

32ND SUNDAY IN

ORDINARY TIME

10 NOVEMBER 2013

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:

2 Mac 7:1-2, 9-14
Psalm 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15
2 Thess 2:16-3:5
Luke 20:27-38

This material is provided to help us to further develop a mature adult faith.

Further Reflection

from the Catechism:
CCC: 1023, 1033, 1031
CCCC: 209, 210, 212
YOUCAT: 158-9, 161

SCRIPTURE BACKGROUND

In today's Old Testament reading a family of seven brothers and their mother are persecuted for their beliefs. They courageously defend their faith in the face of torture and death. What is notable about this passage is that the last brother professes belief in a resurrection from the dead. This is significant because at the time, belief in an afterlife was a relatively new idea.

It is their belief in an afterlife that gives this family the strength and conviction to die for their faith. As it is presented in this passage, the wicked will perish and only the just will be raised.

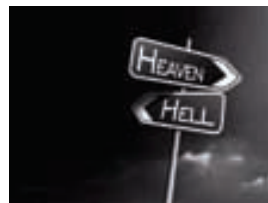
In the Gospel today some Sadducees question Jesus about the resurrection. They want to discredit Jesus in front of the people. The Sadducees, a religious group who accepted only the Torah, did not believe in the resurrection of the dead.

A KEY THEME:

The question they ask Jesus is about the marital status of seven brothers in the next life. According to the Law of Moses, the brother of a man who dies is to marry his widow in order to have a child to carry on his family line. The Sadducees try to trick Jesus into going against the Torah. Jesus gives his answer, and his argument comes from the Torah in favor of belief in the resurrection. He skillfully turns the question from a legal riddle to a question of the works of God. Jesus affirms the belief in life after death.

THINKING ABOUT IT

We believe that death is not an end to life. When we die our lives change. We pass into a new existence beyond our lives on Earth. Catholic teaching holds that in the next life there are three modes of existence, heaven, purgatory and hell. Our focus for today is heaven and hell.



Hell is the everlasting separation from God. We believe that we are united with God when we freely choose to love God and others. We can choose to separate from God. When we sin we separate from God by our own free choice. Jesus warns that if we do not love our neighbor and care for the needs of others we will be separated from his presence. God is a loving God and acts to save all, but some choose to reject God. Hell is the inheritance of all who knowingly turn away from God's love.

Heaven is eternal life and happiness with God. We believe that those who die in friendship with God live in union with God forever. By his saving death and resurrection Jesus Christ has opened the gates of heaven for us. Union with God is accomplished through Christ. Eternal life with God fulfills our deepest desire for happiness.

THE GOSPEL IN LIFE

How can you grow in friendship with God this week?

Excerpted from RCL Benziger Lectionary Resources



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

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CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

Saturday, November 9th

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions
 6:15 – 6:45 p.m. Confessions
 7:00 p.m. Howard Burton by the Burton family

Sunday, November 10th

7:30 a.m. Intentions of parishioners
 9:30 a.m. Suzan Smith by Mom, Steve, Lisa & Mike
 11:00 a.m. Rita Neron (1st Anniv. of death) by Mary & Keith Grant
 12:30 p.m. Baptism

Monday, November 11th

7:30 a.m. Gerald Caron by Jeannine Kirkey

Tuesday, November 12th

7:30 a.m. Rachel & George Chiodini by daughter Agnes

Wednesday, November 13th

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

Thursday, November 14th

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

Friday, November 15th

7:30 a.m. George Watson by wife Isabel & family

Saturday, November 16th

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions
 6:15 – 6:45 p.m. Confessions
 7:00 p.m. Edith & Edmund Parisien by Isabel Parisien

Sunday, November 17th

7:30 a.m. Intentions of parishioners
 9:30 a.m. Noella Belmore by Betty Piquette
 11:00 a.m. Gabe Pilon by Jane and Doug Anderson

Monday, November 18th

7:30 a.m. Mitzie Peterson by Christa and Andrew Lauzon

PRAYER FOR LIFE AND THE FAMILY

Jesus of life on this earth, help us to trust that You are the way to eternal life. Give us conviction that our following your example in our daily lives will be the road to the eternal life you promised us. Amen.

