29TH SUNDAY IN

ORDINARY TIME

19 October, 2014

YOU SHALL HAVE NO OTHER GODS BEFORE ME 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: Isaiah 45:1, 4–6 Psalm 96 1 Thessalonians 1:1–5b Matthew 22:15–21 "Besides Me there is no god ... I am the Lord, and there is no other."

Further Reflection from the Catechism: CCC: 2054, 2084, 2085 CCCC: 442–445 YOUCAT: 348–353

CALLED BY NAME TO RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

In the reading from the Old Testament the people are given an important message; the Lord God is the one true God. God calls Cyrus his "anointed," a term used for kings, prophets and priests in Israel. This is a strong statement because Cyrus is a pagan Persian king. The king's ability to defeat his enemies came from God, which shows that God has power over even the strongest earthly rulers. This passage calls believers to have faith in the one true God. "I am the Lord and there is no other, there is no God besides Me."

Today's Gospel also stresses the importance of having faith in the one true God. The Pharisees try to trap Jesus by asking Him whether or not it is lawful to pay tax to the emperor. Jesus knows what they are up to and He asks the pious Jewish leaders for a coin. The coin would have had the image of Caesar on it and an inscription that proclaimed Caesar as ruler of all. Jesus scores a point against the Pharisees merely by the fact that they carried such an idol-worshiping image. Jesus tells them to "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, but give to God what is God's." Jesus' clever response to give back to Caesar his idolatrous coin and to give to God everything is in keeping with the first Commandment.

A KEY THEME:

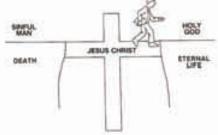
How are we to respond to the first Commandment? What is God trying to tell us? Throughout our lives we search for life's meaning and direction. We long to be loved and to love. God is saying, "I am your God." God offers all people a love that is free. Our first response toward this loving God should be faith, to believe and show that belief through our words and actions.

Second we must hope that God will give us the ability to love God in return. We cannot imagine the great things that God has planned for us. Hope helps us to rely on the goodness of God.

Third, we believe the first Commandment calls us to love God above everything and all others. We need to make time for God and put God first in our lives. Jesus showed us how loving God is linked to loving our neighbour. Showing love for others shows our love for God.

THINKING ABOUT IT

When we are Baptized, we become God's very own. From that time on, God is to be first in every area of our lives. His perfect plan entails daily intimacy with Him. We are made for worship, prayer and fellowship with our God.



THE GOSPEL IN LIFE How can you deepen your relationship with God this week?

PASTORAL STAFF Rev. Fr. Jerome Pastores, Parochial Administrator Rev. Mr. Marcel Brunet, Deacon

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OFFICE HOURS Mon. toThurs. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Evenings by appointment

> **BAPTISMS** By appointment 1 month in advance

MARRIAGES Please give 6 months notice

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. Saturday 6:15 to 6:45 p.m. Also by appointment

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CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

Saturday, October 18th 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions 6:15 – 6:45 p.m. Confessions 7:00 p.m. Barbara Parisien by Joe Parisien & family

Sunday, October 19th

7:30 a.m. Intentions of the parishioners9:30 a.m. Anna Van Den Broeck by husband Herman & family11:00 a.m. Mary MacDonald by Alice & Gordon Hull

Monday, October 20th 7:30 a.m. Betty Brisson by Gerry & Lise DiCola

Tuesday, October 21st No Mass

Wednesday, October 22nd 7:30 a.m. Anita & Rene Delorme by Irene Deneault

<u>Thursday, October 23rd</u> 7:30 a.m. Leona Lafave by Darleen Belanger & Marion Charron

<u>Friday, October 24th</u> 7:30 a.m. Henry Major by wife Phyliis Major & family

Saturday, October 25th

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions 6:15 – 6:45 p.m. Confessions 7:00 p.m. Lawrence Campbell by wife Hazel Campbell

Sunday, October 26th

7:30 a.m. Intentions of the Parishioners9:30 a.m. Lionel Tessier by John & Marg Gauvreau11:00 a.m. Rita Neron by Mary & Keith Grant

Monday, October 27th 7:30 a.m. Cyril Dumond by wife Viola & family

FATHER JEROME

will be away on vacation 27 – 31 October **FR. RAY DUMOULIN** will preside at the morning Masses.

COFFEE AND CHAT

Plan to stop for a coffee or tea and a chat with fellow parishioners and friends following Mass this weekend.

