

**6TH SUNDAY**

**OF EASTER**

**10 MAY, 2015**

If you keep My  
Commandments, you will  
abide in My love.

# 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:

Acts 9:26-31

Psalms 22:26-28, 30-32

1 John 3:18-24

John 15:1-8

God loves us & sent His  
Son to be the atoning  
sacrifice for our sins.

## Further Reflection from the Catechism:

CCC: 816

CCCC: 162

YOUCAT: 129

## REVITALISED AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

### ATTRACTING MORE TRAINEE PRIESTS

The Catholic Church has seen a renewed interest in training for the priesthood. Some parishes are even reporting bigger attendances.

For the past decade, the Catholic Church has been shaken by revelations of the sexual abuse of children by clergy, and worse, the covering-up of the crimes and the protection of the offenders. To be a Catholic – let alone a priest – meant dealing collectively with this stain, this shame.

Twenty years ago, the number of young men training to be Catholic priests in the Corpus Christi College seminary had dwindled to about 20. A transformation, a revival in interest in the priesthood means that there aren't enough rooms at the seminary, and an appeal to fund an extension will be launched.

At last count, this year will see close to 60 men in training to be priests in Melbourne alone – the highest number since the early 1970s. Across Australia, the number is more than 150. Strength of faith is impossible to measure, but certainly, one concrete indication is attendance at Mass. Anecdotally, it appears that rather than repelling people, the Church in some areas is attracting them.

### JP II Effect

World Youth Day was started by Pope John Paul II in the 1980s and, in part, is credited with the resurgence in the faith among younger Catholics.

### The Francis Factor

In the two years since his election, Francis' impact has been profound, his pastoral approach to the papacy transformational. He has shunned the historical trappings of the office, and embraced the poor and disadvantaged. He has become the rock star pope.

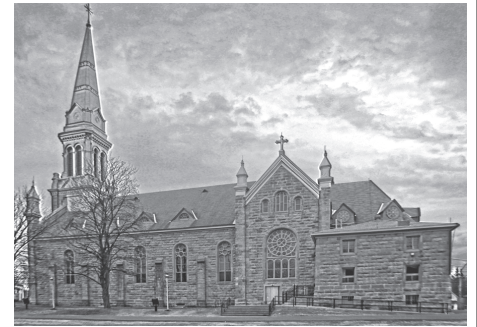
The US-based Pew Research Centre tracks the standing of popes, and its recent survey at the end of last year found broad support for Francis across most of the world. Francis was overwhelmingly popular with Catholics, and enjoyed strong support among the general population.

The survey did not include Australia, but there is general agreement the survey findings would reflect the mood here. Archbishop Coleridge says Francis has a simplicity about his vision – a homeliness, a directness, and is not afraid to call a spade a spade. "It's a style we haven't seen in the papacy in living memory."

### Other Factors

There is an increase in people who are really choosing to be Catholic, and to support the church in trying to fix this problem, because walking away or giving into the evil behaviours of these priests and lay people that have committed these crimes is not the answer. "The seminary is full," began the article in the April newsletter of Corpus Christi College. "How can this be?" So why indeed is the seminary full? This year's intake is from nine different (arch)dioceses across Australia, from 11 countries of origin: Australia, India, Croatia, the Philippines, Vietnam, New Zealand, Nigeria, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Poland, Indonesia. Now people are realising how great a gift it is to be a Catholic.

*Excerpted from an article in The Age*



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1 month in advance

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Saturday 6:15 to 6:45 p.m.

