

**16TH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME  
20 JULY 2014**

"Your strength is the source  
of righteousness, and Your  
sovereignty over all causes  
You to spare all ... You  
judge with mildness."

# 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.**

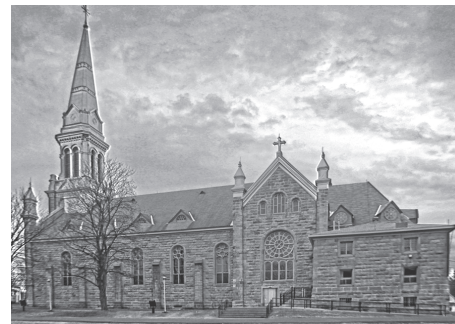
## Today's Readings:

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19  
Psalm 86  
Romans 8:26-27  
Matthew 13:24-43

"The Son of Man will  
send His angels ... then  
their righteous will shine  
like the sun in the  
Kingdom of their Father."

## Further Reflection from the Catechism:

CCC: 1732, 156-7, 310-11  
CCCC: 57-58  
YOUCAT: 286, 21, 51



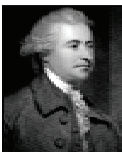
## SCRIPTURE BACKGROUND

The first reading from the Book of Wisdom helps us to understand that although evil exists in the world, God extends mercy and forgiveness to all people. In today's passage the difficult question of why God allows good people to suffer and sinners to prosper is addressed. God allows the sinner to survive with the hope that the sinner will repent and change. Although God is all-powerful, Yahweh has been shown to be a God of forgiveness and compassion.

In today's Gospel, Jesus once again uses seeds to help us understand the Kingdom of God. In the first parable, weeds try to choke out the good seed but the sower does not get rid of the weeds right away. The weeds are allowed time to change. The good seeds represent the faithful and the weeds are evil doers. Jesus is the sower. This story shows how God wishes to allow time for the sinner to repent and grow in faith. In the end the weeds get separated out and thrown away and the faithful ones, the wheat, enjoy the harvest. Jesus teaches that judgment is reserved for the Lord alone in the final days. Today's stories about seeds, wheat, and leaven, show how the faithful grow strong in God's love.

## A KEY THEME:

We believe that God does not cause evil in the world. There is no quick or simple answer to why God allows evil to exist at all. There is evil that we do and evil that is not our personal responsibility, such as an earthquake that kills innocent people. Sometimes we choose to turn our backs on God. Moral evil is the evil that we choose to do and the good that we choose to leave undone.



**"All that is required  
for evil to triumph  
is for good men  
to do nothing."**

## THINKING ABOUT IT

God created us with the freedom to make our own decisions. Free will and reason help us know and choose between what is good and what is evil. We are responsible for the decisions we make. We can choose to do what is good or to do evil. God is on our side, helping us to make good choices. Good moral decisions help us to grow as God's children.

- When do you struggle between good and evil?
- What helps you make a good moral decision?
- Why are we responsible for our choices?

## THE GOSPEL IN LIFE

What weeds keep you from growing as a follower of Jesus? How can you pull the weeds from your life this week and allow your faith to grow?

"A lie doesn't become truth, wrong doesn't become right & evil doesn't become good just because it's accepted by a majority." Rick Warren  
'Woe to those who call evil good.' c.f. Isaiah 5:20

*Excerpted from  
RCL Benziger  
Lectionary Resources*

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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, July 19<sup>th</sup>

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 20<sup>th</sup>

7:30 a.m. Intentions of the parishioners

9:30 a.m. Raymond & Kelly Poitras (35<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary) by sons Scott & Ben

11:00 a.m. Marilyn Romanovitch (7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of death) by husband John & family

### Monday, July 21<sup>st</sup>

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

### Tuesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>

7:30 a.m. Fern Deneault by his wife Irene Deneault

### Wednesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>

7:30 a.m. Bennett MacMillan (1st Anniversary of death) by Isobella MacMillan

### Thursday, July 24<sup>th</sup>

7:30 a.m. Raymond & Jackie Sheney (60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary) by their children

