

1ST SUNDAY

OF ADVENT

29 Nov., 2015

He leads the
humble in what is
right, and teaches
the humble His way.

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 except Mondays: 7:30 a.m.

GROWING DEEPER IN YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

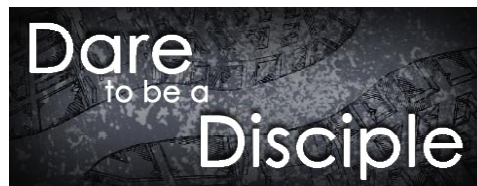
Why are so many people not growing deeper in their relationship with God?

The Bible tells us that we should be conscious of ourselves and of our teaching. Paul instructs Timothy, "Practice these things; be committed to them, so that your progress may be evident to all" (1 Tim. 4:15). In other words, it matters how you are growing and how you're leading your people to grow.

I believe that we would see more fruitful discipleship in our churches if we were to start by questioning our own spiritual formation before we question the development of those we lead and disciple. Are we seeking God in prayer, spending time in His Word, and surrounding ourselves with people who will challenge us to grow in our spiritual lives? **Transformational discipleship** involves moving from being in proximity to one another to being in community with one another. And it starts with you and with me.

Based on the results of a study of 2,300 churches sponsored by 15 denominations, we were able to identify eight "**attributes of discipleship**" that consistently show up **in the life of a maturing Christian:**

- Bible engagement,
- obeying God and denying self,
- serving God and others,
- sharing Christ,
- exercising faith,
- seeking God,
- building relationships,
- and unashamed transparency.

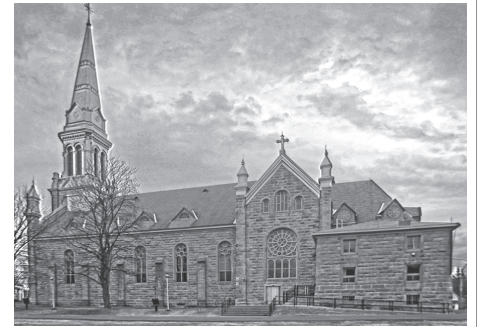


And our conclusion: God shapes congregations through the shaping of the individual lives of people. And this shaping doesn't just happen randomly. God grows us as we place ourselves in a position of obedience to receive that growth.

Excerpted from an article by Ed Stetzer in Christianity Today

An example in our own parish:

Three DISCOVERY Bible study groups are currently in Week 4 of a six week discipleship study - seeking to grow deeper in their relationship with God through Scripture engagement, obeying God, denying self, serving God and others, sharing Christ, exercising faith, building relationships and even entering into a degree of unashamed transparency in small groups. Oh - and they've been invited to **give God permission** to have His way in their lives and in our parish community. It is anticipated that in the new year, some of these parishioners will continue to the next level and more of these groups will be launched with additional parishioners.



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Rev. Fr. Arockia Dhas Rayappan

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Mrs. Kelly Poitras

OFFICE HOURS

Mon. to Thurs. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Evenings by appointment

BAPTISMS

By appointment 1 month in advance

MARRIAGES

Please give 6 months notice

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 3:00 to 3:45 p.m.
Saturday 6:15 to 6:45 p.m.
Also by appointment

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CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

Saturday, November 28th

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions
 6:15 – 6:45 p.m. Confessions
 7:00 p.m. Amelia Lalonde by Lillian & family

Sunday, November 29th (First Sunday of Advent)

7:30 a.m. Intentions of parishioners
 9:30 a.m. Lynn Tremblay (6th Anniversary of death) by
 husband Ron & family
 11:00 a.m. Virginia Lougheed by Carol Papps

Tuesday, December 01st

7:30 a.m. Jacques Lebrun by Isabel Spurr

Wednesday, December 02nd

7:30 a.m. Tom Parisien by his mom, Isabel Parisien

Thursday, December 03rd

7:30 a.m. Deceased Members of Hutt & Taillon families
 by Mervin Hutt

Friday, December 04th

7:30 a.m. Jacques Lebrun by Elaine, Todd, Trisha & families
 8:00 a.m. Adoration
 5:15 to 6 p.m. Taize Prayer

First Saturday, December 05th

7:00 – 7:25 a.m. Confessions
 8:00 a.m. Special Intention for the Ouimet family by
 Richard & Carole Pilon
 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions
 6:15 – 6:45 p.m. Confessions
 7:00 p.m. Gertrude Poitras (4th Anniversary of death) by
 son Raymond Poitras & family

Sunday, December 06th

7:30 a.m. Intentions of parishioners
 9:30 a.m. Sr. Mary McAlear by St. Columban Music Ministry
 11:00 a.m. Carmel Bourgon (3rd Anniversary of death) by
 husband Urbain & family
 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Volunteer Appreciation Reception

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

ADORATION – 8 A.M., FRIDAY, 4 DECEMBER
 after 7:30 a.m. Mass, the Blessed Sacrament will be
 exposed with a time of Adoration, prayer, Scripture
 & meditation, closing with Benediction.