Also by appointment

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**CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES**

Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions  
 6:15 – 6:45 p.m. Confessions  
 7:00 p.m. Gertrude Poitras by daughter Noella Gauthier

Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>

7:30 a.m. Lawrence Campbell (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of death) by the family  
 9:30 a.m. Intentions of the parishioners  
 11:00 a.m. Annette Champagne by daughter Marie Ann Pilon & family  
 3:00 p.m. Filipino Mass & potluck – all welcome

Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup>

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

Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>

7:30 a.m. Eileen Mondoux by the family

Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup>

7:30 a.m. Gerard Lavictoire by Colette, Eric & Natalie

Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>

7:30 a.m. Mavis Menard by Roger & Micheline Bougie

Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions  
 6:15 – 6:45 p.m. Confessions  
 7:00 p.m. Deceased family members of Marion Tobin

Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>

7:30 a.m. LouAnna Macdougall by Alex MacDougall  
 9:30 a.m. Intentions of the parishioners  
 11:00 a.m. Armand Lafrance (14<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of death) by Diane & Gilles Lafrance  
 12:30 p.m. Baptisms

Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup>

7:30 a.m. Duncan & Irene McLennan by daughter Jean McLennan

**SUNDAY, MAY 10<sup>TH</sup> – FILIPINO MASS – 3 P.M.**

Come and celebrate mothers. All are also welcome to bring a dish and participate in the potluck afterwards in the Parish Activity Centre. No need to bring fancy dishes; main goal is to have fellowship with one another and Fr. Jerome.



**Mother's Day Roses**

Every Mother's Day weekend, the Catholic Women's League provides paper roses to honour our mothers, both living & deceased.

A white rose is worn by those whose mother is deceased. A red rose is worn by those whose mother is still with us. These paper roses are made by League members and all contributions received are sent to Our Lady's Missionaries & Catholic Missions of Canada.

**IN OUR PARISH**

**COLLECTION 26 APRIL, 2015 – THANK YOU**

Sunday	\$3,713.00	Easter	\$ 15.00
Loose	559.98	Vocation Sunday	984.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,272.98</b>	Dev. & Peace	4.00
Candles	\$ 122.75	Good Friday/Holy Land	15.00
Books	89.25	Initial Offering	5.00
		Flowers	20.00

*Happy Mother's Day  
 To Mothers everywhere*

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

*Jacques Lebrun, Rita Poapst, Claire Roberts  
 and all who have died.*

**ADOPT-A-CANDIDATE**

Thank you to all parishioners who participated in this ministry. To further support the children, please plan to attend their **CONFIRMATION HERE – 7 P.M., TUESDAY, 19 MAY**

**PATRONS OF ST. COLUMBAN FOUNDATION**

**ANNUAL CHICKEN DINNER FUNDRAISER REPORT**

Special thanks to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 297 who made this event possible, to the Foundation members and parishioners of St. Columban who volunteered their services, and to everyone from St. Columban's and the community who purchased tickets and attended our successful chicken dinner on April 19<sup>th</sup> at the Legion. The chicken dinner raised \$2,232. for the work of the Foundation to restore and preserve our historic St. Columban's Church.

**EMERGENCY IN NEPAL- DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE**

Our thoughts and prayers are with the people of Nepal. The destructive 7.8 magnitude earthquake has caused over 10,000 deaths and thousands of injuries. The amount of destruction is overwhelming, and the priority needs are to provide tarps and tents, water, food, sanitation, and hygiene items to the victims. Development and Peace is working with other Caritas members to assist Caritas Nepal in providing humanitarian aid.

You can contribute to these much needed relief efforts by donating to Development and Peace. Your contribution to help the victims of the earthquake will be matched by the Canadian Government until 25 May. You can make a donation:

- by using the envelope in the pews
- online at [www.devop.org](http://www.devop.org)
- by phone at 1 888 664-3387 or
- by sending a cheque payable to Development & Peace (*please indicate Nepal Earthquake*).

Development and Peace, 1425 René-Lévesque Blvd. West, 3rd Floor, Montreal Que. H3G 1T7. *Thank you for your generosity & prayers for the people of Nepal.*



### ***In Our Parish***

#### **ST. COLUMBAN'S CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS**

**DIOCESAN CONVENTION – SUNDAY, 31 MAY**  
will be held at St. Finnan's Parish

**MASS AT ST. COLUMBAN'S AT 5 P.M., TUESDAY, 9 JUNE**  
followed by **MEMBERSHIP DINNER**  
at Cornwall Golf & Country Club – Tickets \$25.

