

**25TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
21 SEPTEMBER, 2014**

“Seek the Lord while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near ... return to the Lord that He may have mercy on you.”

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:

Isaiah 55:6-9
Psalm 145
Phil 1:20c-24, 27a
Matthew 20:1-16a

“For as the heavens are higher than the Earth, so are my ways higher than your ways.”

Further Reflection

from the Catechism:
CCC: 1441, 1443, 1446
CCCC: 298, 302, 310
YOUCAT: 228 – 231

GOD'S LOVE CANNOT BE EARNED

In the first reading from the Old Testament, the prophet Isaiah proclaims the glory of God's forgiveness. God's ways are hard for the people to understand. Isaiah urges the people to turn from their wicked ways and return to the Lord for mercy and forgiveness. In today's passage the message is clear. Do not waste any time. Seek the Lord now and you will find a God of limitless love and mercy.

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells a story about workers in a vineyard. Like many of Jesus' parables, the story ends with a twist to help the listener look at reality in a new way. Jesus called this reality the reign of God.

The landowner in today's parable pays a full day's wage to all his workers, even those who only work for part of the day. This makes some of the workers upset because they think that they should get more. Jesus' parable teaches that God's generosity and unconditional love is extended to all people. The people of Jesus' time found it hard to understand that prostitutes and tax collectors should receive forgiveness without earning it. Today's parable shows that everyone gets what he or she needs to survive because of the owner's compassion, not because they have earned it.

A KEY THEME:

God's love is unconditional. God loves us even when we find it hard to love ourselves. God's love is constant. From this great love flows the forgiveness of sins. The life, death, and resurrection of Jesus open for us the doors to a new and healed life. We are born into this new life at Baptism. The Church does not re-baptize those who sin after Baptism. Instead, Catholics experience the forgiveness of God in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

THINKING ABOUT IT

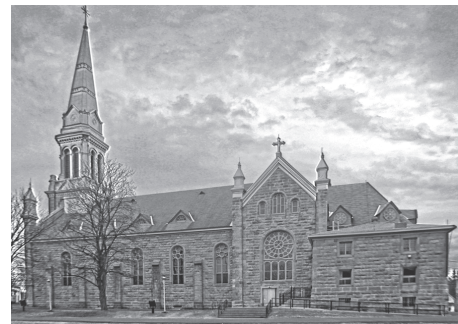
When we sin, we do things that hurt our friendship with God and with others. In the Sacrament of Reconciliation we reconcile with God and one another. God always loves us and offers forgiveness. When we are sorry for our sins we are led by God to be reconciled.

Catholics believe there are four parts to the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. First the believer expresses love for God and true sorrow for sin. Second, the sins are confessed. This is done individually to a priest. The priest acts in the name of Jesus. Third, the harm that is done must be repaired. This is known as penance. Fourth, the priest extends his hands over the head of the believer in blessing and prays for our forgiveness. This prayer of absolution expresses that it is God alone who forgives and reconciles the sinner back to God and to the Church. Through the Sacrament of Reconciliation we receive the strength to live faithfully as God's children.

THE GOSPEL IN LIFE

Take some time to reflect on God's unconditional love for you this week.

Excerpted from RCL Benziger Lectionary Resources



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1 month in advance

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CONFESSIONS

Saturday 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Saturday 6:15 to 6:45 p.m.
Also by appointment

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WEEKEND PUBLICATION)**

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

Saturday, September 20th

2:00 p.m. Wedding Joel Herrington & Megan Sorbie
 3:00 -4:00 p.m. Confessions
 6:15- 6:45 p.m. Confessions
 7:00 p.m. Alexander Dore (5th Anniv. of death) by the family

Sunday, September 21st

7:30 a.m. Intentions of the parishioners
 9:30 a.m. George Brand by Georgette & family
 11:00 a.m. Don Belanger (10th Anniv, of death) by wife
 Darleen & family
 2:00 p.m. *Foundation Concert (Seaway Winds Concert Band)*