FIRST SATURDAY, 5 DECEMBER

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



IN OUR PARISH

Collection 15 November., 2015 – Thank You

\$3,488.35 Sunday Env	\$220.00 Priests Pension Fund
430.65 Loose	\$ 244.10 Votive Candles
\$3,919.00 Total	\$ 201.66 Book Table

NEW SUNDAY MISSALS

As we begin the season of Advent today, we also begin a new Church year & therefore the need for a NEW Missal, as you will notice in the pews. These Missals are needed for all year.
If you would like your own copy, some are available on the Book Table for \$3.50 each.

2016 PARISH ENVELOPES

Envelopes are available for pick up at the rear of the Church.
AFTER DECEMBER 7TH, YOU CAN CALL & ARRANGE PICK UP AT THE RECTORY. Please confirm number on label matches number in box.

INVITATION TO ALL PARISH VOLUNTEERS
Volunteer Appreciation Reception

In the Rectory
2 TO 4 P.M., SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6TH

ADOPT-A-CANDIDATE – CARD REMINDER

If you have a child's name, please submit your first card or note **BY 6 DECEMBER.**
 Thank you for your prayers for the children.

PARISH FINANCIALS / INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

The Parish closes its Financial Books on 29 December. All monies received after 29 December will be credited for 2016.
IF YOU WANT DONATIONS INCLUDED ON YOUR 2015 INCOME TAX RECEIPT, THEY NEED TO BE RECEIVED BY THE PARISH BEFORE 29 DECEMBER. Thank you.

REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES AT CHRISTMAS

THE PATRONS OF ST. COLUMBAN FOUNDATION
 ask for your assistance again this year to keep the repairs to our historic church building on schedule. You can help by making a donation to the Foundation this Christmas "***In Memory of a Loved One***". Remembrances will be published in a special Parish Bulletin insert the weekend of 19-20 Dec.
 For your donation, you may use the forms & envelopes provided at the Church entrances. Make cheques payable to the Patrons of St. Columban Foundation. Please submit in collection basket **BY SUNDAY DECEMBER 6** to allow time for printing. Thank you for your continued support of the work of the Patrons of St. Columban Foundation.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES

2 p.m., Tuesday,	15 December	St. Columban
7 p.m., Wednesday,	16 December	St. Francis
7 p.m., Thursday,	17 December	St. Andrews

TAIZE PRAYER

**5:15 TO 6 P.M. FRIDAYS DURING ADVENT
 (BEGINS FRIDAY, 4 DECEMBER). ALL ARE WELCOME.**

IN OUR PARISH

MEMBERS OF ST. COLUMBAN'S CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

CHRISTMAS POTLUCK – 6 P.M., TUESDAY, 1 DECEMBER

In the Parish Activity Centre (upstairs Agape Bldg)

Bring your favourite dish or try a new recipe for all to enjoy.

We are also having a gift exchange. Please bring a wrapped gift (maximum \$10.) for our gift exchange and don't forget your boxes of Jello for the Christmas baskets.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Vigil, Thurs., 24 Dec. 5 p.m., 7 p.m., Midnight

Christmas Day, Fri., 25 Dec. – 10:30 a.m.

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

New Year's Eve, Thurs., 31 Dec. 5 p.m

New Year's Day, Fri., 1 January – 10:30 a.m.

CHILDREN'S TREATMENT CENTRE – ANGELS OF HOPE

is a project to provide Christmas gifts to children who are receiving counselling at the Centre. If you would like to help, **KINDLY PICK UP A NAME TAG (IN BASKET ON STAND NEAR BAPTISMAL FONT)** which includes the age and sex of the child.

For confidentiality reasons, fictitious names are used for the children. Please return the gift (in a gift bag) to the Church **BY SUNDAY, 6 DECEMBER**. On behalf of the children served at the **Children's Treatment Centre**, thank you for your kindness & spirit of sharing.

