

## HOLY FAMILY

OF JESUS, MARY, JOSEPH (C)

27 DEC., 2015

When He is  
revealed, we will be  
like Him, for we will  
see Him as He 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 Mondays:** 7:30 a.m.

## FAMILY LIFE & GROWING IN HOLINESS

On this feast of the Holy Family we call to mind the sacredness of family life. Jesus was born into a family, which calls all families to be holy. Wherever there is love shared, sacrifices made, and forgiveness given and received, God is present. Although life in a family is often imperfect, it can be a source of holiness for all people.

The first reading today is part of a larger section of the Old Testament on family life. Today's reading has to do with the fourth commandment, to honour thy Father and Mother. Children are encouraged to treat their parents with care and respect. This Old Testament passage suggests that showing reverence for one's father and mother can provide atonement for one's sins. This claim gives support to our focus for today, that family life can be source of holiness when lived in keeping with God's will.

In the Gospel reading today, Jesus is missing for a period of time and his family searches for Him with great anxiety. The author of today's Gospel is not so much concerned with providing details about the childhood of Jesus, but he tries to convey a truth about Jesus' identity as Messiah, Son of God and Saviour. This is evident in the reading by Jesus' response when Mary finds Him in the Temple and asks Him why He stayed behind and worried His family. Jesus responds by telling His Mother that she ought to know that He must be in His Father's house.

It is not unusual for young people to struggle at times with family relationships. In today's Gospel even Jesus caused some anxiety within His family. However, today's readings offer family members direction by stressing the primacy of treating one another with honour and respect. Today, on the feast of the Holy Family we recognize the full humanity of Jesus. Therefore, our full human nature — including the reality of family life — can be a source of holiness.

The Church teaches that the family molds and shapes individuals as members of society. The love that is given and received in family life nurtures faith and moral values.

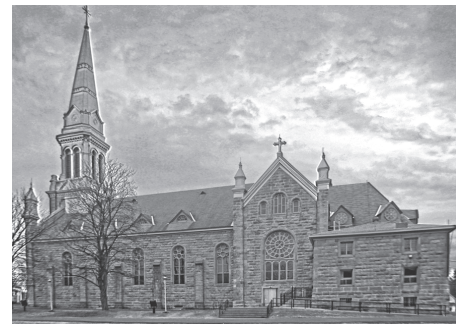
The family is the church of the home because it is a community of people who dwell in the love of Christ. The love and support that is experienced within a family gives it strength to open wide its doors to the needs of the larger community and the world.

*Merry Christmas*



*Excerpted from RCL Benziger  
Lectionary Resources*

*A Blessed Christmas  
to You & Your Family*



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By appointment 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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## CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup> (Christmas Eve)

5:00 p.m. Anunciacion Cespon by Darlene Tyo

7:00 p.m. Cyril Dumond by Wife Viola & Family

Midnight Iola & Barbara Parisien by Joe Parisien & family

Nativity of the Lord, Friday, December 25<sup>th</sup>

10:30 a.m. Intentions of parishioners

Saturday, December 26<sup>th</sup>

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions

6:15 – 6:45 p.m. Confessions

7:00 p.m. Willie Provost & deceased family members  
by Maurice Provost

Holy Family - Sunday, December 27<sup>th</sup>

7:30 a.m. Intentions of parishioners

9:30 a.m. Pete Piquette by wife Betty

11:00 a.m. Those Remembered in Memoriam by  
The Patron's Foundation

Tuesday, December 29<sup>th</sup>

7:30 a.m. Melvin Ouderkirk by Steve, Chantal & Family

Wednesday, December 30<sup>th</sup>

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

Thursday, December 31<sup>st</sup> (New Year's Eve)

5:00 p.m. Amelia Lalonde by Marlene & Buzz MacMillan

Mary, Holy Mother of God - Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup>

10:30 a.m. Intention of parishioners

First Saturday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>

7:00 – 7:25 a.m. Confessions

8:00 a.m. Rita Poapst by Stella McDonald

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions

6:15 – 6:45 p.m. Confessions

7:00 p.m. Jacques Lebrun by Elaine, Todd, Trisha & Family

Epiphany of the Lord - Sunday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>

7:30 a.m. Abandoned Souls in Purgatory by a parishioner

9:30 a.m. Intention of parishioners

11:00 a.m. Leon Parisien (25<sup>th</sup> Anniv. of Death) & Betty Burt  
(5<sup>th</sup> Anniv. of death) by Jane & Doug Anderson

### MIDNIGHT MASS, CHRISTMAS EVE

*We welcome Bishop Marcel,  
who will Concelebrate Mass  
with Father Ernest*

COMMUNION STATIONS ARE LOCATED  
CENTRE FRONT AND HALFWAY DOWN CENTRE AISLE

Please exit pews from the centre aisle and  
return by the side aisles. Thank you.



## *Christmas Message to the Beloved People of God*

As we gather to celebrate Christmas, another year has passed with many events, public and private, touching our lives and those of the people in our parish in different ways. No doubt this year has brought joy and sadness in different measures to each person, all colouring our memories of 2015. Let us strive to open up our hearts to others, especially being conscious of those who have lost loved ones since last Christmas or the many who are overburdened by worries, sicknesses and family problems and for many other reasons.

Christmas is an opportunity to thank so many parishioners who gave generously of their time and talents in making this Parish such an energetic, faith-filled community that as it is presently. It is calculated that many parishioners took an active part in some form of ministries, organisations and parish activities. This is what makes us a vibrant parish. However, we need to do more as we are entering 2016.

