

3RD SUNDAY

IN LENT

23 MARCH 2014

**DURING LENT, THE CHURCH
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FRIDAYS FROM
12 NOON TO 6 P.M.
FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO
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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 3

Today's Readings:

Isaiah 49:14–15
Psalm 62:2–3, 6–9
1 Corinthians 4:1–5
Matthew 6:24–34

The Good News of Christ is for all generations; we, the Church, exist to evangelize.

Further Reflection from the Catechism:

CCC: 303, 308–309
CCCC: 55, 57
YOUCAT: 49-51

Recap: We've been looking at how to improve our likelihood of success in sharing the Gospel with those whom God has placed on our paths by better understanding human motivation. So far in this series we've explored how people cross a series of thresholds on their journey to mature Christian discipleship and how many of us respond particularly strongly to one of the transcendentals.

Generational Cohorts: Society is evolving ever more rapidly and each generation tends to respond to somewhat different approaches to what is placed before them.

FIVE GENERATIONS OF NORTH AMERICAN ADULTS

Generation Y (mid 70s-mid 90s): Also known variously as the Millennial Generation (Millennials), Generation Next, Net Generation, Echo Boomers, Peter Pan Generation and Boomerang Generation, 80 million people fall under this category that has never known a world devoid of computer technology. They've been influenced by 9/11, Columbine as well as terrorism and wars in Iraq and Afghanistan – much social instability. Extreme sports and “reality” tv play a big role in their lives. They are confident, social, spend without recognizing much need to save and expect to change careers three or more times.

Generation X (mid 60s-mid 70s):

Unprecedented breakdown of the family and work stress for both parents is common. They tend to strive for a balance between work and family. Due to a weak economy, many of them have had difficulty in establishing careers and will likely reverse the former trend of doing financially better than their parents, though they tend to be better educated. Mistrust of authority and institutions is common as is a high awareness of the environmental crisis.

Baby Boom Generation (mid 40s-mid 60s):

This generation experienced a never-before-seen number of same-age workers, women in the workforce, skyrocketing divorce rates, and plummeting birth rates. They tend to be success-oriented and highly competitive, with work often taking precedence over family life. Company loyalty is high among this group, many seeking to stay with a single employer throughout their career.

TWO “MATURE ADULT” GENERATIONS

These people were born during or were profoundly affected by the Great Depression, World War II and the development of Canadian social security and medicare. They tend to be hard-working and disciplined.

Silent Generation (1925-1945): They are patriotic and generally trusting of government.

Greatest Generation (1901-1924): They had a strong sense of “the right thing to do.”

To be continued.

Adapted from On Good Soil, CCCB.



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1 month in advance

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Saturday 6:15 to 6:45 p.m.
Also by appointment

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CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

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

Tuesday, March 25th

7:30 a.m. John Sampson by Chris & Pauline Chisholm
 12:10 p.m. Cathy Lemieux by Audrey Levac

Wednesday, March 26th

7:30 a.m. Jean Schweitzer by Helen Schweitzer

Thursday, March 27th

7:30 a.m. John Collins by Carol Papps
 12:10 p.m. Irene McLennan by daughter Jean

Friday, March 28th

7:30 a.m. Ruth Crowder by Anita Branchaud & family

Saturday, March 29th

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions
 6:15 – 6:45 p.m. Confessions
 7:00 p.m. Ernest & Aurore Bissonnette by Albert & Aline

Sunday, March 30th

7:30 a.m. Intentions of parishioners
 9:30 a.m. Harold Jakes by Janet Surgeson & family
 11:00 a.m. Alfred Lee by Madeleine & George Clark

Monday, March 31st

7:30 a.m. Jeannine Lauber by Albert & Aline

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.)

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL – LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

29/30 MARCH--PLEASE DONATE
 KRAFT DINNER OR BOXED PASTA MEALS

WEEKDAY LENTEN MASSES IN OUR ENGLISH PARISHES

BL. SACRAMENT Tues., Thurs., Fri. 8 a.m. / Wed. 7 p.m.

