

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 Samuel 5:1-3
Psalm 122:1-5
Colossians 1:12-20
Luke 23:35-43

Have I invited Jesus to take up His rightful place in my heart as King of my life?

Further Reflection

from the Catechism:

CCC: 541-50, 668-682
CCCC: 107-108
YOUCAT: 89-90, 110-12

SCRIPTURE BACKGROUND

On this last Sunday of the liturgical year, the Church celebrates the feast of Christ the King. In today's feast we recognize and honor Christ as ruler of all.

The first reading from the Old Testament recalls the anointing of David as King of Israel. David was Israel's first true king. The people choose David because they believe that he is God's choice to shepherd the people of Israel. David also has led many military victories for the people of Israel. In today's passage, the leaders bring two kingdoms together by acclaiming David as King-Judah in the south and Israel in the north.

Today's Gospel will not allow us to confuse Christ's reign with earthly power and prestige. The image of Jesus suffering and dying on the Cross reveals to us a king with a different kind of power. By the power of His love, Jesus is shown to be a king Who is willing to die for the salvation of all.

In this passage, as Jesus hangs on the Cross, the leaders and soldiers who taunt Him wonder what kind of king He is. A criminal, who is next to Jesus, asks to be taken into Jesus' kingdom. This Gospel account helps us to see that Christ is the king Who cannot be overcome by the world, or by sin, or by death. His reign brings salvation to the outcast and the sinner, and brings hope to us all.

A KEY THEME:

The image of Christ the King that we find in today's Gospel challenges our ideas of what a king or ruler should be. Jesus is not seated on a luxurious throne surrounded by people who await His command. Instead, the king in the Gospel scene is taunted and left to die on a cross.

We could say that the Cross is the throne of Christ the King, because by the power of his love Jesus conquered death. By his Cross and resurrection Jesus Christ has brought about the salvation of all people. Jesus is ruler of all, and everything and everyone are subject to the power of His saving love and goodness.

THINKING ABOUT IT

- What are some qualities of a good leader?
- What kind of a king is Jesus?
- How does Jesus show the power of His love?
- How is the Cross like Jesus' throne?
- How can you follow the example of Christ the King?
- Who are some leaders that you admire? Why?



THE GOSPEL IN LIFE

How can you call on the power of Christ's love this week?

Excerpted from RCL Benziger Lectionary Resources



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Monday-Thursday

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Evenings by appointment

BAPTISMS

By appointment 1 month in advance

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Please give 6 months notice

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

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

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CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

Saturday, November 23rd Solemnity of St. Columban

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions
 6:15 – 6:45 p.m. Confessions
 7:00 p.m. James & Theresa Crites by the family

Sunday, November 24th

7:30 a.m. Intentions of Parishioners
 9:30 a.m. Gary Bingley by Mom Ethel Bingley
 11:00 a.m. Denis Gervais by Helene & Patrick McGlynn

Monday, November 25th

7:30 a.m. Holy Souls in Purgatory by a Parishioner

Tuesday, November 26th

7:30 a.m. Wayne Lalonde by Isabel & Sandra

Wednesday, November 27th

7:30 a.m. Rosa Cathznrite by Antoinette & Joe Spagnolo & family

Thursday, November 28th

7:30 a.m. Annie MacDonald by Liz & Jennie MacKillop

Friday, November 29th

7:30 a.m. Eleanor Morris by the family
 9:00 a.m. Advent Mass Bishop Macdonell School

Saturday, November 30th

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions
 6:15 – 6:45 p.m. Confessions
 7:00 p.m. Gertrude Poitras (2nd Anniversary of Death)
 by son Raymond Poitras & family

Sunday, December 1st

7:30 a.m. Intentions of Parishioners
 9:30 a.m. Tom Parisien by Isabel Parisien
 11:00 a.m. Lynn Tremblay (4th Anniversary of death)
 by husband Ron and family.

Monday, December 2nd

7:30 a.m. Hutt & Taillon families by Mervin Hutt

PRAYER FOR LIFE AND THE FAMILY

Jesus, King of flesh and blood, teach us what it means to be human, to find divine life in our own lives of flesh and blood. Help us to see You, to be moved by You, to give our lives to the only King worthy of them, for You are Lord. Amen.

BECAME A CHILD OF GOD THROUGH BAPTISM

Claudette Aubin who was Baptised here last weekend.

SANTA'S HELPERS

PROJECT FOR CHILDREN'S TREATMENT CENTRE

To provide Christmas gifts to children receiving counselling at the CTC. If you would like to help, kindly pick up a nametag 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 an appropriate gift-bag and return it to the church no later than Sunday, 8 December. The CTC thanks you for your kindness and spirit of sharing.

IN OUR PARISH

COLLECTION – 10 NOVEMBER – THANK YOU

Sunday Env.	\$3,916.00	Book Table	\$ 35.95
Loose	461.19	Candles	143.60
Total	\$4,377.19	Needs Can. Church	5.00
Harvest Supper	20.00	Priests Pension Fund	1,740.00

NOVEMBER 23 – FEAST OF ST. COLUMBAN

Prayer for this day:

O God, Who in Saint Columban, wonderfully joined the work of evangelization to zeal for the monastic life, grant, we pray, that through his intercession and example we may strive to seek You above all things and to bring increase to Your faithful people. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

SHELTERBOX – OUR PARISH OUTREACH PROJECT

SHELTERBOX is a grassroots organization which, since 2002, has provided international relief in the way of basic, practical helps in times of disaster. For example, they are on the ground during the current super typhoon crisis in the Philippines. ShelterBox relief efforts include major disasters in Haiti, Pakistan, Somalia, Sudan and Swaziland.

