

**20TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME (B)
16 AUGUST, 2015**

Be careful how you live
... making the most
of the time ...
understand what the
will of the Lord is.

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:

Proverbs 9:1-6
Psalm 34:2-3, 10-15
Ephesians 5:15-20
John 6:51-58

Whoever eats My flesh
and drinks My blood
abides in Me, and I in
them, says the Lord.

Next weekend:

Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-18b
Psalm 34:2-3, 16-23
Ephesians 5:21-32
John 6:60-69

THE WORD IN LITURGY

Today's passage from the Book of Wisdom personifies wisdom as a woman giving a banquet and inviting guests to partake of it. Wine mixed with fragrant herbs marked special occasions, and meat suggests a festive dinner. The passage conveys the idea of the desirable bounty that wisdom offers to those who answer her call. To grasp the full significance of the passage, however, it is important to remember that in Proverbs folly is also personified as a woman—not a lady, but a harlot. Folly too invites guests to a meal, and does so in a similar manner, but serves only bread and water, rather than the festive wine and meat prepared for wisdom's banquet. In light of these contrasts, the text is also about significant decisions made along the path of life. How we "eat" depends upon whose invitation we choose to accept.

John's Gospel is remarkable in that it makes no mention of the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper. Some have speculated that the "bread of life" discourse of John 6 may have originally served this purpose, but was moved up to provide an extended commentary on the miracle of the loaves. Be that as it may, the passage in today's liturgy speaks of the gift of Jesus' flesh and blood as the means of receiving eternal life, and compares Jesus to manna in the desert.

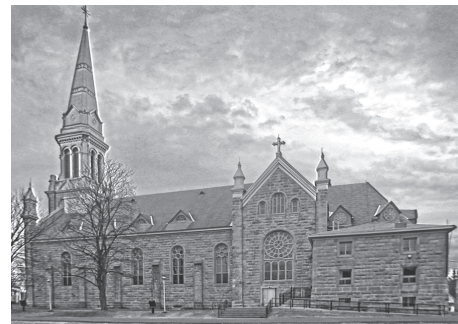
The vivid words of Jesus must have sounded scandalous in a world where cannibalism and the drinking of any kind of blood were completely taboo. But as usual in John's Gospel, the exchange between Jesus and His hearers operates on more than one level. In a Catholic perspective, the way in which Jesus' followers eat His flesh and drink His blood is through consuming the Eucharist, which is truly his flesh and blood, a gift, and the means of attaining everlasting life. The continuing presence of Jesus in the Eucharist is therefore the doctrinal focus of today's catechesis.

THE CONTINUING PRESENCE OF JESUS IN THE EUCHARIST

The Second Vatican Council identified four distinct modes of Christ's Eucharistic presence, declaring: "[Christ] is present in the Sacrifice of the Mass not only **in the person of His minister**...but especially **in the Eucharistic species**...He is present in **His Word** since it is He Himself Who speaks when the Holy Scriptures are read in Church. Lastly, He is present **when the Church prays and sings**, for He has promised, "Where two or three are gathered together in My name there am I, in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20).

This broad appreciation does not lessen the significance given to the bread and wine as the Lord's Body and Blood. Rather, it provides the proper context for this particular mode of presence to be appreciated and understood. The term "transubstantiation" indicates our belief that this bread and wine truly become Jesus' body and blood, and they remain His body and blood even after the Sacramental celebration is over. In addition, Catholics hold that Christ is Sacramentally present under each form. Receiving only the consecrated host or the consecrated wine, it is possible to experience every effect of Eucharistic grace.

