

**MOST HOLY BODY  
& BLOOD OF CHRIST**

**7 JUNE, 2015**

“When we eat this bread  
and drink this cup we  
proclaim Your death, Lord  
Jesus, until You come in  
glory.”

# 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:

Exodus 24:3-8  
Psalm 116  
Hebrews 9:11-15  
Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

Within the Eucharist, the  
Spirit of God descends  
and makes bread and  
wine into the Body and  
Blood of Jesus Christ.

### Further Reflection from the Catechism:

CCC: 1373-77, 1413  
CCCC: 282-285  
YOUCAT: 218

## THE REAL PRESENCE OF JESUS IN THE EUCHARIST

### The Word In Liturgy

Each of today's readings illuminates some aspect of the day's feast. In Year B, the accent is on the theme of covenant, a theme that has likewise been celebrated well in the Lenten readings for this year. The first reading describes the Hebrew covenant ritual that accompanied the fashioning of the Mosaic covenant with all the people. The importance of blood in sealing this covenant ritual shows that the covenant is more than mere words. It is a matter of life, for blood was a symbol of life. The summary words of Moses will later find echoes in New Testament passages concerning covenant, such as Matthew 26:28, Mark 14:24, and Luke 22:20.

In today's Gospel, Jesus' foreknowledge of the details of setting up the meal give the narrative a serenity that underscores His divine willingness to enter into His passion. Mark, like the other synoptic writers, presents the Last Supper as the Passover, and thus links it with the grandeur of the deliverance experienced in the Exodus. Because of the clear parallel between the sacrifice of Christ on the Cross, and the lamb sacrificed for the Passover, Mark's choice of this feast as backdrop also emphasizes the eucharistic meal as one that pivots on the idea of sacrifice.

### Catholic Doctrine

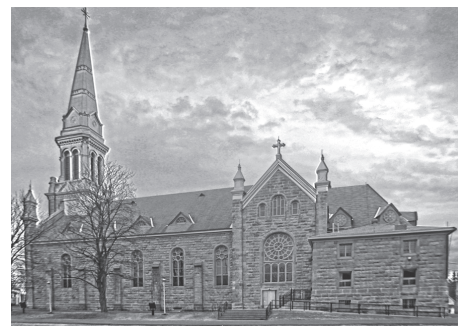
On this feast when the Church contemplates the eucharistic banquet of the Lord, we proclaim our belief that “when we eat this bread and drink this cup we proclaim Your death, Lord Jesus, until You come in glory” (Roman Missal, Memorial Acclamation, Eucharistic Prayer). As followers of Jesus, we carry out his command to “do this in remembrance of me” (1 Corinthians 1:24-25).

The emphatic proclamation of this awesome mystery is only possible because from the earliest times the Church has experienced in this sacred meal the real presence of Jesus Christ. This means that when we eat this bread and drink this cup, although we taste the fruits of the earth and our human hands (bread and wine), we experience in faith the body and blood of our Lord and Savior who sacrificed Himself on our behalf.

We believe that when the Church gathers, Mass is celebrated with the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist, and within the Eucharist, bread and wine are presented and prayed over, the Spirit of God descends and makes those elements into the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. The Church has insisted from the earliest times that this is the “real presence” of Christ, that is, real in the fullest sense a substantial presence by which Christ, both God and man, makes Himself wholly and entirely present (CCC 1374). Why? Most especially because Jesus Himself promised this and secondarily because the apostles and those who have followed in this Church have experienced it to be so.

A substantial change takes place within the elements of bread and wine. Indeed, the term in our tradition for the change, which takes place, is “transubstantiation.”

*Excerpted from RCL Benziger Lectionary Resources*



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**CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES**

**First Saturday, 6 June**

7:00 – 7:25 a.m. Confessions  
 8:00 a.m. Patricia Cameron by Shannon Bellefeuille  
 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions  
 6:15 – 6:45 p.m. Confessions  
 7:00 p.m. Lynne Arbic (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of death) by husband Raymond & family

**Sunday, 7 June**

7:30 a.m. Intentions of the parishioners  
 9:30 a.m. Jacob Alfonse by Herman Van den Broeck  
 11 a.m. Jacques Lebrun by Nick & Dominic Cinquina

