

**6TH SUNDAY**

**OF EASTER**

**25 MAY 2014**

“If you love Me, you will keep My Commandments. And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Advocate to be with you forever.”

# 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.**

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

## Today's Readings:

Acts 8:5–8, 14–17  
Psalm 66:1–7, 16, 20  
1 Peter 3:15–18  
John 14:15–21

“Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.”

## Further Reflection

### from the Catechism:

CCC: 1289, 1299, 1303  
CCCC: 265–266, 270  
YOUCAT: 204–205

## CELEBRATING FIRST COMMUNION

*This weekend we rejoice with our Grade 2 students as they prayerfully receive the Sacrament of First Communion.*

Along with Baptism and Confirmation, these Sacraments are collectively known as Sacraments of Initiation; they help us to enter into the life of Christ and His Church. Sacraments are special moments of grace – encounters with God Himself – using outward signs to convey interior, otherwise largely unseen realities.

**Baptism** is sometimes referred to as “the gate”, the normal means by which we become children of God and members of Christ’s Church.

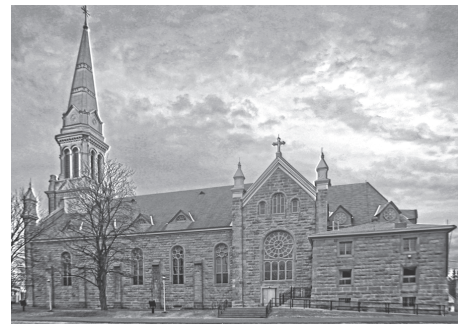
In **Confirmation** God makes us more solid in the faith received at Baptism and empowers and sends us into the world to bring the Good News to others. God knows that we can’t live victorious Christian lives on our own, so He offers us the gift of His Spirit so that, by cooperating with His grace, we can be effective witnesses for Him.

In **Holy Eucharist or Holy Communion** we receive an amazing gift – that of the *Real Presence of Jesus*. At every Mass we celebrate this great miracle of water and wine being transformed into the Body and Blood of Christ. *Eucharist is the source and summit of our life*. Attentive participation in Mass, including reception of Eucharist is the main way that we are nourished & grow in the spiritual life. We want to ensure that we approach Holy Communion with due respect by being in a state of grace (no unconfessed serious sin, including having not attended Sunday Mass other than for illness), by clothing ourselves modestly & by not eating or chewing gum during Mass. Non-Catholics and those not practising the faith are invited to approach the Priest or other Minister of Communion with arms crossed in order to receive a blessing. Like all things spiritual, Sacraments bear the greatest fruit in our lives when approached with an attitude of gratitude and openness to God’s plan for us. The Church is here to help, but each of us must take some responsibility for our own spiritual health, including regular, active participation at Sunday Mass.

### 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.

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.



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Fr. Dan VanDelst, Pastor  
Rev. Mr. Marcel Brunet, Deacon

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Mrs. Kelly Poitras

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Evenings by appointment

### BAPTISMS

By appointment  
1 month in advance

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Please give 6 months notice

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

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## CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

### Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup>

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions  
 6:15 – 6:45 p.m. Confessions  
 7:00 p.m. Teresa Lalonde by her loving family  
 (2 individuals will receive their Sacraments of Initiation)

### Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup>

7:30 a.m. Allan Tait by wife Norah & family  
 9:30 a.m. Intentions of the parishioners  
 (First Communion, Grade 2 students Bishop Macdonell School)  
 11:00 a.m. Steve Guttentag by wife Rose Guttentag  
 (First Communion, Grade 2 students St. Columban's School)

### Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup>

7:30 a.m. Bishop Marcel Damphousse by  
 St. Columban's CWL

### Tuesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>

7:30 a.m. Si Miller by Kim Lamarche & Amelia

### Wednesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>

7:30 a.m. Iola McCorriston by Jack & Elaine Lebrun

### Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup>

7:30 a.m. Marguerite Wood by Patsy McAllister

### Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup>

7:30 a.m. Claire Wilson by Carol Papps  
 6:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal Fisher & Landry

### Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup>

3 – 4 p.m. Confessions  
 4:00 p.m. Wedding Norman Fisher &  
 Jennifer-Lynn Landry  
 6:15 – 6:45 p.m. Confessions  
 7:00 p.m. Paul Trepanier by Rod & Rita White

### Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup>

7:30 a.m. Intentions of the parishioners  
 9:30 a.m. Margaret Clancey by John & Janice Meyer  
 & family  
 11:00 a.m. Richard Bourgon by David & Lisa Runions

### Monday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>

7:30 a.m. Special Intention for Fr. Kevin Maloney by  
 St. Columban's Catholic Women's League

### ST. COLUMBAN'S CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE ANNUAL MASS & BANQUET TUESDAY, 10 JUNE beginning with Mass at 5:15 p.m.