Our parish plans to sponsor one or more boxes and your support would be appreciated. This weekend a Shelterbox is being displayed at the rear of the church and a collection in aid of this outreach project will be made next weekend. *Please make cheques payable to St. Columban's Parish.*



To follow Jesus means putting Him first, and stripping ourselves of all the things that oppress our hearts.

Pope Francis

INVITATION TO ALL PARISH VOLUNTEERS

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION RECEPTION

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

C.W.L. – DRAW FOR CHRISTMAS BASKET

Thanks to all who purchased tickets and
 Congratulations to the winner – Penny Laing

TO ALL WHO DONATED TO THE SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR SYRIA – SINCERE THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.

As of November 3, the joint campaign of the CCCB and the CCODP for Syria and the Syrian refugees had collected more than two million dollars (Alexandria-Cornwall = \$ 16,027.80).

Among all the countries participating with *Caritas Internationalis* in the fundraising efforts for Syria, Canadian Catholics were the most generous.

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!

THE PHILIPPINES – A DISASTER LIKE NO OTHER

COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

ACT NOW TO HELP THE PHILIPPINES

SURVIVE AND RECOVER.

PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO ST. COLUMBAN'S PARISH

Our hearts go out to the victims of Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines. Pope Francis has invited us to pray publicly and privately for the many who have lost their lives or have been affected by this terrible tragedy and to come to their assistance.

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops has joined with the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace to prepare a first response and a plan of continuing aid for the victims of Typhoon Haiyan. CCCB has requested a special national collection be held in the dioceses and parishes of Canada to support the massive relief effort being mounted by them, CCOOP and other member organizations of the Caritas Internationalis family, to aid our sisters and brothers in desperate need arising from this natural disaster.

The Catholic Church in Canada has a long history of generous support by Canadian Catholics for the victims of natural disasters in several parts of the globe. And, the Canadian Government has pledged a matching contribution of all funds raised (prior to 9 Dec.) by eligible charities for this emergency.

(excerpted from a letter written by Paul-Andre Durocher, Archbishop of Gatineau and President of the CCCB.)

TOGETHER, LET US CONTINUE TO PRAY

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SO MUCH IN NEED OF OUR AID.

POPE FRANCIS – ANCHOR THE HEART IN HEAVEN

... citing the passage in the Gospel of St. John: "See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know Him". Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. To see God is to be similar to God: this is our hope - this hope that accompanies us in life. The first Christians depicted hope as an anchor, as if life was the anchor thrown to the shores of Heaven and all of us set forth towards that shore, grasping the rope of the anchor. It is a beautiful image of hope: to anchor our hearts where our dearly departed await us, where the saints, Jesus and God are. It is the hope that does not disappoint us. Hope is like leaven that enlarges the soul; there are difficult moments in life, but with hope the soul forges ahead & looks to what awaits us. Hope also purifies us & lightens us: this purification in hope in Jesus Christ allows us to go on swiftly. As the sun sets today each of us can think of the sunset of our own lives. We can look forward with joy to being welcomed by the Lord, "this is a Christian thought, that brings peace to us". Let us think of the sunsets of the many brothers & sisters who have preceded us, & let us think of our own sunset, when it arrives. And let us think of our hearts and ask ourselves, "Where is my heart anchored?" If it is not anchored well, let us anchor it there, on that shore, in the knowledge that hope never disappoints, because the Lord Jesus never disappoints. *Excerpts from Pope Francis' homily at Mass in the cemetery of Verano, 1 November, 2013.*

IN THE PARISH, DIOCESE AND AREA

OLD CEMETERY BESIDE ST. COLUMBAN'S CHURCH

Have you ever wondered about the people buried there. Research has been done and lists compiled of burials between 1835 and 1879. The SD&G Historical Society will have a lecture on this subject at the Cornwall Community Museum in Lamoureux Park, to shed new light on the history of this old cemetery. - 7 P.M., WEDNESDAY, 27 NOVEMBER

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, 6 DECEMBER

Tickets \$15. - some are available at the Parish Office

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10:30 A.M. TO 1:30 P.M., SATURDAY, 30 NOVEMBER

SACRED SONGS AND STORIES OF SCOTLAND

At Shalom House, 170 St. Paul St., Alexandria, a group of singers share their love for Celtic culture through story & song. Tickets \$10. Proceeds to Shalom House & Highland Society of Glengarry. 2 P.M., SUNDAY, 1 DECEMBER

ST. ANTHONY'S CHRISTMAS TEA, BAKE TABLE, ETC.

at the Parish Hall in Apple Hill. Crafts, white elephant table.

1:30 TO 4 P.M., SUNDAY, 1 DECEMBER

SNOWFLAKE BAZAAR AND LUNCHEON

St. Joseph's Continuing Care Centre

10 A.M. TO 1:30 P.M., THURSDAY, 5 DECEMBER

Bazaar Tables, Crafts, Bake Sale, Books, Gifts, Flowers, Christmas Table - Luncheon from 11:30 a.m to 12:30

Soup/Sandwich/Dessert \$6.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA

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

Journey to Bethlehem – at the Agora Catholic Centre.

Workshops, concerts, Christmas Marketplace, movies, St.

Nick's Workshop, creches from all parts of the globe which

Bishop Marcel will bless on Sunday. To register for the

workshops, to find out how to have your creche displayed or to volunteer your time, go to www.alexandria-cornwall.ca

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS MATERIALS AVAILABLE

At the Catholic Information Centre. Advent wreaths and candles, booklets, Nativity sets, Christmas cards and giftware.

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY CONFERENCE

is being offered by the Archdiocese of Montreal.

Christopher West will be offering different sessions and workshops from January 23 to 25th, 2014.

To find out more and to register online, go to <http://www.diocesemontreal.org/blogues/inscriptions/evenements-events/theology-of-the-body/>

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