

**2ND SUNDAY OF
ORDINARY TIME**

19 JAN. 2014



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: 7:30 a.m.**

APPLYING GOD'S WORD TO MY LIFE

Today's Readings:

Isaiah 49: 3, 5-6
Psalm 2:4, 7-10
1 Cor 1:1-3
John 1:29-34

Christians are called to
be in unity as a sign
to a lost world that
Jesus is Saviour & Lord

Further Reflection from the Catechism:

CCC: 430-451
CCCC: 81-84
YOUCAT: 72-75

SCRIPTURE BACKGROUND

Today's Old Testament reading describes the mission of God's servant to bring deliverance to Israel. The unnamed servant in today's passage brings a promise of hope to a suffering people. God's servant will be a light to the nations and bring salvation to all the earth. This reading focuses on the identity of Jesus. During Ordinary Time, our attention is directed to Jesus Christ and the truth of His identity.

In the Gospel today we find layers of clues about Who Jesus is. He is presented as, "The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world," symbolic of a deep truth. The symbol of the lamb brings to mind the paschal lamb Whose blood saved the Israelites, as well as the lamb that bears the sins of others. This title shows that Jesus is the Saviour of the world Who has come to free us from sin.

The image of the Spirit descending from heaven and remaining on Jesus, and the name "God's Chosen One" given to Jesus by John in today's Gospel, uncover the truth of Jesus' identity as Saviour.

A KEY THEME:

The many names given to Jesus help us to understand the mystery of Jesus' identity. The Church uses the term Christology to describe the study of Jesus' identity. The names for Jesus found in Scripture express our understanding of the nature of Jesus. The titles found in today's first reading include, "servant" and "light to the nations."

In John's Gospel we find such names for Jesus as, "Eternal Word," "Light of the World," "the Way, Truth and Life," "the Bread of Life," "Living Water," and Good Shepherd." Among all the titles given to Jesus in the New Testament, four stand out: "Lord," "Christ," "Son of God," and "Son of Man." We believe that God has worked to prepare the world for the coming of a Saviour. These names for Jesus found in the New Testament reveal Jesus to be the Saviour of the world.

THINKING ABOUT IT

The term "Christ" or Messiah means "anointed." The title, as applied to Jesus, describes His status as the promised One of God. The Catholic Church teaches that the title "Son of God" as found in the New Testament describes the unique relationship of Jesus Who is God's only Son and Who shares in God's divine nature.

- How do the titles given to Jesus reveal the truth about His identity?
- What name for Jesus expresses our belief in Jesus as Saviour?
- What title for Jesus best expresses your belief?



THE GOSPEL IN LIFE

How can you get to know Jesus better this week?

Excerpted from RCL Benziger Lectionary Resources



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Monday-Thursday
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Evenings by appointment

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

Saturday, January 18th

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions

6:15 – 6:45 p.m. Confessions

7:00 p.m. Harold McNicol (4th Anniversary of death)
by wife Kathleen & family

Sunday, January 19th

7:30 a.m. Intentions of parishioners

9:30 a.m. Gerald & Isabel Parisien by Joe Parisien & family

11:00 a.m. Lynn Arbic by husband Raymond & family

Monday, January 20th

7:30 a.m. Pearl Davis by Dawn Memeton

Tuesday, January 21st

7:30 a.m. Cyril Dumond by wife Viola & family

Wednesday, January 22nd

7:30 a.m. Gerald Filion by Shirley Horton

Thursday, January 23rd

7:30 a.m. Kathleen Landon by Gary & Margaret Wheeler

Friday, January 24th

7:30 a.m. Eleanor Morris by the family

Saturday, January 25th

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions

6:15 – 6:45 p.m. Confessions

7:00 p.m. Laurea Maguire by Sandra Tosatto

Sunday, January 26th

7:30 a.m. Pearl Davis by St. Columban Catholic Women's League

9:30 a.m. Intentions of parishioners

11:00 a.m. Augustina Agwu by Darleen Belanger

Monday, January 27th

7:30 a.m. Dianna Desrosiers by Helen, Guy & family

A DYNAMIC CATHOLIC DIOCESAN GATHERING

As a follow up to the book ***"The 4 Signs of a Dynamic Catholic"*** that you received at Christmas, Bishop Marcel is hosting a diocesan gathering at St. Peter's Church

7 P.M., TUESDAY, 28 JANUARY

The evening will include music, discussion, prayer and socializing. Everyone is welcome. If you are not able to read the whole book prior to the gathering, it is suggested that you try and read the grey summary pages. It will make the evening more enjoyable – but come regardless. If there is a winter storm on the 28th, the evening will take place on Thursday, 30 January, same time, same place.