Monday, September 22nd

7:30 a.m. Marielle Taylor by Joy of the Lord Prayer Group

Tuesday, September 23rd

7:30 a.m. Dennis Gervais by Helene & Patrick McGlynn

Wednesday, September 24th

7:30 a.m. Daphne Martell by husband Barice & family

Thursday, September 25th

7:30 a.m. Paul Labelle by Corrie & family
 6:30 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal Bowie & Burnie

Friday, September 26th

7:30 a.m. Mavis Menard by Joe & Carole Harvey

Saturday, September 27th

3:00 – 4 p.m. Confessions
 4:00 p.m. Wedding Colin Bowie & Kaelyn Burnie
 6:15 – 6:45. Confessions
 7:00 p.m. Harold McNicol by Kathleen & family

Sunday, September 28th

7:30 a.m. Intentions of the parishioners
 9:30 a.m. Deceased family members of Gisele & Marcel Cadieux
 by the SCHOLA Choir
 11:00 a.m. Marco Vincelli Sr. (31st Anniversary of death)
 by the Vincelli family

Monday, September 29th

7:30 a.m. Special Intention by a parishioner

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 – 7 SEPT.- THANK YOU

Sunday	\$4,695.00	Votive Candles	\$171.65
Loose	578.51	Book Store	\$ 75.80
Total	\$5,273.51		

NOTE TO PARISHIONERS

Beginning in October, there will no longer be a morning Mass on **Tuesdays**. You can attend **Tuesday** morning Mass at St. Francis, St. Peter's or Blessed Sacrament. Morning Mass at these Parishes start at 8 a.m. Thank you for your understanding.
Parish Leadership Team

DO YOU PLAY A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT (FLUTE, GUITAR, KEYBOARD, ETC.) ? DO YOU LIKE TO SING?

With 4 weekend Masses, there are many opportunities for you to participate & share your God-given musical talents at one of them. Please prayerfully consider taking part in the parish's
LITURGICAL MUSIC MINISTRY
 Call Bill Brown at 613-932-7316 or Fr. Jerome 613-932-9616

COFFEE AND CHAT – THIS WEEKEND

Please plan to stop at the 4th St. Church entrance for a few minutes after Mass and share your summer experiences with fellow parishioners.

THE PATRONS OF ST. COLUMBAN FOUNDATION FUNDRAISING CONCERT, 2 P.M., 21 SEPT.

Musical entertainment by
SEAWAY WINDS CONCERT BAND.
 Tickets \$10. available at the door. *Funds raised are for major repair work on the church.*

LAST OF SUMMER – SALAD SUPPER 4 P.M. SUNDAY, 21 SEPT.

in the Parish Activity Centre. Free will offering.

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)

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Please contact the Parish Office for more information, if you are interested in taking the RCIA course to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY - 9:30 A.M. SUN. MASS
 PROGRAM RESUMES NEXT SUNDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER**
 for children ages 4 to 8. In accordance with diocesan policy, children must be registered.

**REGISTRATION WILL TAKE PLACE AFTER 9:30 A.M. MASS
 THIS SUNDAY, 21 SEPT.** near the east door of the Church.

C.W.L. FALL GARAGE AND BAKE SALE

will be held at St. Columban's School, 323 Augustus St.
8 A.M. TILL NOON, SATURDAY OCTOBER 4TH
 If you would like to donate articles for the sale, please drop them off at the school on Fri, 3 Oct. between 3 & 5 p.m.

BISHOP'S DINNER – FRIDAY, 3 OCT.

AT THE BEST WESTERN PARKWAY INN
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Only 4 tickets left for our parishioners so call or visit our parish office this week to purchase a ticket (\$100./each).

A tax donation receipt will be issued for \$50.

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND THE DINNER BUT WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS THE FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN, please send your donation to the *Diocesan Office, 220 Montreal Road, Cornwall K6H 1B4*. Cheques payable to "Diocese of Alexandria-Cornwall" re: *Bishop's Dinner*.

