

**4TH SUNDAY OF
LENT (C)
06 MARCH, 2016**

We are ambassadors
for Christ ... Be
reconciled to God.

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.
Lent weekdays except Mondays: 7:30 a.m., 12:10 p.m.

GOD'S LOVE LETTER

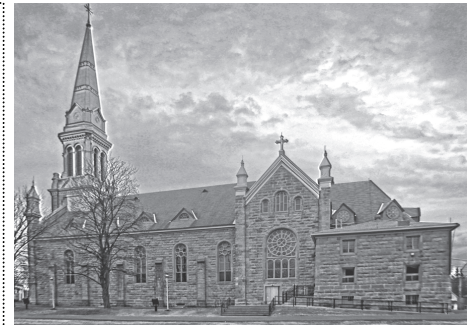
Our God is loving and seeks to communicate with us; one of the main ways that He does that is through the Sacred Scriptures. The Bible is more of a library than a single book, consisting of 73 books (46 in the Old Testament and 27 in the New Testament) in three languages by many different authors over multiple time periods. All of these books have God as their co-author and together they tell the Great Story of God's plan of salvation.

Some Key Points:

1. The books of the Bible have God as their author and culminate in the person of Christ. Christ is foreshadowed in the Old Testament and revealed in the New Testament.
2. The early Church used criteria / Apostolic Tradition to discern the canon (list of books). To be included in the New Testament, the Church examined texts to see if they were orthodox (teaching true Christian doctrine), universal (used throughout the Christian world), liturgical (read aloud in the liturgy) and apostolic (from an apostle or from someone taught by an apostle). Books were included in the canon because they were inspired by the Holy Spirit; the Church discerned the canon. Protestants have a shorter Old Testament canon than Catholics. This is due to a wrong assumption made by the reformer Martin Luther. Luther looked at the dominant Jewish canon of his day and assumed that it had been that way since before the time of Christ. That was not the case; in fact the Jewish canon was very fluid and some Jews were using the full canon as was discerned by the Catholic Church.
Although the popular media today likes to talk about the so-called Gnostic Gospels; those were written about 200 A.D. and later. They are very far removed from the life of Christ and His apostles, and they contain strange ideas that are not always compatible with God's revealed truth. The Gospels contained in the Scriptures were compiled within one generation of Christ's lifetime and are trustworthy.
3. All Scripture is inspired by God (human & divine cooperating authors.) God did not override the freedom that He'd given to the Bible writers. The human authors were authors in the true sense; they made use of their powers and abilities. Yet God inspired them to convey what He intended - no more, no less.
4. We read the Bible literarily, considering genres, context, and modes of narrating rather than strictly literally. For example, when the Bible clearly uses poetry, we don't treat it as literal, yet when a Gospel writer speaks of Jesus rising from the dead, we know that he is conveying a metaphysical truth - Jesus rose bodily from the dead.



5. When we interpret the Bible correctly, it teaches the Truth.



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CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

First Saturday, March 05th

7 – 7:25 a.m. Confessions
8:00 a.m. Intentions given to Our lady Undoer of Knots
3 – 4 p.m. Confessions
5:30 p.m. Bert & Sue Taillon by Helen Schweitzer

Sunday, March 06th

7:30 a.m. Intentions of parishioners
9:30 a.m. Jack Clancey by John & Janice Meyer
11:00 a.m. Pauline Boileau (31st Anniv. of death) by
Diane & Gilles Lafrance

Tuesday, March 08th

7:30 a.m. Jacques Lebrun by David & Lisa Herjavec
12:10 p.m. Marian & John Kelly by Angus Kelly

Wednesday, March 09th

7:30 a.m. Eileen Mondoux by the family
12:10 p.m. Gerald Hart by cousin Elaine Lebrun

Thursday, March 10th

7:30 a.m. Souls in Purgatory by a parishioner
12:10 p.m. John Allan McGillis by the CDSBEO

Friday, March 11th

7:30 a.m. Dr. Rodolphe Lavigne by Shannon Bellefeuille
12:10 p.m. Gene Schweitzer by Helen Schweitzer
5:15 p.m. *Stations of the Cross*

Saturday, March 12th

3 – 4 p.m. Confessions
5:30 p.m. Fred & Evelyn Upton by Angus Kelly

Sunday, March 13th

7:30 a.m. Intentions of parishioners
9:30 a.m. Sylvia Etwell Shaver (22nd Anniv. of death) by
daughter Kelly Poitras & family
11:00 a.m. Maria Rosa Vincelli by the Vincelli Family
12:30 p.m. *Baptisms*

COMMUNION STATIONS ARE LOCATED

CENTRE FRONT AND HALFWAY DOWN CENTRE AISLE
Please exit pews from the centre aisle and return by
side aisles. Thank you.

