

5TH SUNDAY OF

LENT

22 MARCH, 2015

I will put My law within them ... I will be their God and they shall be My people.

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.

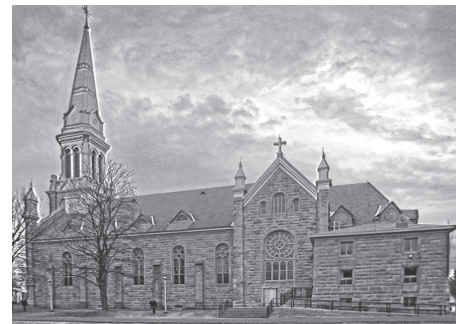
Today's Readings:

Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm 51:3-4, 12-15
Hebrews 5:7-9
John 12:20-33

Whoever serves Me
must follow Me ...
Whoever serves Me,
the Father will honour.

Further Reflection from the Catechism:

CCC: 2740-2745
CCCC: 534, 540-1, 549
YOUCAT: 510



RALPH MARTIN ON THE URGENCY OF THE NEW EVANGELIZATION

The New Evangelization is a new emphasis on the Church's ongoing mission of evangelization. The message isn't different since Jesus Christ is indeed the same yesterday, today and tomorrow, but there are some new dimensions.

It is now directed towards the growing numbers of Baptized Catholics who aren't living as disciples of Christ. Another thing that's new about the New Evangelization is who is expected to do it: every Catholic who is living their faith. Vatican II recovered the meaning of Baptism and its implications for lay holiness and mission, and clearly teaches that all of us by virtue of Baptism are called to participate in the ongoing mission of Christ "to seek and to save those who are lost."

Many of our fellow Catholics have drifted into a presumption that perhaps only a few very evil people will be lost and since God is so merciful, virtually everyone will be saved. This presumption therefore makes of the duty to evangelize not a matter of life or death, heaven or hell, but a matter of "enriching" someone's life, something like an "optional" enrichment course. This presumption often springs from an alleged development of doctrine at Vatican II. I've devoted a considerable amount of time to showing the fallacy of this since I believe that a lukewarm response to the call to the New Evangelization will actually endanger the salvation of souls. While Vatican II clearly teaches that under certain conditions it is possible for those who haven't heard the Gospel, through no fault of their own, to be saved, it also clearly teaches that no one lives in a neutral environment and the powerful spiritual realities of the world, the flesh and the devil, make it likely that "very often" these conditions aren't met. Therefore the Gospel must urgently be preached for the sake of peoples' salvation.

Concerning the salvation of Baptized Catholics who aren't living their faith the Council is even more startlingly direct, teaching in Lumen Gentium 14 that indifferent, Baptized Catholics will not only not be saved but will be the more severely judged.

The first disciples had the best teaching anyone ever had, had the best Bible study, had the best personal spiritual direction, the best supervision in evangelization. But an encounter with the Holy Spirit enabled all these elements to come together, in a passionate knowledge, experience, and love of Jesus and His message. That gave them the courage and zeal to go to the ends of the earth with the message.

When people die, two very different kinds of things happen. For some, death is truly an entryway into a higher form of life where we share in immortality and experience resurrection and infinite love and joy. For others death confirms an alienation and separation from God rooted in unbelief and unconfessed sin. The doorway to the glory of heaven passes through God's gift to suffering humanity – Jesus. The doorway to eternal isolation is clinging to the illusion of an autonomy that proudly refuses to surrender to the offer of love. Time is short and only one decision is significant. The decision to humble ourselves and accept the love with which we are loved in Jesus, or the decision to reject that love. Let's talk.