MOVING FORWARD...TOGETHER

WHERE THE MONEY GOES

Youth & Young Adult Ministries; New Evangelization; Marriage, Family & Life; Faith Formation and Acculturation of Foreign Priests

DU C IN ALTUM!

Did you ever ask yourself, "What am I doing with my life? How can I discern what is best? How do I find out what God wants me to be and do?" If yes, you might be interested in joining a group of young adults for one year. An info session is offered on **SUNDAY, 21 SEPT.** at the Salesian Sisters Residence (300 Montreal Road). For info contact Sr Lise 613-937-4956 ducinaltumottawa@gmail.com.
 Web site: www.ducinaltumottawa.ca

CEMETERY SERVICES – SUNDAY, 5 OCT.

St. Anthony's, Apple Hill - 11:30 a.m.
 St. James, Maxville - 1 p.m.

Bring your lawn chairs. In case of inclement weather, services will be held inside the Church.

YOUTH VOLUNTEER LEADERS NEEDED

Youth Volunteers (ages 14-20) are needed for the Salesian Youth Center (for ages 8 to 14) on Fridays (6:30pm to 8:30pm). As a Youth Volunteer, you will develop your leadership skills, lead activities & games, receive volunteer hours, & become active within the community! Call Sr. Francine 613-933-1138 X29 or e-mail: fguilmette@alexandria-cornwall.ca

**HAS GOD DONE SOMETHING WONDERFUL IN YOUR LIFE?
 SHARE THE GOOD NEWS WITH OTHERS.**

We invite you to tell your story ... just one chapter at a time. We will find ways to share the stories in an effort to draw others closer to Jesus. If you've always been close to Jesus, tell us about that. If there was a particular moment of conversion or closeness, describe it to us. *Three questions follow to help get you started*
 1. Where were you in your life? (e.g. pain, struggle, indecision)
 2. What did God do for you?
 3. How did this change you and how does He continue to draw you closer to Him? How have you kept the peace, joy, hope alive?
 Please sign the stories & include your contact info. If you would prefer that we don't use your full name, please indicate that. Letters may be edited for length.
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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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

TO HELP SERVE AS MINISTERS OF COMMUNION at the Hospital. Please call Fr. Halle at 613-933-6097

PARISH HARVEST SUPPERS

ST. JAMES PARISH – 4 TO 7 P.M., SUNDAY, 21 SEPT.

Roast Beef Dinner at Maxville Sports Complex
 Adults \$12; ages 6 to 12 \$6.; under age 6 are free.

ST. BERNARD'S PARISH – 4 TO 7 P.M., SUNDAY, 28 SEPT.

Supper at the Finch Community Arena.
 Adults \$12. - ages 6 to 12 \$6 - under age 6 are free.

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY; 4 TO 6:30 P.M., SUN. 5 OCT.

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

OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS – 4 TO 7:30 P.M., SUN. 19 OCT.

Turkey/Ham 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., SUN., 26 OCT.

ST. John's Church Hall, 28 2nd St. East
Adults \$14.; ages 6-12 years) \$5.; under 6 free

BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH, 4 TO 7 P.M., SUNDAY, 2 NOV.

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

SAVE THE DATE – TUESDAY, 14 OCT.

**FOR THE NEXT
 DIOCESAN DYNAMIC CATHOLIC EVENT**

SALESIAN YOUTH CENTER

The youth center begins on Friday October 3rd from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at the Salesian Sisters' residence (300 Montreal Road). Activities include sports, indoor & outdoor games, cooking, crafts, a "God spot" moment, snack & other surprise activities! Ages 8 to 14. \$20 for the year (30 Fridays) or \$1. per Friday. Info 613-937-4956

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 fguilmette@alexandria-cornwall.ca

THE 'MOSES' COURSE OFFERED BY SASE CORNWALL

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