

PASSION (PALM)

SUNDAY (C)

20 MARCH, 2016



St. Columban Parish

36 Fourth St. West, Cornwall, ON K6J 2R6

Masses: Sat Vigil: 5:30 p.m., Sun: 7:30, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.

Lent weekdays except Mondays: 7:30 a.m., 12:10 p.m.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY—THE SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

How should we prepare for this great Feast of Mercy?

Jesus told St. Faustina that this Feast of Mercy would be a very special day when "all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened". (Diary 699) Jesus promised that "The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain the complete forgiveness of sins and punishment." (Diary 699)

All are encouraged to take advantage of this incredible promise and the additional Plenary Indulgence on this great Feast of Mercy "Divine Mercy Sunday and to notify your family and friends about them too and urge them to return to the practice of their faith!

Our Lord said "I want the image to be solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter, and I want it to be venerated publicly so that every soul may know about it. I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish". (Diary 341, 48) Please take the time to visit with this Image of The Divine Mercy and venerate Jesus.

Jesus said to St. Faustina "I am offering people a vessel with which they are to keep coming for graces to the fountain of mercy. That vessel is this image labelled: Jesus, I trust in You". (Diary 327) "The two rays denote Blood and Water. The pale ray stands for the Water which makes souls righteous. The red ray stands for the Blood which is the life of souls. These two rays issued forth from the very depths of My tender mercy when My agonized Heart was opened by a lance on the cross. ...Happy is the one who will dwell in their shelter, for the just hand of God shall not lay hold of him." (Diary 299)

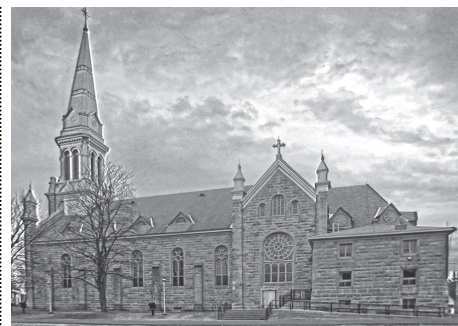
About the feastday "Divine Mercy Sunday", Jesus said "...tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon the souls who approach the Fount of My Mercy. On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet.... Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy". (Diary 699)

Our Lord said "When you go to Confession, to this fountain of My mercy, the Blood and Water which came forth from My Heart always flows down upon your soul..." and "Every time you go to Confession, immerse yourself entirely in My mercy with great trust, so that I may pour the bounty of My grace upon your soul. When you approach the confessional, know this, that I Myself am waiting there for you. I am only hidden by the priest, but I Myself act in your soul. Here the misery of the soul meets the God of mercy" (1602) Make your Confession before Me. The person of the priest is... only a screen. Never analyze what sort of a priest that I am making use of; open your soul in Confession to Me, and I will fill it with My light." (1725)

It is required of all Catholics to confess their serious sins at least once every year. If you haven't yet met this obligation then take advantage of this outstanding opportunity to receive an outpouring of an ocean of graces that Jesus promises on this day.

To receive the plenary indulgence, the Church recommends that you make your Confession not more than 20 days in advance. To receive extraordinary graces for Divine Mercy Sunday that Jesus promised to St. Faustina in Diary entry 699 receive Holy Communion in a state of grace on Divine Mercy Sunday, with trust in our Lord's great mercy.

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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.
Also by appointment

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CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

Saturday, March 19th

3 – 4 p.m. Confessions
5:30 p.m. Rene Ouellette by Gerry & Lise DiCola

Sunday, March 20th PALM SUNDAY

7:30 a.m. Intentions of parishioners
9:30 a.m. James McLaverty by John & Janice Meyer
11:00 a.m. Jack Tyo by the Estate

Monday, March 21st

7:00 P.M. CHRISM MASS

Tuesday, March 22nd

7:30 a.m. Norman Prebble by Isabel Parisien & family

Wednesday, March 23rd

7:30 a.m. Eileen Duplantis by husband Cliff & family

Thursday, March 24th MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

7:00 p.m. Carol O'Byrne Boileau by Shannon Bellefeuille
After Mass – Adoration Until Midnight

Friday, March 25th CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION

10 a.m. – 11 a.m. Confessions
3:00 P.M. PASSION OF THE LORD GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross – Joint Service
w/ Trinity Anglican Church (Here)

Saturday, March 26th EASTER VIGIL

10 a.m. – 11 a.m. Confessions
8:00 p.m. Maria Rosa Vincelli by Helen Kennedy,
Anne & Jean Welch

EASTER SUNDAY, March 27th RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

7:30 a.m. Intentions of parishioners
9:30 a.m. Danny Bohan by Ron & Marilyn
11:00 a.m. Theresa Masterson by Brian Lynch &
Katie Burke

NO 12:10 WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK

**COMMUNION STATIONS ARE LOCATED
CENTRE FRONT AND HALF-WAY DOWN CENTRE AISLE**

Please exit pews from the Centre aisle and
return by the Side aisles. Thank you.

**GOOD FRIDAY – STATIONS OF THE CROSS
JOINT SERVICE WITH TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH
7 P.M., 25 MARCH,
HERE AT ST. COLUMBAN'S CHURCH**

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED EASTER MONDAY, 28 MAR.

IN THE PARISH

COLLECTION 6 MARCH, 2016 – THANK YOU

\$3,657.00 Sunday Env.	\$ 98.00 Flowers
339.75 Loose	\$137.80 Candles
\$3,996.75 Total	\$ 83.70 Books
	\$215.00 Development & Peace
	\$361.50 Italian Supper

This is Palm Sunday

Crowds of people welcomed
Jesus to Jerusalem, throwing
their cloaks in His path & waving
palm branches (Jn 12:19,
Mk 11:1-11, Mt 21:1-11).



