

**1ST SUNDAY**

**OF ADVENT**

**30 NOVEMBER, 2014**

"He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; He has filled the hungry with good things."

# 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 Tuesdays:** 7:30 a.m.

## Today's Readings:

Is 63:16b-17,19b; 64:2-7  
Psalm 80:2-3,15-16,18-19  
1 Corinthians 1:3-9  
Mark 13:33-37

"Keep awake – for you do not know when the Master of the house will come ... or else He may find you asleep."

## Further Reflection from the Catechism:

CCC: 669, 1042, 2749  
CCCC: 133/34, 216  
YOUCAT: 110, 164, 505

## GOD BECAME POOR TO MAKE US RICH

"The anawim of the Old Testament were the poor of every sort: the vulnerable, the marginalized, and socio-economically oppressed, those of lowly status without Earthly power. In fact, they depended totally on God for whatever they owned and they knew that they could count on Him. The Hebrew word anawim (inwetan) means those who are bowed down.

Anawim are not just the oppressed, the miserable, the persecuted for justice, but also those who, with fidelity to the moral teaching of the Alliance with God, are marginalized by those who prefer to use violence, riches and power.

## A KEY SCRIPTURAL THEME:

In his epistle to the Philippians 2:6-7, St. Paul tells us that Jesus emptied Himself taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. The phrase, "He emptied Himself" refers in the first place to the Incarnation. Jesus' kenosis means that He Who emptied Himself freely chose to deprive Himself of something He already possessed. A person who makes himself empty gives up his wealth and becomes poor. Jesus did this so that by His poverty, "(we) might become rich" (2 Cor 8:1-9). He entered into the condition of the powerless anawim, but He did not de-divinize Himself of his Godhead. He made Himself at one with the poor by becoming absolutely poor.

Jesus emptied Himself as love (agape) in order to redeem humanity. Love was the only reason for His incarnation, His passion, death, and resurrection. He preached with moral authority instead of with temporal power, and the Sermon on the Mount makes the ultimate counter-cultural statement.

In light of this, we see that the lowly anawim include both those who are humbled by circumstance beyond their control, as well as those who willingly humble themselves in order to bring glory to God and in order to advance His Kingdom here on Earth. We are all called to recognize God's presence among the anawim and to be at one with them.

## THINKING ABOUT IT

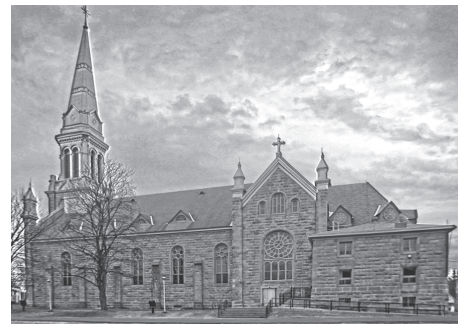
Who are the anawim today? Surely they include victims of natural disasters, such as wind, fire and water. They also include those who suffer from physical, mental and emotional illness as well as people born into material poverty and those who find themselves isolated from society for whatever reason. Not only are we called to serve the anawim in our own day, but to recognize that we are all called to be anawim, the faithful remnant who live in total dependence on God, echoing Mary's fiat: "Be it done to me according to Your will."

## THE GOSPEL IN LIFE

What are we doing individually and as a church community, out of Agape love, to join Jesus in being at one with the anawim?

*Inspired in part by an article by Sr. Joan L. Roccasalvo, C.S.J.*

*To be continued next week*



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## CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

### Saturday, November 29<sup>th</sup>

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions  
 6:15 – 6:45 p.m. Confessions  
 7:00 p.m. Gerald Villeneuve by wife Eleanor & family

### Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>

7:30 a.m. Intentions of the Parishioners  
 9:30 a.m. Gertrude Poitras (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of death) by son  
 Raymond Poitras & family  
 11:00 a.m. John Sampson (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of death) by  
 Mary Hennessey

### Monday, December 1<sup>st</sup>

7:30 a.m. Tom Parisien by Isabel Parisien & family

### Tuesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> - No Mass

### Wednesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>

7:30 a.m. Lynn Tremblay (5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of death) by husband  
 Ron & family

### Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup>

7:30 a.m. Peter Tyo by Lloyd & Darlene Tyo

### Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup>

7:30 a.m. Hutt & Taillon families by Mervin Hutt  
 8:00 a.m. **Eucharistic Adoration**

### First Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>

7:00 – 7:25 a.m. Confessions  
 8:00 a.m. Remi & Alice Villeneuve by Marleene McWilliam & family  
 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions  
 6:15 – 6:45 p.m. Confessions  
 7:00 p.m. Bernadette Surgeson by Janet Surgeson & family

### Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>

7:30 a.m. Intentions of the parishioners  
 9:30 a.m. Mary Sebastia Pillai by the family  
 11:00 a.m. Jacqueline Stang (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of death)  
 by Bea Tardif

### Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup>

7:30 a.m. Carmel Bourgon by husband Urbain & family

### RESPONSORIAL PRAYER BEFORE MASS THE ANGELUS

CAN BE FOUND IN YOUR SUNDAY MISSAL, PAGE 590

## Please join us for An Evening of Praise & Worship

with a 12 member music ministry

### ARAMICO CHOIR

Concert includes a short medley by Fr. Jerome.