Dinner will follow at the Cornwall Golf and Country Club. Tickets (\$25.) must be purchased by May 29<sup>th</sup> and are available at the rectory office Monday to Thursday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. If you need transportation, leave your name, address & telephone number at time of ticket purchase.

*Next weekend we will welcome in a special way,  
 couples who are celebrating in 2014  
 Wedding Anniversaries in multiples of 5.*

## IN OUR PARISH

### COLLECTION – 11 MAY – THANK YOU

Sunday	\$3,644.10	Votive Candles	\$ 196.30
Loose	561.46	Books	41.80
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,205.56</b>	Vocation Sunday	1,239.00
		Good Fri/Holy Land	6.00

### INCOME COMPARATIVE STATEMENT – 30 APRIL, 2014

	YTD 2014	YTD 2013	Difference
<b>REVENUE</b>			
Sunday	\$ 93,904.	\$ 96,899.	- 2,995.
Other	14,915.	16,621.	- 1,706.
Total Rev.	\$108,819.	\$113,520.	- 4,701.
			<b>Less Revenue</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	\$ 97,746.	\$113,034.	- 15,288
			<b>Less Expense</b>

### BECAME CHILDREN OF GOD THROUGH BAPTISM

Nolan Houle-Merpaw, Alena Forget, Dominick Evans, Bryson Lascelle, Alexander Bourgon-Legault and Noah Rozon-Latulippe were Baptised here last weekend.

### REST IN THE PEACE & LOVE OF THE LORD

All those who died this past week.



**ANNIVERSARY SOUVENIR /  
 DYNAMIC CATHOLICS WITNESS TOOL**  
 Our parish is always looking for ways to help parishioners (dynamic Catholics) witness wherever they are. This year, St. Columban Parish celebrates its 185th anniversary. Merging those two thoughts, we have some pewter key chains molded in the image of our historical church. They're distinctive and should cause friends/co-workers of people using them to inquire about them. They can open doors to discussions about "things Catholic".

**DUE TO THE POPULARITY OF THESE KEY CHAINS, WE ARE MAKING THEM AVAILABLE ON THE BOOKTABLE AGAIN THIS WEEKEND AT A SPECIAL PRICE OF JUST \$2. EACH**

### ADOPT-A-PRIEST/DEACON/SEMINARIAN ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING (DAISY MASS) – 7:30 P.M., THURSDAY, 5 JUNE

When a priest transfers to the diocese and when a seminarian is ordained to the priesthood, program coordinators put out the call for seven prayer partners to participate as petals on the priest's daisy (symbol of priesthood). So that the priest is surrounded in prayer seven days a week, each prayer partner accepts to undertake this act of love on his/her chosen day of the week on an ongoing basis. The priest, in turn, agrees to pray for his seven prayer partners in a special way.

Deacons and seminarians have a similar program.  
*All prayer partners are invited to attend this prayerful event at Sacred Heart Parish in Alexandria.*

## IN THE DIOCESE AND AREA

**FAMILY BREAKFAST, 8:30 A.M. TO 12, SUNDAY, 25 MAY**

St. Francis de Sales parish hall. Everyone welcome

**MASS WITH PRAYERS FOR HEALING, 7:30 P.M., MON. 2 JUNE**  
(in French) at Holy Cross Church. Beautiful experience of faith in the power of the Eucharist (praise, adoration, anointing)

**ST. FINNAN'S CATHEDRAL – FAMILY FUN DAY – 1 JUNE**  
Mass celebrated at the Cathedral at 11 a.m. BBQ lunch from 12 to 2 p.m. Games, prizes, baked goods, face painting, entertainers.

**MASS & STATIONS OF THE RESURRECTION AT CALVARY**  
Join Bishop Marcel on *Saturday, 7 June at 10:30 a.m.* for an outdoor bilingual Mass at Calvary in Green Valley. Mass followed by bilingual Stations of the Resurrection, which complement the Stations of the Cross & are based on Scripturally-recorded incidents contained in the 4 Gospels & the Acts of the Apostles. Event is geared to families with an Easter egg hunt to mark the end of the Easter Season. More info [www.alexandria-cornwall.ca](http://www.alexandria-cornwall.ca)

**YOUTH LEADER VOLUNTEERS FOR SALESIAN SUMMER CAMP**  
Strengthen your leadership skills; help facilitate activities & games, receive volunteer hours, be active within the community. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 30<sup>th</sup> to July 25<sup>th</sup>. You must be available for a minimum of one week. Contact Sr. Francine Guilmette 613-933-1138 x 29

**SALESIAN SUMMER DAY CAMP IN JULY**  
9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday to Friday – Agora Centre.  
Summer activities for young people ages 8 to 16. \$35/week.  
Register at 300 Montreal Road, 7 to 8 p.m. June 3d, 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>.  
For more info. call Sr. Francoise at 613-937-4956.

