

**3RD SUNDAY OF
ORDINARY TIME**

26 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 8:23–9:3
Psalm 27:1, 4, 13–14
1 Cor 1:10–14, 17
Matthew 4:12–23

Discipleship involves
lifelong learning.
What are you doing
to grow in faith?

Further Reflection from the Catechism:

CCC: 897, 899
CCCC: 30, 188
YOUCAT: 139



SCRIPTURE BACKGROUND

In today's Old Testament reading Isaiah offers a vision of hope. The basis of this hope is that God is on the side of the people of Israel. The uplifting message in today's passage is evident with images of a bright dawn, blazing torches of victory, a harvest festival, and soldiers dividing spoils after a victory.

Today's Gospel marks the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. The prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled in Jesus Who has come to proclaim the arrival of the Kingdom of God. In today's passage Jesus calls fishermen by the sea to come follow Him. He invites them to become fishers of people. Many disciples join Jesus as He preaches the good news of the Kingdom of God, and works deeds of power throughout the land.

Jesus chose to share His ministry with those whom He called His disciples. Today, Jesus calls us to be disciples and build God's kingdom on earth.

A KEY THEME:

The word "vocation" comes from the Latin word "vocare", which means "to call." Catholics believe that all people are called to share in God's life. Jesus made it possible for us to share in the life of God. We are called to follow Jesus and work for goodness and peace in our world.

The gift of God's life and love is a grace. This grace is lived out by our actions in the world. By our Baptism we are called to live lives of holiness.

- What did Jesus come into the world to do?
- Why did the disciples follow Jesus?
- How does Jesus call you to be a disciple?.

THINKING ABOUT IT

Historically the term vocation has been used in the Church to describe the call to priesthood and religious life. In modern times, the teaching of the Church expands the understanding of vocation to apply to all believers. As Catholic Christians we are called to follow Jesus and use our God-given gifts and abilities to serve God and others.

- What is the vocation of all Christians?
- What does it mean to be called to holiness?
- What are some of the things you do that show that you are a follower of Jesus?



THE GOSPEL IN LIFE

Spend time in prayer this week and listen for God's call in your life.

Excerpted from RCL Benziger Lectionary Resources

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Evenings by appointment

BAPTISMS

By appointment

1 month in advance

MARRIAGES

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 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

Tuesday, January 28th

7:30 a.m. Ransom Lefebvre by Glen & Jen Lapointe

Wednesday, January 29th

7:30 a.m. Eddie Hudec by Carol Papps & family

Thursday, January 30th

7:30 a.m. Marion & John Kelly by Angus Kelly

Friday, January 31st

7:30 a.m. CeJay & Grayson Bray by Maria Bray & family

Saturday, February 1st

7:00 – 7:25 a.m. Confessions

8:00 a.m. Special Intention for Fr. Celestine Agwu by a parishioner

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions

6:15 – 6:45 p.m. Confessions

7:00 p.m. Kathleen Landon by Andrew & Brie Wheeler

Sunday, February 2nd

7:30 a.m. Intentions of Parishioners

9:30 a.m. Francis "John" Collins by Theresa Sullivan
and Tina St. Martin

11:00 a.m. John Sampson by Doug & Jane Anderson

Monday, February 3rd

7:30 a.m. Augustina Agwu by the Joy of the Lord Prayer Group

DYNAMIC CATHOLIC DIOCESAN GATHERING 7 P.M., TUESDAY, 28 JANUARY

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

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.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS – 1 FEBRUARY

Rosary prayed at 7:30 a.m.
Confessions 7 to 7:25 a.m. - Mass at 8 a.m.
Come and Pray.



IN OUR PARISH

COLLECTION – 12 JANUARY – THANK YOU

Sunday	\$3,844.10	Candles	\$ 281.00
Loose	505.97	Books	120.90
Total	\$4,350.07	Christmas	165.00
Flowers	\$ 10.00	New Year's	290.00
Initial Offering	176.00		

**WE ARE CALLED TO FOLLOW JESUS AND USE OUR
GOD-GIVEN GIFTS AND ABILITIES
TO SERVE GOD AND OTHERS.**

READERS URGENTLY NEEDED FOR 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 Thank you.

SACRISTANS – MEETING/WORKSHOP

A workshop/meeting is planned for all current sacristans and those who would like to consider becoming one.

It will be held in the upper room of the sacristy.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH AT 10 A.M.

Please mark your calendars. Further information will be available. Contact Sue at 938-0368 or sue.h@sympatico.ca

REST IN THE PEACE AND LOVE OF THE LORD

Lorraine Laplante, Jeanne Burton, Lionel Tessier
and all those who have died recently.

INCOME COMPARATIVE STATEMENT, 31 DEC., 2013

	YTD ACTUAL	YTD LAST YR.	DIFFERENCE
INCOME			
Sunday Collection	\$280,505.	\$281,801.	- 1,296.
Other	54,032.	77,939.	-23,907
TOTAL INCOME	\$334,537.	\$359,740.	-25,203 Less Inc.
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$303,670.	\$328,597.	-24,909 Less Exp.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE – A VOICE FOR JUSTICE

With the blessing of the Canadian bishops, D&P is appealing to the Government of Canada to appoint an Ombudsman to oversee mining of Canadian companies in the third world. Parishioners are asked to complete the info on the back of the enclosed card & pass it in at the entrances of the church. Pens are available to assist you. In advance, we thank you for helping people in the global south who need your voice.

SOCIAL TIME – TUESDAYS, 1 TO 4 P.M.

Come and spend a few hours socializing with other parishioners in the Parish Activity Centre (upstairs Agape Bldg). Nice way to spend an afternoon & make new friends.