*Fasting makes sense if it really chips away at our
security & as a consequence benefits someone else,
if it helps us cultivate the style of the good Samaritan,
who bent down to his brother in need
and took care of him.*
Pope Francis

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
5:15 P.M. - FRIDAYS DURING LENT.

IN THE PARISH

COLLECTION 21 FEBRUARY, 2016 – THANK YOU

\$3,465.00 Sunday Env.	\$ 15.00 New Year's
292.60 Loose	\$136.10 Candles
\$3,757.60 Total	\$ 5.00 Initial Offering
	\$157.95 Books
\$ 755.00 Flowers	\$ 5.00 Prop. of the Faith

2016 CHRISM MASS

There is lots new about this year's Chrism Mass, including a *new celebrant, a new day and a new church.*

Please join Archbishop Terrence Prendergast and the priests in the diocese, for the annual blessing of the oils at the Chrism Mass. These oils will be distributed to the parishes of the Diocese of Alexandria-Cornwall for use during the coming year. At this special Mass all our priests are given the opportunity to renew their priestly promises during the Liturgy. General seating is available to those who would like to attend.

7 P.M., MONDAY, 21 MARCH
AT ST. COLUMBAN'S CHURCH

WE RETURN TO DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME
SUNDAY 13 MARCH
MOVE CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR SAT. NIGHT

PARISH SUPPER – SUNDAY, 20 MARCH
Irish stew at a family price.
Plan now to attend. Tickets sold at the door.

LENTEN ALMS GIVING

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE - SHARE LENT 2016
Each year during Lent, Canadian Catholics are invited to stand in solidarity with communities in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East who are struggling for dignity and justice. Please give generously by using your D & P envelope.
Make cheque payable to St. Columban Parish.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY LENTEN FOOD DRIVE
*"Whoever is generous will be blessed because he shares
his food with the poor" Proverbs 22.9*

GOOD FRIDAY – 25 MARCH
COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY LAND
This year, the Papal Collection for the Holy Places will be held on Good Friday. Christians living in the Holy Land today are descendants to those who first believed and lived the Christian faith. Christians in the Holy Land face special challenges - many of which we hear about in the daily news. This collection offers all Catholics an opportunity to express their solidarity with Christians in the Holy Land.

IN THE DIOCESE AND COMMUNITY

PALLIATIVE CARE OR PHYSICIAN ASSISTED SUICIDE

Whether you want to watch the talks again, or share them with others or see what you missed you can now do so by purchasing the DVD (\$3 to cover the cost of making the DVD) at the Catholic Information Centre, 146 Chevrier

NEW EVANGELIZATION SUMMIT – 15/16 APRIL

Live-streamed to the Agora Centre. Speakers Sherry Weddell, author of *Forming Intentional Disciples*, Christopher West, expert on the Theology of the Body, Dr. Peter Kreeft, convert & author, Angele Regnier, co-founder of CCO, Fr. Raniero Cantalamessa, preacher to the Papal household & more. Music, prayer & socializing Fri. evening & all day Sat. with lunch included.

Register online at www.newevangelization.ca

For help or questions, call Marilyn at 613-703-7823.

DROUGHT CRISIS IN AFRICA

There is a severe and ongoing drought in many parts of Africa. By some estimates, more than 40 million Africans in a dozen countries are now in need of humanitarian assistance because of food shortages that have expanded from the Horn of Africa to South Sudan and into the farthest corners of southern Africa. For whatever reason it has barely made a blip on our radar screen. Please don't wait until it's too late to give.