### Friday, July 25<sup>th</sup>

7:30 a.m. Evelyn Vollrath by Ron & Margaret Fortier

### Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup>

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions

6:15 – 6:45 p.m. Confessions

7:00 p.m. George, Margaret & Morris Lalonde  
by Shirley Cholette

### Sunday, July 27<sup>th</sup>

7:30 a.m. Intentions of the parishioners

9:30 a.m. Reynald Desjardins by Raymonde Desjardins

11:00 a.m. Eileen Mondoux by her niece Marie Sauve

### Monday, July 28<sup>th</sup>

7:30 a.m. Cyril Dumond by his wife Viola & family

Due to the popularity of the  
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## IN OUR PARISH

### COLLECTION – 06 JULY – THANK YOU

Sunday	\$4,065.25	Votive Candles	\$ 145.00
Loose	467.05	Book Store	63.55
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,532.30</b>	Papal Charities	10.00
Donations	\$ 10.00		

### FR. JEROME

**HAS CHOSEN MONDAYS AS HIS DAY OFF.**

Father Halle will celebrate Mass on Mondays so that Father Jerome can enjoy his day of rest.

**Happy Birthday Father Jerome**  
**celebrating 20 July.**

### BECAME CHILDREN OF GOD THROUGH BAPTISM

Hunter Derochie, Izik Pettinelle, Grace Lalonde, Braydon Puffer-Vivaraïs, Taylor Gratton, Bonnie Gardiner, Richard Square, Emily Montroy, Isla Van Hagen and Adelynn Cooper-Desnoyers were Baptised here last weekend.

### 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.

### PASTORAL CARE OUTREACH TEAM

A team of volunteer parishioners under the direction of the pastor, 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.

### 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 asked for prayers for peace in the Holy Land.

Speaking after the Angelus prayer in St. Peter's Square, the Pope described his appeal as "heartfelt" and said we must all continue to pray insistently for peace in the Holy Land in the light of the tragic events of the past days.

Fresh in mind – the Pope said - is the memory of the Vatican encounter on June 8th between the Patriarch Bartholomew, President Peres & President Abbas, during which an invocation for the gift of peace was pronounced & the call to break the cycle of hatred & violence was reflected upon. Some may think – he continued - that that encounter took place in vain. But no! Prayer helps us – Francis said –not to be conquered by evil or to resign ourselves that violence & hatred may prevail over dialogue & reconciliation. And Pope Francis exhorted all interested parties & all those with political responsibility, both on a local & on an international level not to spare their prayers, & not to spare all their efforts to achieve the cessation of all hostilities & the desired peace for the good of all. And then the Pope invited everyone, first in silence, & then vocally, to join him in prayer:

*"Lord help us! Give us your peace, teach us peace, guide us towards peace. Open our eyes & our hearts & give us the courage to say: "never again war!": with war all is destroyed! Give us the courage to perform concrete gestures to build peace. Make us available to listen to the cries of our fellow citizens who ask us to transform our arms into instruments of peace, our fears into trust, our tension into forgiveness. Amen".* Pope Francis' appeal followed his weekly Angelus Prayer with the faithful gathered in St. Peter's Square.

After having greeted those present, he reflected on the reading of the day according to which Jesus preached to great crowds along the shores of the lake of Galilee and spoke to them in parables of the sower who sowed his seed on different grounds where it did not thrive. But some seed fell on rich soil and produced fruit. A well-known parable that speaks to us today – the Pope said – as it did to those who listened to Jesus 2000 years ago. It reminds us, he explained, that we are ground upon which the Lord tirelessly sows the seed of his Word and his love. And he reminded us that we too are sowers and we must ask ourselves what kind of seed falls from our hearts and from our lips? Our words – Pope Francis said – can do good, but they can also do evil; they can heal and they can hurt; they can encourage and they can depress.

The Pope concluded his reflection pointing out that Our Lady teaches us, with her example, to receive the Word, to guard it and to make it yield fruit.

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**MARVELOUS MYSTERY – THE MASS COMES ALIVE**

**ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH,**

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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 AND**

**10:30 A.M., 6 SEPTEMBER**

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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