ST. COLUMBAN Mon. to Fri. 7:30 a.m. / Tues. & Thurs. 12:10 p.m.

ST. FRANCIS Tues. to Fri. 8 a.m. – No evening Mass

ST. PETER Mon. to Fri. 8 a.m. / Mon. & Wed. 6:30 p.m.

“Lord, give me of this water”

Our world is filled with Samaritans looking for meaning to their lives and not finding the source which can really satisfy their thirst for happiness.

THE DYNAMIC CATHOLIC does not hesitate to propose the source of living water which fills us with life.

IN OUR PARISH

COLLECTION – 9 MARCH – THANK YOU

Sunday	\$4,326.00	Initial Offering	\$ 10.00
Loose	352.56	Flowers	44.00
Total	\$4,678.56	Votive Candles	75.00
		Dev. & Peace	25.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INPUT

In reviewing the feedback from the parish gathering and from the completed personal surveys on Matthew Kelly's **‘THE FOUR SIGNS OF A DYNAMIC CATHOLIC’,** *“Prayer”* was identified as one of the common priorities.

THE CELEBRATION OF MASS

is meant to be the great common prayer of the community. To help promote prayerful celebrations, two minutes before Sunday Mass begins we'll have an announcement that invites us to become silent. In this period of silent prayer we focus and prepare our hearts to encounter God through His Word and through the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

Father Dan

LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICES

WILL BE HELD

Wed., 2 April - 7 p.m. St. Andrew's Church
 Thurs., 9 April - 2 p.m. St. Columban's Church
 Friday, 10 April - 7 p.m. St. Peter's Church

SACRISTANS TRAINING FOR HOLY WEEK

1 P.M., MONDAY, 7 APRIL *(Note date change)*

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 take place in the Church and 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.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE – SHARE LENT

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 297 will host a

CHICKEN DINNER FUNDRAISER

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

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 Tickets available at the office (during office hours), at the

Legion, from Foundation members, or call Brian 933-8353.
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CWL LOOKING FOR BURSARY NOMINATIONS

Once again this year, St. Columban's CWL will give a bursary to a worthy grade 12 graduate at each of St. Joseph's and Holy Trinity High Schools. Any students, parents or grandparents who would like to nominate a student to receive one of these bursaries should call the rectory during office hours 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday to Thursday. The student should be an active member of St. Columban's parish

IN THE DIOCESE, ETC.

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

As agreed in principle by the Permanent Council of the CANADIAN CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS & following the review & approval of the Conference's Exec. Committee, a synthesis was prepared & sent to the Holy See of **RESPONSES OF THE BISHOPS & DIOCESES OF CANADA TO THE QUESTIONS IN THE PREPARATORY DOCUMENT FOR THE 3RD EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL ASSY OF THE SYNOD OF BISHOPS, "The pastoral challenges for the family in the context of evangelization".**

The extent of the consultations by the dioceses & their responses are clear evidence of the pastoral importance of this theme for this year's Extraordinary Assembly of the Synod of Bishops. The consultations indicate not only the importance of marriage & family life for both the Church & our society, but also the Church's deep appreciation for the generous witness & commitment of married couples & families, especially in today's world of rapid social change & significant economic challenges. At the same time, the process has shown many Catholics are not deeply aware of the Church's rich & positive teaching on marriage & family. This can result in a troubling gap between the Church's doctrine & the thinking of a number of Catholics. There are also hopes the Church could be more effective in presenting its teaching & might also review aspects of its discipline in certain areas. This year's Extraordinary Synod will involve a special mtg. of the Presidents of the world's Episcopal Conferences & of the Patriarchs & Major Archbishops of the Eastern Churches. The Holy Father has already indicated this will be followed by a meeting of the Synod's Ord. Assy, which in effect will involve a greater number of Bishops from throughout the world in further reflection on these significant questions. The Preparatory Document notes that the purpose of its questions is to allow "the particular Churches to participate actively in the preparation of the Extraordinary Synod." Noting that "the time available is short," the accompanying letter from the Gen. Secy of the Synod, Archbishop Lorenzo Baldisseri, had asked that Conferences of Bishops follow "the most brief & practical institutional process" in providing him a synthesis of responses no later than the end of this past Jan. In accordance with the preparations & practice for every meeting of the Synod of Bishops, the results of the CCCB synthesis of diocesan responses are sent directly to the Holy See & not made public. Instead, the General Secretariat of the Synod of Bishops will publish the instrumentum laboris or "discussion document" for the Third Extraordinary Assy, which will present a summary of major concerns & suggestions from around the world. Also to assist in this, the CCCB will be forwarding to the Gen. Secretariat of the Synod of Bishops the complete responses that this Conference has received not only from Canadian dioceses and Bishops, but also from various other Canadian groups and individuals.

