## 33RD SUNDAY OF

## **ORDINARY TIME**

16 NOVEMBER, 2014

"Sudden darkness will come upon them ... and there will be no escape."

# 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:

Proverbs 31:10–31 Psalm 128:1–2, 3, 4–5 1 Thessalonians 5:1–6 Matthew 25:14–30 "Let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober."

# Further Reflection from the Catechism:

CCC: 951, 1878, 1911, 12, 37 CCCC: 56, 64, 420 YOUCAT: 146, 321, 327

## IT ALL BELONGS TO GOD

In today's Old Testament reading, God's people are given guidance on how to care for all of God's creation. The hard-working wife described in this passage is mindful of the poor and she helps her husband. The woman is strong in faith and she lives that faith by serving others. She is an example of wise stewardship of one's God-given gifts.

In the Gospel today, Jesus tells a story to teach about wise stewardship of our Godgiven gifts. In the parable of the three servants, each servant is entrusted with a different sum of money from their master who is leaving on a journey. Two of them invest wisely and double their money. The last one buries his money in the ground. When the master returns he is disappointed in the servant who does not invest wisely. He takes the money from him and he throws the servant out of the house.

In this parable, the master is like Christ, away for a time in heaven, until He returns to settle things with His followers. The settling of accounts is the final judgement and the servants' rewards and punishments are meant to remind listeners of the importance of using God's gifts wisely and well.

### A KEY THEME: CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

The concept of Christian stewardship is to care for all that God gives us in creation. All of creation belongs to God. We are stewards of God's household, sharing in the responsibility of caring for creation. Good stewardship involves caring for the poor and working for the common good.

Jesus is the model for good stewardship because Jesus shows us how to serve God and humanity. Catholics understand that we have a responsibility for others. We have been commanded to love God and our neighbour. Loving our neighbour is inseparable from loving God. Good stewards work on behalf of the poor and suffering in the world. In Catholic teaching these activities are called the <u>corporal works of mercy</u>. We serve Christ when we share our blessings with people in need. Being a good steward means that the way we use our personal gifts and the resources of this world assists in the building of the Kingdom of God.

## THINKING ABOUT IT

## **Practice the Spiritual Works of Mercy**

Counsel the doubtful, instruct the ignorant, admonish the sinner, comfort the sorrowful, forgive injuries, bear wrongs patiently, pray for the living and the dead.

## **Practice the Corporal Works of Mercy**

Feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless, visit the sick, visit the imprisoned, bury the dead.

## THE GOSPEL IN LIFE

How can you use your entrusted gifts wisely this week?

Excerpted from RCL Benziger Lectionary Resources



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## **CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES**

Saturday, November 15th

3:00 - 4:00 p.m. Confessions 6:15 - 6:45 p.m. Confessions

Howard Burton by the Burton family 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 16th

7:30 a.m. Intentions of the parishioners

9:30 a.m. Edith & Edmund Parisien by Isabel & family 11:00 a.m. Reginald & Susan Lapensee (40th Wedding

Anniversary) by their children

Monday, November 17th

7:30 a.m. Annie MacDonald by Elizabeth & Hamish

Tuesday, November 18th No Mass on Tuesdays

Wednesday, November 19th

7:30 a.m. Special Intention for the children of

Carole & Joseph Harvey

Thursday, November 20th

7:30 a.m. Mary & Leon Parisien by Jane & Doug Anderson

Friday, November 21st

7:30 a.m. Alice, Gerry & Janet Bray by Frank & Lucille Ricci

7:30 P.M. CLASSICAL CONCERT

Saturday, November 22nd

3:00 - 4:00 p.m. Confessions

6:15 - 6:45 p.m. Confessions

7:00 p.m. Maureen Adams (19th Anniversary of death) by

Cheryl Adams

Sunday, November 23rd

7:30 a.m. Intentions of the Parishioners

9:30 a.m. In Thanksgiving by the Brown Family

11:00 a.m. Special Intention for Johanne Pelletier-Roullard

by Monique Ashby

Monday, November 24th

7:30 a.m. Souls in Purgatory by Frank & Lucille Ricci

PRAYER BEFORE MASS THE ANGELUS

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## St. Columban's Catholic Women's League CHRISTMAS TEA AND BAKE SALE

Enjoy delicious sandwiches & desserts with your tea. + Bake table, candy table and Basket draw. 1:30 to 3 p.m., Saturday, 22 November In the Parish Activity Centre -Admission \$6 - Everyone welcome.

