

2ND SUNDAY

IN LENT

16 MARCH 2014

**DURING LENT, THE CHURCH
WILL BE OPEN
FRIDAYS FROM
12 NOON TO 6 P.M.
FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO
COME AND PRAY**

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.

EVANGELIZATION MADE EASY – PART 2

Today's Readings:

Genesis 12:1–4a
Psalm 33:4–5, 18–22
2 Timothy 1:8b–10
Matthew 17:1–9

Each of us has a sphere of influence and opportunities to lead others to Christ.

Further Reflection from the Catechism:

CCC: 260, 706, 776
CCCC: 110, 119, 149
YOUCAT: 38, 116, 122-4

Recap - The Five Thresholds of Conversion: Studies of Christian conversion have shown that people pass through a series of thresholds or stages of conversion – that culminated in a commitment to follow Jesus Christ as a disciple: initial trust, spiritual curiosity, spiritual openness, spiritual seeking, and spiritual discipleship. How we approach someone concerning Christ depends upon which threshold they are at.

The Transcendental properties of being: When sharing faith with others, it is also helpful to be aware that some people have a certain primary bias or way of viewing the world. If we hope to reach people, we don't want to make the mistake of assuming others necessarily have the same bias as us. Everything that is a transcendental reflects the truth, goodness and beauty of God. They are iconic for us in that they become a window through which we see God. Truth, goodness, and beauty are all different modes of being as apprehended by the mind, the will, and the emotions. People vary in the degree to which they are attracted to a particular transcendental and their response will likewise vary.

1.) Truth (T)

T people are convinced by argument. They want the facts and to be intellectually convinced of truths. "Did Jesus rise from the dead or not?" "Was the Catholic Church founded by Jesus?" Scandals don't shake their faith because they can use reason to see that events are historically separate. A wrong committed by a leader today does not change the fact that 2,000 years ago Jesus rose from the dead. Feed them with good books, websites and discussions.

2.) Goodness (G)

Gs look for God's goodness reflected in other Christians; they want to see Christianity lived out. Gs are deeply affected by scandal. Feed them by being welcoming, providing a sense of community and leading them to think and pray about Christ.

3.) Beauty (B)

Bs are captivated by the beauty of God, His creation and the response of people to Him. They experience God in churches, liturgy and art. Today, often Bs struggle due to ugliness in the world as well as due to churches that look like malls and music that is not liturgically suited.

The three types each have something to say to the other types. We need to grow in our less dominant areas.

Again, we respond to all of the transcendentals, but most tend to be more strongly disposed to one of them. To win someone for Christ, it's helpful to identify and appeal to their dominant transcendental. The message is the same, but the way it's initially presented makes a huge difference.

To be continued.

Adapted from a presentation by Michael Dopp.



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BAPTISMS

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, March 15th

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions

6:15 – 6:45 p.m. Confessions

7:00 p.m. The Stang brothers by the family

Sunday, March 16th

7:30 a.m. Intentions of parishioners

9:30 a.m. Sylvia Shaver (20th Anniversary of death) by daughter
Kelly Poitras and family

11:00 a.m. Sharon Preston (2nd Anniversary of death) by her
twin sister Shirley & Pat

Monday, March 17th

7:30 a.m. Rita Hutt (5th Anniversary of death) by son Mervin Hutt

Tuesday, March 18th

7:30 a.m. Jacqueline Stang by the Legault family

12:10 p.m. Cathy Lemieux by Anne and Bob Gauthier

Wednesday, March 19th

7:30 a.m. Rita Hutt by Helen Schweitzer

Thursday, March 20th

7:30 a.m. Theresa Fusee by Meriza Valade and family

12:10 p.m. Raynald McDonell by Keith and Mary Grant

Friday, March 21st

7:30 a.m. Len Wincheser by Doug and Jane Anderson

Saturday, March 22nd

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions

6:15 – 6:45 p.m. Confessions

7:00 p.m. Norman Prebble by Isabel Parisien and family

Sunday, March 23rd

7:30 a.m. Intentions of parishioners

9:30 a.m. Mr. Sinnasamy Sandanam by the family

11:00 a.m. Deceased members of Knights of Columbus 5068

Monday, March 24th

7:30 a.m. Mr. & Mrs. Rueben Harvey & deceased family
members by Joseph Harvey

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE – SHARE LENT

BECAME CHILDREN OF GOD THROUGH BAPTISM

Caelyn Ladouceur, Abel Boileau, Skyler Masse, Cain Caskenette
& Maddox McCourt-McCormick were Baptised here last weekend.