YEAR OF FAITH - HYMN REFRAIN

Give us faith, Lord, when the mountain's too high; Be our hope, Lord, when the road is too long; Teach us love, Lord, let it blaze in our hearts and shine to your glory, O God!

2014 PARISH ENVELOPES

Envelopes are available for pick up at the rear of the Church. If any information on the label is incorrect, please call the office Monday to Thursday between 9 a.m. & 3 p.m. Please note that some envelope numbers have changed.

IN OUR PARISH

COLLECTION – 27 OCTOBER – THANK YOU

Sunday Env.	\$3,846.10	Book Table	\$ 36.00
Loose	631.68	Candles	148.27
Total	\$4,477.78	Initial Offering	5.00
Harvest Supper Donations	\$ 293.45	Priests Pension Fund	141.00
		Prop.of the Faith	128.00

OUR HARVEST SUPPER

Thanks to parishioners who donated pies, coleslaw and made monetary donations. Thanks to all who helped in any way to make our supper a special event – those who sold tickets, helped with set up, with serving, doing dishes and carrying out a multitude of other tasks involved in preparing and serving 525 suppers. We are grateful also to those in attendance who saw we needed a little help and offered their assistance. Kudos to the cooks – they did a fabulous job again this year. *If you are looking for dishes brought to the Supper, please check in the room just off the main entrance to the Church.*



CHRISTMAS BASKET

CWL members are selling tickets on a Christmas Basket at the rear of the Church this weekend. Draw to be held on Sat, 16 Nov. at the Tea

SNOW SHOVELLING

When there are heavy snowfalls we are looking for people Art can contact to help with shovelling the steps & sidewalks. Often the work is in the morning starting at 5:30 a.m. If you have questions or are willing to have your name on the list, please call Fr. Dan at 932-9616



INVITATION TO ALL PARISH VOLUNTEERS

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION RECEPTION

2 to 4 p.m., Sunday, 1 December at the Rectory



CHAT CAFÉ – NEXT WEEKEND

After Mass, coffee and cookies will be available at the 4th St. Entrance. You are invited to stop and have a cup of coffee and chat with fellow parishioners and visitors.

REST IN THE PEACE AND LOVE OF THE LORD

Barbara Lafrance, Eileen Mondoux and all those who died this past week

C.W.L. CHRISTMAS TEA & BAKE SALE

1:30 TO 3 P.M., SATURDAY, 16 NOVEMBER

Come with friends & enjoy sandwiches, cakes, tea and coffee in the Parish Activity Centre. Admission \$6. You can also buy some baked goods to take home & enjoy or freeze for the Christmas holidays. Tickets will be available on a Christmas Basket. Draw takes place at the Tea.



EUTHANASIA & ASSISTED SUICIDE

WE HAVE REACHED A CROSSROAD: LET US CHOOSE LIFE.

THE CATHOLIC ORGANIZATION FOR LIFE AND FAMILY (COLF) rejoices about two recent Canadian court decisions that have confirmed the inherent dignity of human life and the necessity to continue defending it until its natural end.

On the other hand, we are very preoccupied by the ongoing debate over Quebec's Bill 52 (An Act Respecting End-of-Life Care). The hour is extremely serious. We have reached a crossroad. This is a question of life and death.

As disciples of Christ, we cannot remain indifferent. We must reach out to our family, parish, social and professional networks to discuss these pressing issues and share our Catholic perspective.

Today, the Lord is counting on each one of us, as full-fledged citizens, to defend life by intervening actively in the social debate on euthanasia and assisted suicide. COLF calls on Canadians from coast to coast to become more informed about these issues by consulting the following resources.

www.colf.ca - Catholic Organization for Life and Family

www.epcc.ca - Euthanasia Prevention Coalition

www.totalrefusal.blogspot.ca/p/the-physicians-alliance.html

COLF invites all people, parishes and groups respectful of life until its natural end to distribute the document entitled "EUTHANASIA IS AT OUR DOORS", available on the COLF website. Let us defend life together.

