

5TH SUNDAY

IN LENT

06 APRIL 2014

**DURING LENT, THE CHURCH
WILL BE OPEN
FRIDAYS FROM
12 NOON TO 6 P.M.
FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO
COME AND PRAY**

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.

EVANGELIZATION MADE EASY – Part 5

Today's Readings:

Ezekiel 37:12–14

Psalms 130:1–8

Romans 8:8–11

John 11:1–45

God's Word exhorts us to
always have a ready
answer for our faith.

Can you share our faith in
100 words?

Further Reflection from the Catechism:

CCC: 1085–1090

CCCC: 222, 223, 237

YOUCAT: 171

What is the primary purpose of evangelization:

According to Holy Father Francis in his Apostolic Exhortation *The Gospel of Joy* #264:

The primary reason for evangelizing is the love of Jesus which we have received, the experience of salvation which urges us to ever greater love of Him.

What kind of love would not feel the need to speak of the beloved, to point Him out, to make Him known? If we do not feel an intense desire to share this love, we need to pray insistently that He will once more touch our hearts. We need to implore His grace daily, asking Him to open our cold hearts and shake up our lukewarm and superficial existence. Standing before Him with open hearts, letting Him look at us, we see that gaze of love which Nathaniel glimpsed on the day when Jesus said to him: "I saw you under the fig tree" (Jn 1:48). How good it is to stand before a crucifix, or on our knees before the Blessed Sacrament, and simply to be in His presence! How much good it does us when He once more touches our lives and impels us to share His new life! What then happens is that "we speak of what we have seen and heard" (1 Jn 1:3).

The best incentive for sharing the Gospel comes from contemplating it with love, lingering over its pages and reading it with the heart. If we approach it in this way, its beauty will amaze and constantly excite us. But if this is to come about, we need to recover a contemplative spirit which can help us to realize ever anew that we have been entrusted with a treasure which makes us more human and helps us to lead a new life. There is nothing more precious which we can give to others.

Does that mean that we are to be Bible thumpers preaching "repent" on street corners? Of course, not. However, it is imperative that we embrace the reality that God invites each and every one of us to share the Good News ... to the ends of the Earth.

A good preparation is to draft a **short testimony**, illustrating an example or two of how God has worked in our life. We've all had such encounters; we need to be able to identify them for our own growth and as a means to help others. Michael Dopp of Mission of the Redeemer Ministries suggests a **four step approach**.

- 1.) Describe what your life was like before (relationship with God & with others.)
- 2.) Describe the event (what happened?) Be clear and specific.
- 3.) Describe what happened afterward (How did God change your life? What does it mean for you today? What is your relationship with God and others like now?)
- 4.) Invitation/challenge (Invite the other person to do the same.) Let them know that God is available for them also.)

Michael suggests that, once polished, practice it twice a day for a week, then twice a week for a month, then twice a month ... forever (use it.)

*From Pope Francis' *Evangelii Gaudium* and a workshop by Evangelist Michael Dopp*



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Monday-Thursday
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BAPTISMS

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, April 5th

7:00 – 7:25 a.m. Confessions
 8:00 a.m. Angelina Besaw by Mona Lebano
 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions
 6:15 – 6:45 p.m. Confessions
 7:00 p.m. Germain, Andrew & Bernie Bissonnette by Albert & Aline

Sunday, April 6th

7:30 a.m. John Sampson by Chris & Pauline Chisholm
 9:30 a.m. Intentions of parishioners
 11:00 a.m. Yvon Berniquier by Paul Bissonnette

Monday, April 7th

7:30 a.m. Si Miller by Rod & Ann Martell

Tuesday, April 08th

7:30 a.m. Lionel Tessier by Doug & Jane Anderson
 12:10 p.m. Rene Provost by Maurice Provost & family

Wednesday, April 09th

7:30 a.m. Don Carrol by Carol Papps
 2:00 p.m. Penitential Service

Thursday, April 10th

7:30 a.m. Ruth Crowder by Marlene Bickerstaff
 12:10 p.m. Helen Kluge by Diane Gauthier

Friday, April 11th

7:30 a.m. Reynald Desjardins by Robert Beaudry
 6:30 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal Arthur & Esposito

Saturday, April 12th

2:30 – 4 p.m. Confessions
 3:00 p.m. Wedding Jordan Arthur & Julia Esposito
 6:15 – 6:45 p.m. Confessions
 7:00 p.m. George & Carmel Belmore by the family

