

31ST SUNDAY IN

ORDINARY TIME

3 NOVEMBER 2013

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.

APPLYING GOD'S WORD TO MY LIFE

Today's Readings:

Wisdom 11:22-12:2
Psalm 145:1-2, 8-14
2 Thess 1:11-2:2
Luke 19:1-10

Do you own a copy of
the Catechism of the
Catholic Church yet?

Further Reflection

from the Catechism:

CCC: 545, 615, 1987-95
CCCC: 131, 422-23
YOUCAT: 89, 101, 337

SCRIPTURE BACKGROUND

In the first reading from the book of Wisdom, God is shown to be all-powerful and all-merciful. The whole world is embraced by the love of God. Even the sinner is held in God's mercy. The call is to turn away from sin and trust in the Lord. Today's uplifting passage reveals the truth about the absolute love of God.

In today's Gospel we find the story of Zacchaeus, a rich tax collector. Because of his profession, Zacchaeus is not well liked by the people. Tax collectors were suspected of taking money from people so that they could enrich themselves. In the passage today, Zacchaeus is so determined to see Jesus that he climbs a tree in order to see him over the crowd. But, the important part of the story is that Jesus sees him. "Come on down," Jesus calls out, "I am coming to your home." The religious leaders and the crowd react with disapproval.

Today's Gospel passage shows how people can prejudge others. The people despise Zacchaeus, but Jesus sees the truth. Jesus sees and draws out the hidden goodness in Zacchaeus.

A KEY THEME: BEING IN RIGHT RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

The Catholic Church teaches that justification is God's saving action in Jesus by the Holy Spirit which frees us from sin and renews us. Those who are justified are cleansed from sin and put in a right relationship with God. For us believers this happens in the gift of Baptism (CCC 1987). In the saving waters of Baptism sins are cleansed and we are made new. God alone saves and justifies us. God's saving action is celebrated in the Sacraments.

THINKING ABOUT IT

As Catholics we believe that we can cooperate with God's grace and be renewed. It is possible to grow in holiness as we practice good works. In the story of Zacchaeus we find someone who cooperates with God's grace and grows in holiness. Jesus sees that Zacchaeus is on the path of goodness.

Zacchaeus is an example of one who is justified. Justification heals us and frees us from sin. It puts us right with God.

- How do we celebrate God's saving action in the Sacraments?
- How can practicing good works help you grow in holiness?
- What helps put you right with God?

**FAITH with-
out WORKS
IS DEAD.**
James 2:26

THE GOSPEL IN LIFE

How can you make a special effort to cooperate with God's grace this week?

Excerpted from RCL Benziger Lectionary Resources



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

OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

Mrs. Kelly Poitras

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday
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 4:00 p.m.
Saturday 6:15 to 6:45 p.m.
Also by appointment

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CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

Saturday, November 2nd

7:00 – 7:25 a.m. Confessions
 8:00 a.m. Eleanor Morris by the family
 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions
 6:15 – 6:45 p.m. Confessions
 7:00 p.m. Margaret Campbell by the family

Sunday, November 3rd

7:30 a.m. Rev. Cleary Villeneuve (1st anniversary of death)
 by Ron Welsh
 9:30 a.m. Intentions of parishioners
 11:00 a.m. Hubert Boudreau by Yolande & family

Monday, November 4th

7:30 a.m. Norma Tyo by husband Roy and family

Tuesday, November 5th

7:30 a.m. James (Jim) O'Brien (10th anniversary of death)
 by his mother Rita

Wednesday, November 6th

7:30 a.m. Claude Labelle by Corrie and family

Thursday, November 7th

7:30 a.m. Jeannine Bruyere by Ronald MacGregor

Friday, November 8th

7:30 a.m. Kathleen Landon by Janie, Joe and family

Saturday, November 9th

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions
 6:15 – 6:45 p.m. Confessions
 7:00 p.m. Howard Burton by the Burton family

Sunday, November 10th

7:30 a.m. Intentions of parishioners
 9:30 a.m. Suzan Smith by Mom, Steve, Lisa & Mike
 11:00 a.m. Rita Neron (1st anniversary of death)
 by Mary & Keith Grant

Monday, November 11th

7:30 a.m. Gerald Caron by Jeannine Kirkey

PRIESTS' PENSION PLAN COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND.

We ask that you be generous when
 you contemplate your contribution this year.
 Envelopes are available in the pews.

