

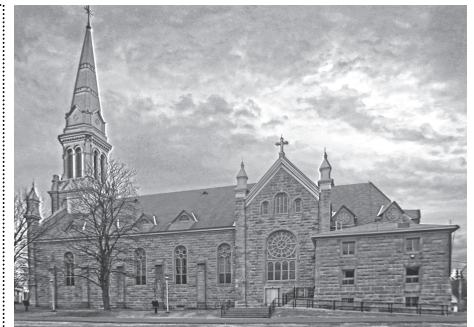
**RESURRECTION
OF THE LORD (C)
27 MARCH, 2016**



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.
Weekdays except Mondays: 7:30 a.m.



EASTER – WHAT WE CELEBRATE EVERY SUNDAY

Purpose of the Mass

In everything we do in life, it is essential to understand the goal or purpose, if we want to participate in a fruitful manner. In the Catholic Mass, the goal of our worship is quite clearly directed at the praise of God and our prayer for the sanctification of the world. In fact, the Church puts these very words on the lips of her ministers and faithful at every celebration of the Eucharist. At the end of the Preparation of the Gifts, the priest says: "Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours...", and when we respond, we announce what the Mass is about: "May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands (1.) for the praise and glory of His name (2.) for our good and for the good all His holy Church." If we had those two ideas first and foremost in our minds when we celebrate Mass, it would completely transform the way we experience Mass.

Many people think that the Mass is about forming community. While there is an aspect of the Mass that does form community, community is a by-product of our genuine worship of God. If we come to Mass first and foremost to praise and worship God, our care for others is something that follows automatically. The Church has always tried to keep these two things in balance. Only then can our prayer and our care of neighbour be authentic. If we don't have care of neighbour in the Mass, then our words of praise are empty. If we don't have praise of God in our care of others, then our work is simply social work.

In our evaluation of Mass if we are able to say 'yes' to the questions: "Was God praised?" and "Is my praise of God leading me to care for others?" then we know that we have authentic worship of God.

Active Participation

Active participation is a concept promoted by Pope Pius X since 1903, a full 60 years before the Second Vatican Council ever used the term. The context for Pius X's understanding of active participation is a document that he issued in November of 1903 in which he said: "We deem it necessary to provide before anything else for the sanctity and dignity of the temple, in which the faithful assemble for no other object than that of acquiring this spirit from its foremost and indispensable font, which is the active participation in the most holy mysteries and in the public and solemn prayer of the Church." (Instruction on Sacred Music)

Since the time of Pius X's writings, the Church has been inspired by this idea of active participation. But, we should give some nuance to the term. In English, 'Active' suggests to us that we should be doing things, yet there is also a deeper meaning. The Italian word used in creating the document is *Attiva*, which is akin to *Attain*. The idea is that we attain deeper (actual/real/fully realized) participation in the liturgy.

In Vatican II's Constitution on the Divine Liturgy, the Church weaves the notion of active participation, together with full and conscious into her understanding. We should be engaged fully, conscious of what we are doing, aware of the liturgy's beauty and richness. This participation is first and foremost interior. Like Christ, we offer ourselves from our hearts, completely to the Father. Only then can our participation be full. We realize that we are participating in Christ's own prayer of praise to His Father, almost as if we were on the Lord's shirt tails, offering with Christ ourselves totally and completely to God the Father. If we were able to do that, our participation in the liturgy would be full, conscious and active.

