

4TH SUNDAY

IN LENT

30 MARCH 2014

**DURING LENT, THE CHURCH
WILL BE OPEN
FRIDAYS FROM
12 NOON TO 6 P.M.
FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO
COME AND PRAY**

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 4

Today's Readings:

1 Sam 16:1, 6–7, 10–13
Psalm 23:1–6
Ephesians 5:8–14
John 9:1–41

God's Word exhorts us to
always have a ready
answer for our faith.
Can you share our faith in
100 words?

Further Reflection from the Catechism:

CCC: 1865–1869
CCCC: 393, 7, 9, 400
YOUCAT: 315-320

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. We also recognized that each new generation brings with it certain challenges to receiving the Good News.

So, what is the Good News: Within the Catholic Church we have a veritable smorgasbord of spiritual treasures – a real feast that includes the Sacraments, Communion of Saints, Sacred Tradition, Sacred Scripture and so much more. But, just as babies start with milk, then move on to pabulum and eventually ever increasing varieties of solid food, people coming to faith in Christ are not ready for the plethora of solid spiritual food. Each of them, ourselves included, must begin with the basics.

THE KERYGMA (Core Gospel Message) in about 100 WORDS

- 1.) God made us for a loving relationship with Him, giving us free will so that we could freely choose to love Him.
- 2.) Abuse of free will, sin, broke that relationship, creating a humanly unbridgeable gap between us and God for all eternity.
- 3.) Through His passion, death on the Cross and resurrection, Jesus offers us a way to restore that relationship.
- 4.) Restoration is ours if we individually and freely accept Jesus as our Lord and Saviour. Such a decision normally implies Baptism, ongoing discipleship, participation in the worshipping community and bringing the Good News to others, all in the power of God's Spirit.

Culture plays an important role in how we hand on the faith. Our culture used to be immersed in the Christian faith. By virtue of that, to some degree the culture helped in the transmission of the faith from one generation to the next. In North America we can no longer rely on culture to fill that role. Because of that void, we have multiple generations that are, in many cases, Sacramentalized yet not well evangelized. People may know the routine to some degree, yet not have embraced a mature relationship with the Living God. We must approach matters in a different way, a personal way.

If we want the real deal and not to simply be going through the motions, we owe it to ourselves to understand the core Gospel message, embrace it and become comfortable in sharing it with a world that is starving for the right spiritual food.

Adapted from a presentation by Michael Dopp and from Pope Francis' Gaudium Evangelium



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

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CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

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

Tuesday, April 1st

7:30 a.m. Eleanor Morris by the family
 12:10 p.m. Marlene Sauve by Karen Wollenweber

Wednesday, April 2nd

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

Thursday, April 3rd

7:30 a.m. Reynald Desjardins by Ronald Cadieux
 12:10 p.m. Ron Johnson by Doug & Jane Anderson

Friday, April 4th

7:30 a.m. John Collins by Janet Surgeson & family
 8:00 a.m. Adoration

First Saturday, April 5th

7:00 – 7:25 a.m. Confessions
 8:00 a.m. Angelina Besaw by Mona Lebrano
 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions
 6:15 – 6:45 p.m. Confessions
 7:00 p.m. Germain, Andrew & Bernie Bissonnette by Albert & Aline

Sunday, April 6th

7:30 a.m. John Sampson by Chris & Pauline Chisholm
 9:30 a.m. Intentions of parishioners
 11:00 a.m. Yvon Berniquer by Paul Bissonnette

Monday, April 7th

7:30 a.m. Si Miller by Rod & Ann Martell

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION After 7:30 a.m. Mass, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed and a time of adoration, prayer, Scripture and meditation will follow. The hour closes with Benediction.



FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS – 5 APRIL

Rosary prayed at 7:30 a.m.
 Confessions 7 to 7:25 a.m. Mass at 8 a.m.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL – LENTEN FOOD DRIVE
5-6 APRIL – PLEASE DONATE SPAGHETTI OR PASTA

REST IN THE PEACE AND LOVE OF THE LORD
Claire Wilson, Rick de Zeeuw, Marguerite Wood
and all who have died.