IN OUR PARISH

PASTORAL VISIT – 17 TO 19 JAN.

Please welcome

BISHOP MARCEL DAMHOUSSE
who will be with us at all the Masses this weekend.

After each Mass we will have our Snack and Chat with a chance to talk to Bishop Marcel.



TWO MORE READERS URGENTLY NEEDED

for the 9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass. This is not only a fulfilling ministry for individuals but is a beautiful way for couples to participate in Mass together by each proclaiming one of the readings. We understand that it is not an easy decision but by at least saying "yes" to finding out more about it, you will be better able to determine if this ministry is for you. Please contact Sue at 613-938-0368 or sue.h@sympatico.ca

SINCERE THANKS

to all who helped to make the Advent and Christmas season special this year. I want to thank those involved in decorating, who helped us enter into the season when we came into the church. I want to thank the choirs for the music that helped us prepare and then helped us to celebrate the Son of God coming among us. I also want to thank the lectors, extraordinary ministers of Communion, ushers, and sacristans for all you do to enliven our liturgies. Thank you.

Father Dan

BECAME CHILDREN OF GOD THRU BAPTISM LAST WEEKEND

Jasmine Guilmette, Jillian Carriere, Jakeb Sabourin,
Mary Roundpoint and Cameron Lafave

REST IN THE PEACE AND LOVE OF THE LORD

Arlene Hiscock, Len Winchester, Ronald McDonell
and all those who have died.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION UNDERWAY

at your local Catholic school. Full-day, every day Kindergarten program available at all school locations! French Immersion is offered at many of our schools. Before & after school programs offered where numbers warrant it & on-site daycare at some locations. Call your local Catholic school for more info. or visit www.cdsbeo.on.ca for a list of schools and information on how to register your child.

COUPLES RETREAT – 15 /16 FEBRUARY

Led by Bishop Marcel.

"Rediscovering Prayer as a Couple".

Hosted at Shalom House, Alexandria. Cost \$220./couple includes all meals & accommodations for Saturday night. For more information contact Tony or Angie Nussbaumer at 613-525-2027. To register call Sr. Alice at 613-525-1704. Retreat is limited to 12 couples, so reserve your place asap.

GIVE YOUR MARRIAGE THIS GIFT.

PARISH COLLECTIONS – THANK YOU

25 DECEMBER, 2013

Sunday	\$3,105.	Christmas	\$5,024.
Loose	2,105.	Vocation Sunday	5.
Total	\$5,210.	Dev. & Peace	5.
Donations	\$ 240.	Papal Charities	5.
Prop.of the Faith	5.	Needs Can.Church	5.

29 DECEMBER, 2013

Sunday	\$4,431.00	Candles	\$ 283.00
Loose	518.40.	Books	81.70
Total	\$4,949.40	Outreach-Shelterbox	20.00
Donations	\$ 200.00		

1 JANUARY

Sunday	\$ 262.00	Sunday	\$4,050.00
Loose	276.09	Loose	429.05
Total	\$ 538.09	Total	\$4,479.05
Christmas	\$ 155.00	Christmas	\$ 15.00
New Year's	2,655.75	New Year's	514.00
Initial Offering	602.00	Initial Offering	300.00
		Vocation Sunday	5.00

5 JANUARY

IN THE DIOCESE

Cornwall Catholic Sec. Schools Mission Team Fundraiser
PARTYLITE BINGO – 7 P.M., SUN., 19 JANUARY
 Precious Blood Parish Hall, Glen Walter.

