

CHRIST THE KING

SUNDAY

22 Nov., 2015

His Kingdom is one
that shall never be
destroyed.

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 Mondays: 7:30 a.m.

THE COMMON GOOD VS SIMPLE MAJORITY RULE

In a 2013 article, *Time* magazine posed the question: "Whatever happened to the Common Good?" The article recognized that the concept has its roots in Christianity. The author stated: "*The common good is also the best way to find common ground with other people—even with those who don't agree with us or share our politics. Both liberals and conservatives could affirm the moral standard of the common good. And that commitment is especially attractive to young people, who are among the fastest-growing group in surveys who eschew specific religious affiliation.*"

Commenting on the many economic and social problems that American society confronts, Newsweek columnist Robert J. Samuelson once wrote: "*We face a choice between a society where people accept modest sacrifices for a common good or a more contentious society where groups selfishly protect their own benefits.*"



As Christians, we have a responsibility to always seek the greatest common good for everyone affected.

The common good became a central concept in the modern tradition of Catholic social teaching, beginning with the foundational document, *Rerum novarum*, a papal encyclical by Pope Leo XIII, issued in 1891.

Contemporary Catholic social teaching on the common good is summarized in the 2004 Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church. Quoting *Gaudium et spes*: "*According to its primary and broadly accepted sense, the common good indicates 'the sum total of social conditions which allow people, either as groups or as individuals, to reach their fulfilment more fully and more easily'*"

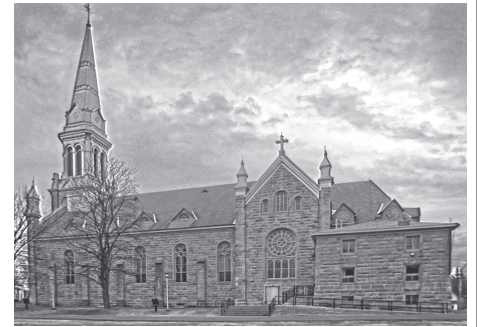
The Compendium also counters - "[T]he common good [is] the good of all people and of the whole person... The human person cannot find fulfilment in himself, that is, apart from the fact that he exists "with" others and "for" others". "The goal of life in society is in fact the historically attainable common good".

Another relevant document is *Veritatis Splendor*, a papal encyclical by Pope John Paul II. In this letter, Pope John Paul describes the characteristics and virtues that political leadership should require, which are truthfulness, honesty, fairness, temperance and solidarity, given that truth extends from honesty, good faith, and sincerity in general, to agreement with fact or reality in particular.

The Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us: "*Democracy must be more than mere majority rule ... History teaches that even democracy ... runs the risk of becoming a tyranny of the majority over a minority. Democracy depends on preconditions that it cannot guarantee in and of itself. That is why Christians in particular must make sure that the values indispensable to a democracy are not undermined.*" True democracy gives voice to everyone, not just the majority.

When we're making decisions that affect our families, our workplaces, our parishes and society in general, we have a duty to ask:

"Does this serve the common good?"



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Saturday 6:15 to 6:45 p.m.
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CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

Saturday, November 21st

12:30 -1:30 p.m. St. Columban Novena (Prep. for Feast Day)
3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions
6:15 – 6:45 p.m. Confessions
7:00 p.m. Maureen Adams by Cheryl Adams

Sunday, November 22nd (Christ the King)

7:30 a.m. Intentions of parishioners
9:30 a.m. James Wheeler by Janet & Boys
11:00 a.m. Sr. Mary McAlear by St. Columban's Music Ministry
12:30-1:30 p.m. St. Columban Novena (Prep. for Feast Day)

Monday, November 23rd

5:15 p.m. St. Columban Feast Day Mass
Intentions of parishioners

Tuesday, November 24th

7:30 a.m. Lorraine Vermette by husband Andre

Wednesday, November 25th

7:30 a.m. Rita Poapst by Stella McDonald

Thursday, November 26th

7:30 a.m. Jacques Lebrun by Chris & Pauline Chisholm

Friday, November 27th

7:30 a.m. Cecilia Moffat by Annie & Alfie McDonald

Saturday, November 28th

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions
6:15 – 6:45 p.m. Confessions
7:00 p.m. Amelia Lalonde by Lillian & family

Sunday, November 29th (First Sunday of Advent)

