

**EPIPHANY**

**SUNDAY**

**05 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 60:1-6  
Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13  
Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6  
Matthew 2:1-12

Epiphany is the manifestation of Jesus, the Word made flesh, as Light of all people.

### Further Reflection from the Catechism:

CCC: 528, 774-780  
CCCC: 102-103  
YOUCAT: 78, 123-124



### SCRIPTURE BACKGROUND

The Solemnity of the Epiphany has a rich tradition all around the world. By translating its name epiphania, which means "revelation", we find the rich meaning of today's feast. On this feast we celebrate the revelation of God's saving love in Jesus. The offer of God's salvation is for all people. This is made clear by the presence of the Gentiles found in all of today's readings.

The first reading from the Old Testament reflects the joy felt by the people of Jerusalem after their return from Exile. God's light has come and God's people are delivered. God's saving act is like a beacon of light shining before the entire world, showing the compassion and love of the Lord. Even Gentiles are drawn to God's radiant light, as they stream toward Jerusalem from every corner of the earth.

In today's Gospel the wise men from the east are drawn to the Saviour by the light of a star. These magi are foreigners. They are Gentiles who have not learned about the Law or the Prophets. However, these foreigners find the Christ child and honour Him. The Gospel today shows how the journey of the magi is a journey of faith, guided by the light of God's love. The wise men follow a star, which leads them to Christ the light of salvation.

### A KEY THEME:

Today's feast of the Epiphany proclaims that God's gift of salvation is for all people. The word Epiphany means to show forth or to make visible. This feast reminds us that Jesus, the Saviour of the world, was made visible to the Magi. Jesus welcomes all those who seek Him.

### THINKING ABOUT IT

The Catholic Church believes that all are meant to share in God's love. "The Church's essential nature is universal... preaching the Word of God and proclaiming the Kingdom throughout the whole world"(AG 1).

- Where do you find Jesus?
- How is Jesus made visible in your life?
- How does the Church work to bring the light of Christ to all people?
- What is the greatest gift that God has given you?
- Why do people seek the light of God's love?
- How do you honour Jesus?



### THE GOSPEL IN LIFE

How can you help others find their way to Jesus?

*Excerpted from RCL Benziger Lectionary Resources*

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Fr. Dan VanDelst, Pastor  
Rev. Mr. Marcel Brunet, Deacon

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Mrs. Kelly Poitras

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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 4<sup>th</sup>

7:00 -7:25 a.m. Confessions  
 8:00 a.m. Theresa & Peter DiCola by Gerry & Lise DiCola  
 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions  
 6:15 – 6:45 p.m. Confessions  
 7:00 p.m. George & Carmel Belmore by the family

### Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup> Epiphany

7:30 a.m. Intentions of parishioners  
 9:30 a.m. Suzan Smith by Mom, Steve, Lisa & Mike  
 11:00 a.m. Michael Ingram by Darleen & Kris Belanger

### Monday, January 06<sup>th</sup>

7:30 a.m. Rita Marsolais by John Martel

### Tuesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>

5:00 p.m. Gerald Caron by Ronald MacGregor

### Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>

7:30 a.m. Pearl Davis by Mary Rupert  
 8:45 a.m. Christmas Mass St. Columban School

### Thursday, January 9<sup>th</sup>

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

### Friday, January 10<sup>th</sup>

7:30 a.m. Marion & John Kelly by Angus Kelly  
 9:00 a.m. Christmas Mass Bishop Macdonell School

### Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup>

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions  
 6:15 – 6:45 p.m. Confessions  
 7:00 p.m. John Collins by Marilyn & Ron

### Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup>

7:30 a.m. Kathleen Landon by Gerry Sampson  
 9:30 a.m. Intentions of parishioners  
 11:00 a.m. Hubert Kennedy by Pam Belile and family

### Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup>

7:30 a.m. Ransom Lefebvre by Shelley & Jeff Robertson

## COLLECTIONS – THANK YOU

	15 DECEMBER	22 DECEMBER
Sunday Collection	\$2,724.76	\$4,337.00
Loose	168.15	271.47
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,892.91</b>	<b>\$4,608.47</b>
Christmas	\$ 85.00	\$ 165.00
D & P - Philippines	30.00	50.00
Priest Pension Fund	150.00	50.00
Candles	90.29	114.20
Books	38.00	26.30
Shelterbox	20.00	
Donations		550.00

## IN OUR PARISH

### *Pastor's Note:*

#### BISHOP MARCEL DAMPHOUSSE PASTORAL VISIT

*From January 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>, Bishop Marcel Damphousse will be making his pastoral visit to St. Columban Parish. He will preside at all the weekend Masses (18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>). Let us show him what a great parish we have.*

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

*He will also meet with the Parish Finance Committee and the Parish Leadership Team. As well, on the Friday he will visit St. Columban School and Bishop Macdonell School.*

*Father Dan*

#### REST IN THE PEACE AND LOVE OF THE LORD

Kathleen Papineau, Ida Cholette  
and all those who have died.

#### WHY DO WE HAVE MASS INTENTIONS

Even though every Mass is celebrated for the whole community (the living and the dead), sometimes a family may request that special prayers be asked for a particular individual or need. These special prayers are called a Mass Intention. At such a Mass the celebrant not only prays for that particular intention but asks those who are gathered for the celebration to join him in praying for that intention.

Sometimes when a person dies, family members or friends will give what is known as a Mass card in order to show the family their support and prayers in their time of grieving.

The Mass card is more than a sympathy card. It is an acknowledgment that a Christian community will be asked to pray for our loved one who has died.