The colt that Jesus rode on into
Jerusalem (Lk 19:28-44) was said to fulfill prophecy from the
Old Testament about the Messiah, the Saviour of Israel. The
Old Testament Scripture He fulfilled is Zechariah 9:9: "Rejoice
greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of
Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; righteous and
having salvation is He, humble and mounted on a donkey, on
a colt, the foal of a donkey."

Our procession today is meant, then, to be an image of
something deeper, to reflect the fact that, together with Jesus,
we are setting out on pilgrimage along the high road that leads
to the living God. This is the ascent that matters. This is the
journey which Jesus invites us to make. Palm Sunday is
celebrated in virtually every Christian church. It marks Jesus'
final entry into Jerusalem before He was persecuted, crucified,
and resurrected.

2016 CHRISM MASS

7 P.M., MONDAY, 21 MARCH

St. Columban's Parish

welcomes

*Archbishop Terrence Prendergast,
the Clergy (Priests and Deacons)
and the Faithful People of the Diocese.*

HISTORY IN THE MAKING

Historically the Chrism Mass has been held at the
Cathedral (St. Finnan's in Alexandria) and in recent
decades has alternated between the Cathedral and Co-
cathedral.

What a joy for us at St. Columban to be the host parish
this year! Please take advantage of this rare
opportunity by attending and welcoming Archbishop
Prendergast as well as our fellow diocesans.

IN THE PARISH



COFFEE AND CHAT

after Mass this weekend, stop for a cup of coffee at the back of the Church.

Say hello to old friends and introduce yourself to someone you haven't met before.

IRISH STEW - PARISH SUPPER - 5 P.M., SUN., 20 MAR

In the Parish Activity Centre.

Tickets available at the door - \$10. Family \$20.

CHICKEN DINNER 4:30 TO 6:30 P.M., SUNDAY, 10 APRIL

Hosted by Royal Canadian Legion Branch 297,
415 2nd St. W. - All are welcome.

FUNDRAISER FOR

THE PATRONS OF ST. COLUMBAN FOUNDATION
FOR RESTORATION OF OUR HISTORIC ST. COLUMBAN'S CHURCH.

TICKETS (\$12.) AVAILABLE

AFTER MASSES THIS WEEKEND MARCH 19-20
and April 2-3. Tickets also available at the parish office during office hours, from Foundation members, at the Legion or call Brian Lynch at 613-933-8353.

HOLY THURSDAY - FOOT WASHING

Those participating this year - Michael Beaulieu, Susan Beaulieu, Molly Bellefeuille, Bernadette Blakely, Gary Clouthier, Keith Grant, Joseph Harvey, Maya Kupina, Teresa MacInnis, Joe Parisien, Richard Pilon, Megan Roundpoint.

CAN YOU HELP CLEAN THE CHURCH FOR HOLY WEEK? 9 TO 11 A.M., THIS MONDAY, 21 MARCH

If you are able, your help would be appreciated. Please bring a bucket and clean cloths. Thank you.



COMPASSION IN THIS THE YEAR OF MERCY



Do you have a few hours to visit fellow parishioners who are housebound, in nursing homes and hospitals? **ST. COLUMBAN PASTORAL OUTREACH TEAM IS RECRUITING** parishioners to help with this much needed ministry. Training and on site visiting experience will be provided. Call Jean McDonnell at 613 938-6138 for more info.

YELLOW MASS RESPONSE BOOKLETS

These booklets help us to remember to use the correct Mass responses. After each Mass, please place yours in the red song book. When left on the pew, many of them fall on the floor & are damaged. Thank you.

IN THE DIOCESE

JOIN OVER 5000 CATHOLICS APRIL 15TH, 16TH.



Catholics from over 30 sites across Canada and the United States will join in the live-streamed **NEW EVANGELIZATION SUMMIT** to hear wonderful speakers on a variety of topics. There is something for everyone.

Dr. Peter Kreeft, a convert from Calvinism, has received several honors for achievements in philosophical reasoning and yet this is what reviewers said about his latest book. *"What Kreeft does in this simple book—which could be read and understood by anybody—is take us back to meet Jesus and the powerful effect that He had on those who experienced Him. This is what He calls Jesus Shock."*

Register now, online at www.newevangelization.ca to join us April 15,16 at the Agora Center. Fee includes Saturday lunch and plenty of snacks. You will find good company at the tables. If you need further information, call 613-703-7823 or email mbergeron@alexandria-cornwall.ca

YEAR OF MERCY

In this Jubilee Year of Mercy, Divine Mercy Sunday has an especially important meaning for us. Please prayerfully read & share the cover article.

We will host the Anglophone devotions here in St. Columban's Church the afternoon of Divine Mercy Sunday, April 3rd the Sunday after Easter.

PALLIATIVE CARE OR PHYSICIAN ASSISTED SUICIDE

Whether you want to watch the talks again, or share them with others or see what you missed you can now do so by purchasing the DVD (\$3 to cover the cost of making the DVD) at the Catholic Information Centre, 146 Chevrier

HOLY YEAR OF MERCY PILGRIMAGE - 17-30 SEPTEMBER

Escorted by Fr. Kevin Maloney & Donna Flanigan
Call Donna at 613-938-6969 for more details.

Knights of Columbus 755, 205 Amelia Street
FISH AND CHIPS - GOOD FRIDAY, 25 MARCH
4 to 7:30 p.m. - \$10/person

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