PRAYER BEFORE MASS THE ANGELUS

(Leader) The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary ...

(All) and she conceived of the Holy Spirit. Hail Mary ...

(Leader) Behold the handmaid of the Lord ...

(All) be it done to me according to your word. Hail Mary ...

(Leader) And the Word was made Flesh ...

(All) and dwelt among us. Hail Mary ...

(Leader) Pray for us O holy Mary, Mother of God ...

(All) that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. Let us pray:

Pour forth, we beseech You, O Lord, Your grace into our hearts, that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ Your Son was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. Through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

IN OUR PARISH

Collection - 28 Sept Thank You			
Sunday	\$4,619.10	Votive Candles	\$171.90
Loose	452.95	Book Store	70.95
Total	\$5,072.05	Needs of Can. Church	1,275.00
		Vocation Sunday	5.00

ST. COLUMBAN'S PARISH HARVEST SUPPER



Turkey and all the trimmings 4 to 6:30 p.m., NEXT SUNDAY, 26 OCTOBER St. John's Church Hall, 28 Second St. E.

Adults \$14; Children 6-12 \$5; under 6 free

More Help Needed For Parish Supper

All parishioners are invited to assist with the Parish Supper on Sunday, 26 October. Please consider where you can help and sign up on the sheets provided at all Church entrances.

Contact number 613-932-7091 DELIVERY OF FOOD DONATIONS

Pies and Coleslaw may be <u>delivered</u> to St. John's Church Hall after 9:30 a.m. on the 26th. Thank you.

ADOPT-A- CANDIDATE — SUNDAY, 26 OCT. Next Sunday someone will be available at the 4th St. entrance of the church to assist you in choosing a name of a child. Please consider praying for a child who is preparing for his/her Sacraments.

REST IN THE PEACE AND LOVE OF THE LORD Patrick O'Neill and all who have died.

TUESDAY SOCIAL AFTERNOONS

Parishioners are invited to enjoy some social time in the Parish Activity Centre. Activities include euchre, other games and jig saw puzzles. Open to other activities

ST. COLUMBAN'S CWL

Objectives - To unite Catholic women of Canada to achieve individual & collective spiritual development; To promote the teachings of the Catholic Church; To exemplify the Christian ideal in home & family life; To protect the sanctity of human life; To enhance the role of women in church & society; To recognize the human dignity of all people everywhere; To uphold & defend Christian education & values in the modern world. To contribute to the understanding & growth of religious freedom, social justice, peace & harmony.

Membership in the League is established & maintained by payment of the annual prescribed membership fee (<u>\$25. due</u> <u>in November</u>). Catholic women, 16 & older may become members, with voting privileges & eligibility for office by election or appointment. **Current and New Members** *To ensure insurance coverage, fees must be received no later than 30 December*.

POPE FRANCIS URGES FAITHFUL

to use the Holy Spirit's gifts, received as God's children and which nourish & enrich the Church & promote unity. Speaking to thousands gathered in St. Peter's Square, the Holy Father continued his catechesis on the Church, turning to the Spirit's gifts, especially its charisms, which are "freely bestowed" on the faithful & "benefit the whole community." Asking the crowd "What, exactly, is a charism?" & "How can we recognize & receive it?" he explained that the notion of a charism is often misunderstood. "In ordinary language," he explained, "when there is talk of a 'charism,' it is often understood as a talent, as a natural ability. So, in face of a particularly brilliant & moving person, it is usually said: 'He's a charismatic person.'" Yet, Francis clarified, "in the Christian perspective, 'charisma' is more than a personal quality," for the charism is "a grace, a gift bestowed by God the Father, through the action of the Holy Spirit," & is "given to someone not because he is more good than others or because it is deserved: it is a gift that God does." While these gifts are granted to individuals, the Holy Father stressed, they "are discovered & acknowledged within the wider ecclesial community." Signifying God's immeasurable love for his children, he added, the charisms are rich & varied. "Each is meant to serve the building up of the Church as a communion of faith & love," which means they must be shared "generously for the good of all," & are never to "become a reason for envy & division." The "most beautiful" experience, "is to discover *how many different charisms* & with how many gifts of His Spirit, the Father fills His Church!" "This must not be seen as a reason for confusion, for embarrassment," because they are all gifts that God makes to the Christian community, in order for it to "grow harmoniously, in faith & in His love, as one body, the body of Christ." "See what the Lord asks of us today," Pope Francis urged, "to recognize with joy & gratitude the different charisms that He distributes in the community." In the face of this multiplicity of charisms, "Our heart must open to joy and we must think, 'What a beautiful thing!' So many different gifts, because we are all God's children & all loved in a unique way." To this end, Pope Francis called on those gathered to "consider the special gifts" they have personally received, imploring them to use those gifts to advance the Church's unity, life, and mission.