**FRIDAY, 12 DECEMBER FROM 7 - 8:30 P.M.**

**IN OUR PARISH CHURCH**

*Tickets \$15/person are available at the parish office,  
 and in the church before & after Masses this  
 Weekend and at the door on 12 December.*

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## IN OUR PARISH

### COLLECTION – 16 NOVEMBER – THANK YOU

Sunday	\$3,562.70	Votive Candles	\$131.00
Loose	447.57	Prop. Of the Faith	10.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,010.27</b>	Priests Pension Fund	5.00
		Books	117.86

### 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 are needed for all year. *If you would like your own copy, some are available on the Book Table for \$3.50 each*

## TODAY WE ENTER ADVENT

### **Stay Awake – be ready!**

In the first reading from the Old Testament, the prophet Isaiah calls out to God on behalf of God's people. The people have become unfaithful & are filled with guilt for their sins. Isaiah calls on God who has saved the Jewish people in the past. He asks God to come & save the people of Israel. Isaiah calls God "our redeemer" which shows the special relationship that Israel shared with Yahweh. Today's passage acknowledges the guilt & brokenness of the people of Israel & it shows their dependence on a merciful God Who will save them.

Today's Gospel presents the theme of watchful waiting. Jesus tells the parable of a man who leaves his servants in charge while he goes on a journey, & then he returns unexpectedly. Jesus uses this story to teach about the importance of an attitude of watchfulness & being ready when the Lord comes.

### **The Second Coming**

Advent is the season that leads up to and prepares us for Christmas. We anticipate the birth of the Lord, the presence of God among us. During Advent we also look forward to the Second Coming of Jesus at the end of time. As believers we look forward to the Second Coming of Christ with hope. We live with the joyful expectation of living with Jesus forever in glory. The season of Advent reminds us to be ready because we do not know the hour or the day. The end time may be upon us at any moment. We anticipate the Second Coming of Christ with hope and joy because we believe that Jesus will come to bring an end to suffering and death, He will bring the fullness of God's Kingdom. As we wait in joyful anticipation we pray with the early Christians, "Our Lord, come!"

### ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES

7 p.m. Monday, 15 December – Blessed Sacrament

7 p.m. Tuesday, 16 December – St. Andrew's

2 p.m. Wednesday, 17 December – St. Columban's

### VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION RECEPTION

Father Jerome and the Parish Leadership Team extend an invitation to all parish volunteers to attend. The reception will be held in the rectory.  
**2 TO 4 P.M., SUNDAY, 7 DECEMBER**

## IN OUR PARISH

### **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – HOLY HOUR**

**8 A.M., FRIDAY, 5 DECEMBER**

After 7:30 a.m. Mass, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed and a time of adoration, prayer, Scripture & meditation follows. Hour closes with Benediction.



### **FIRST SATURDAY – 6 DECEMBER**

**COME AND PRAY – ROSARY AT 7:30 A.M.**

Confessions 7 to 7:25 a.m. - Mass at 8 a.m.

### **REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES AT CHRISTMAS**

#### **THE PATRONS OF ST. COLUMBAN FOUNDATION**

ask for your assistance once 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 Bulletin Insert the weekend of 20-21 December.

To donate, you may use the forms & envelopes provided at Church entrances. Make cheques payable to the *Patrons of St. Columban Foundation*. To allow time for printing, please submit in collection basket **BY SUNDAY, 7 DECEMBER**.

Thank you for your continued support of the work of the Patrons of St. Columban Foundation.

### **ST. COLUMBAN’S CHRISTMAS / NEW YEAR’S MASS SCHEDULES**

**CHRISTMAS VIGIL** – Wed., 24 Dec. – 5 p.m., 7 p.m., Midnight

**CHRISTMAS DAY** Thurs. 25 Dec. – 10:30 a.m.

**NEW YEAR’S EVE**, Wed. 31 Dec. – 5 p.m.

**NEW YEAR’S DAY** Thurs. 1 Jan. – 10:30 a.m.

### **PARISH DONATIONS – INCOME TAX RECEIPTS**

We need to close the Parish Financial Books on 29 Dec. Monies received after the 29<sup>th</sup> will be credited for 2015. If you want donations included on your 2014 Income Tax Receipt, it is important that we receive them **BEFORE THE 29<sup>TH</sup> OF DECEMBER**.

