

23RD SUNDAY IN

ORDINARY TIME

7 SEPTEMBER 2014

"If you warn the wicked person to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, they shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life."

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:

Ezekiel 33:7-9

Psalms 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

Romans 13:8-10

Matthew 18:15-20

"Where two or three are gathered in My Name, I am there among them."

Further Reflection from the Catechism:

CCC: 1428, 1429

CCCC: 107, 165, 296

YOUCAT: 232 - 236

LIFELONG CONVERSION

SCRIPTURE BACKGROUND

In today's first reading from the Old Testament, God gives the wicked people a chance to change their ways. God commands Ezekiel to warn the people about their sinfulness. Ezekiel is told to speak every word God gives him to the people. God tells Ezekiel that he will be responsible for the people's wrongdoing if he refuses to preach God's word to them. The preaching of Ezekiel will give every individual a chance to repent. God will respond favorably to those whom return to Him in faithfulness.

In today's Gospel we find traces of the struggles of the early Christian community to live out Jesus' command to love one another. Jesus encourages His followers to make every effort to bring the sinner back to the community. If the wrongdoer refuses to listen when they are confronted alone, other members of the Church should be called upon to help. Today's passage shows that conversion of heart is always possible. People can change their ways and the Church community should help those who have gone astray. Jesus makes the point that prayer is important in such matters because a change of heart is a gift from God.

A KEY THEME:

In the Gospels we hear the command to "repent" right from the start of Jesus' public ministry. Although we are created to be good and to live in relationship with God, too often we turn away from God's love for us. Sometimes we make choices that do not respect others or ourselves. This was the case in Jesus' time, as well. Jesus' preaching and ministry called for a turn-around of the person, a call to let go of old ways and to embrace a new life of truth and love. We call the movement of turning our hearts back to God's love conversion.

THINKING ABOUT IT

Catholics understand that conversion is a lifelong journey of growth in relationship with God. We do not make this journey alone. All members of the Church community support and challenge one another to grow in faith. The entire body of the Church is called to conversion. The Sacraments help us to live as children of God. In the Sacraments God's love heals us and we become closer to God.

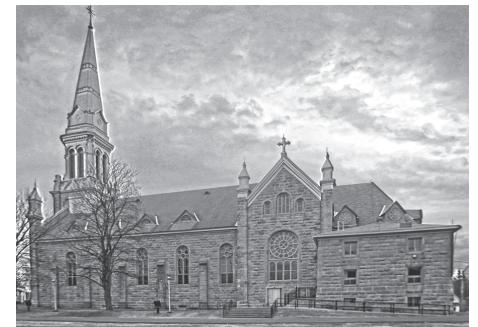
We all take a wrong turn every now and then. As God's children, we are called back to friendship with God and God's people, the Church. Our faith tells us that God gives us the grace and the ability to begin anew.

Jesus gave His church the power to forgive sins. When we sin, we have the opportunity to be reconciled with God and the Church through celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Reconciliation restores our relationship of love and friendship with God.

THE GOSPEL IN LIFE

This week pray to God for the ability to change and grow.

Excerpted from RCL Benziger Lectionary Resources



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By appointment

1 month in advance

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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

First Saturday, September 6th

8:00 a.m. Mary Lanteigne by Edward & Catherine
 Michaud & family

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions

6:15 – 6:45 p.m. Confessions

7:00 p.m. Deacon Thomas Graney by Eva, Michael & Dan

Sunday, September 7th

7:30 a.m. Intentions of the parishioners

9:30 a.m. Leonard Kingston by the Schola Choir

11:00 a.m. Tanya Przyk (6th Anniversary of death) by
 the Vincelli family

Monday, September 8th

7:30 a.m. Betty Brisson by Gerard Fobert

Tuesday, September 9th

7:30 a.m. Frank Campbell by Terry Derouchie

Wednesday, September 10th

7:30 a.m. Marguerite Wood by Hugh & Barbara Ann Wood

Thursday, September 11th

7:30 a.m. Mary Lanteigne by St. Columban's C.W.L.

Friday, September 12th

7:30 a.m. Ghislaine Langdon by Liz & Jennie MacKillop

5:00 p.m. Wedding rehearsal Wells / Turgeon-Brunet

Saturday, September 13th

3:00 – 3:45 p.m. Confessions

4:00 p.m. Wedding Shawn Wells & Katherine Turgeon-Brunet

6:15 – 6:45 p.m. Confessions

7:00 p.m. Leonard Kingston by Dorena Primeau

Sunday, September 14th

7:30 a.m. Intentions of the parishioners

9:30 a.m. Cyril Dumond by wife Viola & family

11:00 a.m. Lionel Tessier by Alex & Marilyn McDonell &
 Rosemary Sloan

12:30 p.m. *Baptisms*

3:00 p.m. *Cemetery Service*

Monday, September 15th

7:30 a.m. Michael Sztupcvszky by Christina

ST. COLUMBAN'S CEMETERY SERVICE – 3 P.M., SUN, 14 SEPT

Please bring your lawn chairs. In case of inclement weather, the service will be held in our Church.

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

in the Parish Activity Centre. Free will offering

SAVE THE DATE – TUESDAY, 14 OCTOBER FOR THE NEXT DIOCESAN DYNAMIC CATHOLIC EVENT

SOCIAL AFTERNOONS – 1:30 P.M. TUESDAYS

in the Parish Activity Centre. Activities include card games, jigsaw puzzles – open to other activities. Parishioners are encouraged to come & spend some time with other parishioners.