ON A MISSION FROM GOD.

Come for an amazing day filled with prayer, faith & fellowship. Great opportunity to check out a variety of excellent faith-based organizations & meet hundreds of other amazing Catholics while being nourished & educated in the faith. Be inspired by Catholic Answers Director of Apologetics & Evangelization & world renowned Catholic apologist, author & speaker Tim Staples. Other speakers include Scott Hahn & Patrick Sullivan. At <u>St.</u> Brigid's Centre for the Arts, 310 St. Patrick St., Ottawa from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sat. 6 December. Doors open 9:30 a.m. Register at info@catholicchapterhouse.com to beat the lines. Otherwise you can register at the door. For tickets & more information, go to http://www.catholicchapterhouse.com/missionfromgod.

IN OUR DIOCESE

PRIESTS PENSION PLAN COLLECTON 2 Nov. The priests' personal contribution is \$1,000. per year. The parish's contribution on behalf of the priest is \$1,500. per year. In addition, the priests receive a taxable mass stipend & 25% is contributed to the pension plan. Last year the pension fund investments grew by 9.8% and in 2012 they grew by 6.3%. These are good returns that help but do not remove the need for assistance from parishioners as we work to our goal of \$1,100. per month. This year, we increased the pension to \$800. per month. An amendment of this nature requires an actuarial valuation for the government, which is an expensive exercise. As we need to provide this valuation every 3 years regardless, we will adjust the benefit when the valuation is required. The next such opportunity will be at the end of 2016. An element which the actuaries use in their calculations is the life expectancy as this indicates how long a pension is to be paid. Thankfully, most of our priests are living long lives, which is a great blessing, but also means the pensions are paid out for a longer period therefore cost more. We therefore ask for your generosity & thank you for your consideration. If you have questions, call Deacon Pierre Aubé at 613-933-1138 ext. 25 or Fr. Daniel VanDelst at 613-932-9226.

PARISH SUPPERS OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS (ROXBOROUGH CTR) 4 TO 7:30 P.M., SUN., 19 OCT. Turkey Supper. Adults \$12.; 6 to 12 \$5.; 5 & under free ST. MARTIN OF TOURS, SUNDAY, 26 OCTOBER Turkey Supper. \$13/adults; \$6/children; Take-outs \$13. BLESSED SACRAMENT - 4 TO 7 P.M., SUNDAY, 2 NOV. Turkey Supper, Adults \$12.; 6 to 12 \$6; under 6 free. SAINTE-CROIX, 4 TO 7:30 P.M., SUNDAY, 9 NOV. Roast Beef Supper, Adults \$12.; ages 6 to 13 \$6., under 6 free PRECIOUS BLOOD PARISH, 4 TO 7 PM., SUN, 16 NOV. Spaghetti Supper , Adults \$10; children 10 & under free

ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH – CELTIC FIDDLE MASS – 26 OCT. Music begins at 10 am prior to 10:30 am Mass. Afterwards, enjoy breakfast hosted by Knights of Columbus

BINGO, 7 P.M., WEDNESDAY, 22 OCT. – PRECIOUS BLOOD Parish Church Hall. Early Bird games start at 6:20 p.m.

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES K/C – FAMILY BREAKFAST 26 OCT. 8:30 a.m to 12 Noon in the Parish Hall - \$7 adults.

OUTDOOR NATIVITY SCENES FOR SALE BY THE DIOCESE For details and to view the scene, go to www.alexandriacornwall.ca or contact Yolande at 613-933-1138 x 24.

ST. ANDREWS CWL HARVEST BAZAAR – SAT. 1 NOV. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Enjoy lunch (soup, sandwich and dessert) & browse the bake, crafts, jewelry, gift & candy tables. Adults \$7

ITALIAN FEAST, 6 P.M., SAT., 25 OCTOBER At Knox-St. Paul's United Church, 800 12th St. East. \$25/person – advance tickets only, available from the Church office, at 613-938-3704

RUMMAGE SALE, 9 A.M. TO 12 NOON, THURS, 23 OCT. Knox-St. Paul's United Church, 800 12th St. East

