

**27TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
5 OCTOBER, 2014**

"I tell you, the kingdom of heaven will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruit of the kingdom."

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. Except Tuesdays.

Today's Readings:

Isaiah 5:1-7
Psalm 80
Philippians 4:6-9
Matthew 21:33-43

"I have chosen you from the world, says the Lord, to go and bear fruit that will last."

Further Reflection from the Catechism:

CCC: 221, 307, 396, 1807
CCCC: 135, 208/14, 363
YOUCAT: 33, 50, 62

HOW STRANGE: LONGING FOR HEAVEN IS ALMOST NEVER EXPRESSED TODAY

Almost no one talks of Heaven and I seldom hear any expressed desire to go there. The way most of our prayers sound, we are content to have God make this world a better place. People will ask God to fix their health, fix their finances, and so forth. But quite absent from most prayers is any mention of Heaven or a desire to go there and be with God.

The Hail, Holy Queen laments that we live in exile, in a valley of tears, and are poor, banished children of Eve who long to see the blessed fruit of Mary's womb, Jesus. Lots of old hymns sang of being free at last, of flying away to Heaven some bright morning when this life is over and looking forward to that day. Yes, soon and very soon! Older churches were designed to remind Catholics of Heaven and their structures were often centered around the vision of Heaven from the Book of Revelation.

Today, most of the focus of our so-called spiritual life is on making this world a better place, almost as if we were saying to God, "Make this world a little more comfortable and I'll just stay here forever!"

Honestly, do you long for Heaven or are you just trying to make it through to tomorrow? Have you ever heard a sermon on Heaven? Does the thought of it excite you? It IS after all our reward, that eye has not seen and ear has never heard!

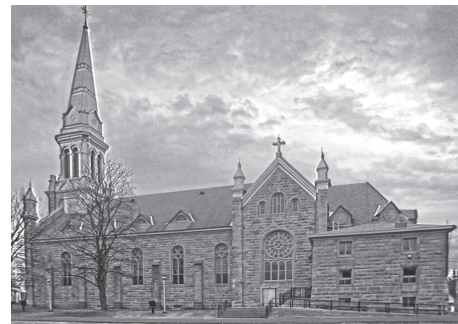
Granted, today there is a serious problem with universalism wherein it is assumed that almost everyone is going straight to Heaven when he dies. And maybe that's part of the problem. Since so few think they can possibly lose the gift of Heaven, most take it for granted (literally and figuratively). Why be vigilant or care that much about something that is certain and has to be entered through a rather unpleasant door called death? We tend to regard lightly what we get for free, but if we must sacrifice to get it, we value it more highly.

Another factor is that we live very comfortably these days. It is a kind of comfort that both distracts us from spiritual things and focuses us on worldly things. Our comforts also make the Cross seem strange, even immoral. Who cares about Heaven, especially since you have to die to get there! Instead most would rather focus on expanding their cable service or taking a cruise.

There friends and parents and brethren and children without number wait for us and long to celebrate our happy arrival. They are in secure possession of their own joy yet are solicitous for ours. How great will be our common joy upon the transports of meeting together in those blessed abodes.

How unutterable must be the pleasures of that kingdom which have no intermission. There we shall meet with the glorious choir of apostles; with the goodly company of the prophets; with an innumerable multitude of holy martyrs; there we shall be blessed with the sight of those triumphant virgins who have subdued the inordinate lusts of the flesh; and there we shall behold the rewards of those who, by feeding the hungry and consoling the afflicted have with their earthly treasure stored up for themselves treasure in heaven.

Excerpted from an article by Msgr. Charles Pope



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Saturday 6:15 to 6:45 p.m.
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CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

First Saturday, October 4th

7:00 – 7:25 a.m. Confessions
 8:00 a.m. Bishop Bergie (30th Anniv of Ordination) by
 the Diocesan Catholic Women's League
 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions
 6:15 – 6:45 p.m. Confessions
 7:00 p.m. Pete Piquette by Betty Piquette

Sunday, October 5th

7:30 a.m. Intentions of the parishioners
 9:30 a.m. Kenneth Arcand (15th Anniv. of death)
 by wife Leona
 11:00 a.m. Paul Emile Sauve (2nd Anniv. of death)
 by daughter Marie