IN OUR PARISH

COLLECTION – 24 AUGUST – THANK YOU

Sunday	\$3,875.00	Votive Candles	\$131.00
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Total	\$4,363.31		



LITURGICAL MUSIC

Do you like to sing?

Do you play flute, guitar,

keyboard or other instruments?

With 4 weekend Masses, there are lots of opportunities for you to share your God-given musical talents at one of them.

*Please prayerfully consider taking part in the liturgical music ministry at one of our Masses. **GOD WILL BE SO PLEASED.***

For more information, please call Bill Brown at 613-932-7316 or Fr. Jerome 613-932-9616

THANK YOU BRIAN LAROSE

Brian's last day as our Custodian was 30 Aug. On behalf of the parishioners & the Pastor, we thank Brian for his service.

WELCOME BACK ART LAUZON

Art returns as our Custodian effective 2 September.

**THE PATRONS OF ST. COLUMBAN FOUNDATION
 FUNDRAISING CONCERT, SUNDAY 2 P.M., 21 SEPTEMBER**
 in St. Columban's Church. Musical entertainment
 by **SEAWAY WINDS CONCERT BAND.**



Tickets \$10. are available at the Parish office during office hours, at all the Masses the weekend of 6-7 Sept., by calling Brian Lynch at 613-933-8353 and at the door 21 September. Funds raised at the concert will be directed to pay for major repair work on the church.

BISHOP'S DINNER – FUNDRAISING EVENT

The diocese is planning a fundraising event for its pastoral needs (*please see the insert in this weekend's bulletin*). A limited number of tickets are available for every parish.

Please call or visit the parish office to purchase a ticket (\$100./each). If you are unable to attend the Bishop's 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.

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PUT OUT INTO THE DEEP

MEETING PROJECT FOR YOUNG ADULTS AGES 19 TO 30

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 who have the same questions and who meet 8 times over one year. We call this journey **DUC IN ALTUM – PUT OUT INTO THE DEEP**. Info sessions will be held at 7 p.m. on **Sunday, 14 Sept.** at the residence of the Salesian Sisters (300 Montreal Rd) and **Tuesday, Sept.16th** at Blessed Sacrament Church in Ottawa (194 4th Ave.). For more info call Sister Lise 613-937-4956 or email ducinaltumottawa@gmail.com.
www.ducinaltumottawa.ca or www.alexandria-cornwall.ca

THEOLOGY ON TAP (FOOD, FAITH & FELLOWSHIP)

A monthly discussion series for Catholic young adults & their friends, married and single, 19+ years old. Next event will be from **8 TO 9:30 P.M. ON FRIDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER** at Quinn's Inn, (3rd floor), 17329 Kings Road, St. Andrews West. Topic will be an unusual but good one: *The need for Jesus here & there! Contemplating death and judgement.* Presenter is Brian Van Patten. No registration required – just show up and bring friends. For more info contact Sr. Francine at 613-933-1138 or e-mail fguilmette@alexandria-cornwall.ca

"COME AND SEE" DISCERNMENT WEEKEND (19–21 SEPT.)

WITH THE SALESIAN SISTERS OF ST. JOHN BOSCO

Young women, single, Catholic, 18 to 30 years old are invited to stop, look and listen in a prayerful attitude. We provide the setting and the process to help you better discern your vocation. The weekend's experiences & reflective moments will help you respond to God's call to holiness and generous service among the youth today. Take this time off and give yourself ample space to revisit the questions you have been asking yourself, like *"Who am I? Where is God leading me? What are the signs of God calling me?"*
 For more info call Sister Lise 613-937-4956 (lisefma@gmail.com)
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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.
 To see sample stories & submit yours, go to our website at www.alexandria-cornwall.ca
 E-mail your story to mbergeron@alexandria-cornwall.ca or mail to My Story, 220 Montreal Rd, Box 1388, Cornwall K6H 5V4.

ANNUAL CEMETERY SERVICES

NATIVITY CEMETERY – 1 P.M., SUN., 21 SEPTEMBER

In case of inclement weather, service will be in the Church
NOTRE DAME CEMETERY – 2 P.M., SUN., 21 SEPTEMBER
 In case of inclement weather, service at St. Peter's Church.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

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

BUDDING PIANISTS – Piano lessons are offered at 300 Montreal Rd (for children, adolescents & adults by Sr. Roberte Johnson, a Salesian Sister of St. John Bosco. For more details call Sr. Roberte at 613-937-4956.

SPAGHETTI SUPPER, 4 TO 7:30 P.M., SUNDAY, 14 SEPT.

Hosted by K of C 877 at K of C 755 Hall, 205 Amelia St.
 Fundraiser for the Children's Treatment Center.
 \$10. children 10 and under free. Great door prizes.

ROAST BEEF DINNER, 5 TO 6:30 P.M., THURS., 11 SEPT.

Hosted by St. Francis de Sales K of C in their Parish Hall
 Adults \$10; children \$5.

HARVEST SUPPERS

ST. MARY'S PARISH – 3:30 TO 7 P.M., SUN. 7 SEPT.

Roast Beef Supper at St. Mary's Centre, Williamstown
 Adults \$15; ages 6 to 12 \$8.; under age 6 free

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,
 St. Polycarp St., Moose Creek
 Adults \$12.; ages 6 to 12 \$5.; ages 5 & under free

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

In their parish hall. Adults \$12.; ages 6 to 12 \$6; under 6 free
 All take-outs \$12.

WANTED – MUSICIANS EXPERIENCED IN PRAISE & WORSHIP

interested in helping to 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

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