From an interview with Ralph Martin by Brandon Vogt

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CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

Saturday, March 21st

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions
 6:15 – 6:45 p.m. Confessions
 7:00 p.m. Yvon David (3rd Anniv. of death) by wife Rose & family

Sunday, March 22nd

7:30 a.m. Intentions of the Parishioners
 9:30 a.m. Norman Prebble by Isabel Parisien
 11:00 a.m. Claire Wilson R.N. (1st Anniv. of death) by husband Ron & family

Monday, March 23rd

7:30 a.m. Frank Ricci by the Joy of the Lord Prayer Group
 12:10 p.m. Gene Schweitzer by Helen Schweitzer

Wednesday, March 25th

7:30 a.m. Hector Menard & deceased family members by Joseph & Carole Harvey
 12:10 p.m. Patricia Cameron by Karen McDermid & Lorrie Donig

Thursday, March 26th

7:30 a.m. Leo & Anne Lagarde by their children

Friday, March 27th

7:30 a.m. Cyril Ridal by Walter Valley

Saturday, March 28th

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions
 6:15 – 6:45 p.m. Confessions
 7:00 p.m. Crystal Mondoux by Audrey Levac

Sunday, March 29th

7:30 a.m. Intentions of the parishioners
 9:30 a.m. LouAnna McDougall by Mona Lanctot
 11:00 a.m. Rita Laplante by Gilbert Choquette

Monday, March 30th

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

**SOLIDARITY SUNDAY
 22 MARCH**

Please support the Share
 Lent collection for



Pope Francis ends his Joy of the Gospel with this prayer to Mary:
*Star of the new evangelization,
 help us to bear radiant witness to communion,
 service, ardent and generous faith, justice and love of the poor,
 that the joy of the Gospel may reach to the ends of the Earth,
 illuminating even the fringes of our world.*

Today, on the Fifth Sunday of Lent, Solidarity Sunday, we join the Holy Father in praying that we may all be radiant witnesses and that through our support of Development and Peace, the joy of the Gospel may indeed illuminate even the darkest corners of our world!
Thank you for your generosity

PARISH FINANCES

COLLECTION 8 MARCH, 2015 – THANK YOU

Sunday	\$3,991.00	Flowers	\$116.00
Loose	451.72	Initial Offering	10.00
Total	\$4,442.72	Candles	194.30
New Year	\$ 15.00	Book Table	32.90

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

**The Gift of God's Mercy
 DIOCESAN DAY OF CONFESSIONS
 WEDNESDAY, 25 MARCH**

Come and experience the healing mercy of God in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. No matter how long it has been, how much or how little you have to confess, Jesus is waiting for you. Come and experience the grace of God at

BLESSED SACRAMENT (321 TOLLGATE E) 2 TO 9 P.M.

Other parishes where priests will be available
 St-Félix-de-Valois (620 Glengarry Blvd.) 1:30 to 7:30 p.m.
 St. Finnan's Cathedral (Alexandria) 3 to 8 p.m.
 Our Lady of the Angels (Moose Creek) 3:30 to 4:30 & 6:30 to 8.

All four parishes will also have
 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament during this time.

CHRISM MASS

**ST. FINNAN'S CATHEDRAL IN ALEXANDRIA.
 7 P.M., TUESDAY, 31 MARCH**

A bus is available (FREE) for all who wish to attend.
 The bus will leave Blessed Sacrament Parish parking lot at 6 p.m. and return after the celebration.
 Call 613-932-2996 Monday to Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. to reserve a place on the bus.

PURPLE LENTEN CROSS

Please return all crosses to the basket
NEXT WEEKEND, PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 28 - 29,
 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

CHICKEN DINNER FUNDRAISER

**SUNDAY APRIL 19 - 4:30 P.M. TO 6:30 P.M.
 FOR PATRONS OF ST. COLUMBAN FOUNDATION**
 to support restoration of our historic St. Columban's Church.
 Dinner hosted by the **Royal Canadian Legion** Branch 297
 415 Second St. W. (corner of Cumberland St)
Tickets \$12. available:
 after weekend Masses March 28-29 & April 11-12; at St. Columban's parish office during office hours; at the Legion; from Foundation members or call Brian at 613-933-8353.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY LENTEN FOOD DRIVE
 28 March Canned Tuna or Salmon - 4 April Canned Pastas
Thank you everyone for your generous support.

RESPONSE TO SUPREME COURT DECISION ON ASSISTED SUICIDE

Assisted Suicide and the Culture of Death
by Fr. Pierre Champoux, St. Joseph's Workers for Life and Family Board
Member and Parish Priest for the Archdiocese of Ottawa.