REGISTRATION OPEN

FOR STEUBENVILLE TORONTO 22-24 JULY

Canada's largest Catholic Youth Conference. on campus at UOIT in Oshawa, Ont. - Register at www.steubenvilletoronto.com for teens entering Grade 9 next Sept. For more information contact Sister Francine at fguilmette@alexandria-cornwall.ca

K of C 755, 205 Amelia St.

FISH AND CHIPS - \$10/PERSON

4 TO 7:30 P.M., GOOD FRIDAY, 25 MARCH

K of C, St. Francis de Sales Parish

ROAST BEEF DINNER, 5 P.M., THURSDAY, 10 MARCH

in the Parish Hall. Adults \$10, Children \$5

PRO-LIFE CORNWALL SPAGHETTI SUPPER

4:30 TO 7 P.M., SUNDAY, 13 MARCH

This year the supper will be held at the Agora Catholic Centre (former Nativity Hall). Cost \$8/person – under age 12 are free. Take out orders available. Donations of desserts appreciated and if you can volunteer any time to help at the dinner, we would be grateful. Come and enjoy a great meal with family and friends. If you are able to help in any way please contact prolife@cogeco.net or call Joan at 613-931-2087.

HOLY YEAR OF MERCY PILGRIMAGE

17-30 SEPTEMBER

Escorted by Fr. Kevin Maloney and Donna Flanigan to Lourdes, Santander, Santiago de Compostela, Fatima, Batalha, Alcobaca, Lisbon, Rome (includes attendance of the Papal Audience)

For more details, contact Donna at 613-938-6969

"DOORS OF MERCY" IN ALEXANDRIA-CORNWALL

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

"Jesus Christ is the face of the Father's Mercy". With these words Pope Francis invited everyone to take part in a special Jubilee Year of Mercy. It began last Dec. 8, the Solemnity of Mary's Immaculate Conception & will end on Nov. 20 this year, the Solemnity of Christ the King. Mercy is "the bridge that connects God and humanity, opening our hearts to the hope of being loved forever despite our sinfulness," the Holy Father wrote in *Misericordiae Vultus* (The Face of Mercy) instituting the Year of Mercy. I invite each Catholic to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation—to go to Confession at least once during the Year of Mercy. Pope Francis continually reminds us that we may tire of asking God for pardon & mercy, but He never tires of showing us mercy. Then, in gratitude for God's forgiveness let us show mercy to those in need. I am inviting each Catholic of our Diocese of Alexandria-Cornwall who is able to do so to perform some-time during this special year one corporal work of mercy & one spiritual work of mercy. Pope Francis has given each diocese the privilege of designating "Doors of Mercy" in the cathedral or other church. Traditionally such a sacred door represents the passage to salvation as well as the entryway to God's mercy. There are 7 permanent Holy Doors in the world, including the one at Notre Dame Basilica in Quebec City. These doors are normally sealed from the inside & are opened during jubilee years when those who travel to the Holy Door or Door of Mercy on a spiritual journey (known as "pilgrims") can enter through them to gain a plenary indulgence connected with the jubilee. After discussion with the priests who make up the College of Consultors, I have designated in the Alexandria-Cornwall Diocese 2 doors of Mercy in St. Finnan's Cathedral, Alexandria & in Sainte-Croix Church in Cornwall. Pilgrims are encouraged to pass through this special door during the Year of Mercy, thinking not only of God's mercy for each of us but also of ways they can be charitable to those around them. After passing through the designated door, pilgrims are called to complete their pilgrimage by receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Holy Communion, professing the faith by reciting the Creed & praying for the Holy Father's intentions. They can do this to obtain a personal indulgence or in the name of one of the deceased. Shortly, information about indulgences & how to share in these spiritual riches will be made available in each parish & details will be posted on the diocesan website (alexandria-cornwall.ca). I hope many Catholics, including those who have become distant from the church, will make a pilgrimage to pass through one of our Doors of Mercy. You are invited to do this individually or with fellow parishioners, members of a parish or Catholic association. Let us invoke Mary's intercession that many may come to know more deeply the joy of God's compassion and loving forgiveness and be able to pass it on to others in good works during this Year of Mercy.

Terrence Prendergast, S.J. Apostolic Administrator

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