Sunday, April 13th

7:30 a.m. Intentions of the Parishioners
 9:30 a.m. Suzan Smith by Mom, Steve, Lisa & Mike
 11:00 a.m. Jean Lalonde by Keith & Mary Grant

Monday, April 14th

7:30 a.m. Angelina Besaw by Andre & Elizabeth Doyon

SACRISTANS TRAINING FOR HOLY WEEK
 1 P.M., MONDAY, 7 APRIL

REST IN THE PEACE AND LOVE OF THE LORD
*Joyce Dufresne, Noella Saucier, Soneya Currier,
 Simone Lalonde and all who have died.*

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL – LENTEN FOOD DRIVE
 12-13 APRIL – PLEASE DONATE CANNED PASTA SAUCES

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 297 will host a
CHICKEN DINNER FUNDRAISER
 4:30 TO 6:30 P.M., THIS SUNDAY, 6 APRIL
for The Patrons of St. Columban Foundation
 Proceeds for restoration of our historic St. Columban Church
TICKETS \$10, AVAILABLE AFTER MASSES THIS WEEKEND.

IN OUR PARISH

COLLECTION – 23 MARCH – THANK YOU

Sunday	\$3,996.70	Dev. & Peace	\$ 20.00
Loose	450.56	Book Store	49.45
Total	\$4,447.26	Candles	161.15
Flowers	5.00	Good Fri./Holy Land	5.00

PARENT MEETING

For parents of Grade 2 Students
 Receiving Confirmation and First Communion
 will be held in the Parish Activity Centre (upstairs Agape Bldg.)
7 P.M., TUESDAY, APRIL 8TH.

We would like to honor in a special way
COUPLES CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES THIS YEAR
 in the multiples of 5, (i.e. 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 yrs. etc.)
 If you are celebrating or know of other parishioners who are
 celebrating one of these anniversaries, please let us know by
 calling the Rectory (613-932-9616) during office hours.

CWL LOOKING FOR BURSARY NOMINATIONS

Once again this year, St. Columban's CWL will give a bursary to a worthy grade 12 graduate at each of St. Joseph's and Holy Trinity High Schools. Any students, parents or grand-parents who would like to nominate a student to receive one of these bursaries should call the rectory during office hours 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday to Thursday. The student should be an active member of St. Columban's parish

During this Lenten season, **DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE** invites you to think about the poor and marginalized in the Global South, who face the injustices of war, poverty, hunger and denial of human rights every day. In today's liturgical reading, Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead. He does not turn away from the brother He loves and demonstrates that God's love makes life eternal. Today is **Solidarity Sunday**. There will be a special collection in support of the work of **DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE**, whose efforts alongside the most poor and marginalized in the Global South are an expression of love to mankind, which fulfills Jesus' message of hope, justice and kindness. Thank you for your generosity and solidarity. We are all one human family, and your gift will help to make a place at the table for the poor and ensure that everyone receives their daily bread.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE – PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY
"ONE HUMAN FAMILY, FOOD FOR ALL"

LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICES

Wed., 9 April - 2 p.m. St. Columban's Church
Thurs., 10 April - 7 p.m. St. Peter's Church

CHRISM MASS – 7 P.M., TUESDAY, 15 APRIL

will be held at Nativity Cathedral – All are welcome.
 Annual Mass with special blessing of the oils which will be distributed among the parishes of the Diocese for use during the next year. During the liturgy, all priests are given the opportunity to renew their priestly promises.
 Mass followed by a social time.

IN THE PARISH AND DIOCESE

CELTIC SPRING CONCERT- 1:30 TO 3 P.M., SUNDAY, 6 APRIL
at St. Anthony's, Apple Hill. Entertainment will be provided by local talent. Light refreshments. Free will offering

ROAST BEEF DINNER - 5 TO 6:30 P.M., THURSDAY, 10 APRIL
hosted by St. Francis de Sales K of C 11531
In the Parish Hall. Adults \$10; Children \$5.

BINGO - 7 P.M. WED. APRIL 9TH & APRIL 23RD
In the Church Hall - Precious Church Parish, Glen Walter
Early Bird Games start at 6:20 p.m.