**Monday, 8 June**

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

**Tuesday, June 09<sup>th</sup> No Mass**

**Wednesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 a.m. Eileen Mondoux by the family

**Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 a.m. Deceased members of the Lavictoire family by Colette & family

**Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 a.m. Harold Belmore by Shannon Bellefeuille

**Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>**

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions  
 4:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus Annual Mass  
 6:15 – 6:45 p.m. Confessions  
 7:00 p.m. Daniel Brabant by Robert Williams & family

**Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 a.m. Intentions of the parishioners  
 9:30 a.m. Lauren Loughheed by the Schola Choir  
 11:00 a.m. Paul Emile Sauve by daughter Marie Sauve  
 12:30 p.m. **Baptisms**

**Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 a.m. Alice & Zita Andrews by Yolande Robinson

**IN OUR PARISH**

**COLLECTION 17 MAY, 2015 - THANK YOU**

|              |                   |                       |          |
|--------------|-------------------|-----------------------|----------|
| Sunday       | \$ 3,653.70       | Easter                | \$ 10.00 |
| Loose        | 484.11            | New Year's            | 10.0     |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>\$4,137.81</b> | Initial Offering      | 5.00     |
| Candles      | \$111.75          | Good Friday/Holy Land | 10.00    |
| Books        | 6.00              | D & P - Nepal         | 2,076.00 |
| D & P        | 5.00              | Pastoral Outreach     | 50.00    |
| Flowers      | 10.00             |                       |          |

**ST. COLUMBAN'S PARISH**



**NEXT SUNDAY, 14 JUNE**  
**(12 NOON TO 2 P.M.)**  
**ON THE CHURCH GROUNDS**

**Hot Dogs, Hamburgers**

Donations of single serving size desserts would be appreciated.

St. Columban's CWL is holding a **FATHER'S DAY DRAW FOR A GOLF BAG, 2 GREEN FEE TICKETS FROM SUMMER HEIGHTS GOLF COURSE, GOLF BALLS AND ACCESSORIES!**

You may purchase tickets (3 for \$2.00)

at the back of the Church after Masses the weekends of June 6-7 and June 13-14. They will also be available at the Parish BBQ on Sunday, 14 June. The lucky ticket will be drawn at the BBQ *in time for delivery before Father's Day!*



**MARCH FOR LIFE**

**JOIN PRO-LIFE CORNWALL, SUNDAY, 14 JUNE, 1 TO 1:30 P.M.**

followed by the A.G.M. at which a speaker will bring us up to date on the latest news concerning **Respect for Life** and answer any questions.

Everyone welcome - Light Lunch Served.

The March will leave the Charles-Emile-Claude Centre at 1 p.m. (lead by the Knights of Columbus) and continue by Montreal Road onto Marlborough & return to the Centre by Second St.

We hope there will be a good crowd to make a strong impression regarding this important cause of

**RESPECT FOR LIFE.**

**UPDATE ON CHURCH SOUND SYSTEM.**

The wiring for our Sound System needs to be replaced as the present wiring is old and inadequate for today's technology. Wiring meeting present codes is on order and work will be done as soon as it is received. If this does not solve the problem, then other steps will be taken.

*Parish Finance Council*

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

At Masses the weekend of **27 – 28 June**, the parish will honour those couples who have let us know that they are celebrating Wedding Anniversaries in 2015 in the multiples of five.

(Vatican Radio) Pope Francis presided over Mass in St Peter's Basilica on **Pentecost Sunday** saying that, *the world needs men and women who are filled with the Holy Spirit.*

**“As the Father has sent me, even so I send you... Receive the Holy Spirit” (Jn 20:21-22).** The gift of the Spirit on the evening of the Resurrection took place once again on the day of Pentecost, intensified this time by extraordinary outward signs. On the evening of Easter, Jesus appeared to the Apostles & breathed on them His Spirit (cf. Jn 20:22); on the morning of Pentecost the outpouring occurred in a resounding way, like a wind which shook the place the Apostles were in, filling their minds & hearts. They received a new strength so great that they were able to proclaim Christ's Resurrection in different languages: **“They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance” (Acts 2:4).** Together with them was Mary, the Mother of Jesus, the first disciple & the Mother of the nascent Church. With her peace & her smile, she accompanied the joyful young Bride, the Church of Jesus.