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CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

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 and Katie Burke



Tuesday, March 29th

7:30 a.m. Joan Bates by the family

Wednesday, March 30th

7:30 a.m. Florence Barrett by Gerald Flaherty
 8:45 a.m. St. Columban School Mass

Thursday, March 31st

7:30 a.m. Beatrice Taillon by Irene Jodoin

First Friday, April 01st

7:30 a.m. Monica Sauve by Alfie & Annie McDonald
 8:00 a.m. **Adoration**
 9:15 a.m. Bishop Macdonell School Mass

First Saturday, April 02nd

7 – 7:25 a.m. Confessions
 8:00 a.m. In Thanksgiving for Prayers Received through
 Our Lady Undoer of Knots
 3 – 4 p.m. Confessions
 5:30 p.m. Dianna Desrosiers by the family

Sunday, April 03rd

7:30 a.m. Intentions of Parishioners
 9:30 a.m. Jacques Lebrun by Grace Lafleche
 11:00 a.m. Jack Welch by Jean & Anne Welch
 3:00 p.m. **Divine Mercy Hour**



FIRST SATURDAY – 2 APRIL
 Confessions 7 to 7:25 a.m. Rosary at 7:30 a.m.
 Mass at 8 a.m. Come & pray.

PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED ON EASTER MONDAY

HOOR OF DIVINE MERCY 3 P.M., SUNDAY, 3 APRIL

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.

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 Saint Faustina, receive Holy Communion in a state of grace on Divine Mercy Sunday, with trust in our Lord's great mercy.



IN THE PARISH

COLLECTION 13 MARCH, 2016 – THANK YOU

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| \$3,076.05 Sunday Env. | \$ 35.00 Flowers |
| 302.40 Loose | \$138.75 Candles |
| \$3,378.45 Total | \$ 50.00 Books |
| \$1,264.00 Dev. & Peace | \$ 10.00 Vocation Sunday |

**EASTER MESSAGE
 TO THE BELOVED PEOPLE OF GOD**

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ

Since the beginning of Lent forty days ago, we have been preparing for this day. Today we gather together to celebrate the risen Lord. Our life would be meaningless without the resurrection of Christ.

Our Savior, Jesus Christ, has conquered death and everything that diminishes the Divine life in us and among us. His resurrection from the dead is not simply a fact of history to be retold at Easter. It is a mystery to be lived daily. As Christians, we are just as inspired by the presence of Jesus among us as those who first saw the empty tomb. Like them, we know that Jesus is not found among the dead. He lives among us in the community gathered to celebrate the Eucharist. He lives in the Gospel proclaimed by word and deed. Through the Sacraments of the Church, He gathers disciples, heals the sick, reconciles sinners and calls us to service. In the Church's outreach, it is the hand of Jesus that lifts up the poor, feeds the hungry, shelters the homeless and visits the confined. In these ways, and many other ways, we give witness to the mystery of Jesus living among us. Indeed, we become the Body of Christ for the world.

This great Easter mystery cannot be lived in isolation because no one is an island. It requires the bonds of community to support us and to challenge us. Every Sunday the Church gathers as the Body of Christ at the table of God's Word and celebration of the Eucharist, the source and summit of our life in Christ. We gather every Sunday as active participants in the life of our Resurrected Lord.

We wish you blessings in this Easter season and every day. We pray that our Risen Lord will be revealed to you in Word and Sacrament, in the love of family, friends and Church, in the witness of charity and holiness of life.

We sincerely wish you a blessed Easter celebration today and every day.

Jesus Is Risen. Alleluia

REMAIN BLESSED.

*Rev. Fr. Ernest Emeka Emeodi
 and the Parish Leadership Team
 Bill Brown, Anne Gauthier, Richard Pilon, Don Smith*



FIRST FRIDAY, 1 APRIL - ADORATION
 after 7:30 a.m. Mass, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed with a time of Adoration, prayer, Scripture & meditation, closing with Benediction

ARCHBISHOP'S EASTER MESSAGE 2016

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Images of the Passion of Jesus have an extraordinary hold on our imaginations. Faith tells us why this is so: we can identify the sufferings of our loved ones and our own with His. Just as Jesus carried His Cross, so we carry ours. The message of Easter—of the resurrection of Jesus - takes us beyond the Cross to the joy and hope that come from knowing the Risen Lord. God moves us to marvel at the love Our Lord had for the entire world as He gave Himself out of love to redeem sinners.

