

30TH SUNDAY IN

ORDINARY TIME

27 OCTOBER 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:

Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18
Psalm 34:2-3, 17-19, 23
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Luke 18:9-14

Do we make our relationship with God a real priority? Prayer is the foundation.

Further Reflection

from the Catechism:

CCC: 2705, 2709, 2729
CCCC: 570, 571
YOUCAT: 502-06

SCRIPTURE BACKGROUND

Today's first reading offers direction to God's people on how to pray. First, praying with generosity is stressed, because God is generous. Then we find a reminder that God cannot be bribed. The passage goes on to stress that God hears and answers sincere prayer.

This Old Testament reading also emphasizes the concern that God has for those who have been wronged—the weak and powerless. God is on the side of the lowly who cry out for help.

Today's Gospel passage continues the theme of prayer with the story of the self-righteous Pharisee and the tax collector who addresses God with deep humility. Jesus tells this parable to teach his followers about humility in prayer. The Pharisee comes before God boasting about his own greatness. He lists for God all the good things he has done and while still in prayer he belittles others. On the other hand the tax collector speaks to God with humility. Aware of his own sinfulness, he comes before God pleading for mercy. The tax collector does not compare himself with anyone. Instead, he brings himself honestly before God. The sincere prayer of the tax collector is heard and answered by God.

A KEY THEME: HUMILITY BEFORE GOD IN PRAYER

Prayer helps to deepen our relationship with God. It is important to examine how we come before God in prayer. Prayer is a God-centered activity, not a self-centered activity. Believers pray from the depths of a humble heart. All prayer is rooted in humility before the awesome love of God. Our Catholic tradition teaches the necessity of humility in two forms of prayer, meditation and contemplation.

THINKING ABOUT IT

In meditation we express what is in our heart silently and with humility. Our mind, heart and imagination help us listen to God's call in our lives. In meditation we focus our attention on Scripture, spiritual writings, prayers of our Church, or images to help deepen our conversation with God and strengthen our ability to follow Christ.

In contemplative prayer, we silently spend time in the loving presence of God. This type of praying requires a humble surrender to the will of God. Contemplative prayer is a gift given by God to those who pray with faith and trust in God's love.

- How can you pray with humility?
- What is false humility?
- How is meditation different from spoken prayer?



THE GOSPEL IN LIFE

How can you include a prayer of meditation in your life this week?

Excerpted from RCL Benziger Lectionary Resources



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Fr. Dan VanDelst, Pastor
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OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday
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 26th

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions

6:15 – 6:45 p.m. Confessions

7:00 p.m. George & Carmel Belmore by the family

Sunday, October 27th

7:30 a.m. Intentions of parishioners

9:30 a.m. Henry Major (6th Anniver.of death) by wife Phyllis & son

11 a.m. Cathie Fraser (15th Anni.of death) by Joan & Lisa Provost

Monday, October 28th

7:30 a.m. Pedro Cespon by a parishioner

Tuesday, October 29th

7:30 a.m. Jeannine Bruyere by Mr. & Mrs. Roland Rivette,
Mr. & Mrs. John Kinnear and Irene Jodoïn

Wednesday, October 30th

7:30 a.m. Kathleen Landon by Marie Vasbinder

Thursday, October 31st

7:30 a.m. George Brand by wife Georgette and family

Friday, November 1st

7:30 a.m. Rita Hutt by Mervin Hutt

8:00 a.m. ADORATION

Saturday, November 2nd

7:00 – 7:25 a.m. Confessions

8:00 a.m. Eleanor Morris by the family

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions

6:15 – 6:45 p.m. Confessions

7:00 p.m. Margaret Campbell by the family

Sunday, November 3rd

7:30 a.m. Rev. Cleary Villeneuve (1st Anni. of death) by Ron Welsh

9:30 a.m. Intentions of parishioners

11:00 a.m. Hubert Boudreau by Yolande & family

Monday, November 4th

7:30 a.m. Norma Tyo by husband Roy and family

ST. COLUMBAN'S PARISH ANNUAL HARVEST (TURKEY) SUPPER

will be held at St. John's Church Hall, 28 2nd St. East
4 TO 6:30 P.M.,

THIS SUNDAY, 27 OCTOBER
\$12 adults; \$5 children 6 to 12;
under 6 are free



ALL ARE WELCOME

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT THE SUPPER

DONATED PIES AND COLESLAW

may be dropped off at St. John's Presbyterian Church Hall on
SUNDAY, 27 OCTOBER AFTER 9 A.M.