ACTIVITIES FOR YOUTH 8 TO 16 – FRIDAYS 6:30 TO 8:30 P.M.
 Games, sports, cooking, crafts and more.
SALESIAN YOUTH CENTRE, 300 MONTREAL ROAD

CATHOLIC SCHOOL BOARD SURVEY

The Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario is in the process of revising their Strategic Plan for 2014-2020. All interested community members are invited to provide feedback on the process by completing a survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/K78PPDN>. If you prefer a hard copy of this survey, please speak to the Principal of your local Catholic School and they will provide you with a copy (please return the survey to this person when you have completed it). All surveys need to be completed by the end of February. CDSBEO thanks you in advance for providing your feedback; it is valued and appreciated.

St. Francis de Sales K of C 11531
FAMILY BREAKFAST – 8:30 TO NOON, SUN., 26 JANUARY
 In the Parish Hall – everyone welcome

TOUR (24 APRIL TO 2 MAY) TO THE CANONIZATION OF POPE JOHN XXIII AND POPE JOHN PAUL II
 Maritime Travel is offering a tour, personally escorted by Fr. Kevin Maloney & Donna Flanigan
 For more info, call Fr. Kevin at 938-3100 or Donna at 933-8720

STUEBENVILLE TORONTO – 4 TO 6 JULY
 Alexandria-Cornwall Diocesan Youth Ministry office is organizing a youth delegation for this major event for young people who will begin grade 9 in Sept. 2014 up to those graduating high school by the end of 2014. Save the date and visit the web site for more information www.ocytoronto.org/stuebenville.

8 DAYS OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

DAY 1 TOGETHER...WE ARE CALLED TO BE SAINTS

Merciful God, together with all those who call on the name of the Lord, in our brokenness we hear your call to be saints. Yet you have made us a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation. By the power of your Holy Spirit, draw us together in the communion of saints and strengthen us to do your will and to proclaim the mighty acts of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen

DAY 2 TOGETHER...WE GIVE THANKS FOR GOD'S GRACE IN ONE ANOTHER.

Most loving and gracious God, we give thanks for the gifts of your grace that we experience in our own tradition and in the traditions of other churches. By the grace of your Holy Spirit, may our gratitude continue to grow as we encounter one another and experience your gift of unity in new ways. This we pray through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

DAY 3 TOGETHER...WE ARE NOT LACKING IN ANY SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Faithful, open-handed God, we bless you that you have given us all the spiritual gifts we need to come to the measure of the full stature of Christ: for wisdom, for gifts of service and for bread. Help us to be signs of your abundance, gathered in unity to bring the gifts of your everlasting kingdom to every place of pain and lack. Filled with the Spirit, we pray in the name of the One whose gift was the bread of His life broken for us, now and forever. Amen.

DAY 4 TOGETHER...WE AFFIRM THAT GOD IS FAITHFUL

Faithful God, we give thanks for your steadfast love and your devotedness that extends to the clouds. As we wait in joyful hope, working and praying together for the full visible unity of your church, fill us with confidence in your promises. We make this prayer through Jesus Christ, our Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen.

DAY 5 TOGETHER...WE ARE CALLED INTO FELLOWSHIP

Father of Love, you have called us into the fellowship of your Son & appointed us to bear fruit in our witness to the gospel. By the grace of your Spirit, enable us to love one another and to dwell together in unity so that our joy may be complete. Amen.

DAY 6 TOGETHER...WE SEEK TO BE IN AGREEMENT

Loving God, you give us prophetic witnesses in times of conflict and division. When we seek you, Lord, send us your Holy Spirit to make us artisans of reconciliation, united in the same mind and the same purpose. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.

DAY 7 TOGETHER...WE BELONG TO CHRIST

We give you thanks, O God, that you bless each and every member of the Body of Christ with the gifts of your Spirit. Help us to be supportive of one another, to be respectful of our differences, and to work for the unity of all throughout the world who call upon Jesus as Lord. Amen.

DAY 8 TOGETHER...WE PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL

Gracious God, you sent your son Jesus Christ in the power of the Spirit to redeem your people. Unite us in our diversity, that we might affirm and proclaim together the good news of the life, death and resurrection of Christ for a world in need of His gospel. Amen.

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