COME AND MAKE MUSIC WITH US

Our parish liturgical music programme
 welcomes new & returning participants
 Whether a beginner, an experienced
 singer or somewhere in between,
 we'll be glad to find a place for you.
 Call Bill for more information 613-932-7316



ATTENTION SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS

Are you looking for a way to fulfill your community
 service hours? Why not participate in our parish
 liturgical music programme.
 For more information, call Bill at 613-932-7316

IN OUR PARISH

COLLECTION – 20 OCTOBER – THANK YOU

Sunday Env.	\$4,314.55	Book Table	\$ 21.75
Loose	361.74	Candles	169.95
Total	\$4,676.29	Needs Can. Church	26.00
Harvest Supper Donations	736.00	Dev. & Peace Special Collection	20.00
		Prop. of the Faith	1,260.50

2014 PARISH ENVELOPES

Envelopes are available for pick up at the rear of the Church.
 If any information on the label is incorrect, please call the
 office Monday to Thursday between 9 a.m. & 3 p.m. Please
 note; some envelope numbers have changed.

SNOW SHOVELLING

When there are heavy snowfalls we are looking for people
 that Art can contact to help with shovelling the steps and
 sidewalks. Often the work is in the morning starting at 5:30
 a.m. If you have questions or you are willing to have your
 name on the list, please call Fr. Dan at 613-932-9616.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

MONTHLY MEETING – 7 P.M., TUES. 5 NOV.

in the Parish Activity Centre. Members are reminded to bring
 their donation of jello for our Christmas project.

CWL MEMBERSHIP DUES CAN BE PAID USING

The envelope dated 3 Nov. in your box of church envelopes.

TICKETS ON CHRISTMAS BASKET

CWL members will be selling tickets on a
 Christmas Basket at the rear of the Church
 this weekend and next. The draw will take
 place on Saturday, 16 November.



CHRISTMAS TEA & BAKE SALE

1:30 TO 3 P.M., SATURDAY, 16 NOVEMBER

Come with friends & enjoy sandwiches, cake,
 tea and coffee in the Parish Activity
 Centre. Admission \$6. You can also buy
 some baked goods to take home and enjoy
 or freeze for the Christmas holidays. Tickets will be available
 on a Christmas Basket - draw takes place at the Tea.



REST IN THE PEACE AND LOVE OF THE LORD

Adrienne Boyer, Stanislaw Greniuk, Brian McCourt,
 Eddie Hudak and all who died this past week.

INCOME COMPARATIVE STATEMENT 30 SEPT. 2013

	YTD ACTUAL	YTD LAST YR.	DIFFERENCE
REVENUE			
Sunday Collections	\$203,743.	\$198,756.	+ 4,987.
Other Revenue	\$ 33,640.	\$ 40,639.	- 6,999.
TOTAL REVENUE	\$237,383.	\$239,395.	-2,012.
			Revenue Down
EXPENDITURES	\$229,630.	\$250,136.	-20,506.
			Expenses down

POPE FRANCIS



THE METHOD OF THE CHRISTIAN MISSION IS NOT PROSELYTISM: IT IS SHARING THE FLAME OF FAITH

Vatican City, 20 October 2013 (VIS) –

In his greetings after the Angelus prayer, the Holy Father mentioned that today is World Missionary Day, and commented that the "mission" of the Church is "to spread throughout the world the flame of faith, which Jesus ignited in the world: faith in God who is the Father, Love and Mercy. The method of the Christian mission is not proselytism, but rather the sharing of a flame that warms the soul. ... On this Day we are close to all missionaries who work tirelessly and quietly, and who give their lives".

Among them, he continued, was the Italian Afra Martinelli, killed a few days ago in Nigeria during a robbery. "Everyone mourned for her, Christians and Muslims. They cared for her greatly", he continued. "She proclaimed the Gospel with her life, with the work she carried out, an education centre; in this way, she spread the flame of faith, she fought the good fight! ... I also think of Stefano Sandor, who was proclaimed Blessed in Budapest yesterday. He was a Salesian layperson, exemplary in his service to the young, in oratory and in professional instruction. When the Communist regime closed down all Catholic works, he faced persecution with courage, and was killed at 39 years of age. We join in giving thanks to the Salesian Family and the Hungarian Church".

IN THE COMMUNITY AND AREA

FALL LUNCHEON, BAKE TABLE AND CRAFT TABLE 11 A.M. TO 1 P.M., WEDNESDAY, 20 NOV.

