

1ST SUNDAY OF

LENT

22 FEBRUARY, 2015

The time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God has come near; repent and believe in the Good News.

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.

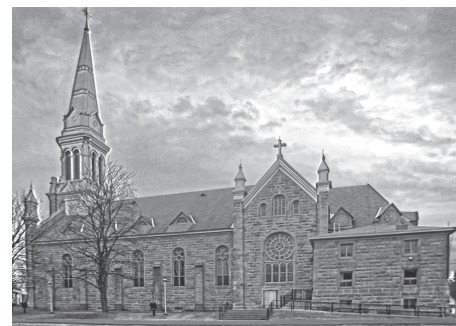
Today's Readings:

Genesis 9:8-15
Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9
1 Peter 3:18-22
Mark 1:12-15

May we learn to hunger for Christ and strive to live by every word from God's mouth.

Further Reflection from the Catechism:

CCC: 541-46, 567
CCCC: 106-107
YOUCAT: 88-89



HOLINESS AND FAITHFULNESS IS OUR CALLING

In the first reading the people are given a glorious sign of God's unending love. The story of Noah and the flood shows the sinfulness of all of creation. God's judgment comes upon everyone and everything. Like the forty days of Lent, forty days of flooding rains are needed to purify the earth. In this passage, Noah, his family, and every living creature leave the ark and experience a wondrous sign of God's faithful love. The rainbow is a sign of the covenant that God makes between Noah, every living creature, and all future generations. God promises that a flood shall never again destroy the earth.



Today's Gospel gives us a short account of Jesus' forty days in the wilderness. Mark's account of the temptation of Jesus is brief because in Mark's Gospel the temptation of Jesus and His struggle against Satan continue throughout His public ministry. The forty days that Jesus spends in the wilderness with the wild beasts is transformed by God's blessing. The Spirit leads Jesus into the wilderness and the angels are sent to help Him. Jesus comes back from the desert ready to start His public ministry. He urgently proclaims His message to the people—repent and believe in the good news.

A KEY SCRIPTURAL THEME: Baptismal Covenant

The covenant between God and God's people is everlasting. Throughout sacred history God has kept the promise of unending love for us. God reaches out to us in friendship and love and invites people into a relationship, again and again saving them, no matter how many times they turn away or forget.

In response to God's invitation, we are called to love God in return. Christians enter into a **committed relationship** with God in Christ, through the Sacrament of Baptism. By baptism we are reborn. This rebirth takes place in water. The believer is plunged into Christ's death. Rising from Baptismal waters, the Spirit claims for us a share in the resurrection and we are made a new creation (CCC 1214).

THINKING ABOUT IT

Through Baptism we become part of the people of God and are **called to live a life "worthy of the Gospel," rejecting sin and living by faith.** Baptism joins us to Christ and His Church, calling us into mission. Baptism calls us to live as children of God. Our Baptism challenges us to live lives of witness and service. We are called to be Christ for one another, to forgive and be peacemakers.

THE GOSPEL IN LIFE

How can you be Christ for others at home, work and in school this week?

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

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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
<p><u>Saturday, February 21st</u> 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions 6:15 – 6:45 p.m. Confessions 7:00 p.m. Lou Anna MacDougall by Donald Pilon</p> <p><u>Sunday, February 22nd</u> 7:30 a.m. Intentions of the parishioners 9:30 a.m. Si Miller (1st Anniversary of death by Joan & family 11:00 a.m. Pierre Lavictoire (2nd Anniversary of death) by his Mom</p> <p><u>Monday, February 23rd</u> 7:30 a.m. Marian & John Kelly by Angus Kelly 12:10 p.m. Verona Bonneville by Jean McLennan</p> <p><u>Wednesday, February 25th</u> 7:30 a.m. Sonny Herrington by Robert Brunet 12:10 p.m. Holy Souls in Purgatory by Bernadette Blakely</p> <p><u>Thursday, February 26th</u> 7:30 a.m. Mavis Menard by Brenda & Sonny Collins</p> <p><u>Friday, February 27th</u> 7:30 a.m. Lou Anna MacDougall by Linda Legault</p> <p><u>Saturday, February 28th</u> 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions 6:15 – 6:45 p.m. Confessions 7:00 p.m. Lucy Crawford by Mary Geoffrion</p> <p><u>Sunday, March 1st</u> 7:30 a.m. Intentions of the parishioners 9:30 a.m. James McLaverty by John & Janice Meyer 11:00 a.m. Pauline Boileau (30th Anniversary of death) by Diane & Gilles Lafrance</p> <p><u>Monday, March 2nd</u> 7:30 a.m. Alpha & Hazel St. Onge by Nick & Debbie Ashby 12:10 p.m. Richard Allaire by cousins Jacques and Elaine Lebrun</p>