IN OUR PARISH

COLLECTION – 13 OCTOBER – THANK YOU

Sunday Env.	\$4,564.00	Book Table	\$ 55.85
Loose	708.88	Candles	185.86
Total	\$5,272.88	Needs Can. Church	15.00
		Prop.of the faith	20.00

BECAME CHILDREN OF GOD THROUGH BAPTISM

Carter Nelson, Noah Latulippe, Bryden Ullman,
Ashton Lauzon, Bella Quesnel & Cameron Lepine
were Baptized here last weekend.

REST IN THE PEACE AND LOVE OF THE LORD

Jeannette Cardinal, Hubert Kennedy
and all who died this past week.

SNOW SHOVELLING

When there are heavy snowfalls we are looking for people that Art can contact to help with shovelling the steps and sidewalks. Often the work is in the morning starting at 5:30 a.m. If you have questions or you are willing to have your name on the list, please call Fr. Dan at 613-932-9616.

CHURCH ROOF RENEWAL

Following the roof inspection that was done this past summer, it was recommended that the shingles be replaced no later than 2014 to prevent further damage. Three options were considered, with cost estimates as follows

1. 25 year shingles \$ 70,000
2. Heavier grade shingles (40 years +) \$ 90,000
3. Metal shingles \$150,000

A metal roof would last much longer, but due to the cost, and other repointing work that still has to be done, and the lack of funds, it was decided that the parish cannot afford this option. St Columban Finance Council along with the Diocesan Finance Council recommended that the heavier grade shingles (40 years plus life) at an estimated cost of \$90,000 be installed.

With the fundraising efforts of the Patrons of St. Columban Foundation and our parish funds, an estimated \$70,000 will be available towards this expense next year. The remainder will have to be borrowed from the Diocese.

Your Finance Council wishes to express our appreciation to the Foundation for their continued efforts to raise funds for our church repairs. We also thank all the parishioners for your continued generous support.

St. Columban Finance Council



HOLY HOUR – 8 A.M., FRIDAY, 1 NOVEMBER

After the 7:30 a.m. Mass, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed & a time of adoration, prayer, Scripture & meditation will follow.
Hour closes with Benediction.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS – 2 NOV.

Rosary at 7:25 a.m. Mass at 8 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation available from 7 to 7:25 a.m.



IN THE PARISH

ST. COLUMBAN'S CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Executive Meeting - 7 p.m., Tuesday, 29 October

General Meeting - 7 p.m., Tuesday, 5 November

Please bring your boxes of Jello for our donation to the Children's Christmas Fund. Thanks everyone.

ST. COLUMBAN'S C.W.L. MEMBERSHIP

All women of the parish aged 16 and older are invited to join St. Columban's CWL or to renew their membership for 2014. Dues are \$25. Please help us update our records by including this form with your payment. Envelopes marked "CWL Membership" may be placed in the collection basket at any Mass

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone No. _____

E-mail Address: _____

New member Renewal

Cash enclosed Cheque enclosed

Please make cheque payable to St. Columban's C.W.L.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PRIESTS' PENSION PLAN

Some highlights of the information we had provided last year are: We have 31 priests incardinated in our diocese (Alexandria/Cornwall) including 2 past bishops.

1. 20 of our priests (65%) are over 65 years of age and are currently receiving a pension.
2. 8 of the priests over age 65 are in charge of one or more parishes.
3. 9 priests are under age 65 and are in charge of one or more parishes.