BISHOP PIX MOVIE SERIES - POPE JOHN PAUL II
PORT THEATRE: 7:15 P.M. 4 TO 10 APR. + MON. MATINÉE 7 APR.
On April 27th, Pope Francis will preside at the canonization of Blessed John Paul II & Blessed John XXIII. To commemorate this historic event, we are screening Pope John Paul II. The movie brings the amazing story of Karol Wojtyla up close & personal (his struggles in Nazi-occupied Poland, his dealings with Russians & his election, at the age of 58, as the first non-Italian pope in 455 years). Bishop Marcel will introduce the movie opening night at 7 p.m. & Fr. Kevin Maloney, who will lead a pilgrimage to Rome for the canonization, will introduce the Matinée.

BISHOP MARCEL WANTS TO MEET
ALL TEENS AND YOUNG ADULTS IN THE DIOCESE
All teens and young adults in our Diocese are asked to come. (300 Montreal Road). There will be group activities, witness talks, sharing with Bishop Marcel, prayer and a great meal.
5 TO 8 P.M., SUNDAY, 13 APRIL

FAMILY BREAKFAST - 8:30 A.M. TO 12, SUN., 27 APR.
hosted by St. Francis de Sales K of C 11531 in Parish Hall

CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE FOR TEENS - TORONTO
Over 2000 young people (Grades 8 to 12) will gather to celebrate and grow their faith. The Diocese will be taking a group of 44 youth, (4 to 6 July), accompanied by adult chaperones and Bishop Marcel Damphousse. For more info. & registration contact Sr. Francine at info@acgoes2to.ca

St. Martin of Tours Parish, Glen Robertson
EXPO-SALE - NOON TO 4 P.M., SATURDAY, 26 APRIL
In the parish hall. (Book your table now).
Call Gisele or Lucie at 613-525-1223 or 613-874-2057

BENEFIT CONCERT FOR PRO-LIFE
St. Theresa's Church - Donation \$10. Piano & Guitar Music.
7 P.M., SATURDAY, 26 APRIL

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**THE DIGNITY OF THE PERSON REMAINS INTACT
EVEN IN THE WEAK AND NEEDY**

Vatican City, 9 February 2014 (VIS) -
Following the Angelus prayer, Pope Francis recalled that 11 February, the feast of the Virgin of Lourdes, and also the World Day of the Sick, is "a propitious occasion for placing the sick at the centre of the community", and he asked everyone to pray for them and with them, and to be close to those suffering ill-health. *"In particular, let us imitate Jesus' attitude towards the sick, those who suffer from every type of malady: The Lord cares for all, shares in their suffering and opens hearts to hope"*.



He also gave thanks to all healthcare professionals for their valuable work. *"Every day they encounter in the sick not merely bodies marked by fragility, but also people, to whom appropriate attention and responses must be given."*

The dignity of the person is never reduced to his or her faculties or capacities, and is no less when that person is weak, disabled or in need of help. I also think of families, where it is normal to care for those who are sick; but at times the situation can become more difficult. ...

Many people write to me, and I would like to assure a prayer to all these families, and I say to them: do not be afraid of fragility! Help each other with love, and you will all be aware of God's consoling presence".

**SHALOM HOUSE SENDS GREETINGS AND THANKS
FOR YOUR CONTINUING SUPPORT**

2013 statistics show an increase in the number of people who used our facilities for spiritual and human resources. More than 4,000 people and more than 6,200 meals were served. It is with great pride that we offered Bible studies (480 hours).

Special thanks to all benefactors who share our mission.

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Shalom House more accessible to a greater number of people.
Sister Alice Laurin, s.a.s.v.

Attention Motorcycle Enthusiasts..

The third annual **Ride to the Father** will take place **Saturday, May 17**, beginning in Metcalfe. The day begins with Mass at 8 a.m. at St. Catherine of Siena parish in Metcalfe, followed by a blessing of the bikes. Ride begins at 9 a.m. sharp taking a scenic route through the Glengarry Counties and includes a visit to St. Raphael's Ruins. There will be refreshment breaks and stops for fellowship along the way. Ride ends back in Metcalfe with a BBQ. For pre-registration, please contact Maurice by Saturday May 10, at ephesians610niv@gmail.com. The pre-registration cost is \$20. per bike or \$30. on the day of the ride. For more information, please contact Maurice at 613-673-2548 or Guy Cote at 613-487-4163. Brought to you by the Band of Brothers Ottawa ministry.

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