In our Easter faith, Jesus goes forth to encounter His disciples and every man, woman and child throughout the ages, including our own. He comes and shares with us his joy, peace, the Holy Spirit and the special gift of Himself “in the breaking of the bread”—in Holy Communion. With this in mind, we reread this Easter how Jesus revealed Himself to the disciples in so many touching ways.

All the resurrection accounts hint at the reversal of the tragedy of Jesus' death. In Luke's account the message of the angels takes on a challenging tone, “why do you look for the living among the dead?” There is an incompatibility now between Jesus and death. He shares eternal life with God and offers it to those who believe.

Jesus commissions Mary as the “apostle (the one sent) to the apostles”, to bring the good news of the resurrection to the world. He asks us to do the same today.

The Canadian government is working on legislation to permit euthanasia and assisted suicide. A person contemplating assisted suicide often fears physical pain, does not want to be a burden on family or friends, recoils at the thought of being dependent on others for care and dreads the idea of dying alone. These are genuine fears but as Catholic Christians we know that we have solutions for these anxieties grounded in our faith in Christ's Passion and Resurrection, and in reason. With accessible palliative care we can manage pain and the supportive presence and prayers of family and friends comforts and alleviates the fear of being alone for those facing their final days and hours of life.

The spiritual care of the Church and its members, ordained clergy and lay faithful, are important acts of accompaniment in life's final stages where we too can witness to the life affirming power of Christ's defeat of final death.

My wish is that in this Jubilee Year of Mercy we all experience anew the joy of Easter and discover fresh ways to share this Good News of Jesus' resurrection.

Sincerely yours in Christ, ✠ *Terrence Prendergast, S.J.*, Apostolic Administrator, Diocese of Alexandria-Cornwall



IN THE PARISH

CHICKEN DINNER FUNDRAISER FOR THE PATRONS OF ST. COLUMBAN FOUNDATION - 4:30 TO 6:30 P.M., SUNDAY, 10 APRIL
FOR RESTORATION OF OUR HISTORIC ST. COLUMBAN'S CHURCH.

Hosted by Royal Canadian Legion Branch 297, 415 2nd St. W. Tickets (\$12.) available after masses April 2-3 weekend. Also from Foundation members, at the parish office during office hours, at the Legion or call Brian Lynch at 613-933-8353.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE FINANCE COUNCIL AND THE PATRON'S OF ST. COLUMBAN FOUNDATION
7 P.M., WEDNESDAY, 30 MARCH

in the upper room of the church. All parishioners are invited to come for this annual financial update of our parish.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE GENERAL MEETING - 7 P.M., TUESDAY, 5 APRIL.

Bring Kleenex for Hospice and loose change for Baldwin House. All women welcome to come & see what the CWL is all about.

NEXT STEPS AS INTENTIONAL DISCIPLES

During Lent some parishioners enjoyed participating in the first 5 sessions of the exciting new video-based Catholic series SYMBOLON. Augustine Institute has professionally produced a top-notch series using the best Catholic presenters, many of whom are seminary professors. For the next phase of the series, some additional parishioners who participated in the CCO DISCOVERY pilot last autumn will join the **SYMBOLON** group and **YOU ARE ALSO INVITED**. To accommodate a greater number of parishioners and to be accessible, the group will meet in the Church on **Thursdays at 7:15 p.m.** (90 minutes on average). Registration is free; handouts are available at a nominal cost. Attend our **COME & SEE' NIGHT 7:15 PM, THURS., 7 APRIL**

IN THE DIOCESE

WORKSHOP ON THE CHURCH'S TEACHING ON MARRIAGE: WHAT HAS CHANGED UNDER POPE FRANCIS--7 P.M. 5 APR.
at St. Francis de Sales Parish Hall. Led by Chad Glendinning, Professor, faculty of Canon Law at St. Paul's Univ., Ottawa

WOMEN'S MORNING OF REFLECTION 9:30-12, SAT. 2 APR at Charles-Emile Claude Centre. Speaker Dr. Sally Grant.

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