BOOK TABLE – LENTEN RESOURCES

As we prepare to journey with Jesus over the 40 days of Lent, we have a number of Lenten reflections booklets. Whether you are "on the go" or are looking for "something deeper", check out the choices on the Booktable.

ADOPT-A-CANDIDATE – REMINDER

Take a moment to send a card or note to your child to remind them that you are praying for him/her. The children look forward to receiving a word of encouragement from the adult who is praying for them. God bless all who have accepted this practise. Deadline is Mar. 1

IN OUR PARISH			
COLLECTION 8 FEBRUARY, 2015 – THANK YOU			
Sunday	\$3,839.55	Initial offering	\$ 20.00
Loose	356.34	New Year's	90.00
Total	\$4,195.89	Candles	265.78
		Book Table	161.05

WEEK DAY MASSES DURING LENT

7:30 a.m.: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
 12:10 Noon: Mondays and Wednesdays

LENTEN CROSS

Lent is a time for reflection, sharing and prayer. Members of the Catholic Women's League have prepared purple crosses that will be available at the doors of our church every weekend Mass throughout Lent, **beginning this weekend**. Adults are invited to wear a cross for one week to symbolize the bearing of your own cross. Each weekend, return your cross to the basket and exchange it for another and simply pray for the other person's cross. No names will be exchanged and on Palm Sunday, March 28 - 29, all crosses are to be returned to the basket. No crosses are to be worn through Holy Week as we thank Jesus for the cross He carried for us.

"Prayer joined to sacrifice constitutes the most powerful force in human history" - St. Pope John Paul II

"Lent is a time of renewal for the whole Church, for each community and every believer."

Pope Francis

ADULT ALTAR SERVERS

are needed to serve at funerals and Masses when required. If interested and you are able to be of assistance to the Parish in this ministry, please contact Sean Stoner at 613-933-9101

LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

MESSAGE FROM ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:
 As Lent approaches we are embarking on our annual Food Drive. During this season we have a tradition of giving something up, and there may be no higher calling than to give up some of our abundance for the benefit of the many needy in our local area. For those of you who can participate, please bring your food products to the rear of the Church on Sunday and we will arrange for timely pick up.

Our liturgy regularly speaks of the need to assist the poor, and this is an opportunity for you to do so. Please donate

21 Feb.	Breakfast Cereals
28 Feb.	Canned Fruits
7 March	Canned Vegetables
14 March	Peanut Butter
21 March	Spaghetti Sauces
28 March	Canned Tuna or Salmon
4 April	Canned Pastas

*Thank you in advance for your efforts to assist.
 The St. Vincent de Paul Society*

PHYSICIAN-ASSISTED SUICIDE IN CANADA

Reaction to the Supreme Court of Canada Decision

On February 6, 2015, the Supreme Court of Canada lifted the ban on physician-assisted suicide in Canada. This decision represents a massive shift in how end-of-life care in Canada will be managed going forward. The lifted ban will only take effect 12 months from now in order to give the government time to craft the new laws. This decision is an especially troubling one because it not only robs a person of a natural death process but it could put a tremendous amount of pressure on health care workers whose personal values are not in line with euthanasia.

As Catholics, we believe that all suffering has a redemptive quality. If offered in union with Christ's sacrifice on the Cross, no amount of suffering is in vain or "pointless".