AWAY FROM THE PARISH

Deacon Marcel and Heather are away for a time of rest and relaxation – returning to us the weekend of 23 February.

IN THE DIOCESE

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

WOMEN'S MORNING OF REFLECTION 9:30 TO NOON, 1 FEB.
at the Charles- Emile Claude Centre. Mass, Confession, light breakfast & Rosary. Consecrated member of Regnum Christi will speak on "Praying with Icons". \$5. free will offering appreciated.

SUNDAY BREAKFAST BUFFET STYLE – 9 TO 12, SUN., 2 FEB.
Hosted by Knights of Columbus, 205 Amelia St. (downstairs)
Adults \$7; Children under age 6 eat free; Bring the whole family.

WORLD INTERFAITH HARMONY WEEK EVENT
Organized by Cornwall Interfaith Partnership. Includes a meal, presentation by guest speaker Brian Carwana & open discussion - Knox-St. Paul's United Church, 800 12th St.E.
12:30 TO 4 P.M., SATURDAY, 1 FEBRUARY
For more information, call 613-933-4321

HOSPICE CORNWALL FUNDRAISER – SAT., 22 FEB.
Carnavale 2014 – 7 course Italian dinner, live music & dancing.
Best Western \$90/person. For tickets call Tina at 613-938-8540.

DIOCESAN CHOIR FOR THE CHRISM MASS
7 p.m., Tuesday, 15 April at Nativity Co-Cathedral
ALL PARISH MUSICIANS ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE CHOIR
Rehearsals begin at 7 p.m. on Tues., 18 Feb. at St. Peter's Church. If interested please call Helen McAlear at 613-932-8326 soon as only a limited number of choir members can be accommodated due to the size of the choir loft.

COUPLES RETREAT 15/16 FEB.; A GIFT FOR YOUR MARRIAGE
Led by Bishop Marcel. *"Rediscovering Prayer as a Couple"*.
Shalom House, Alexandria. \$220./couple includes all meals & Sat. night accommodation. Limited to 12 couples, reserve now.
For more info. call Tony or Angie Nussbaumer at 613-525-2027.
To register call Sr. Alice at 613-525-1704.

HOMILY ON THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

CHRIST CHOSE TO BELONG TO A FAMILY THAT EXPERIENCED EXILE, SO THAT NO-ONE IS EXCLUDED FROM GOD'S LOVING CLOSENES.

Vatican City, 29 December 2013 (VIS)

The Feast of the Holy Family was celebrated on the first Sunday after Christmas. During the Angelus prayer at midday Pope Francis recalled that Jesus had wanted to be born into "a human family, and he wanted to have a mother and a father".

"The Gospel told the story of the Holy Family's painful flight to Egypt in search of exile", said Pope Francis to the thousands of faithful gathered in St. Peter's Square. "Joseph, Mary and Jesus experienced the dramatic condition of life as refugees, full of fear, uncertainty, & discomfort. Unfortunately, in our times, millions of families can identify with this sad reality.

Nearly every day, television and newspapers provide news about refugees fleeing hunger, war and other serious dangers in search of security & a decent life for themselves & their families in distant lands. Even when they find work, refugees & immigrants are not always welcomed, nor do they find respect and



POPE FRANCIS, HOLY FAMILY HOMILY (CONTINUED)

appreciation for the values they bring. Their legitimate expectations clash with complex situations and problems that at times appear insurmountable".

The Holy Father urged those present to contemplate the Holy Family of Nazareth when forced to seek refuge, and to consider "the tragedy of migrants and refugees who are victims of rejection and exploitation ... of human trafficking and forced labour", as well as "those who are exiled within families: the elderly, for example, who are sometimes treated as a cumbersome presence".

"Jesus wanted to belong to a family that experienced these difficulties, so that no one may be excluded from God's loving closeness. The flight into Egypt due to Herod's threats shows us that God is present wherever man is in danger, where man suffers, where he flees, where he experiences rejection and neglect. But he is also present where man dreams, hopes to return to his homeland in freedom, makes plans for his life and dignity and for that of his family".

Before the Marian prayer, the Pontiff noted, "Today our gaze on the Holy Family is also drawn by the simplicity of its life in Nazareth. It is an example that does a lot of good to our families, helping them to become a community of love and reconciliation, in which we experience tenderness, mutual help, and mutual forgiveness".

Pope Francis reminded those present of the "three key words for peace and joy in family life: 'excuse me, thank you, sorry'", explaining that "when we do not want to be intrusive in our family and say 'excuse me!', when we are not selfish and say 'thank you', and when we make mistakes and apologize, then there is peace and joy within a family".

Finally he encouraged families to "become aware of their importance in the Church and in society", because "the Gospel is proclaimed first within the family, and then in the different spheres of everyday life". He invoked Mary, Joseph and Jesus, to "enlighten, comfort, and guide every family in the world, so that they may fulfil with dignity and serenity the mission God has entrusted to them."

Following the Angelus prayer Pope Francis commented that the next Consistory and the next Synod of Bishops will address the theme of the family and therefore recited the prayer to the Holy Family he had composed, inviting all to join with him spiritually, especially those linked to St. Peter's Square from the Basilica of the Annunciation in Nazareth, the Basilica of the Sagrada Familia in Barcelona, and the shrine of Loreto.

"Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendour of true love, to you we turn with trust. Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic Churches. Holy Family of Nazareth, may families never again experience violence, rejection and division: may all who have been hurt or scandalized find ready comfort and healing. Holy Family of Nazareth, may the approaching Synod of Bishops make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God's plan. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, graciously hear our prayer. Amen".

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