Trinity Anglican Church, 105 Second St. W. \$8/person

MEMORY TREE LIGHTING – 1 P.M., SUNDAY, 1 DEC.

with "The Centennial Choir" at the Cornwall Square. For more information contact Bereaved Families at 613-936-1455

CANDLELIGHT REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

For many, the approaching Holiday Season is anything but merry, especially if you've experienced the death of a loved one. Bereaved Families invites you to this non-denominational service.

No cost to attend and no registration required.

7 P.M., WEDNESDAY, 11 DECEMBER

at Knox St-Paul's United Church, 800 12th Street East

"NEW LIFE" FOR MEN ONLY – 18-20 NOV.

at St. Michael's Catholic High School, Kemptville

Are you looking to grow in your faith? Want to know Jesus better but don't know where to start? Course/retreat is led by men from Holy Cross Catholic Church. \$80. includes some meals. Billeting available. Contact Todd Fortin at 613-258-1897

"RISE UP" YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE – OTTAWA

"Rise Up" is the largest Catholic young adult conference in the country. Every year, hundreds of future leaders descend on a Canadian city for 5 days of inspiring, life-giving talks, worship, workshops and fellowship. Conference will take place from **28 December to 1 January**. For registration info. call Sr. Francine at 613-933-1138x28 or e-mail fgilmette@alexandria-cornwall.ca.

IN THE DIOCESE AND AREA

HARVEST SUPPER – BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

4 TO 7 P.M., SUNDAY, 3 NOVEMBER

Turkey and all the trimmings. Takeouts available

Adults \$12; ages 6 to 12 \$6; under 6 free.

SUNDAY BUFFET BREAKFAST

At K of C, 205 Amelia St. Sponsored by Councils 755 & 5068

9 A.M. TO 12:30 P.M., SUNDAY, 3 NOVEMBER

Adults \$7. Ages 4 to 12 \$3. Free under age 4

This Sunday Buffet is held every 1st Sunday of each month.

AUTUMN TEA

1 TO 3 P.M., SATURDAY, 9 NOVEMBER

Hosted by St. Francis de Sales CWL

Admission \$6.. Under age 12 \$3. All are welcome

Bake and Attic Treasure Tables

ANNUAL ROAST BEEF SUPPER

4 TO 7:30 P.M., SUNDAY, 10 NOVEMBER

Holy Cross Parish, 108 Anthony St.

Roast Beef, Ham and the trimmings; Pick-up orders available.

Adults \$12; ages 6 to 13 \$6. under 6 free

ROAST BEEF DINNER,

5 TO 7 P.M., THURSDAY, 14 NOVEMBER

Hosted by K of C 11531 St. Francis de Sales

Dinner held in the Parish Hall. Adults \$10 - children \$5.

OUTDOOR NATIVITY SCENE

What better way to remind the community that it is the birth of Jesus we celebrate on 25 Dec.

Six-piece set includes the Holy Family, 2 sheep and the stable. Pieces are unfinished, but painting them is easy. Price is \$120. + HST.

ORD_RS MUST B_PLAC_D BY 10 NOV_MB_R at the Diocesan Office. Call Yolande at 613-933-1138 ext. 24.



COME AND SEE – DISCERNMENT WEEKEND

The Salesian Sisters of St. John Bosco invite single, Catholic women 18 to 35 years of age to "stop, look and listen" in a prayerful attitude to the calling of the Spirit in your heart.

22-24 November OR 21-23 March at 300 Montreal Road. For more info. contact Sr. Lise 613-937-4956 lisefma@hotmail.com

WANTED – DONATIONS OF JELLO

The Catholic Women's League (Alexandria-Cornwall Diocese) needs 1,350+ boxes of Jello to fulfill their promise of providing items for the **Children's Christmas Fund Baskets**. Help us reach our goal by bringing boxes of Jello to your Church or CWL meetings prior to 1 Dec. or to the Advent Retreat at St. Francis on 12 Dec. Thank you for your generosity.

RCIA FOR ADOLESCENTS

An RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adolescents) program is being offered by the Diocese to students who are not Baptized and desire to be, and for Baptized students who have not received the other Sacraments of Initiation (Confirmation and Eucharist). Sessions (twice a month from Nov. to May) will begin at 7 p.m. on 5 Nov. at 300 Montreal Road. For more info. call Sr. Francine Guilmette 613-933-1138 Ext. 28.

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