

PASSION/PALM

SUNDAY

29 MARCH, 2015

I will tell of Your name to  
my brothers and sisters; in  
the midst of the assembly  
I will praise You.

# St. Columban Parish

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

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**Weekdays except Tuesdays:** 7:30 a.m.

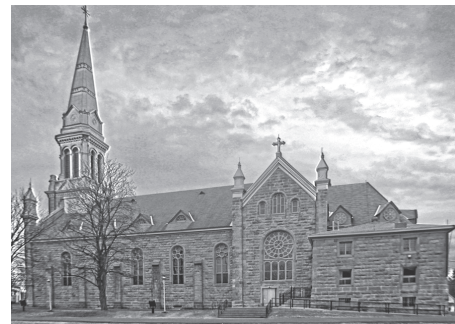
## Today's Readings:

John 12:12-16  
Isaiah 50:4-7  
Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24  
Philippians 2:6-11  
Mark 14:1-15:47

Hosanna!  
Blessed is the One  
Who comes in the  
name of the Lord!

## Further Reflection from the Catechism:

CCC: 1820-1821, 2016  
CCCC: 387, 540, 543  
YOUCAT: 308, 342



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By appointment  
1 month in advance

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Please give 6 months notice

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## THE SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION: SOME EFFECTS & BENEFITS

This is the time of year when many are preparing to complete their Sacraments of Initiation. The Sacraments of Initiation launch us into a lifelong journey of discipleship and service. What are some of the benefits and responsibilities of a fully initiated Catholic?

In **Baptism**, all of our prior sins are forgiven. We are made a new creation as an adopted son/daughter of God. The Most Holy Trinity dwells within us. We receive power to live and act under the prompting of the Holy Spirit. It enables us to grow in goodness through the moral virtues. We become members of the Body of Christ and are incorporated into His Church.

The Sacrament of **Confirmation** brings an increase and deepening of Baptismal grace, uniting us more firmly to Christ. It increases the gift of the Holy Spirit in us. It renders our bond with the Church more perfect. It gives us a special strength of the Holy Spirit to spread and defend the faith by word and action as true witnesses of Christ, to confess the name of Christ, boldly, and never to be ashamed of the Cross.

Devout, regular participation in Holy **Eucharist** fosters intimate union with Jesus. It preserves, increases, and renews the life of grace received at Baptism. It nourishes us spiritually as food nourishes the body. Eucharist cleanses us from venial sins and preserves us from future venial and mortal sins. It strengthens our charity. It enables us to break our disordered attachments. It helps us to progress in friendship with Jesus. It also unites us to each other and commits us to the poor.

## A Catholic's Responsibilities Include (where possible):

- To pray daily and to grow in my relationship with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- To participate in Mass every Sunday and all holy days of obligation.
- To ask God what His will is for my life and to "Do whatever He tells me."
- To receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation at least yearly, especially at Easter.
- To receive Jesus in the Eucharist at least once a year, especially at Easter.
- If I am called to marriage, to be married in the Church and to raise my children Catholic, teaching them the faith, and raising them as disciples of Jesus Christ.
- To support the needs of the Church through my talent, time, treasure, and prayers.
- To be a witness of Christ in my thoughts, words, and deeds to my family, friends, classmates, coworkers, strangers, and to all I meet.
- To teach others about Jesus and help others to be disciples of Jesus.
- To assist those who are in most need in my daily life and in my community.
- To pray Scripture and the teaching of the Church in order to make my decisions about my life and to promote the common good of society that reflect the life and teachings of Jesus as expressed by the Catholic Church.
- Abstain from meat on Fridays of Lent & fast on Ash Wednesday & Good Friday.
- Abstain from meat or perform another penance or prayer on all Fridays of the year.

