

**2ND SUNDAY OF
LENT
01 MARCH, 2015**

Who will separate us from the love of Christ? We are more than conquerors through Him Who loved us.

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.

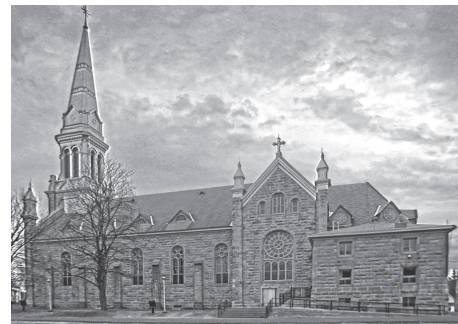
Today's Readings:

Genesis 22:1-2, 9a-18
Psalm 116:10, 15-19
Romans 8:31b-34
Mark 9:2-10

If God is for us,
who is against us?

Further Reflection from the Catechism:

CCC: 583, 606, 608, 613
CCCC: 119, 280
YOUCAT: 98-101



TRUST IN GOD

In the Old Testament reading today Abraham is called to make an extreme sacrifice. God's request for Abraham to sacrifice his beloved son Isaac is a test. Abraham's response to God's call is "Here I am."

God intervenes and prevents Isaac's death.

Because of Abraham's obedience, God promises that Isaac will bring numerous descendants to Abraham. This passage shows Abraham's great trust in God—even in a terrifying situation. Because of Abraham's faith, the blessings of the covenant are renewed.

Today's Gospel takes us high upon a mountaintop where Jesus is transfigured before Peter, James, and John. Jesus becomes radiant with light. Moses and Elijah appear with Jesus. The disciples are both fascinated and frightened as they witness the glorification of Jesus. Peter wants the awesome moment to last forever. From a cloud comes the voice of God, claiming Jesus as Son and commanding the disciples to listen to him. Jesus' disciples are given a vision of light and hope. Today's passage sheds light on Jesus' divinity and the great event to come, Jesus' victory over death.



A KEY SCRIPTURAL THEME: TOTAL TRUST IN GOD



Abraham's total trust in God is a model for us. The sacrifice of Abraham, his willingness to sacrifice his son, is perfectly realized in Jesus. Jesus freely offers Himself to God in order to save us from our sins and renew our covenant with God. Throughout the Old and New Testaments, the idea of sacrifice is important. The sacrifice of Jesus is the greatest sacrifice.

THINKING ABOUT IT

The celebration of the Eucharist makes present the once and for all sacrifice of Christ. In the Eucharist we celebrate the memorial of Jesus' death and resurrection. Christ's sacrifice on the Cross and His resurrection, become real and present in the celebration of Eucharist. The Eucharist is also the sacrifice of the Church. Through the celebration of the Eucharist, we offer our lives to God through Jesus and the Holy Spirit. The Eucharist transforms our lives.

THE GOSPEL IN LIFE

How can the light of Christ transform the darkness in your life this week?

Excerpted from RCL Benziger Lectionary Resources

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By appointment
1 month in advance

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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, February 28th

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions
 6:15 – 6:45 p.m. Confessions
 7:00 p.m. Lucy Crawford by Mary Geoffrion

Sunday, March 1st

7:30 a.m. Intentions of the parishioners
 9:30 a.m. James McLaverty by John & Janice Meyer
 11:00 a.m. Pauline Boileau (30th Anniversary of death)
 by Diane & Gilles Lafrance

Monday, March 2nd

7:30 a.m. Alpha & Hazel St.Onge by Nick & Debbie Ashby
 12:10 pm.Richard Allaire by cousins
 Jacques & Elaine Lebrun

Wednesday, March 4th

7:30 a.m. Eileen Rowe by Irene Jodoin
 12:10 p.m. Ken Clarke by George & Madeleine Clarke

Thursday, March 5th

7:30 a.m. Irma Hitschfeld by Yolande Robinson
 7:00 p.m. First Reconciliation Bishop Macdonell School

First Friday, March 6th

7:30 a.m. Stirling McCorrison by Jacques & Elaine Lebrun
 8:00 a.m. **Adoration**

First Saturday, March 7th

7– 7:25 a.m. Confession
 8:00 a.m. Mathias Valade (16th Anniversary of death) by
 Meriza & family

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions
 6:15 – 6:45 p.m. Confessions
 7:00 p.m. Howard Quail by Martin McPhail

Sunday, March 8th

7:30 a.m. Fred & Evelyn Upton by Angus Kelly
 9:30 a.m. Intentions of the parishioners
 11:00 a.m.Gerry MacPherson by Anne Arthur & family

Monday, March 9th

7:30 a.m. Mae Lapierre & deceased family members
 by the estate
 12:10 p.m. In Thanksgiving Fr.Jerome by a parishioner

IN OUR PARISH

COLLECTION 15 FEBRUARY, 2015 – THANK YOU

Sunday	\$3,351.00	Flowers	\$ 30.00
Loose	378.10	Parish Outreach Anawim	50.00
Total	\$3,729.10	Candles	162.85
		Book Table	40.70

LENTEN CROSS

Lent is a time for reflection, sharing and prayer. Adults are invited to wear a cross for one week to symbolize the bearing of your own cross. Each weekend, return your cross to the basket and exchange it for another and simply pray for the other person's cross. No names will be exchanged and on Palm Sunday, March 28 - 29, all crosses are to be returned to the basket. No crosses are to be worn through Holy Week as we thank Jesus for the cross He carried for us.