### **BOOK TABLE NEWS**

CATHOLIC CALENDARS - 2015

13-month Traditional Art calendar by St. Joseph's Workers & other religious calendars with Canada holy days & feast days, \$5. ADVENT - A GRACE FILLED & BEAUTIFUL LITURGICAL SEASON

As we endeavor to give Christ His rightful place in our daily lives, we have provided a few resources we hope you will find helpful. "The Word Among Us", with daily Mass & meditations for Dec.

\*Henri Nouwen's daily meditation and prayer booklet

IN OUR PARISH			
Collection - 2 November - Thank You			
Sunday	\$5,308.20	Votive Candles	182.05
Loose	452.64	Book Store	118.60
Total	\$5,760.84	Needs of Can. Church	10.00
Priests Pension	\$4,317.	Prop.of the Faith	174.00

#### BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

In the tradition of our Church, NOVEMBER IS THE "MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS"; a time to pray & give thanks for those we love but see no longer. A book of remembrance is located at the front of the Church & all are invited to inscribe the names of your departed loved ones. St. Paul reminds us:

"It is a good and wholesome thing to pray for the dead."

## **CLASSICAL CONCERT**

7:30 p.m, Friday, 21 November

Vero è la Musica presents a concert entiltled EN FRANCE ... LA BELLE EPOQUE

Cornwallite Veronika Cherniak on violin, Stef Jackson on saxophone & Olivier Hébert-Bouchard on piano. Tickets \$12./person available at the Parish office, from Jane Anderson at 613-933-1062 and at the door.



### COFFEE AND CHAT

Please stop after Mass this weekend - have a coffee & cookie and spend a little time in fellowship. (at 4<sup>th</sup> Street Church entrance)

INVITATION FROM CWL COUNCIL OF ST. COLUMBAN PARISH We invite every woman in the parish 16 years of age & older to join us in prayer, in service and joy.

WHILE ENJOYING A CUP OF COFFEE AFTER MASS TODAY please spend a little time with a CWL member & find out the goals and objectives of the Catholic Women's League. We want to meet you and hope you will want to meet us and consider becoming a sister in St. Columban's CWL. May our Lady of Good Counsel bless and protect you always.

## CHRISTMAS BASKET - TICKETS AVAILABLE TODAY

Don't forget to get a ticket on the lovely Christmas basket which will be drawn at the Christmas Tea next Saturday. For those considering membership in the League, the Christmas Tea is a great social venue to meet current members.



AN EVENING OF PRAISE & WORSHIP with a 12 member music ministry

## ARAMICO CHOIR

Special guest singers include Fr. Jerome FRIDAY, 12 DECEMBER FROM 7 - 8:30 P.M. Tickets \$15/person available at the parish office and in the church before and after Masses 29/30 November

#### IN THE PARISH

#### REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES AT CHRISTMAS

The Patrons of St. Columban Foundation ask for your assistance once again this year to keep the repairs to our historic church building on schedule. You can help by making a donation to the Foundation this Christmas "In Memory of A LOVED ONE". Remembrances will be published in a special Bulletin Insert the weekend of 20-21 December. To donate, you may use the forms & envelopes provided at Church entrances.

Make cheques payable to the Patrons of St. Columban Foundation. Please submit in the collection basket by Sunday, 7 Dec. to allow time for printing. Thank you for your continued support of the work of the Patrons of St. Columban Foundation.

Santa's Helpers – Christmas Gifts For
Children being treated at Children's Treatment Centre
If you would like to help, kindly pick up a nametag after Mass,
which includes the age & sex of the child. For confidentiality
reasons, fictitious names are used for the children. Do not
wrap the Gift. Please place it in a Gift-bag & return it to
the church no later than Sunday, 14 December.
The CTC thanks you for your kindness and spirit of sharing.

2015 PARISH ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE
for pick up at the rear of the Church. PLEASE VERIFY THAT THE
# ON THE LABEL MATCHES THE NUMBER ON THE ENVELOPES. If
any info on the label is incorrect, please notify the office.
FOR THOSE WHO ARE NEW TO THE PARISH
and would like envelopes, please call the office to register.