CHAT AND SNACK – THIS WEEKEND

You are invited to stop at the 4th St. Entrance
following Mass today for coffee and a chance to chat.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL – LENTEN FOOD DRIVE 22-23 MARCH--PLEASE DONATE CANNED VEGETABLES

REST IN THE PEACE AND LOVE OF THE LORD Grace Leroux, Robert Poirier and all who have died.

Jesus said to His Disciples after His transfiguration
“RISE UP AND DO NOT BE AFRAID” .
The instruction He gave to keep silent was only until His
resurrection. Christ is risen, He is alive.
THE DYNAMIC CATHOLIC is conscious of this and does not fear to
rise and announce the Good News.

IN OUR PARISH

COLLECTION – 2 MARCH – THANK YOU

Sunday	\$5,092.00	Easter	\$ 20.00
Loose	418.29	New Year's	25.00
Total	\$5,510.29	Candles	173.90
Donations	\$ 50.00	Donation-Book Sale	37.00
Flowers	205.00	Book Store	176.30
Initial Offering	10.00	Good Fri./Holy Land	20.00
		Dev.& Peace	20.00

LENTEN STUDY – “THE GOSPEL OF JOY”

Father Dan will take us on a journey through Pope Francis’
Apostolic Exhortation “The Gospel of Joy”.

7 P.M. TUESDAYS, MARCH 11, 18 & 25TH – UPPER ROOM
You can purchase a copy of the document from our parish
book table (\$12.) or download it from www.vatican.va

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL AND PARISH FOUNDATION JOINT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

7 P.M. WEDNESDAY, 19 MARCH

will be held in the upper room of the Church

This is a great opportunity to learn more details of the financial
situation of our Parish and the fundraising efforts of the
Patrons of St. Columban Foundation. Hope to see you there.

SACRISTANS TRAINING FOR HOLY WEEK

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9TH – 1 P.M. IN THE CHURCH.

In response to the interest indicated by several people at the
recent Sacristans workshop, we will have a hands on practice
session for the setups for Holy Week services .

The practice will provide a relaxed setting for you to
participate in setting up the various services through a guided
step by step procedure. The invitation is open to all sacristans
especially those who have already expressed interest in
having a Holy Week rehearsal.

HONORING COUPLES CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES THIS YEAR IN MULTIPLES OF 5 (I.E., 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, ETC.)

If you are celebrating or know of other parishioners who are
celebrating one of these anniversaries, please let us know by
calling the Rectory (Mon. to Thurs. between 9 a.m. & 3 p.m.)

PURPLE LENTEN CROSSES

Prepared by members of the Catholic Women's League are
available at every weekend Mass throughout Lent. Adults are
invited to wear a cross for 1 week to symbolize the bearing of
your own cross. Each weekend, return your cross & exchange
it for another & pray for the other person's cross. No names
will be exchanged. All crosses are to be returned to the basket
on Palm Sunday, April 12/13. No crosses are worn through
Holy Week as we thank Jesus for the Cross He carried for us.

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 297 will host a

CHICKEN DINNER FUNDRAISER

4:30 TO 6:30 P.M., SUNDAY, 6 APRIL

for The Patrons of St. Columban Foundation

Proceeds for restoration of our historic St. Columban Church
Tickets \$10. available at the office (during office hours), at the
Legion, from Foundation members, or call Brian 933-8353.

IN THE DIOCESE, ETC.

Precious Blood Parish Hall, Glen Walter
BINGO, 7 P.M., WEDNESDAY, 26 MARCH

K of C and Cursillistes of St. Therese de Lisieux Parish
SPAGHETTI SUPPER – 5 TO 7:30 P.M., SATURDAY, 29 MARCH
\$10/person; \$5 children 5 to 12, \$25/family

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish is hosting a
SUGAR BUSH BRUNCH –10:30 A.M.–1 P.M., SUNDAY, 30 MARCH
at the Chrysler Community Centre
Bacon, eggs. Sausages, baked beans, pancakes, maple syrup
Admission \$12. adults & teens; \$5. for children 5 to 11

LENTEN MISSION – WITNESS TO HOPE

At St. Joseph Parish in Lancaster. Speaker is Fr. Timothy
Nelligan, a Chaplain in the Military Ordinate of Canada – 7 p.m.
30 Mar. Noah – Hope in the Face of Adversity
31 Mar. Job – Hope & the Struggle of Perseverance
01 Apr. Peter & Judas – Hope and the Power of Reconciliation
02 Apr. Blessed Virgin Mary – Hope & the Mystery of God's Grace

PILGRIMAGE OF THE BLACK MADONNA ICON IN DEFENCE OF LIFE

The much revered Icon of Our Lady of Czestochowa (The Black
Madonna) has been credited with numerous miracles and
healings – both of a spiritual and physical nature. Now, after
traveling 40,000 miles from Vladivostok in Russia through 24
countries in Europe, she is in North America and will be visiting
Ottawa on her global pilgrimage in the defence of life and family.