#### “LIVING WITH CHRIST” DAILY READINGS

You will notice a change in the size of the *Living with Christ* that is available for purchase. The publisher has discontinued the small print version and now only publishes the larger print size. The book table will continue to carry it for those who want the daily readings. The larger print and format comes at a higher cost. Starting with the January edition, the book table will charge \$3.25 for each monthly edition.

#### *To those 19-39 years of age.*

All who are between the ages of 19-39 are invited to reserve Sunday, 26 January for a parish supported social event.

## IN OUR PARISH

### INCOME COMPARATIVE STATEMENT 30 NOV. 2013

	YTD ACTUAL	YTD LAST YR.	DIFFERENCE
<b>REVENUE</b>			
Sun. Collection	\$244,507.	\$244,279.	+ 228.
Other	48,384.	67,312.	-18,928.
<b>REV. TOTAL</b>	\$292,891.	\$311,591.	-18,700. Less Revenue
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	\$277,154.	\$308,667.	-31,513. Less Expense

## IN THE DIOCESE

### DIOCESAN PRO-LIFE WORKSHOP.

Michele Boulva, director of the Catholic Organization for Life and Family (COLF) will be the presenter. Her conference is entitled: *"Euthanasia is at our doors"*.

Lay people, priests, and deacons are all encouraged to come.  
**1:30 P.M., TUESDAY, 14 JANUARY**  
 at Blessed Sacrament Church

Knights of Columbus, 205 Amelia Street  
**MONTHLY BREAKFAST – BUFFET STYLE**  
 \$7./person (children under 6 eat free) – Bring the whole family.  
**9 A.M. TO 12:30 P.M., SUNDAY, 5 JANUARY**

Bishop Brodeur Assembly 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knights of Columbus  
**BIG BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER FOR**  
**HOLY TRINITY, ST. JOSEPH, ST. MATTHEW MISSION TRIP**  
 Bacon, sausage, homefries, eggs, pancakes, toast, coffee,  
 orange juice, baked beans.  
**8:30 A.M. TO 12:30 P.M., SUNDAY, 12 JANUARY**  
 Blessed Sacrament Church Hall. Cost:-- Good Will Donation

St. Francis de Sales K of C 11531  
**ROAST BEEF DINNER**  
 in the Parish Hall – Adults \$10., Children \$5.  
**5 TO 7 P.M., THURSDAY, 16 JANUARY**

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

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**FAMILY BREAKFAST**  
 in the Parish Hall – everyone welcome  
**8:30 A.M. TO 12, SUNDAY, 26 JANUARY**

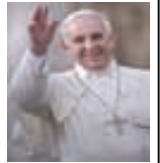
### BLESSED JOHN PAUL II'S THEOLOGY OF THE BODY

**MALE & FEMALE HE CREATED THEM:**  
**REDISCOVERING OUR AUTHENTIC SEXUAL IDENTITY**  
 Session For Couples – 7 p.m., Thurs., 23 January - \$20.  
**BEYOND THE TALK:**  
**SHARING GOD'S PLAN FOR SEXUALITY WITH KIDS & TEENS**  
 Session for parents and all those who have the well being and  
 future of youth at heart. 7 p.m., Friday, 24 January - \$20.  
 Renaissance Centre, 7550 Henri-Bourassa Blvd. East, Montreal  
 Register Online [www.diocesemontreal.org](http://www.diocesemontreal.org)

## POPE FRANCIS

### THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ELDERLY: THE CHURCH MUST SET AN EXAMPLE TO SOCIETY

Vatican City, 23 November 2013 (VIS)



Elderly persons have always been active in the life of the Church, which must set an example to society of how they are always important, indeed "indispensable" said Pope Francis, who received in audience the participants in the 28th International Conference of the Pontifical Council for Health Care Workers (Health Care Pastoral). The meeting took place from 21 to 23 Nov. 2013 in the New Synod Hall and examined the theme "The Church at the service of sick elderly people: care for people with neuro-degenerative pathologies".

The elderly "carry with them the memory and the wisdom of life, which they transmit to others, and participate fully in the Church's mission. Let us remember that human life always maintains its value in the eyes of God, far beyond any discriminatory view", emphasised Pope Francis. He went on to mention how the increase in life expectancy throughout the twentieth century has also led a growing number of people to be affected by neuro-degenerative pathologies, which are frequently accompanied by a deterioration in cognitive capacities. These pathologies have an impact on social and health care both in terms of research and in assistance in social and healthcare structures, as well as within the family, which is in need of help and adequate services to care for the elderly.

The Holy Father reiterated the importance of a form of healthcare which "alongside the traditional biomedical model, is enriched by allowing space for dignity and freedom, far from the reclusion and silence that too often surrounds those in the healthcare environment" and, from this perspective, he spoke also of the importance of the religious and spiritual aspect, insisting on the need "to put into practice a particular pastoral approach to accompany the religious life of elderly people with serious degenerative pathologies, with different forms and content, so as not to interrupt the dialogue and relationship of their minds and hearts with God".

"Dear friends", he concluded, addressing the elderly present, "you are not only the recipients of the evangelical message, but also, by virtue of your Baptism, its proclaimers in the fullest sense".

## THE 4 SIGNS OF A DYNAMIC CATHOLIC

### QUESTIONS TO REFLECT ON AS YOU READ THE BOOK.

- 1 - When did you feel best about being Catholic? Why?
- 2 - How has this book changed your view of Catholicism?
- 3 - How would you like your parish to become more dynamic?  
 Are you willing to help make this happen?

### COME, PRAY, SHARE – BE A "DYNAMIC CATHOLIC"

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