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CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

Saturday, August 15th

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions
6:15 – 6:45 p.m. Confessions
7:00 p.m. Hubert Lalonde by wife Alice, daughters
Charlene, Wendy, Judy, Debbie & Brenda

Sunday, August 16th

7:30 a.m. Gertrude Beaulne by Rod Coughlan
9:30 a.m. Intentions of parishioners
11:00 a.m. Leo Paul Bergeron by Theresa Bergeron

Monday, August 17th

7:30 a.m. Barbara Parisien by Isabel Parisien

Tuesday, August 18th No Mass

Wednesday, August 19th

7:30 a.m. Marcel Bray by Maria & family

Thursday, August 20th

7:30 a.m. Mae Lapierre & deceased family members
by the estate

Friday, August 21st

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

Saturday, August 22nd

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions
6:15 – 6:45 p.m. Confessions
7:00 p.m. Greta Stone by the Lavictoire family

Sunday, August 23rd

7:30 a.m. Barbara Parisien by Joe Parisien & family
9:30 a.m. Intentions of parishioners
11:00 a.m. Judy McGillivray (3rd Anniversary of death)
by husband Robert

Monday, August 24th

7:30 a.m. Rueben & Eleanor Harvey & deceased
family members by Joe & Carole Harvey

IN OUR PARISH

Collection 2 August, 2015 – Thank You

\$5,002.75 - Sunday Env. \$ 105.33 – Books
441.80 - Loose \$136.25 – Votive Candles
\$5,444.55 –Total

CHURCH SPEAKERS

The speakers are being custom made by a company with experience in making speakers for many venues. The contract for the speakers contains such details as the height, width and length of the church. Present speakers have a plastic cover – the new ones will be in a wood cabinet which enhances the sound.

*Happy Anniversary Father Ernest
Celebrating 16 Years of Ordination
on 21 August.*

CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. Advertising begins in November 2015 and supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 1-800-268-2637.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Beginning 31 August there will be NO MONDAY MORNING MASS. Weekday Masses will revert back to Tuesday to Friday at 7:30 a.m. For those who have scheduled a Mass on Monday, your Mass will be rescheduled to Tuesday morning. Thank you for your understanding.

ST. COLUMBAN'S ANNUAL CEMETERY CEREMONY

The annual ceremony commemorating those who have been buried at St. Columban's Parish Cemetery, will be held **SUNDAY, 30 AUGUST AT 2 P.M.** Please bring lawn chairs. In case of rain, the ceremony will be held in St. Columban's Church.

CATHOLIC Q & A

CHALLENGE (CCC)

What is God's purpose for authority? (1897)
Define Common Good. (1906)

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LAST WEEK'S CHALLENGE (CCC)

- 1 – Prudence, justice, fortitude, temperance
- 2 – Faith, hope, charity
- 3 – Mortal (serious sin) and venial (sin)
- 4 – The vocation of humanity is to show forth the image of God and to be transformed into the image of the Father's only Son. This vocation takes a personal form since each of us is called to enter into the divine beatitude; it also concerns the human community as a whole.

THE PATRONS OF ST. COLUMBAN FOUNDATION
presents a fundraising

Celtic Concert

2 P.M., SUNDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER

in St. Columban's Church. The musical entertainment will feature
THE BRIGADOONS.

Tickets \$12. are available at the Parish office during office hours, at all the masses on the weekends of 29-30 August and 5-6 Sept, by calling Brian Lynch at 613-933-8353 & at the door on 13 Sept.

Funds raised at the concert will be directed to pay for major repair work on the church.

OUR LADY UNDOER OF KNOTS

This devotion is more than 300 years old. It began with the great Mission granted to the Blessed Virgin Mary by her Son, Jesus. St. Irenaeus (202 a.d.) originally inspired by a parallel made by St. Paul between Adam & the New Adam (1 Cor. 15:45) made a comparison between Eve and the New Eve, saying "Eve by her disobedience, tied the knot of disgrace for the human race: whereas Mary, by her obedience, undid it".

Why does Pope Francis have a special devotion to Our Lady Undoer of Knots?

In 1986, while doing doctoral studies in theology in Freiburg, Germany, Jorge Mario Bergoglio, SJ, saw a painting in the Church of St. Peter in Augsburg, entitled

Mary Undoer of Knots.

Impressed by its symbolism & the knots that existed in his own life, he took postcards of the image back to his own province of Argentina, where he introduced & encouraged the devotion. The people were so moved by the image they wanted larger copies made for their local parishes. Eventually, devotion to Mary under this title spread across Latin America. Since his election to the papacy in 2013, Pope Francis brought this devotion to the Vatican, which has caused it to spread like wildfire.