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) released a statement following the Supreme Court decision. The CCCB stated that helping someone commit suicide, is "neither an act of justice or mercy, nor is it part of palliative care."

"[A]n act or omission which, of itself or by intention, causes death in order to eliminate suffering constitutes a murder gravely contrary to the dignity of the human person and to the respect due to the living God, our Creator." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2277).

Our own bishop has encouraged us to get involved in any way we can. "It is very important at this time to do our part in helping our government and our society to make the right moral decisions in regards to people who are suffering." Bishop Marcel writes. *"We are to respect the dignity of life until natural death while providing the best palliative care possible."*

Answering poll questions as published by dozens of national media outlets are a tremendously effective way of letting the government know where voters stand on this issue. Please take some time to respond to these polls online. You can find an exhaustive list of polls at the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition website: www.epcc.ca.

DO YOU WANT A DOCTOR WITH MORAL INTEGRITY?

The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario has tabled a draft policy which demands that doctors participate in controversial procedures like abortion and euthanasia by making referrals and doing the procedure in certain circumstances. Doctors who refuse to follow the policy will be vulnerable to discipline, even though their fundamental freedom of conscience and religion is guaranteed by the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. With the recent Supreme Court of Canada decision, this proposed policy is even more concerning.

Let the CPSO know that it is not OK to force our doctors to violate their conscience. Let your voice be heard on the Christian Medical and Dental Society website.

IN THE DIOCESE

WHAT CATHOLICS BELIEVE - WITH FR. KEVIN MALONEY leading us through the Gospel of Mark. At St. Francis de Sales Church - Time will be allowed for questions.
9 TO 10 A.M., THURSDAY, 19 & 26 FEB., AND 5, 12, 19 & 26 MARCH

St. Francis de Sales K of C 11531
'FAMILY BREAKFAST'
8:30 A.M. TO 12 NOON, SUNDAY, 22 FEB.
In the parish hall - all are welcome.

CHURCH ALIVE SERIES
AT BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH
A series of talks lead by Deacon Pierre & Father Jacques
Everyone is invited to attend and share.
MONDAYS, 6:30 PM TO 7:30 PM
February 23rd - What is the New Evangelization
March 2nd - The Role of the Laity
March 9th - Social Justice
March 23rd - The Consecrated Life
March 30th - *The Francis Effect*

BINGO
25 Feb. - Precious Blood Parish - 6:20 p.m.
5 Mar. - St. Therese de Lisieux Parish - 6:30 p.m.

PRO-LIFE CORNWALL - ANNUAL SPAGHETTI SUPPER
will be held at the Catholic Agora Centre
4:30 TO 6 P.M., SUNDAY, 22 MARCH
Adults \$8.; children under 12 free. Take-outs available
Donations of desserts are welcome

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish
SUGAR BUSH BRUNCH - 10:30 A.M. TO 1 P.M., SUN, 29 MAR
Crysler Community Centre. Music by Pierre & Eloise Lafleche
Adults & teens \$12; children 5 to 11 \$5; under 5 free
Menu: eggs,bacon, sausages, baked beans, pancakes, maple syrup. Taffy on snow (\$1.)

THE BISHOP'S MOVIE PIX
THE RULE
Port Theatre - 7:15 p.m. February 20th to 26th.

NEW LIFE COURSE
6:30 P.M. TO 8:30 P.M. - 8, 9, 10, & 15, 16 MARCH
St. Francis de Sales Church. Open to all who want to experience the fullness of life Jesus has offered.

NEW EVANGELIZATION SUMMIT 2015
takes place at the Agora Catholic Centre, 302 McConnell Ave.
Friday, 24 April 6:30 to 9:15 p.m. and
Saturday, 25 April from 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.
Cost: \$65. includes lunch on Saturday
Speakers: Scott Hahn, Ralph Martin, Patrick Coffin, Jo-Ellen Gregus, Fr. Michel Gaitley, Fr. James Mallon, Ken Yasinski and Michael Dopp.
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