ST. COLUMBAN PARISH SUPPER – THANK YOU to all the wonderful volunteers who made this great parish community event successful. Many thanks to those parishioners who were so generous with donations of pies and coleslaw. Although the turn out was disappointing, we did show a profit of approximately \$3000. I wish to acknowledge the people who shared their preparation and culinary expertise over the past 20 years. We could not have this wonderful supper without them, Thank you

Teresa MacInnis, Parish Leader for Community Life
PLEASE NOTE - EMPTY DISHES FROM THE SUPPER
may be picked up at the 4th Street Church entrance.

### HELPERS NEEDED FOR INFANT BAPTISMS

Most infant Baptisms take place Sunday afternoons once a month. Lay members of the parish assist our Priest or Deacon at the celebrations as well as at a short parent meeting - by being welcoming & helping with some details. New helpers are welcome. Ministry Description is available & training provided. Please contact Don Smith, Parish Leader for Catechesis & Evangelization at media.ministry@live.ca or 613-932-8952

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE REMINDER
Please bring donations of Jello to our
POTLUCK MEETING ON TUESDAY, 2 DECEMBER

HELPERS NEEDED FOR CHILDREN'S LITURGY PROGRAM
At 9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass. For more info please contact Don
Smith at 613-932-8952 or e-mail media.ministry@live.ca

## IN THE DIOCESE AND COMMUNITY

BINGO - 7 P.M WEDNESDAY, 19 NOVEMBER
Early Bird games start 6:20-Precious Blood Parish, Glen Walter

FALL LUNCHEON - 11 A.M. TO 1 P.M., WEDNESDAY, 19 Nov. Trinity Anglican Church, 105 2<sup>nd</sup> St W. Adults \$9, under 12 \$3. Jams & jellies, crafts, bake & book tables, art show and sale.

All are invited to the Agora Catholic Centre, where the Diocese of Alexandria-Cornwall is hosting a

CHRISTMAS MARKET PLACE 1 TO 4:30 P.M., SATURDAY, 22 NOVEMBER.

Many vendors for Christmas shopping; Advent wreath station; Visit from Saint Nicholas; Activities for the children and **2**<sup>ND</sup> **ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CRECHE EXHIBIT** 

LOCAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS TEAM UP TO WORK AT NPH ORPHANAGE, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC DURING MARCH BREAK 2015. MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISERS

Christmas Market – 5 to 8 p.m., 4 Dec. Holy Trinity C.S.S.

Donations – To make a donation (tax receiptable) make chq. payable to CDSBEO, mail to Fr. Jacques Labelle, Chaplain, St. Matthew CSS, 822 Marlborough St., K6H 4B4

SNOWFLAKE BAZAAR & LUNCHEON, THURS., 4 DECEMBER at St. Joseph's Continuing Care Centre, 14 York St. Soup, Sandwiches, Dessert - \$6.

All proceeds toward resident programs & equipment.

10 A.M. TO 1:30 P.M. (LUNCHEON 11 TO 12:30)

DIOCESAN CHOIR FOR CHRISM MASS ON TUES, 31 MARCH All Parish Musicians of Alexandria-Cornwall are invited to participate. Rehearsals begin Tues., 18 Nov. at 7 p.m. at St. Peter's Church. To take part, contact Helen McAlear at 613-932-8326 asap. Due to choir loft size only a limited number of choir members can be accommodated.

ROAST BEEF DINNER - 6 P.M., SAT., 22 NOVEMBR Knox-St. Paul's United Church. \$20. Call 938-3704 for tickets.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR & SOUP LUNCHEON 9:30 A.M. TO 2:30 P.M., - WED., 26 Nov. \$5.50/person for Luncheon. Heartwood, 201 11th St. East

SPAGHETTI SUPPER FOR ST. ANNE'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL at K/C Hall, Amelia St. – Adults \$10. 5 to 7 p.m., Wednesday, 26 Nov.

Our Lady of Grace / St. Pius X C.W.L.

TEA AND BAZAAR -10:30 TO 1:30, SAT., 29 Nov.

Lunch of soup, sandwiches & desserts \$6. starts at 11:30 a.m.

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