#### **BURSARIES FOR GRADE 12 GRADUATES**

Young people graduating from Grade 12 are invited to apply for a bursary. Parents & grandparents may also submit names. *Students should be active in their faith & be continuing their education at a post-secondary institution.* To apply, please contact Jane Anderson at 613-933-1062

**YOU CAN BE A WITNESS TO THE RISEN CHRIST**  
by living the Gospel joyously, courageously, peacefully and with mercy. *Pope Francis*

### **IN THE DIOCESE**

#### **SHALOM FUNDRAISING SALE – 9 TO 5 – 15-16-17 MAY**

At Shalom House, 170 St-Paul St., Alexandria  
Dishes, kitchenware, furniture, knick knacks, linens for bed & bath, Christmas & religious articles, etc. If you have items you would like to donate for our sale, call Sr. Alice at 613-525-1704.

#### ***CONTINUE THE JOURNEY***

**TESTIMONY WORKSHOP – 2 TO 4 P.M., SUN. 24 MAY**  
At Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall

**LEARN TO TELL YOUR STORY**, the account of how Jesus has touched your life. This interactive session will help you prepare a brief testimony you can use when friends and family ask you the "reason for your hope" or how you can be so peaceful in times of difficulty. Listen to sample testimonies, hear tips to make yours personal, powerful and focused on what Jesus has done for you. No pressure to present it, only opportunities to practice if you wish to do so. Come prepared with ideas of what you might include and we'll help you refine it.

**MONTHLY PRAISE & WORSHIP NIGHT**  
**6:30-7:30 P.M., THURSDAY, 28 MAY**

Come and sing your hearts out to our Lord or just listen to the music and offer it up. It's a casual prayerful hour with Jesus. At St. Peter's Church - Everyone is welcome.

#### **BINGO – PARISH FUNDRAISERS**

St. Therese – 7 p.m., Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>  
Precious Blood – 7 p.m., Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>

#### **STEUBENVILLE TORONTO - 7-9 AUGUST**

Mega and inspiring Catholic Youth Conference (for youth in grades 8 to 12). Registration \$325. (2 nights in hotel, 6 meals & access to events). For info. visit the Steubenville Toronto 2015 page under Youth Ministry on the Diocese's website: [www.alexandria-cornwall.ca](http://www.alexandria-cornwall.ca) or contact Sr. Francine at [fguilmette@alexandria-cornwall.ca](mailto:fguilmette@alexandria-cornwall.ca)

### ***In the Diocese & Area***

#### **MARCH FOR LIFE – 14 MAY**

**Pro-Life Cornwall** is sponsoring a free bus to the March in Ottawa. To reserve a spot, call Joan at 613-937-0536. If you are able, please come in support of the unborn.

#### **MASS OF THANKSGIVING, 7 P.M., THURS., 21 MAY FOR THE DIOCESE'S 125<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

at Nativity Co-Cathedral  
With Bishop Marcel Damphousse, Archbishop Paul-Andre Durocher, Bishop Emeritus Eugene LaRocque, Archbishop Brendan O'Brien, Bishop Luc Bouchard and Archbishop Luigi Bonazzi, Papal Nuncio.  
Church seats more than 600 people; help us fill it as we thank God for all the blessings He has bestowed upon us.  
Reception follows at Agora Catholic Centre.

**PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE – 16 OCT. TO 1 NOV.**  
With Fr. Bernard Cameron. Includes a 5 day side trip to Ireland. For more info contact Ann Germain-MacMillan 613-534-8366

#### **SPRING LUNCHEON, 11 A.M. TO 1 P.M., WED., 13 MAY**

Plus craft, baked goods and book tables - at Trinity Anglican Church, 105 2nd Street W. Adults \$9. children under 12- \$3.

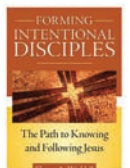


**Join us on May 30, 2015  
for an all day workshop**

*with*

**Keith Strohm of the Siena Institute**

This practical conference and workshop will help you understand the meaning of the New Evangelization and the urgent need for our parishes to become houses of discipleship. The workshop focuses on the need to awaken our personal faith so that we will become more capable of putting our gifts and talents to use.



**Potsdam Student Union Multi-Purpose Room  
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