Monday, October 6th

7:30 a.m. Rita Marsolais (1st Anniv. of death) by
 Vicki & Ron Leroux

Tuesday, October 7th 7:30 a.m. No Mass

Wednesday, October 8th

7:30 a.m. Donald George (Tiny) McRae by Lisa &
 David Herjavec

Thursday, October 9th

7:30 a.m. Lionel Tessier by Doug & Jane Anderson

Friday, October 10th

7:30 a.m. Mr. & Mrs. Reuben Harvey & deceased
 family members by Joseph & Carole Harvey

Saturday, October 11th

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

Sunday, October 12th

7:30 a.m. Ron Coughlan by brother Rod Coughlan
 9:30 a.m. Intentions of the parishioners
 11:00 a.m. Nancy (Smith) Ripley by Alfie &
 Annie McDonald

Monday, October 13th

8:00 a.m. In Thanksgiving by the Parisien family

PRAYER BEFORE MASS
THE ANGELUS

(Leader) The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary ...
 (All) and she conceived of the Holy Spirit. Hail Mary ...
 (Leader) Behold the handmaid of the Lord ...
 (All) be it done to me according to your word. Hail Mary ...
 (Leader) And the Word was made Flesh ...
 (All) and dwelt among us. Hail Mary ...
 (Leader) Pray for us O holy Mother of God ...
 (All) that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray:

Pour forth, we beseech You, O Lord, Your grace into our hearts,
 that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ Your Son was made
 known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and
 Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. Through the
 same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

IN OUR PARISH

COLLECTION – 21 SEPT.– THANK YOU

Sunday	\$4,125.10	Votive Candles	\$182.65
Loose	449.63	Book Store	46.32
Total	\$4,574.73		

INCOME COMPARATIVE STATEMENT – AUG. 2014

	YTD ACTUAL	YTD LAST YR.	DIFFERENCE
REVENUE			
Sun. Collections	\$174,003.	\$179,164.	\$ -5,161.
Other	28,788.	31,235.	\$ -2,447.
TOTAL	\$202,791.	\$210,399.	\$- 7,608. Less
EXPENSES	\$223,866.	\$214,709.	\$ 9,157. More

NO TUESDAY 7:30 A.M. MASS AT ST. COLUMBAN'S
 There are **8 A.M. TUESDAY** morning Masses at St.
 Francis, St. Peter's & Blessed Sacrament which
 you may attend. Thank you for your understanding.
Your Parish Leadership Team

CONCERT ON 21 SEPTEMBER A SUCCESS
 The Patrons of St. Columban Foundation thanks
 everyone who contributed to the success of the
 concert, which raised \$5,253. to be directed to help
 pay for the major capital repair work on the church.
 Special thanks to the *Seaway Winds Concert Band*
 who gave such a memorable concert, the 19
 concert sponsors, the committee members,
 everyone who attended and St. Columban's CWL
 who hosted a post-concert supper.
 Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

We invite those with children or grandchildren in
 public schools to contact the parish office to
 discuss completing their SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION
 (BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION, FIRST COMMUNION)

**CHILDREN (AGES 4 TO 8) LITURGY PROGRAM AT
 9:30 A.M. SUNDAY MASS**

Parents – please bring your children to the
 Upper Room before 9:30 Mass - to be registered.
ALSO, HELPERS ARE NEEDED TO ASSIST
 Please see Joe Kupina after the 9:30 a.m. Mass
 for information.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

MONTHLY MEETING – 7 P.M., TUESDAY, 7 OCTOBER
 Parish Activity Centre, (Upstairs, Agape Bldg.)
 New members always welcome.

ST. COLUMBAN'S PARISH HARVEST SUPPER

Turkey and all the trimmings

4 TO 6:30 P.M.,

SUNDAY, 26 OCTOBER

St. John's Church Hall,

28 Second St. E.

Adults \$14; Children 6-12 \$5; under 6 free



IN OUR PARISH

CHURCH SOUND SYSTEM

The Finance Council is aware of the problem with our P.A. system and are endeavoring to rectify the problem. We ask for your patience as efforts to resolve this problem are being worked on so that the system will be working properly as soon as possible.