*Have a blessed Holy Week!*

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**CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES**

**Saturday, 28 March**

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

**Sunday, 29 March Passion Sunday**

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

**Monday, 30 March**

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

**Tuesday, 31 March**

7:00 p.m. Chrism Mass St. Finnan's Cathedral, Alexandria

**Wednesday, 1 April**

7:30 a.m. LouAnna MacDougall by Scott & Jamie MacDougall

**Thursday, 2 April**

**MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

7:00 p.m. Ranauld MacDonell by Isabel & Sandra Lalonde  
**AFTER MASS - ADORATION UNTIL MIDNIGHT**

**Friday, 3 April - CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION**

3 p.m. Passion of the Lord Good Friday Service  
 7 p.m. Stations of the Cross: Joint Service at Trinity Anglican Church

**Saturday, 4 April**

**EASTER VIGIL**

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions  
 6:15 – 6:45 p.m. Confessions  
 8:00 p.m. Cyril Ridal by Alfie McDonald

**Easter Sunday, 5 April RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

7:30 a.m. Intentions of the parishioners  
 9:30 a.m. Suzan Smith by Mom Lorena & family  
 11:00 a.m. Harry & Gary Bingley by Ethel Bingley

**Monday, 6 April**

7:30 a.m. Souls in Purgatory by a parishioner

**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. Tickets \$12. available after weekend Masses **28/29 March & 11/12 April**, at our parish office during office hours; at the Legion; from Foundation members or call Brian at 613-933-8353.

Many parishioners have mentioned that they enjoyed celebrating the 12:10 Mass with the children on Ash Wednesday  
*Parishioners are welcome to join the children at their*  
**SCHOOL EASTER MASSES – IN THE CHURCH**  
 Bishop McDonnell Mass - 9 a.m., Friday, April 10  
 St Columban Mass - 8:45 a.m., Wednesday, April 15

**PARISH FINANCES**

**COLLECTION 15 MARCH, 2015 - THANK YOU**

Sunday	\$3,609.25	Flowers	\$23.00
Loose	412.36	Initial Offering	10.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,021.61</b>	Candles	116.90
New Year	\$ 10.00	Book Table	23.30
		Dev & Peace	125.00

**PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED ON EASTER MONDAY**

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

A bus is available (free) for all who wish to attend. Bus will leave Blessed Sacrament Church parking lot at 6 p.m. and returns after the celebration. Call 613-932-2996 Monday (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.) to request a seat.

**GOOD FRIDAY – APRIL 3<sup>RD</sup>  
 IS A DAY OF FASTING AND ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT.**

**GOOD FRIDAY**

**PONTIFICAL COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY LAND**

Cardinal Leonardo Sandri asked that Catholics provide spiritual support through prayers and material assistance to their brethren suffering from persecution in the Middle East, and support the Good Friday collection.

In this way, the cardinal said, Catholics can "become promoters of dialogue through peace, prayer and sharing of burdens." Cardinal Sandri is the prefect of the Congregation for Eastern Churches, which is jointly responsible with the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land for administering the funds collected on Good Friday.

Sixty-five per cent of the funds go to the Franciscan Custody, which then invests the money in maintaining or developing shrines associated with the life of Jesus Christ as well as providing services like pastoral care for Catholics, maintaining schools and charitable organisations and training future priests in the Franciscan Order.

The Congregation receives 35% of the collection, which is then used for projects in the Holy Land, Cyprus, Syria, Lebanon, Egypt, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Turkey, Iran and Iraq.

**REST IN THE PEACE & LOVE OF THE LORD**  
 Kevin Villeneuve, Rita Kearns, William Coleman  
 and all who have died.

**JOINT SERVICE (ST. COLUMBAN'S & TRINITY ANGLICAN)  
 STATIONS OF THE CROSS – GOOD FRIDAY**

The Service this year will be held at Trinity Anglican Church at 7 p.m.  
 Please park at Time Square across from the church.  
*Our parish has a long-standing custom of sharing these events with our neighbouring Anglican brothers and sisters.*



*All are encouraged to participate.*

## IN OUR PARISH



### THE DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

can be prayed at any time, but our Lord asked specifically that we pray it **FOR THE 9 DAYS BEFORE THE FEAST OF MERCY (SUNDAY, 12 APRIL)**

Jesus added: *"By this novena, I will grant every possible grace to souls."*

We are to **BEGIN ON GOOD FRIDAY**, that day when Christ first revealed how merciful and loving He was by dying for us! Graces are attached to the **CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** which we are encouraged to pray each day as well.