**FORBIDDEN GRIEF: THE UNSPOKEN PAIN OF ABORTION**  
Do you know someone who is hurting after an abortion experience? Come and listen as men and women share stories of regret & healing. Room 2, Cornwall Public Library. For more info contact Dale at 613-937-3980 or 613-362-2867.  
**6 TO 8 P.M., TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 2014,**

**BISHOP'S PIX MOVIE SERIES – 7:15 P.M., JUNE 6 TO 11<sup>TH</sup>**  
The final selection for this season is *The Way*, starring Martin Sheen. It is the story of a father who heads overseas to recover the body of his estranged son who died while travelling the *El Camino de Santiago*, & decides to take the pilgrimage himself. Mon. matinee at 2 p.m. - introduced by Rick Abell. Archbishop Paul-Andre Durocher introduces the movie opening night at 7 pm.

**100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO ST-ANNE-DE-BEAUPRE AND TO CAP-DE-LA-MADELEINE = AUG. 9, 10**  
from the dioceses of Alexandria-Cornwall, Ottawa, Gatineau, Pembroke, Mont-Laurier and Kingston  
Special invitation to all grandmothers and their grandchildren to come celebrate our anniversary with our spiritual grandmother, Good Saint Ann. Weekend celebrant is Archbishop Terrence Prendergast, who will be accompanied by Bishops from each of the other dioceses, including Bishop Marcel Damphousse. Take advantage of this special occasion as our ancestors did so many years ago. For more information contact Mike Budge at 613-224-8110 or check out [www.ste-anne-de-beaupre.com](http://www.ste-anne-de-beaupre.com)

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK: SACRAMENT OF GOD'S COMPASSION TOWARDS HUMAN SUFFERING

Vatican City, 26 Feb. 2014 (VIS) – Pope Francis continued his catechesis on the Sacraments by speaking about the anointing of the sick, “which allows us to touch with our hands God's compassion for mankind”. He explained that in the



past it was referred to as “extreme unction” as it was intended as spiritual consolation when death was imminent. “Speaking of the anointing of the sick helps us to broaden our view of the experience of illness & suffering, in the horizon of God's mercy”. The parable of the Good Samaritan clearly expresses the mystery that is celebrated by this Sacrament. “The Samaritan consoles the man who suffers at the side of the road, tending to his wounds with oil & wine. The oil recalls that which is blessed by the Bishop every year, in the Chrism Mass on Holy Thursday, precisely for the anointing of the sick. The wine, instead, is a sign of Christ's love & grace, which flow from His gift of His life for us. The Pope explained that the sick person is finally entrusted to “the Church, the Christian community”, to whom “every day the Lord Jesus entrusts those who are afflicted, in body & spirit, so that we may continue to lavish upon them, without measure, all His love and His salvation”. “This mandate is confirmed explicitly & precisely in the Epistle of St. James, in which he says, 'Is any among you sick? Let him call upon the elders of the Church, & let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord'”, continued the Holy Father. “It is therefore a practice that was already in evidence at the time of the Apostles. Indeed, Jesus had taught his disciples to have His same predilection for the sick & the suffer-ing, & transmitted to them the capacity & the task of continuing to give consolation & peace in His name ... through the special grace of this Sacrament. However, this must not lead us to search obsessively for miracles or allow us the presumption of always being able to be healed; it gives us the assurance of Jesus' closeness to the sick & the elderly – as all those above the age of 65 are able to receive this Sacrament – as it is Jesus Himself Who comes towards them”. “But when someone is sick and we say, 'Let's call the priest to come', it makes us think that it may bring bad luck, or perhaps the patient will be afraid”, he continued. “There is perhaps the idea that when one is sick & the priest arrives, he will be followed by the undertaker. But this is not true! The priest comes to help the sick or the elderly, which is why the visit is so important. It is necessary to call the priest to the home of the sick & to say: 'come, anoint him, bless him'. It is Jesus Himself Who arrives to console the sick, to give him strength, to give him hope, to help him; also to forgive his sins. And this is beautiful! And we must not think of this as a taboo, because it is always good to know that in moments of pain or sickness we are not alone; the priest & those who are present during the anointing of the sick represent, indeed, the entire Christian community who, as a single body, gathers around those who suffer & their relatives, encouraging their faith & hope, & supporting them with prayer & brotherly warmth. But the greatest comfort derives from the fact that it is the Lord Jesus Himself who is made present in the Sacrament; He takes us by the hand and reminds us that we now belong to Him & that nothing – not even sickness or death – can ever separate us from Him”.

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