"Prayer joined to sacrifice constitutes the most powerful force in human history" - St. Pope John Paul II

HOLY HOUR

8 A.M., FRIDAY, 6 MARCH

After 7:30 a.m. Mass, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed and a time of adoration, prayer, Scripture and meditation follows.
 Hour closes with Benediction.

COME LET US ADORE HIM – CHRIST THE KING



FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

7 MARCH

Rosary prayed at 7:30 a.m.

Mass at 8 a.m.

Confessions from 7 to 7:25 a.m.
Come and Pray – All are Welcome

"Lent is a time of renewal for the whole Church, for each community, every believer."

Pope Francis

REST IN THE PEACE & LOVE OF THE LORD

*Murielle Carriere, Crystal Mondoux,
 Donna Mae Ann McPherson,
 and all who those who have died recently.*

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

MONTHLY MEETING – 7 P.M., TUESDAY, 2 MARCH

in the Parish Activity Centre (Room 201 Agape Bldg.).
 New members are always welcome.

ADULT ALTAR SERVERS

are needed to serve at funerals and Masses when required. If interested and you are able to be of assistance to the Parish in this ministry, please contact Sean Stoner at 613-933-9101

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

Our liturgy regularly speaks of the need to assist the poor, and this is an opportunity for you to do so. Please donate

- 7 March Canned Vegetables
- 14 March Peanut Butter
- 21 March Spaghetti Sauces
- 28 March Canned Tuna or Salmon
- 4 April Canned Pastas

Thank you for sharing with those in need.

IN THE PARISH

St. Columban's Catholic Women's League

ST. PATRICK'S DAY TEA AND BAKE SALE

Enjoy sandwiches & desserts with your tea. There will also be a bake table, candy table & basket draw.

1:30 TO 3 PM TUESDAY, MARCH 17TH

in the Parish Activity Centre. Admission \$6.

All are welcome.

PRAYER FOR FIRST COMMUNICANTS

Heavenly Father, we come to you today to pray for the little ones of our Parish who are preparing to make their Confirmation and First Holy Communion.

Send your Holy Spirit upon them that their hearts & minds will be open as they learn about You and their best friend, Jesus.

Father, we pray also for their family, that they will support their child in the coming years in the practice of their faith.

Bless, protect and guide them as they grow to know You and love You ever more and more.

This we ask, in Jesus' name. Amen.

IN THE DIOCESE

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

2 P.M., FRIDAY, 6 MARCH

This year's service has been written by the Women of the Bahamas and is being held at St Matthews Lutheran Church, 1509 2nd St. W. Everyone is welcome to come and pray.

WOMEN'S MORNING OF REFLECTION

at the Charles-Emile Claude Centre on Chevrier St. (behind Nativity co-Cathedral). Morning includes Mass, a light breakfast, Confession, a talk & Rosary. Speaker this month is Kim Walsh "Pilgrimage to the Holy Land". \$5. free will offering appreciated.

SATURDAY, 7 MARCH - 9:30 A.M. TO NOON

St. Francis de Sales Knights of Columbus

ROAST BEEF DINNER - THURSDAY, 12 MARCH

2 sittings - 4:30 p.m. & 5:30 p.m. Adults \$10, child \$5.

STEUBENVILLE TORONTO 2015

(ALEXANDRIA-CORNWALL GOES TO TORONTO)

Mega and inspiring Catholic Youth Conference (for youth in grades 8 to 12)

AUGUST 7-9, 2015

Too far away to think about it? Not at all.

Registration is open now with a \$50 discount until 31

March. Full price after 31 March will be \$325

(2 nights in hotel, 6 meals, and access to events).

Information for parents, promo video, registration link,

available on at: <http://eng.alexandria-cornwall.ca/steubenville-toronto> or e-mail info@acgoes2to.ca

Donations are welcome to help some young people

attend this quality Catholic Event.

IN THE DIOCESE

WHAT CATHOLICS BELIEVE

Fr. Kevin Maloney leads us through the Gospel of Mark. At St. Francis de Sales Church.

Time will be allowed for questions.

9 TO 10 A.M.,

THURSDAYS - 5, 12, 19 & 26 MARCH

CHURCH ALIVE SERIES

AT BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH

A series of talks lead by Deacon Pierre & Father Jacques. Everyone is invited to attend and share.

MONDAYS, 6:30 PM TO 7:30 PM

March 2nd - The Role of the Laity

March 9th - Social Justice

March 23rd - The Consecrated Life

March 30th - The Francis Effect

NEW LIFE COURSE

6:30 P.M. TO 8:30 P.M.

MARCH 8, 9, 10, & 15, 16

St. Francis de Sales Church.

Open to all who want to experience the fullness of life Jesus has offered.

PRO-LIFE CORNWALL

ANNUAL SPAGHETTI SUPPER

will be held at the Catholic Agora Centre

4:30 TO 6 P.M., SUNDAY, 22 MARCH

Adults \$8.; children under 12 free.

Take-outs available

Donations of desserts are welcome

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish

SUGAR BUSH BRUNCH

10:30 A.M. TO 1 P.M., SUN, 29 MAR

Crysler Community Centre.

Music by Pierre & Eloise Lafleche

Adults & teens \$12; children 5 to 11 \$5;

under 5 free

Menu: eggs,bacon, sausages, baked beans, pancakes, maple syrup. Taffy on snow (\$1.)

NEW EVANGELIZATION SUMMIT 2015

takes place at the Agora Catholic Centre.

FRIDAY, 24 APRIL 6:30 to 9:15 p.m. and

SATURDAY, 25 APRIL from 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Cost: \$65. includes lunch on Saturday

Speakers: Scott Hahn, Ralph Martin, Patrick Coffin,

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