The Catholic Organization for Life & Family is cosponsored by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops & the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus

As Pope Francis recently reminded us all:

"The future of a people is in the elderly and in the children. A people that does not care for their elderly and their children does not have a future, because it will not have a memory and will not have a promise!"



EVENTS OF INTEREST

PEACE ON EARTH

A CONCERT BY THE SEAWAY WINDS CONCERT BAND will be held here at St. Columban's Church.

7:30 P.M., FRIDAY, 2 DECEMBER

Tickets are \$15 each and there are some available at the Parish Office.

SPECIAL INTEREST IN OLD ST. COLUMBAN'S CEMETERY

Will be the topic of the SD&G Historical Society Lecture

7 P.M., WEDNESDAY, 27 NOVEMBER

at the Cornwall Community Museum. Lecture will be presented by Marjorie Vallée from Heritage Cornwall and Rick Larin from Archives et Généalogie St.-Laurent. The findings are based on their recent research. Find out more about who is buried there.

MASS INTENTIONS

FOR WHOM DO WE PRAY AT MASS?

Masses are celebrated as means of prayer for the living and the dead. We know that at the Last Supper, Jesus commanded His Apostles "Do this in memory of me". We also know through the Acts of the Apostles that the characteristics of the early church were that they came together in communion, were faithful to the teaching of the Apostles, the Breaking of the Bread and prayer (Acts 2:42).

Ancient tradition tells us that during the Roman persecutions Christians would often gather in the catacombs of Rome to celebrate the Eucharist at the tombs of the early martyrs. There was a growing awareness that when the community came together in prayer there was a strength that came, not only from those present but from the prayers of those who had preceded them (the communion of saints). After the time of persecution, when the Eucharist was able to be celebrated in homes, the growing Christian community prayed for each other and often included in their prayers their loved ones who had died. The custom therefore of having Mass intentions for the living as well as for the dead became a practice that finds its origin at the beginning of the Christian era.

(document prepared by the Presbyteral Council, Oct. 2013)

EVENTS OF INTEREST

ROAST BEEF SUPPER 4 TO 7:30 P.M., SUN, 10 NOV.

Holy Cross Parish, 108 Anthony St. Pick-up orders available.

Adults \$12; ages 6 to 13 \$6. under 6 free

ROAST BEEF DINNER, 5 TO 7 P.M., THURS, 14 NOV.

Hosted by K of C 11531 St. Francis de Sales Parish

Dinner held in the Parish Hall. Adults \$10 - children \$5.

FALL LUNCHEON, BAKE TABLE AND CRAFT TABLE 11 A.M. TO 1 P.M., WEDNESDAY, 20 NOV.

Trinity Anglican Church, 105 Second St. W. \$8/person

PRECIOUS BLOOD PARISH, BINGO, WED. 20 NOV.

starting at 7 p.m. Early Bird games starting at 6:20 p.m.

HARVEST ROAST BEEF DINNER 6 P.M., 23 NOV.

Knox-St. Paul's United Church, 800 12th St. East. Local entertainment - Adults \$20 - For tickets, call 613-938-3704

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA

1 TO 5 P.M., SAT. 7 DEC. AND 1 TO 4 P.M., SUN. 8 DEC.

Journey to Bethlehem - at the Agora Catholic Centre.

Workshops, concerts, a Christmas Marketplace, movies, St. Nick's Workshop, dozens of creches from all parts of the globe & much more. Culminates on Sunday afternoon with Bishop Marcel blessing the creches. To register for the workshops, to find out how to have your creche displayed or to volunteer your time, check out the website at www.alexandria-cornwall.ca

"RISE UP" YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE - OTTAWA

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