The Word of God tells us that the Spirit is at work in individuals & communities filled with the Spirit: He guides us into all the truth (cf. Jn 16:13), He renews the face of the earth (Ps 103:30), and He gives us his fruits (cf. Gal 5:22-23)

In the Gospel, Jesus promises His disciples that, when he has returned to the Father, the Holy Spirit will come to guide them into all the truth (cf. Jn 16:13). Indeed He calls the Holy Spirit “the Spirit of truth”, & explains to His disciples that the Spirit will bring them to understand ever more clearly what He, the Messiah, has said & done, especially in regard to His death & resurrection. To the Apostles, who could not bear the scandal of their Master's sufferings, the Spirit would give a new understanding of the truth & beauty of that saving event. At first they were paralyzed with fear, shut in the Upper Room to avoid the aftermath of Good Friday. Now they would no longer be ashamed to be Christ's disciples; they would no longer tremble before the courts of men. Filled with the Holy Spirit, they would now understand “all the truth”: that the death of Jesus was not His defeat, but rather the ultimate expression of God's love, a love that, in the Resurrection, conquers death & exalts Jesus as the Living One, the Lord, the Redeemer of mankind, of history and of the world. This truth, to which the Apostles were witnesses, became Good News, to be proclaimed to all. The gift of the Holy Spirit renews the earth. The Psalmist says: **“You send forth your Spirit... and you renew the face of the earth” (Ps 103:30).** The account of the birth of the Church in the Acts of the Apostles is significantly linked to this Psalm, which is a great hymn of praise to God the Creator. The Holy Spirit whom Christ sent from the Father, & the Creator Spirit who gives life to all things, are one & the same. Respect for creation, then, is a requirement of our faith: the “garden” in which we live is not entrusted to us to be exploited, but rather to be cultivated & attended with respect (cf. Gen 2:15). Yet this is possible only if Adam – the man formed from the earth – allows himself in turn to be renewed by the Holy Spirit, only if he allows himself to be re-formed by the Father on the model of Christ, the new Adam. In

this way, renewed by the Spirit of God, we will indeed be able to experience the freedom of the sons and daughters, in harmony with all creation. In every creature we will be able to see reflected the glory of the Creator, as another Psalm says: “How great is your name, O Lord our God, through all the earth!” (Ps 8:2, 10). In the Letter to the Galatians, Saint Paul wants to show the “fruits” manifested in the lives of those who walk in the way of the Spirit (cf. Gal 5:22). On the one hand, he presents “the flesh”, with its list of attendant vices: the works of selfish people closed to God. On the other hand, there are those who by faith allow the Spirit of God to break into their lives. In them, God's gifts blossom, summed up in nine joyful virtues which Paul calls “fruits of the Spirit”. Hence his appeal, at the start and the end of the reading, as a programme for life: “Walk by the Spirit” (Gal 5:6, 25). are not closed in on themselves, but filled with the Holy Spirit. Closing oneself off from the Holy Spirit means not only a lack of freedom; it is a sin. There are many ways one can close oneself off to the Holy Spirit: by selfishness for one's own gain; by rigid legalism – seen in the attitude of the doctors of the law to whom Jesus referred as “hypocrites”; by neglect of what Jesus taught; by living the Christian life not as service to others but in the pursuit of personal interests; and in so many other ways. The world needs the courage, hope, faith and perseverance of Christ's followers. The world needs the fruits of the Holy Spirit: “love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control” (Gal 5:22). The gift of the Holy Spirit has been bestowed upon the Church and upon each one of us, so that we may live lives of genuine faith and active charity, that we may sow the seeds of reconciliation and peace. Strengthened by the Spirit and his many gifts, may we be able uncompromisingly to battle against sin & corruption, devoting ourselves with patient perseverance to the works of justice and peace.

### IN THE DIOCESE, ETC.

#### MONTHLY PRAISE & WORSHIP NIGHTS

6:30-7:30 P.M., – ST. PETER'S CHURCH

THURSDAYS, 18 JUNE, 23 JULY, 27 AUG.

Come and sing your hearts out to our Lord or just listen to the music. It's a casual prayerful hour with Jesus.

#### BISHOP'S PIX: JOSEPH OF NAZARETH

The movie has been held over at the Port Theatre for a second week. Below is the list of times and dates. All seats are \$7.50.

28 & 31 MAY AT 7:15 PM; 1 & 3 JUNE 1 AT 2 PM & 7:15 PM; 2 & 4 JUNE AT 7:15 PM

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