7:30 a.m. Intentions of parishioners
9:30 a.m. Lynn Tremblay (6th Anniversary of death) by
husband Ron & family
11:00 a.m. Virginia Loughheed by Carol Papps

**ST. COLUMBAN NOVENA ENDS SUNDAY, 22 NOV.
ST. COLUMBAN FEAST DAY MASS WILL BE HELD AT
5:15 P.M. ON MONDAY, 23 NOVEMBER. ALL ARE WELCOME.**

REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES AT CHRISTMAS

THE PATRONS OF ST. COLUMBAN FOUNDATION

ask for your assistance 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 insert to our Parish Bulletin the weekend of December 19-20. For your donation, you may use the forms and the envelopes provided at the Church entrances. Cheques should be made payable to the Patrons of St. Columban Foundation. Please submit in the collection basket **BY SUNDAY DECEMBER 6** to allow time for printing. Thank you for your continued support of the work of the Patrons of St. Columban Foundation.

IN OUR PARISH

Collection 8 November., 2015 – Thank You

\$3,965.00 Sunday Env	\$530.00 Priests Pension Fund
469.33 Loose	\$ 22.00 Propagation of the Faith
\$4,634.33 Total	\$ 10.00 Needs of Canadian Church

SINCERE THANKS

Heather and I thank all the parishioners and Father Ernest for the kindness, love and friendship shown to us over the past ten years.

St. Columban's has been home for us since our dating days and it will always be a special place. May God bless all of you.

Love Deacon Marcel

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THE 7 P.M. SATURDAY EVENING MASS

A survey is being conducted to determine if those who attend this Mass would want a time change.

All parishioners attending the
7 P.M. MASS THIS WEEKEND (SATURDAY, 21 NOVEMBER)
will be given a questionnaire by the ushers. Parishioners are invited to fill out the questionnaire and place it in the collection basket today.

Parishioners attending other Masses this weekend, who wish to fill out the questionnaire, may pick up a copy at any of the Church entrances. Place it in today's collection basket.

PLEASE PICK UP YOUR 2016 PARISH ENVELOPES AT 4TH STREET ENTRANCE TODAY

Please ensure that the number on your Address Label corresponds to the number on the envelopes inside the box. If any discrepancies please contact the Parish office on Monday.

COFFEE AND CHAT

Plan to stop at the 4th St. entrance after Mass for coffee and say hello to fellow parishioners.



**COMMUNION STATIONS ARE LOCATED
CENTRE FRONT AND HALFWAY DOWN CENTRE AISLE**
Please exit the pews from the centre aisle and return by the side aisles. Thank you.

ANGELS OF HOPE

is a project to provide Christmas gifts to children who are receiving counselling at the **Children's Treatment Centre**. If you would like to help, kindly pick up a name tag after Mass which includes the age and sex of the child. For confidentiality reasons, fictitious names are used for the children. Please **DO NOT WRAP** the gift, but place it in a **GIFT BAG**. Please return the gift to the Church **BY SUNDAY, 6 DEC.** On behalf of the children served at the **Children's Treatment Centre**, thank you for your kindness & spirit of sharing.

IN OUR PARISH

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

In the tradition of our Church, November is the "Month of the Holy Souls", a time to pray and give thanks for those we love but see no longer. A book of remembrance is located at the front of the Church and 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."

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

Let's make Canada a climate leader!

In December, world leaders will be meeting in Paris at the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP21) to negotiate a binding and universal agreement on the world's climate. For this agreement to be effective at avoiding future climate-related disasters, the global temperature can't rise more than 2°C over the coming years. In order to achieve this, however, countries like Canada will need to transition to renewable energies and move away from fossil fuels.

Sign a Development and Peace Action Card, which will be distributed on November 28-29 asking the Prime Minister to sign on to an agreement at COP21 that sets the target to keep the rise in temperature below 2°C and to be a leader in achieving that target. On the card, you can also share with the Prime Minister your own personal action to help reduce climate change. The survival of our planet and its people are at stake.

Watch next week's bulletin for the cards.

