A new tool from the **Municipal Property Assessment Corp. (MPAC)** allows voters to view & update their elector information, including their direction of school support. **Check your direction of school support status.** Updating this information will help to ensure that the Voters' Lists, prepared by each municipality, are accurate & up-to-date in preparation for municipal & school board elections occurring this fall. Visit voterlookup.ca to confirm & update your elector details. For more information, contact MPAC at 1-866-296-6722

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