On her continuing pilgrimage in our community, the statue of *Our Lady, Undoer of Knots* visited the home of Shirley Belmore on 9 August

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Articles of Devotion: Books, Novenas, Rosaries, etc. may be purchased at the Catholic Information Centre.

ONE OF ONTARIO'S OLDEST CATHOLIC CHURCHES

Forty-five years ago, one of our oldest churches and the original see of the Catholic Church in Upper Canada, **St. Raphael's**, was destroyed by fire. When the fire was finally put out on August 11, 1970, the roof, the steeple tower and all the interior decorations, including a statue of St. Raphael that had come from France in the 1800s, a large hand-carved cross and paintings of the Way of the Cross had been destroyed, all that was left were the stone walls.

Founded by Bishop Alexander Macdonell and built in 1821, St. Raphael's was unique in Canada in that it was built without pillars, instead using solid wooden rafters that were carefully stressed. In addition, wooden pins were used for construction rather than nails. The church which was 80 feet by 250 feet could seat 1000 people.

The parishioners of St Raphael's ultimately decided to preserve what was left of the ruined church and build an unobtrusive modern church against its southwest corner.

Today, the diocese no longer owns the Ruins. However, the Friends of the Ruins (saintraphaelsruins.com) have taken over the preservation of this historical site.

The Ruins are a beautiful piece of both our history and the history of Ontario and were declared a National Historic Site in 1999.

IN THE DIOCESE, ETC.

St. Julian's Chapel (24 Hour Adoration)

(located at St. Peter's Church - use rear entrance)
Please prayerfully consider spending an hour a week in front of the Blessed Sacrament. To volunteer or for more information, please contact Florence at 613-932-8936

MEMORIAL SERVICE

2 P.M., SUNDAY, AUGUST 23RD,

at Our Lady of the Angels Cemetery in Moose Creek. Please, bring your lawn chairs. In case of rain, Service in the Church.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY STARTS 16 SEPTEMBER

and continues every 2nd Wednesday for 24 sessions from 7 to 9 p.m. in St. Columban Parish Activity Centre (2nd floor of the Agape building). Study the **Gospel of Matthew** with Jeff Cavins. Cost is \$50. To register contact Marilyn 613-537-2021 marilyn.light@gmail.com or Heidi 613-347-7561 michaelkrol@xplornet.com

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Come and sing your hearts out to our Lord or listen to the worshipful music. It's a casual prayerful hour with Jesus - at St. Peter's Church. **6:30 TO 7:30 P.M., THURS, 27 AUG**

BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

50TH ANNIVERSARY - HARVEST SUPPER

TURKEY SUPPER 4 TO 7 P.M., SUNDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER
Turkey with all the trimmings and all kinds of pies. *Adults: \$12, children 6-12 yrs. \$6.; under 6 free.* All take outs \$12.

ORDINATION TO ORDER OF PERMANENT DIACONATE

The Diocese of Alexandria-Cornwall is delighted to announce the ordination of "Michael Joseph Morris" to the order of the Permanent Diaconate. The ordination will take place **SATURDAY, 22 AUGUST AT 10 A.M.**
St. Finnan's Cathedral, Alexandria.
All are welcome

SUNDAY NIGHT MASS STARTING 6 SEPTEMBER

Blessed Sacrament Parish will be adding a **SUNDAY NIGHT MASS AT 7:30 P.M.**,
This will be the last Sunday Mass in the diocese.
There will also be fellowship after Mass for all young adults ...
a meet and greet.

Music ministry by the EPIC band. If you are interested in being a part of this band, you are welcome to join.

BREAD OF LIFE - DAY OF RENEWAL

SAT., 12 SEPTEMBER, 8:30 A.M. TO 5:45 P.M.
Mass celebrated by **FATHER PETER COUGHLIN** & Special Homily. Be inspired in Christ by Fr. Graham Keep & Deacon Carlos. St. Thomas Aquinas High School, 124 Dorval Drive, Oakville, Ont. Tickets \$25. incl. box lunch & beverage. (sorry no refunds). info@thebreadoflife.ca - 905-634-5433

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