IN THE DIOCESE

SOLEMN OPENING MASS – JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

7 P.M., TUESDAY, 8 DECEMBER, NATIVITY CO-CATHEDRAL celebrated by Bishop Marcel Damphousse.

This special Mass will also provide the opportunity to bid

FAREWELL TO BISHOP MARCEL

before he takes up his new assignment with the Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie. Let's show our affection for Bishop Marcel and fill the Co-Cathedral. Reception to follow at the Agora Catholic Centre.

DYNAMIC CATHOLIC IS OFFERING DAILY ADVENT VIDEO

Only cost is your commitment to live better each day of Advent.

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<http://dynamiccatholic.com/year-of-mercy/best-advent-ever/>

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ARE YOU ALONE FOR CHRISTMAS?

You are invited to a special free Christmas Day dinner. Great food, (turkey, dressing, etc.) music, crafts for the children & the company of others. **12 NOON TO 2:30 P.M., CHRISTMAS DAY** Agora (former Nativity) Hall, 301 McConnell Ave.

Need a ride, call 1 week before 613-703-7696 or 613-935-4568.

IN THE DIOCESE AND COMMUNITY

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or call Joan at 613-931-2087.

CHRISTMAS SALE – ALL NEW CLOTHING – 27,28,29 NOV.

St. Mary's Parish Centre, Williamstown

Also Community Breakfast on Sunday, 29 November

ST. ANTHONY'S CHRISTMAS TEA, 1:30 – 3:30, SUN. 6 DEC.

in the Parish Hall, Apple Hill. Wheel game, white elephant

table, candy booth, bake table, craft booth, bake sale

Admission \$5. adults; \$2. children 5-12; free age 4 & under.

VENDOR'S FAIR – 5 TO 8 P.M., THURS., 3 DECEMBER

in the gym of St. Joseph's Catholic Secondary School.

Come & support our Catholic Secondary Schools Mission Team

Auxiliary to St. Joseph's Continuing Care, 14 York St.

SNOWFLAKE BAZAAR & LUNCHEON, THURSDAY, 3 DECEMBER

Free parking. Bazaar tables 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. - crafts, bake

sale, books, gifts, raffle, Christmas table. Luncheon \$8. (soup,

sandwiches & dessert) served from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. All

proceeds toward resident programs and equipment.

WOMEN'S MORNING OF REFLECTION

9:30 A.M. TO 12 NOON – SATURDAY, 5 DECEMBER

at Charles Emile Claude Centre. - Mass, light breakfast,

Confession, a talk and the Rosary. Fr. Chisholm will speak on

"The Mercy of God as shown in the Bible". \$5. free-will offering

NEW YEAR'S EVE BALL 8 P.M. TO 1 A.M., THURS. 31 DEC

Knights of Columbus Hall, 205 Amelia St.

Music by Crazy Dave – Door prizes and spot dances

Hot and cold buffet. \$25/person. Call 613-932-7600 for tickets.

SPECIAL ADVENT CALENDAR CREATED BY DIOCESE

Be sure to visit the site daily. First door opens 1 December.

<http://adventmyfriend.com/17d22b174d20fc51/>

THE YEAR OF MERCY – WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

The Message & Devotion of Divine Mercy +Mary +The Church

SAT., 12 DEC., 9 A.M. TO 3 P.M. at Annunciation of the Lord,

2414 Ogilvie Rd, Gloucester. (\$20 person, lunch included) For

more info call Peggy & Keith Doucette at 613-325-5447 or

email jp2centreettowa@gmail.com. (Call 613-933-6541 for info

on bus leaving from Nativity Church at 7:45 a.m.)

MEALS ON WHEELS / GLEN-STOR-DUN LODGE

Volunteers are desperately needed to deliver meals to home-

bound seniors during the winter months. If you can spare 2 hrs

a month, please call 613-933-3384 x4263. Meals are delivered

between 11 a.m. & 1 p.m. Mon. to Fri. Mileage is reimbursed.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS FUND – DISTRIBUTION OF CHRISTMAS

BASKETS – 9 A.M. TO 7 P.M., FRI, 18 DEC at Cornwall

Armouries. This year, approx. 1300 baskets will be handed out.

We invite you, your family & co-workers to volunteer for the

morning, afternoon, or evening. Call Kendra at 938-9297 x21

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