Rev. Msgr. Patrick Powers, P.H. General Secretary CCCB

THE EUCHARIST INSPIRES FORGIVENESS AND ENCOUNTER WITH OTHERS

Vatican City, 12 February 2014 (VIS) The Eucharist & its relation to our life, as Church & as Christians, was the theme of Pope Francis' catechesis during this general audience in St. Peter's Square.



"How do we live the Eucharist ... when we go to Mass on a Sunday? What is it for us? Is it just an opportunity to celebrate, a consolidated tradition, a way of getting one's bearings and feeling better, or is it something more?" asked the Holy Father, who then went on to indicate three signs for understanding how we experience this relation. The first is our way of living with others. "In the Eucharist Christ renews the gift of Himself that He made on the Cross", he explained. "His entire life is an act of the fullest sharing of Himself for love. This is why He loved to stay with the disciples & with those He met. For Him, this meant sharing their yearnings, their problems, that which stirred their soul & their life. Now, when we participate in the Holy Mass, we find ourselves with many people ... but the Eucharist that I celebrate, does it lead me to consider them as brothers & sisters? Does it inspire me to go towards the poor, the sick, the marginalised? Does it help me to recognise Christ's face in them?" The grace of being forgiven and willing to forgive is a second sign. "In reality, those who celebrate the Eucharist do not do so because they believe themselves to be better, or wish to appear better than others, but because they are aware that they are always in need of being accepted and regenerated in God's mercy, made flesh in Jesus Christ. If anyone among us does not feel in need of God's mercy, if he does not consider himself to be a sinner, it is better that he not go to Mass! We go to Mass because we are sinners and because we wish to receive God's forgiveness, to participate in Christ's redemption, his forgiveness. That 'I confess' that we say at the beginning is not merely a 'pro forma', it is a true act of penance! ... In that bread and that wine we offer and around which we gather, the gift of the body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of our sins is renewed every time. This best summarises the deepest sense of the sacrifice of the Lord Jesus, and in turn it opens our hearts to the forgiveness of our brothers and to reconciliation". The relationship between the Eucharistic celebration and the life of our Christian communities is the third sign. "It must always be clear that the Eucharist is not something that we do; it is not our commemoration of what Jesus said and did. No. It is an act of Christ! It is a gift from Christ, Who is made present and gathers us around Him, to nourish us with His Word and His life. This means that the mission and the very identity of the Church spring from this, from the Eucharist, and there they assume their form. ... a celebration may prove to be impeccable, beautiful, from an external point of view, but if it does not lead to an encounter with Jesus, the risk is that it does not lead to the nourishment of our hearts and lives. Through the Eucharist, instead, Christ wishes to enter into our existence and permeate it with his grace, so that in every Christian community there is coherence between liturgy and life". The Pope concluded by encouraging us to "live the Eucharist with a spirit of faith and prayer, of forgiveness, of care for the needs of many of our brothers and sisters, in the certainty that the Lord will grant that which He has promised – eternal life".

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