On 6 Feb. the Supreme Court of Canada, in a unanimous 9-0 decision, struck down the sections of the Criminal Code which prohibited assisted suicide, thereby reversing its 1993 ruling on the same issue. Parliament has 12 months to draft a new law before the ruling takes effect. The new law would have to allow for physician assisted suicide, as the ruling states:

"For a competent adult person who (1) clearly consents to the termination of life and (2) has a grievous and irremediable medical condition (including an illness, disease or disability) that causes enduring suffering that is intolerable to the individual in the circumstances of his or her condition."

The Court further noted that the suffering could be either physical or psychological pain and that the person's medical condition need not be terminal for them to be permitted to make a decision. This ruling will launch Canada into territory opened up by the Netherlands many years ago. As Wesley Smith noted in his 1997 book *Forced Exit: the Slippery Slope from Assisted Suicide to Legalized Murder*:

"Dutch doctors have gone from being permitted to kill the terminally ill who ask for it, to killing the chronically ill who ask for it, to killing newborn babies in their cribs because they have birth defects, even though by definition they cannot ask for it. Dutch doctors also engage in involuntary euthanasia without significant legal consequence, even though such activity is officially prohibited."

As people of faith, how should we respond to this new situation? Deeply embedded in our moral and medical traditions is the distinction between allowing someone to die and murdering someone. The Church does not shun anyone for taking a pain reliever of some kind (such as morphine) for the main purpose of relieving one's pain. Medical treatment can also be refused if it is excessively burdensome. We can, and should, allow the dying to die; yet we don't have the right to intend the death of the living.

Once we have crossed the boundary between killing and allowing to die, it will be very difficult to limit the license to kill. Once the judgement is about the "worth of human lives", then our hospitals, nursing homes and other institutions will provide us with numerous candidates for elimination.

As Christians we do **not** have the right to decide who lives and who dies. **We are called to relieve** suffering whenever possible. Assisted suicide and euthanasia will inevitably tempt us to abandon those who are experiencing pain. This is especially the case when we allow ourselves to see people who are vulnerable and hurting as being a "burden".

Physician-assisted suicide degrades the worth of human life. It will advance the culture of death by allowing the legal termination of the lives of the most vulnerable among us. In addition, physician-assisted suicide will forever transform the role of physicians, confusing their function as preservers of life with that of takers of life. It will ultimately destroy the time-honoured role of doctors as healers who **"do no harm"**

IN THE DIOCESE, ETC.

THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC MISSION 2015,

"Beware the Holy Spirit!"

will be broadcast on Vision TV

Monday, March 30 (Part 1 "God and the Six O'clock News")
and **Tuesday, March 31** (Part 2 "God does not count
birthdays"). In Ontario, the 30 minute mission segments can be
seen at 6 p.m. and repeated at 10 p.m. on both days.

It will be hosted by Fr. Pat Fitzpatrick and feature
Spiritual Fr. Anthony Gittins.

PRO-LIFE CORNWALL ANNUAL SPAGHETTI SUPPER

will be held at the Agora Catholic Centre (Note new location)

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

Adults \$8.; children under 12 free. Take-outs available

Donations of desserts are welcome

St. Francis de Sales K of C 11531

Family Breakfast – in the Parish Hall

8:30 A.M.-12:00 P.M., SUNDAY, 22 MARCH

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.

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AN ENCOUNTER WITH JESUS – AGORA CATHOLIC CENTRE WITH RENOWN CATHOLIC SPEAKER, RALPH MARTIN

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FRIDAY 27 MARCH 7-9 P.M. - Call to Mission

SAT 28 MARCH 9-NOON – Call to Holiness / Gift of the Spirit

STEBENVILLE TORONTO YOUTH CONFERENCE – 7-9 AUG.

Mega and inspiring Catholic Youth Conference (for youth in grades 8 to 12). Registration **open now with a \$50 discount until 31 March.** Full price after 31 March will be \$325. (2

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takes place at the Agora Catholic Centre, 301 McConnell Ave.

FRI. 24 APR. 6:30 TO 9:15 PM. & SAT, 25 APR 9 AM.

TO 4:45 PM. Cost: \$65. includes lunch on Saturday

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