4TH SUNDAY
OF EASTER
26 APRIL, 2015



I am the Good Shepherd

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:

Acts 4:8-12 Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 1 John 3:1-2 John 10:11-18 Who has been like a shepherd to me by their example?

Further Reflection from the Catechism:

CCC: 1533-1658 CCCC: 321-350 YOUCAT: 248-271

52ND WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Jesus called not only the twelve Apostles, but another 72 disciples whom He then sent out, two by two, for the mission. Since the Church "is by her very nature missionary". The Christian vocation is necessarily born of the experience of mission. Hearing and following the voice of Christ the Good Shepherd, means letting ourselves be attracted and guided by Him, in consecration to Him; it means allowing the Holy Spirit to draw us into this missionary dynamism, awakening within us the desire, the joy and the courage to offer our own lives in the service of the Kingdom of God.

To offer one's life in mission is possible only if we are able to leave ourselves behind. Belief means transcending ourselves, leaving behind our comfort and the inflexibility of our ego in order to centre our life in Jesus Christ. It means leaving, like Abraham, our native place and going forward with trust, knowing that God will show us the way to a new land. This "going forward" is not to be viewed as a sign of contempt for one's life, one's feelings, one's own humanity. On the contrary, those who set out to follow Christ find life in abundance by putting themselves completely at the service of God and His kingdom. Jesus says: "Everyone who has left home or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for My name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life" (Mt 19:29). All of this is profoundly rooted in love. The Christian vocation is first and foremost a call to love, a love which attracts us and draws us out of ourselves, "decentring" us and triggering "an ongoing exodus out of the closed inward-looking self towards its liberation through self-giving, and thus towards authentic self-discovery and indeed the discovery of God" (DCE, 6).

This process does not regard individuals alone, but the missionary and evangelizing activity of the whole Church. The Church is faithful to her Master to the extent that she is a Church which "goes forth", a Church which is less concerned about herself, her structures and successes, and more about her ability to go out and meet God's children wherever they are, to feel compassion for their hurt and pain. God goes forth from himself in a Trinitarian dynamic of love: He hears the cry of His people and He intervenes to set them free (Ex 3:7). The Church is called to follow this way of being and acting. She is meant to be a Church which evangelizes, goes out to encounter humanity, proclaims the liberating word of the Gospel, heals people's spiritual and physical wounds with the grace of God, and offers relief to the poor and the suffering.

To hear and answer the Lord's call is not a private and completely personal matter fraught with momentary emotion. Rather, it is a specific, real and total commitment which embraces the whole of our existence and sets it at the service of the growth of God's Kingdom on earth. The Christian vocation, rooted in the contemplation of the Father's heart, thus inspires us to solidarity in bringing liberation to our brothers and sisters, especially the poorest. A disciple of Jesus has a heart open to His unlimited horizons, and friendship with the Lord never means flight from this life or from the world. On the contrary, it involves a profound interplay between communion and mission (EG, 23). This exodus towards God and others fills our lives with joy and meaning.

Excerpted from a message from the Vatican, 29 March 2015



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(ONE WEEK PRIOR TO REQUIRWEEKEND PUBLICATION)

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

Saturday, April 25th

3:00-4:00 p.m. Confessions 6:15-6:45 p.m. Confessions

7:00 p.m. Deceased members of the Dumond & Vivarais families by Viola Dumond & family

Sunday, April 26th

7:30 a.m. Connie Shnob by Alfie & Annie McDonald

9:30 a.m. Intentions of the parishioners

11:00 a.m. Albert & Lillian Burnie by their children 3:00 p.m. Philipino Mass + potluck (all are welcome)

Monday, April 27th

7:30 a.m. Joseph & Carole Harvey & their children

(special Intention)

Wednesday, April 29th

7:30 a.m. Gerald Parisien by Joe Parisien & family

Thursday, April 30th

7:30 a.m. In Thanksgiving to St. Joseph by a parishioner

First Friday, May 1st

7:30 a.m. lola Parisien by Isabel Parisien 8 to 9 a.m. HOLY HOUR - ADDRATION

FIRST SATURDAY, May 2nd

7:00 - 7:25 a.m. Confessions

8:00 a.m. Mavis Menard by Peggy & Harold McRae

3:00 - 4:00 p.m. Confessions 6:15 - 6:45 p.m. Confessions

7:00 p.m. Mary Wylie by Ron & Marilyn

Sunday, May 3rd - Crowning of Mary After Masses

7:30 a.m. Harry Towes by Rod Coughlan 9:30 a.m. Intentions of the parishioners

11:00 a.m. Eileen Duplantis by St. Columban's 11 a.m. Choir

Monday, May 4th

7:30 a.m. Jeannine Lauber by Joe Parisien & family



HOLY HOUR, 8 A.M., FRIDAY, 1 MAY After the 7:30 a.m. Mass, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed & a time of Adoration, Prayer, Scripture & meditation follows. Hour closes with Benediction.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS - 2 MAY Confessions 7 to 7:25 a.m.
Rosary prayed at 7:30 a.m. Mass at 8 a.m. All are welcome to come and pray.



ST. COLUMBAN'S C.W.L. GARAGE AND BAKE SALE
will be held in St. Columban's School Gym, 323 Augustus St.
8 A.M. TO 12 NOON - SATURDAY, 2 MAY
Donated items for the sale may be dropped off at the school
between 3 & 5 p.m. on Friday, 1 May.

In Our Parish			
Collection 12 April, 2015 - Thank You			
Sunday	\$4,806.00	Easter	\$268.00
Loose	630.33	New Year's	30.00
Total	\$5,436.33	Palms	70.50
Candles	\$ 205.40	Good Friday/Holy Land	102.00
Books	25.35	Initial Offering	10.00
Flowers	13.00	Dev. & Peace	123.00
		Parish Outreach Anawim	50.00

ADOPT-A-CHILD

Reminder to parishioners who are praying for one of our grade two children that the <u>last card or note is due May 1st.</u>

Thank you for your participation in this ministry.