TUESDAY, 18 MARCH - ST. PATRICK'S BASILICA, 220 Kent St.

7 to 9 p.m. Mass celebrated by Archbishop Terrence
Prendergast & concelebrated by Fr Peter West, Icon custodian
9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Overnight vigil

WED., 19 MARCH Feast of St. Joseph, Patron Saint of Canada

7:15 to 8:30 a.m. Prayer Vigil - **ACROSS THE STREET FROM
OTTAWA'S ABORTION FACILITY** at 65 Bank St.

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. **NOTRE DAME CATHEDRAL, 385 Sussex Dr.**
Veneration of Black Madonna Icon

12:15 p.m. Mass in honour of Saint Joseph

2 to 3:30 p.m. **ST. PATRICK'S BASILICA, 220 Kent Street**
Veneration and Holy Hour including Chaplet of Divine Mercy

5:30 to 9 p.m. **ST. HYACINTH PARISH, 201 Lebreton St.**
Veneration of Icon; Rosary/Confessions from 6:30 p.m.

7 p.m. Mass followed by Marian prayers

THE SUNDAY MASS ON SALT + LIGHT TELEVISION

This outreach to our senior citizens, the infirm, and other viewers
affords them the opportunity to join in a worship service from their
homes, nursing homes or hospital rooms. In a broad sense, it
becomes their TV parish as evidenced by the phone calls and
letters that The Sunday Mass receives. Salt + Light Television's
broadcast of The Sunday Mass from St. Malachy's Parish in New
York City airs every Sunday at 12:30pm ET / 9:30am PT (as well
as at 3 pm ET / 12:00pm PT)

LENT CHALLENGES OUR ROUTINE AND SETS US ON A PATH OF CONVERSION

Vatican City, 6 March 2014 (VIS) – Pope Francis
presided over the traditional procession of penitence
from the Church of St. Anselm on the Aventine Hill to
the Basilica of Santa Sabina. After the procession,
he presided over the celebration of the Eucharist with the rite of
blessing and the imposition of the ashes. Following the procla-
mation of the Gospel, he gave a homily in which he emphasised
that the conversion of the heart is the characteristic of Lent. "We
are called upon to undertake a path in which, challenging our
routine, we make efforts to open our hearts, to go beyond simply
tending our own gardens. "We know that this increasingly artificial
world makes us live in a culture of 'doing' of the 'useful', where
without realising we exclude God from our horizons. But we
exclude the horizon itself! Lent calls to us to 'shake ourselves up',
to remember that we are creatures, that we are not God. When I
watch, in my little daily environment, some battles to occupy
space, I think: these people play at being God the Creator. They
still have not understood that they are not God". But, towards
others too, "we run the risk of closing ourselves up, of forgetting
them. But only we are called to by the difficulties & suffering of
our brothers, only then can we undertake our path of conversion
towards Easter". To walk this spiritual path, 3 elements are nec-
essary: prayer, fasting & charity. All three involve "the importance
of not allowing oneself to be dominated by appearances: what
counts is not appearance, but what we have inside".

PRAYER is "the strength of of the Christian and of every believer.
In the weakness and the fragility of our life, we may turn to God
with the trust of His sons and enter into communion with Him.
And Lent is a time for prayer, "a more intense and prolonged
prayer ... more able to take on the needs of our brothers; prayer
of intercession, to intercede before God for many situations of
poverty and suffering".

FASTING "has meaning only if it truly attacks our security, and if it
brings benefits to others, if it helps us to cultivate the approach of
the good Samaritan, who turns to his brother and takes care of
him. Fasting involves choosing a sober style of life; a life without
waste, without discarding things. Fasting helps us to train our
hearts in simplicity and sharing".

GIVING TO CHARITY "means giving freely, because in this way we
give to someone from whom we expect nothing in return. Giving
freely should be one of the characteristics of the Christian who,
aware of having received everything freely from God, that is,
undeservingly, learns to give freely to others. ... Giving to charity
helps us to live the free nature of the gift, which is freedom from
the obsession of possession, of the fear of losing what we have".
"With its invitation to conversion", concluded Pope Francis, "Lent
providentially reawakens us, shakes us from our torpor, from our
risk of living by inertia. ... Why must we return to God? Because
something is not quite right in us, and is not right in society or in
the Church, and we need to change, to turn things around. This is
what is meant by needing to convert! Once again, Lent makes its
prophetic call to us, to remind us that it is possible to achieve
something new within ourselves and around ourselves, simply
because God is faithful and continues to be rich in goodness and
mercy, always ready to forgive & start again from the beginning".



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