**PAMPHLETS / BOOKLETS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE BOOKTABLE**

### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY – 12 APRIL

#### 3 P.M. PRAYER SERVICE – HOUR OF DIVINE MERCY

Bring a friend to share in the 'ocean of graces' available to us that day. (See #699 - Diary, for Jesus' promises).

#### PLENARY INDULGENCE

#### FOR DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

To ensure that the faithful would observe this day with intense devotion, the Holy Father established a plenary indulgence so that the faithful might receive in great abundance the gift of consolation of the Holy Spirit. In this way they can foster a growing love for God and for neighbour, and after they have obtained God's pardon, they, in turn, might show a prompt pardon to their brothers and sisters. The plenary indulgence is granted under the usual conditions (**CONFESSION, COMMUNION, AND PRAYER FOR THE INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER**), who, on Divine Mercy Sunday, in any church or chapel, take part in prayers and devotions held in honor of Divine Mercy, or, who, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed or reserved in the tabernacle, recite the *Our Father* and the *Creed*, adding a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus (e.g. *Merciful Jesus, I trust in You!*)



Confessions available from 2 to 4 p.m. You are encouraged to go **PRIOR TO SUNDAY**, as we have only one confessor. **Divine Mercy materials** will be available on the Booktable. Fr. Jerome & Deacon Marcel will gladly bless items after the service.

*Fr. Jerome invites you to attend a*

#### MEETING OF PARISHIONERS FOR DISCUSSIONS ON

- The possibility of holding a Summer Social
- The future of our annual Harvest Supper
- Other events (fresh ideas are welcome)
- Our Parish & The New Evangelization

**7 P.M., THURSDAY, APRIL 9TH**

Parish Activity Centre (upstairs Agape Bldg)

*Please Pray / Come / Get Involved / You Are Needed*

### THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC MISSION – ON VISION TV

*"Beware the Holy Spirit!"*

**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.

## MESSAGE FROM POPE FRANCIS

VATICAN CITY, March 13, 2015

God will forgive everything, always, and never tires of doing so. During his homily at the Penitential Liturgy in St. Peter's Basilica, the Holy Father told the faithful there's only one we need to forgive our sins: God, who will pardon our every sin if we turn to Him.



"To be touched with tenderness from His hand and shaped by His grace allows us, therefore, to approach the priest without fear for our sins, but with the certainty of being received by him in the name of God, and understood in spite of our miseries." "Coming out of the confessional, we will feel its strength that restores life and returns us to enthusiasm of faith. We have one real confessor, and He defends us always!"

The Sacrament of Reconciliation, he said, allows the faithful to draw near to God and be certain of his forgiveness. "He really is rich in mercy," he stressed. "He extends it abundantly to those who turn to Him with a sincere heart." Recalling St. Paul's words, the Pope said the Apostle reminds us, "God never ceases to show the richness of His mercy throughout the ages. The transformation of the heart that leads us to confess our sins is 'God's gift.' It is 'His work.'"

Recalling how Jesus washed away the sins of the sinful woman in today's Gospel, the Pope said despite her being a public sinner, she was forgiven. "He forgives all! When God forgives, He forgets," the Pontiff said. "It's a great gift." Pope Francis said this woman really met the Lord. "For her," he pointed out, "there will be no judgment except that which comes from God, and this is the judgment of mercy."

"The call of Jesus pushes each of us to never stop at the surface of things, especially when we are dealing with a person," he said. "We are called to look beyond, to focus on the heart to see how much generosity everyone is capable." "No one can be excluded from the mercy of God; everyone knows the way to access it and the Church is the house that welcomes all and no one refuses," he said. "No one can be excluded from the mercy of God."

The larger and greater the sin, the Holy Father stressed, the larger and greater the love that the Church expresses to those who turn to it, seeking conversion. "He is never scared of our sins!"

The Holy Father reminded those gathered of the prodigal son and how the father welcomes his son. "He will hug you with great love. Don't be afraid!"

Pope Francis also announced that starting *December 8, the Immaculate Conception, and ending Nov. 20, 2016*, there will be an **Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy.**

"I am convinced that the whole Church, because we all are sinners, will find in this Jubilee joy to rediscover and make fruitful the mercy of God, with which we are all called to give consolation to every man and woman of our time."

The Holy Father concluded, reminding those gathered how God always forgives all, and how we are to "walk with open hearts."

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