SACRISTANS TRAINING FOR HOLY WEEK 1 P.M. MON., 7 APR.

In response to the interest indicated by several people at the recent Sacristans workshop, we will have a hands on practice session in the Church for the setups for Holy Week services. The practice will provide a relaxed setting for you to participate in setting up the various services through a guided step by step procedure. Invitation is open to all sacristans especially those who have already expressed interest in having a Holy Week rehearsal.

IN OUR PARISH

COLLECTION – 16 MARCH – THANK YOU

Sunday	\$4,124.75	Initial Offering	\$ 10.00
Loose	503.54	Book Store	231.10
Total	\$4,628.29	Candles	242.00
		Flowers	30.05

INCOME COMPARATIVE STATEMENT FOR JANUARY 2014

	YTD ACTUAL	YTD LAST YR.	DIFFERENCE
Revenue			
Sun.Collections	\$23,520.	\$24,643.	- 1,123.
Other Revenue	2,250.	2,333.	- 83.
Total Revenue	\$25,770.	\$26,976.	- \$ 1,206.
			(less income)
Expenses	\$27,764.	\$32,607.	- \$ 4,843.
			(less expenses)

INCOME COMPARATIVE STATEMENT FOR FEBRUARY 2014

	YTD ACTUAL	YTD LAST YR.	DIFFERENCE
Revenue			
Sun.Collections	\$42,163.	\$43,822.	- 1,659.
Other Revenue	6,768.	9,535.	- 2,767.
Total Revenue	\$48,931.	\$53,357.	- \$ 4,426.
			(less income)
Expenses	\$52,582.	\$59,516.	- \$ 6,934.
			(less expenses)

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 297 will host a
CHICKEN DINNER FUNDRAISER
for The Patrons of St. Columban Foundation



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

Invite family and friends to come for an enjoyable chicken dinner (chicken breast, mashed potatoes, vegetable, dessert, coffee or tea). At the same time you will be supporting the much needed restoration work on our historic Church.

Tickets \$10. available after Masses this weekend
 Tickets also available at the Parish Office (Mon. to Thurs. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.), or at the Legion. Everyone Welcome.

LIMITED NUMBER OF TICKETS. TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT, GET YOUR TICKETS TODAY.

We would like to honor in a special way
COUPLES CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES THIS YEAR
 in the multiples of 5, (i.e. 5,10,15, 20, 25 yrs. 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 (613-932-9616) during office hours.

4 SIGNS – 4 WEEKS

The first group study of the Matthew Kelly book **4 SIGNS OF A DYNAMIC CATHOLIC** has been completed. Four new sessions of a group study will begin on **THURSDAY, APRIL 3RD AT 7 P.M.** Do you have questions or ideas you want to discuss concerning this book? If you are interested in being part of a small group aiming to take a deeper look at the book and how it impacts your life, call Rick and Bernadette at 613-932-2872.

IN THE PARISH AND DIOCESE

LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICES

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

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE – PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY
"ONE HUMAN FAMILY, FOOD FOR ALL"

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

Bishop Brodeur Assembly 4th Degree Knights of Columbus hosts
BIG BREAKFAST – 8:30 A.M. TO 12:30 P.M., SUNDAY, 30 MAR.
in Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall (fruit, bacon, sausage, eggs, pancakes, home fries, toast, baked beans, orange juice, coffee).
Good will donation. All proceeds to Blessed Sacrament Parish

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish is hosting a
SUGAR BUSH BRUNCH – 10:30 A.M.–1 P.M., SUNDAY, 30 MARCH
at the Chrysler Community Centre
Admission \$12. adults & teens; \$5. for children 5 to 11