Our active priests receive a modest salary of \$33,853. per year from which they pay rent to the parish, maintain an automobile and look after other personal living expenses.

We ask that you be generous when you contemplate your contribution this year.

CCODP ANNOUNCES

FUNDING IN RESPONSE TO SYRIAN CRISIS

The Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace announced yesterday that "with support from the Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development Canada, CCODP will be providing \$5.4 million in humanitarian aid to victims of the crisis in Syria." Its news release also confirms that its [emergency collection](#) in collaboration with the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB) has to date raised over \$1.3 million for programs toward relief efforts in Turkey, Lebanon, Jordan and Syria. As some Canadian dioceses have indicated that the results of the collection may not yet be final, the CCCC will later publish the total donations that were made, once these are available from CCODP.

IN THE DIOCESE AND AREA

WANTED – DONATIONS OF JELLO

The Catholic Women's League (Alexandria-Cornwall Diocese) needs 1,350+ boxes of Jello to fulfill their promise of providing items for the **Children's Christmas Fund Baskets**. Help us reach our goal by bringing boxes of Jello to your Church or CWL meetings prior to 1 Dec. or to the Advent Retreat at St. Francis on 12 Dec. Thank you for your generosity.

FAMILY BREAKFAST 8:30 TO 12, SUNDAY, 27 OCT.

Hosted by St. Francis de Sales K of C 11531
in the Parish Hall – All are welcome

HARVEST SUPPER, 3:45 TO 7 P.M. SUNDAY, 27 OCT.

St. Martin of Tours Parish, Glen Robertson
Turkey & all the trimmings + meatballs, salads, pies, cakes,
Adults \$13; ages 6 to 12 \$6; under 6 free. All take-outs \$13.

HARVEST SUPPER, 4 TO 7 P.M., SUNDAY, 3 NOV.

Blessed Sacrament Parish, 325 Tollgate Road E.
Turkey and all the trimmings. Takeouts available
Adults \$12; ages 6 to 12 \$6; under 6 free.

AUTUMN TEA, 1 TO 3 P.M., SATURDAY, 9 NOV.

Hosted by St. Francis de Sales CWL
Admission \$6.; under age 12 \$3. All are welcome
Bake and Attic Treasure Tables

ANNUAL SUPPER 4 TO 7:30 P.M., SUNDAY, 10 NOV.

Holy Cross Parish, 108 Anthony St.
Roast Beef, Ham and the trimmings; Pick-up orders available.
Adults \$12; ages 6 to 13 \$6. under 6 free

WOMEN'S MORNING OF REFLECTION

9:30 A.M. TO NOON, SATURDAY, 2 NOVEMBER

First Saturday devotion & time of quiet reflection & fellowship at Charles-Emile-Claude Centre. Mass, Confession, light breakfast, a talk on Purgatory and the rosary. Free will offering of \$5.

OUTDOOR NATIVITY SCENE

What better way to remind the community that it is the birth of Jesus that we celebrate on 25 December. Six-piece set includes the Holy Family, 2 sheep and the stable. Pieces are unfinished, but painting them is easy. Price is \$120. + HST.

ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 10 NOVEMBER
at the Diocesan Office. Call Yolande at 613-933-1138 ext. 24.

COME AND SEE – DISCERNMENT WEEKEND

The Salesian Sisters of St. John Bosco invite single, Catholic women 18 to 35 years of age to "stop, look and listen" in a prayerful attitude to the calling of the Spirit in your heart. 22-24 November OR 21-23 March at 300 Montreal Road. For more info. contact Sr. Lise 613-937-4956 lise@lise.com

"NEW LIFE" FOR MEN ONLY – 18-20 NOV.

at St. Michael's Catholic High School, Kemptville
Are you looking to grow in your faith? Want to know Jesus better but don't know where to start? Course/retreat is led by men from Holy Cross Catholic Church. \$80. includes some meals. Billeting available. Contact Todd Fortin at 613-258-1897

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St. Columban Parish

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