Traditionally, we see Christmas as a time of peace, joy and reconciliation, a time to celebrate with family, with friends and loved ones. We do hope that your Christmas celebration will manifest something of that peace, joy and reconciliation.

Such joyful celebrations may have lessened some of your peace and joy, because you might have lost a loved one since the previous Christmas or you might have been overburdened by financial constraints, worries, family problems and many other difficulties you have gone through. We extend our sympathies and regards to such parishioners, we wish to assure you that, as a parish community, we do care and offer you our support. Nonetheless, this Christmas message may be a challenge to all of us to be more involved and active in our parish community life. It is not enough and a question of supporting financially in our parish community but a question of giving more of ourselves and our time. But then, that's what God was doing in our lives when He got involved with us and our world at Christmas and that is why He is called Emmanuel (meaning God is with us). Christmas belongs to believers, to those who believe that Jesus Christ, Son of God, was born of the Virgin Mary to reconcile us to one another and to the Father. That is why He came to us in human form. God will fill us with His peace and love if there is space in our lives for Him.

We appreciate all of you and we value all your efforts. Thank you for helping our parish community along the journey. May you be blessed with peace and joy this Christmas and in the New Year.

*We wish all of you*

*Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year*

*Rev. Fr. Ernest Emeka Emeodi*

*Rev. Fr. Arockia Dhas Rayappan*



**IN OUR PARISH**

**FATHER ERNEST**

will be away (on vacation) from 28 Dec. to 7 Feb.  
 We wish him a wonderful time of rest and relaxation and  
 look forward to his return.  
 Fr. Arockia, will preside at all Masses in January.

**AS WE CELEBRATE THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY**  
 and as part of our daily rosary, we will now include the  
**HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER FOR THE YEAR OF MERCY.**  
 We would like this prayer recited following the daily Rosary.  
 Copies will be available in the Church.

**IN THE DIOCESE AND COMMUNITY**

**WOMEN'S MORNING OF REFLECTION**

**SATURDAY, 2 JANUARY FROM 9:30 TO NOON**

at the Charles-Emile Claude Centre. The morning includes Mass,  
 a light breakfast, Confession, a talk and the rosary.  
 Joan Levy-Earle will speak on 'Mary Mother of God'.

A free will offering of \$5 is appreciated.

Call Marilyn Light at 613- 537 2021 for more information.

**NATIVITY PARISH - MINI MONSTER BINGO - SAT. 9 JANUARY**

Doors open 4 p.m. - Bingo starts 7 p.m.

12 cards \$22. includes specials.

**NEW YEAR'S EVE BALL - 8 TO 1 A.M., THURS., 31 DEC.**

K of C Hall, 205 Amelia - \$25/person

**HELP WANTED - SHALOM HOUSE, ALEXANDRIA**

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 team at Shalom House in preparing nutritious meals, managing  
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 availability is required. Salary negotiable. Please send your  
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**THEOLOGY ON TAP - 8 P.M., FRIDAY, JANUARY 15<sup>TH</sup>**

at the Best Western, Cornwall.

This is a monthly encounter for young adults and their friends,  
 married or single, where fun, friends and faith mix in a very  
 relaxed and inspiring atmosphere.

**IN OUR PARISH**

**FIRST SATURDAY, 2 JANUARY**

*Confessions 7 to 7:25 a.m.*

*Rosary prayed at 7:30 a.m.*

*Mass at 8 a.m. Come & pray.*



**SATURDAY EVENING MASS AT ST. COLUMBAN**

**TIME CHANGE TO 5:30 P.M.**

**EFFECTIVE SATURDAY, 9 JANUARY, 2016**

**AND**

**SATURDAY CONFESSIONS WILL BE 3 TO 4 P.M. ONLY**

*Collection 13 December, 2015 - Thank You*

\$4,895.65 Sunday Env      \$105.00 Priests Pension Fund

428.62 Loose              \$284.05 Flowers

**\$5,324.27 Total**

\$257.59 Book Table

\$ 30.00 Christmas

**PARISH FINANCIALS / INCOME TAX RECEIPTS**

The Parish closes its Financial Books on  
 29 December. For donations to be included on your 2015  
 Income Tax Receipt, the parish needs to receive them  
 before 29 December.

**2016 PARISH ENVELOPES**

**CALL TO ARRANGE PICK UP (CHECK OFFICE HOURS)**

**OFFICE HOURS - CHRISTMAS**

**Closed 12 Noon Wednesday, 23 December**

**Closed Thurs, Fri., Mon, Tues. 24, 25, 28, 29 Dec.**

**OFFICE HOURS - NEW YEAR'S**

**Closed 12 Noon, Thursday, 31 December**

**Closed Fri., Mon, Tues. 1, 4 & 5 January**

**PEW CARDS**

*In the pews are special cards  
 prepared by the Diocese to help us remember  
 the correct Mass postures and responses.*

**SNOW RENEWAL**

**CHURCH ENTRANCES AND WALKWAYS**

Please check the diagram (on bulletin boards) of the Church  
 entrances and walkways which show where snow removal will  
 be carried out on weekends when there is a major snowfall. As  
 we have 5 entrances to be cleared of snow and our custodian is  
 not scheduled to work on weekends, this will help eliminate  
 some overtime work for him if a major storm occurs.

Thank you everyone for your understanding.

**NEW SUNDAY MISSALS**

*If you would like your own copy, some are  
 available on the Book Table for \$3.50 each.*

*Missals in the pews are needed  
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