To further support the children,

PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND AT ST. COLUMBAN'S CHURCH CONFIRMATION 7 P.M. TUESDAY, 19 MAY FIRST COMMUNION 9:30 A.M., 31 MAY (ST. COLUMBAN'S) 11:00 AM., 31 MAY (BISHOP MCDONELL)

THIS WEEKEND, a member of the PATRONS OF ST. COLUMBAN FOUNDATION

will speak at all Masses about the work of the Patrons of St.
Columban Foundation. The Foundation, incorporated in 2005, raises funds to restore & preserve our historic Church.
At all the Masses on THE MAY 2-3 WEEKEND, a special collection will be taken for the Patrons of St. Columban Foundation at the same time as the regular collection. Use the envelope in your box or you may use one which is in the pew. Foundation information can be found at Church entrances & on the Foundation website www.stcolumbans.com.

POPE CALLS ON CHRISTIANS TO GIVE WITNESS

19 April (Vatican Radio)

Pope Francis called on everyone to give witness to the risen Christ during the Regina Coeli prayer on Sunday in St. Peter's Square. Reflecting on the readings of the day, Pope Francis said that the Church has the task of continuing during our time the mission of being witnesses with words & actions, that Jesus is risen and present among us. He continued by saying that the contents of our witness is not a theory, an ideology, but a message of salvation, a concrete event, a person: the risen Christ.

Pope Francis added that Christ can be witnessed by those who have had a personal experience of him in prayer and in the Church through the Sacraments and continual return to Confession. He said that a witness is more believable when it "shines" through by living the Gospel joyously, courageously, mildly, peacefully and with mercy.

BURSARIES FOR GRADE 12 GRADS

St. Columban's CWL invites young people graduating from Grade 12 to apply for a bursary. Parents & grandparents may also submit names. Students should be active in their faith & be continuing their education at a post-secondary institution.

To apply, contact Jane Anderson at 613-933-1062

In the Diocese & Area

Celebration of

60[™] ANNIVERSARY OF ST. THERESE PARISH 2 P.M. MASS, SUNDAY, 26 APRIL

presided by Bishop Marcel Damphousse, followed by a reception in the parish hall. Light lunch will be served. All are invited.

St. Francis de Sales K of C
FAMILY BREAKFAST in the parish hall.
8:30 A.M. TO 12 NOON, SUNDAY, 26 APRIL

BISHOP'S MOVIE PIX – "OCTOBER BABY"

Showing at the Port Theatre
7:15 P.M., 26 TO 30 APRIL

Monday & Wednesday Matinees at 2 p.m.

Auxiliary to St. Joseph's Continuing Care Centre GARAGE AND BAKE SALE, SATURDAY, 2 MAY 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., at St. Therese Church Hall, 1304 Lisieux All proceeds towards resident care programs at St. Joseph's Villa and CCC.

MARCH FOR LIFE - 14 MAY

Again this year Pro-Life Cornwall will sponsor a free bus to the March in Ottawa. To reserve your spot, please contact Joan at 613-937-0536.

SPRING LUNCHEON, 11 A.M. TO 1 P.M., WED., 13 MAY at Trinity Anglican Church, 105 Second Street West.

Adults \$9.00, children under 12- \$3.00.

Plus craft, baked goods and book tables.

Women's Morning of Reflection

at the Charles-Emile Claude Centre on Chevrier St.

The morning includes Mass, a light breakfast, Confession, a talk and the Rosary. The speaker this month is Dale Barr whose talk is entitled "Be Merciful As I Am Merciful". She will share how the Lord has transformed her by His mercy and how she now strives to be a constant bearer of His mercy to others.

A free will offering of \$5. is appreciated. Sat. May 2 from 9:30 am to noon

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celebrating 20 years bringing Youth to Christ Celebrations begin with MASS AT 5 P.M. ON THURSDAY, 4 JUNE at Notre Dame Cathedral. Gala at Ottawa Conference Centre: cocktails 6 p.m. dinner & program with guest speaker His Eminence Cardinal Raymond Burke at 7 p.m. Info/Tickets (www.netcanada.ca) 1-877-521-4426

STEUBENVILLE TORONTO - 7-9 AUGUST

Mega and inspiring Catholic Youth Conference (for youth in grades 8 to 12). Registration \$325. (2 nights in hotel, 6 meals & access to events). For info. go to the Steubenville Toronto 2015 page under Youth Ministry on the Diocese's website: www.alexandria-cornwall.ca or contact Sr. Francine at fquilmette@alexandria-cornwall.ca

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK BEGINS SUNDAY, MAY 3RD. The Catholic schools in our parish will engage in a series of events to celebrate the ongoing gift of publicly funded Catholic education. Discover what celebrations are happening in your children's school and if possible, attend.

FRIENDS OF RETIRED PRINCIPAL RUTH VAUGHN (1931-2015) invite you to a

MEMORIAL MASS, 11 A.M., THURSDAY, 7 MAY at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church. to celebrate her life (spiritual life and gifts to Catholic education).

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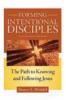
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Join us on May 30, 2015 for an all day workshop

with Keith Strohm of the Siena Institute

This practical conference and workshop will help you understand the meaning of the New Evangelization and the urgent need for our parishes to become houses of discipleship. The workshop focuses on the need to awaken our personal faith so that we will become more capable of putting our gifts and talents to use.



Potsdam Student Union Multi-Purpose Room \$40 U.S. www.rcdony.org/fid - lunch provided.

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