### **BECAME CHILDREN OF GOD THROUGH BAPTISM**

Matteo Massia-Rafter, Ava Summers, Dean Summers, Johnse St. Denis, Lyvia Lalonde, Cameron Laurin and Harper DuLion-Dunning were Baptised here this month. Please pray for them, their parents & godparents.

### **ST. COLUMBAN’S CATHOLIC WOMEN’S LEAGUE**

**CHRISTMAS POT LUCK SUPPER – 6 P.M., TUES. 2 DEC.**

in the Parish Activity Centre. Bring your favourite dish to share and join us for a fun filled evening.

### **SANTA’S HELPERS – CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR CHILDREN BEING TREATED AT THE CHILDREN’S TREATMENT CENTRE**

If you would like to help, kindly pick up a nametag after Mass, which includes the age & sex of the child. For confidentiality reasons, fictitious names are used for the children. Please place it in a gift-bag (don’t wrap) and return it to the church

**NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, 14 DECEMBER.**

The CTC thanks you for your kindness and spirit of sharing.

### **INCOME COMPARATIVE STATEMENT-OCT.2014**

	YTD ACTUAL	YTD LAST YR.	DIFFERENCE
<b>REVENUE</b>			
Sun.Collections	\$217,660.	\$223,721.	\$- 6,061.
Other	41,269.	45,549.	\$-4,280.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$258,929.</b>	<b>\$269,270.</b>	<b>\$- 10,341.Less</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$276,480.</b>	<b>\$298,807.</b>	<b>\$ 22,327 Less</b>

### **SNOW REMOVAL – CHURCH ENTRANCES & WALKWAYS**

Please study the diagram of the church entrances & walkways (bulletin insert), which shows where snow removal will be carried out on weekends when there is a major snowfall. As we have 5 entrances to be cleared of snow & our custodian is not scheduled to work on weekends, this will help eliminate some overtime work for him if a major storm occurs.

Thank you for your understanding. *Your Finance Council*

### **REST IN THE PEACE AND LOVE OF THE LORD**

Lorraine Vermette, Kathrina Mary Millar and all those who died this past week.

### **BOOK TABLE NEWS**

**2015 CATHOLIC CALENDARS – JUST \$5. EACH**

**ADVENT:** As we endeavor to give Christ His rightful place in our daily lives, here are a few resources we know will be helpful.

**“The Word Among Us”**, with daily Mass & meditations for Dec.

**\*Henri Nouwen's daily meditation and prayer booklet**

### **“SAINT JOHN PAUL THE GREAT”**

Discover his **five great loves** through remarkable unpublished stories on this Saint’s life, uncovered by author, Jason Evert.

Fr. Jerome highly recommends this book & it’s being made available for you to purchase for just **\$5.** (approximate cost to the parish & considerably less than retail).

## IN THE DIOCESE AND COMMUNITY

### **ORDER CHRISTMAS MEAT PIES FROM SHALOM 613-525-1704**

9 inch pie includes beef, pork, potatoes, onions, spices.

\$11/each – Orders will be delivered between 10 and 17 Dec.

### **CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCHEON - NOON TO 2:30 P.M.**

Will you be alone this Christmas Day? Why not join your extended family in Jesus for lunch (turkey & all the fixings) at the Agora Catholic Centre. No cost for the meal but a donation of non-perishable goods for St. Vincent de Paul appreciated.

For more info or to volunteer at this luncheon, call Darlene Walsh at 613-703-7696, e-mail dtwalsh@sympatico.ca Come to a meeting 9 a.m. Thurs, 4 Dec at St. Peter’s Church.

### **WOMEN’S MORNING OF REFLECTION – SAT., 6 DEC.**

9:30 a.m. to Noon at the Charles-Emile Claude Centre. Mass, talk, light breakfast, Confession & Rosary. \$5 free will offering.

### **ANNUAL SNOWFLAKE BAZAAR & LUNCHEON, THURS, 4 DEC.**

at St. Joseph’s Continuing Care Centre, 14 York St. Soup, Sandwiches, Dessert - \$6.- free parking – Crafts, bake sale, books, gifts, raffle, Christmas table, etc  
**10 A.M. TO 1:30 P.M. (LUNCHEON 11 TO 12:30)**



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