IN THE DIOCESE

ST. MARTIN OF TOURS, GLEN ROBERTSON
CHRISTMAS BAZAAR 11 A.M. TO 4 P.M., SAT., 28 NOVEMBER
Bake Sale, Homemade doughnuts, crafts, draws, 50/50

VENDOR'S FAIR – 5 TO 8 P.M., THURS., 3 DECEMBER
in the gym of St. Joseph's Catholic Secondary School. Hot dogs, drinks & DQ Ice cream sandwiches for sale. Vendors include Holly Sheets, Epicure, Yo Unique. Thirty-one Gifts, McIntosh Therapy, Essential Oils, Scentsy, Arbonne, Bonnie Blooms, Steeped Tea-Shannon, Pampered Chef, Party Lite and more
Come and support the
Cornwall Catholic Secondary Schools Mission Team

AUXILIARY TO ST. JOSEPH'S CONTINUING CARE, 14 YORK ST.
SNOWFLAKE BAZAAR AND LUNCHEON, THURSDAY, 3 DECEMBER
Free parking. Bazaar tables 10 am. to 1:30 p.m. - crafts, bake sale, books, gifts, raffle, Christmas table.
Luncheon \$8. served from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
(soup, sandwiches and dessert)
All proceeds toward resident programs and equipment.

NEW YEAR'S EVE BALL
8 P.M. TO 1 A.M., THURSDAY, 31 DECEMBER
At Knights of Columbus Hall, 205 Amelia St.
Music by Crazy Dave – Door prizes and spot dances
\$25/person. Call 613-932-7600 for tickets.

IN THE DIOCESE AND AREA

BISHOP MARCEL DAMPHOUSSE

Last Thursday it was announced that the Holy Father has named our bishop, Marcel Damphousse, as the new bishop of Sault Ste. Marie. He will replace Bishop Plouffe who has been Bishop of the Diocese of Sault Ste-Marie for the past 25 years. Plouffe had submitted his resignation to the Holy Father upon reaching the age of 75, as required by the Code of Canon Law. The Diocese of Sault Ste-Marie, which includes the districts of Algoma, Manitoulin Island, Sudbury and West Nipissing, has 96 parishes and missions, with a Catholic population of 206,405 served by 76 diocesan priests. In our diocese of Alexandria-Cornwall there are 56,000 Catholics, 27 parishes and 33 priests.

With Bishop Marcel's arrival in the Diocese of Alexandria-Cornwall just over three years ago, few could have seen this appointment coming so soon.

In speaking with the media, Bishop Marcel shared: *"It'll be a shock for many of the people here." "Losing a bishop that they've had for only three years ... all kinds of questions pop up. There's lots of concerns and worries."*

The 52 year old Damphousse leaves with many projects on the go including a new evangelization effort to bring back Catholics *"who've taken a distance, who haven't necessarily lost their faith, but don't practise as usual.... There's lots of work to be done in that regard, I think, of bringing them back to the fold and having them be an important component of the life of the church."*

Bishop Marcel remains as Administrator of the Diocese of Alexandria-Cornwall until his departure the first week of January. The inauguration of his pastoral ministry in Sault Ste. Marie will take place on January 13th, 2016. No replacement has been named as yet by the Vatican.

CWL of St. Pius X & Our Lady of Grace Parish.
SNOWFLAKE BAZAAR & LUNCHEON
10:30 A.M. TO 1:30 P.M., SATURDAY, 28 NOVEMBER
at Our Lady of Grace Parish Hall, Ingleside. Bake table, crafts, books, nearly new table, quilt raffle. Lunch \$7. (served at 11:30 a.m.) delicious assortment of sandwiches, soup & desserts.

CHRISTMAS SUPPER AND DANCE – SUNDAY, 29 NOVEMBER
Precious Blood Parish Hall, Glen Walter
(Menu: Meat pie, Turkey, cranberries, meatballs, potatoes, salad, pie) Cocktails 5 p.m., Supper 6 p.m. - \$25/person for supper & dance. DJ Polar Sound. Call 613-931-1424 for tickets

FORMING INTENTIONAL DISCIPLES
9 TO 4 P.M., SATURDAY, 28 NOVEMBER
A dynamic one day Workshop will be held at the Providence Spirituality Centre in Kingston. \$30 registration fee includes workshop materials and lunch. Workshop is based on the best-selling book by Sherry Weddell and will be facilitated by Deacon Mark Cesnik from the St. Catherine of Siena Institute.
To register contact Nadia Gundert at
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