BISHOP PIX MOVIE SERIES – POPE JOHN PAUL II

PORT THEATRE: 7:15 P.M. 4 TO 10 APR. + MON. MATINÉE 7 APR.
On April 27th, Pope Francis will preside at the canonization of Blessed John Paul II & Blessed John XXIII. To commemorate this historic event, we are screening Pope John Paul II. This movie brings the amazing story of Karol Wojtyla up close & personal (his struggles in Nazi-occupied Poland, his dealings with Russians & his election, at the age of 58, as the first non-Italian pope in 455 years). Bishop Marcel will introduce the movie on opening night at 7 p.m. & Fr. Kevin Maloney, who will lead a pilgrimage to Rome for the canonization, will introduce the Matinée.

CELTIC SPRING CONCERT – 1:30 TO 3 P.M., SUNDAY, 6 APRIL
at St. Anthony's, Apple Hill. Entertainment will be provided by local talent. Light refreshments. Free will offering

WOMEN'S MORNING OF REFLECTION

9:30 A.M. TO NOON, SATURDAY, 5 APRIL
at the Charles- Emile Claude Centre. Bishop Marcel Damphousse, will be the main celebrant & guest speaker. His talk is "Vocations". Morning includes Mass, Confession, a light breakfast, & the rosary. A free will offering of \$5 is appreciated.

CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE FOR TEENS – TORONTO

Over 2000 young people (Grades 8 to 12) will gather to celebrate and grow their faith. The Diocese will be taking a group of 44 youth, (4 to 6 July), accompanied by adult chaperones and Bishop Marcel Damphousse. For more info. and registration (\$50 discount if registered by 27 March), contact Sr. Francine at info@acgoes2to.ca and www.alexandria-cornwall.ca.

BEING JESUS' DISCIPLES DOES NOT MEAN LIVING AS A BESIEGED CITADEL

Vatican City, 19 January 2014 (VIS) –



Pope Francis commented on the Gospel reading in which St. John the Evangelist narrates the encounter between Jesus and the Baptist by the River Jordan. The Baptist sees Jesus move through the crowd and recognises Him as God's envoy, exclaiming, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!". "The verb translated as 'take away' literally means 'relieve', 'take upon oneself'", explained the Pontiff. "Jesus came into the world with a precise mission: to free it from the bondage of sin, taking upon Himself the guilt of humanity. How? Through love. There is no other way of defeating evil and sin other than through love, which leads to giving one's own life for others. In John the Baptist's account, Jesus has the features of the Servant of the Lord, who 'has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows' unto death on the Cross". In the Jordan the Baptist encounters a man "who lines up with the sinners to be baptised, even though he has no need. A man who God has sent to the world as a sacrificial lamb. In the New Testament, the word 'lamb' is recurrent, used always with reference to Jesus. This image of the lamb appears surprising; indeed, an animal that is certainly not characterised by strength or robustness takes upon its shoulders such an oppressive burden. The great weight of evil is removed and taken away by a weak and fragile creature, a symbol of obedience, docility and defenceless love, to the point of self-sacrifice. The lamb does not dominate, but instead it is docile; it is peaceful, not aggressive; it does not show its claws or bare its teeth when faced with attackers, but instead suffers and submits. And this is how Jesus is: like a lamb". "What does it mean for the Church, for us today, to be disciples of Jesus, lamb of God?" asked Pope Francis. "It is a good task! As Christians we must replace malice with innocence, force with love, pride with humility, and prestige with service. Being disciples of the Lamb means living not like a besieged citadel, but rather as a city set on a mountain, open, welcoming and supportive. It does not mean adopting a closed attitude, but rather proposing the Gospel to all, showing by the witness of our lives that following Jesus makes us freer and more joyful".

NATIONAL CATHOLIC MISSION – VISION TV

This year's Mission reviews past Missions & looks at how the hurts & cruelties we inevitably experience during the first half of our lives, at school, home & work, may be a source of the anger and resentment we feel in our later years. It will offer a pathway to help us rediscover a mellow and compassionate heart..

6 p.m. and repeated at 10 p.m.

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