Thank you. *The Finance Council.*

IF YOU CAN SING OR PLAY A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT (FLUTE, GUITAR, KEYBOARD, ETC.)

please prayerfully consider sharing your God-given musical talents at one of our 4 weekend Masses.

LITURGICAL MUSIC MINISTRY

For more information, please call
Bill Brown at 613-932-7316

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)

is the process through which interested adults and older children are gradually introduced to the Roman Catholic faith and way of life. For those who join an RCIA process it is a period of reflection, prayer, instruction, discernment and formation. Those who enter the process are expected to begin attending Holy Mass on Sundays, attend a weekly RCIA session, and become increasingly more involved in the activities of the Parish. ***Now is the time to come forward if you or someone you know would like to discern becoming Catholic or to complete the Sacraments of Initiation.***

Anyone interested should contact the Parish Office, in person or by phone, during office hours.

IN OUR DIOCESE

PRIESTS PENSION PLAN

We held our second annual priests' pension collection last November. You may recall that \$118,226 was collected the first year, which was overwhelming. Last year generated another generous amount of \$77,731.

We want you to know how much we appreciate your concern for our welfare. We were able to increase the amount of monthly pensions from \$750. to \$800. effective July 1st of this year. We hope to ultimately reach \$1,100 per month but must increase the amount gradually in view of the cost.

Our annual collection this year will take place **November 2nd**. We thank you for your consideration and generosity.

Should you have questions, please contact Deacon Pierre Aubé at (613) 933-1138 extension 25 or Fr. Daniel Van Delst at (613) 932-9226.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

IS LOOKING FOR A FEW MORE VOLUNTEERS

to work our Emergency Food Bank out of St. Francis de Sales church hall. We operate 9:30 to 11 a.m. each Tuesday and Friday. Volunteers work one shift (either a Tuesday or Friday) once every 4-5 weeks. If interested please contact
Katie Blackadder at 613-933-1823.

IN THE DIOCESE

HARVEST SUPPERS

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY;

4 TO 6:30 P.M., SUNDAY, 5 OCTOBER

Turkey/Ham Supper at Chrysler Community Centre
Adults \$12. - ages 6 to 12 \$5.; 5 & under free.

OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS

4 TO 7:30 P.M., SUNDAY, 19 OCTOBER

Turkey Supper at Roxborough Community Hall,
Adults \$12.; ages 6 to 12 \$5.; ages 5 & under free

ST. COLUMBAN'S

4 TO 6:30 P.M., SUNDAY, 26 OCTOBER

St.. John's Hall, 28nd St.E.

Adults \$14.; 6-12 \$5.; under 6 free

ST. MARTIN OF TOURS, GLEN ROBERTSON SUNDAY, 26 OCTOBER

\$13/adults; \$6/children; Take-out meals \$13.

BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH,

4 TO 7 P.M., SUNDAY, 2 NOVEMBER

Adults \$12.; 6 to 12 \$6; under 6 free. All take-outs \$12.

MUSICIANS WANTED

EXPERIENCED IN PRAISE & WORSHIP

to help lead an occasional evening of prayer.

If you are a musician interested in trying this style of music, please contact Marilyn at
mbergeron@alexandria-cornwall.ca

*** DIOCESAN GATHERING ***

Join Bishop Marcel

at the Agora Catholic Centre (301 McConnell)

7 P.M., TUESDAY, 14 OCTOBER

There will be a presentation of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan, Music, Adoration, Sharing, Witness Talks and Fellowship

ROAST BEEF DINNER – THURSDAY, 9 OCTOBER

Hosted by St. Francis de Sales K of C in the Church Hall

Adults \$10, children \$5. – To accommodate everyone,

There will be two sittings: 4:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

SALESIAN YOUTH CENTER, 300 MONTREAL RD.

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R.C.I.A. – RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR TEENAGERS

Program is offered to students who are not baptized and desire to be, or for Baptized students who have not received the other Sacraments of Initiation (Confirmation & Eucharist) For info and registration, contact. Sr. Francine at 613-933-1138 or e-mail fquilmette@alexandria-cornwall.ca

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