

**25TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME (B)
20 SEPT., 2015**

Whoever wants to be
first must be last of all
and servant of all.

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.

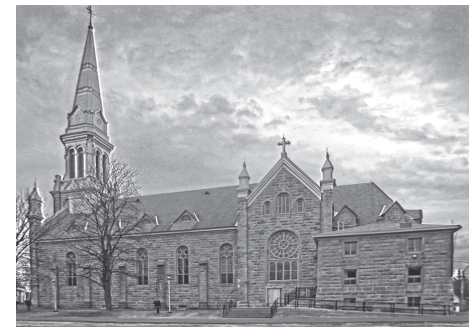
Today's Readings:

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20
Psalm 54:3-4, 5, 6-8
James 3:16-4:3
Mark 9:30-37

You ask and do not
receive, because you
ask wrongly, in order to
spend what you have
on your pleasure.

Next weekend:

Numbers 11:25-29
Psalm 19:8, 10, 12-14
James 5:1-6
Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48



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OFFICE HOURS

Mon. to Thurs. 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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THE PROBLEM WITH "NOT" HAVING A PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS

A personal God is, indeed, the stark alternative to an impersonal "Force" who governs the universe; the ancient philosophers were able to reason their way to such a notion of God as the uncaused cause, noncontingent being, the unmoved mover—truths all discoverable without benefit of Revelation. But they could not reason their way to the full truth about God's personal nature without the benefit of God "pulling back the veil," revealing Himself, as He did with the Jews. Christian believers know the God Who created the Universe, the Logos, the uncaused cause, the noncontingent, uncreated BEING, as a person Who reveals Himself as Love and Gift, and Personal in his nature. Jesus revealed that the One True God also has an inner life that is not only personal, but Tri-Personal, and therefore, social. Through her communio, the inner life of the Church images, in a certain way, the inner life of the Trinity.

It is not hard to recall the very difficult conversations that have arisen in the Church in recent decades regarding various aspects of the Church's moral teaching, and the very great number of Catholics who experience it as "burdensome." When they tell us in various ways that they find it burdensome, (i.e., "Rules, rules rules!!"), they are telling us something important about the subjective reality of their spiritual experience. They have not yet transferred from the realm of the flesh to the realm of the spirit.

The Catholic moral life is not a purely white-knuckled act of the will. It arises as a response to the call to intimate communion with Jesus Christ. Ultimately, for Pope John Paul II, the call to intimate communion with Jesus Christ is an experience of falling in love. His successors, Pope Benedict XVI and Pope Francis, have likewise both been intentional about revealing what the subjective dimension of our faith looks like when it is integrated with the objective.

Chances are good that children who have no explicit personal attachment to Jesus Christ will grow up to be adults with no personal attachment to Jesus Christ, unless conversion is intentionally fostered rather than presumed.

ONE OF THE PRIMARY TASKS OF THE NEW EVANGELIZATION IS TO CREATE THE CONDITIONS THAT FAVOUR THE PERSONAL CONVERSION OF THE BAPTIZED. CATHOLIC IDENTITY IS NOT ENOUGH. We must become personally attached to Jesus Christ, in His Church, in dialogue with His Word, through a conscious act of self-entrustment, nourished by the Sacraments. We must not settle for sterile intellectualism, hollow ritualism, white-knuckled moralism, or anonymous collectivism.

A personalistic approach to faith, that honours both the objective and subjective dimensions of the mysterious process of conversion, engages the whole person. It is true that feelings and emotions can be notoriously unreliable friends in our quest to live our faith authentically, but we must not throw out the baby with the bathwater. We must be wise in maturing our emotions so that they serve, rather than undermine, our journey to salvation. Consider great saints like Ignatius or Francis—or indeed, St. John Paul III!—whose emotions figured so powerfully in their spiritual journey and in their evangelical appeal. **LET US NOT SETTLE FOR A SPOCK-LIKE APPROACH TO FAITH, BUT A FULLY INTEGRATED HUMAN ONE THAT RELEASES THE "VIGOR AND PASSION" THAT IS ESSENTIAL TO A CONVINCING WITNESS.**

Excerpted from an essay by Dr. Carole Brown

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

Saturday, September 19th

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions
6:15 – 6:45 p.m. Confessions
7:00 p.m. Joseph & Lila Pidgeon by Isabel Parisien

Sunday, September 20th

7:30 a.m. Intentions of parishioners
9:30 a.m. Alexander Dore by his wife Helen Dore
11:00 a.m. Don Belanger by Darleen & children

12:30 p.m. Baptisms

Monday, September 21st No Mass

Tuesday, September 22nd

7:30 a.m. Tony Spagnolo by Annamay Bombard

Wednesday, September 23rd

7:30 a.m. Deceased Members of the Vincelli family
by the Vincelli family

Thursday, September 24th

7:30 a.m. Dennis Gervais by Helene & Pat McGlynn

Friday, September 25th

7:30 a.m. Paul Labelle by Corrie & family

Saturday, September 26th

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions
6:15 – 6:45 p.m. Confessions
7:00 p.m. Cyril Dumond by wife Viola & family

Sunday, September 27th

7:30 a.m. Intentions of parishioners
9:30 a.m. Rene Provost by Maurice Provost
11:00 a.m. Marco Vincelli Sr. (32nd Anniversary of death)
by the Vincelli family

Monday, September 28th No Mass

REQUEST FROM ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

We have noticed an increase of requests during the summer months. We thank you for your generosity in the past and ask you once again to please consider donating to our food bank. Schools are now open & the demands for food for children will increase. There seems to be a great demand for the **SMALL FRUIT CUPS** the children use for their lunches as well as **JUICE BOXES** that the children are allowed to bring to school. We realize as well that many families use **PASTA** and **PEANUT BUTTER** at home to help supplement the daily diet of the family and children.

*Any help that you can do will be greatly appreciated.
St. Vincent de Paul*

Food donations can be left at entrances to the Church for pick up by SVDP.

IN OUR PARISH

Collection 6 Sept., 2015 – Thank You

\$4,400.35 Sunday Env. \$270.40 Candles
420.64 Loose \$103.60 Book Table
\$4,820.99 Total

OUR CHURCH SOUND SYSTEM

We are grateful for the donation from a parishioner that has allowed us to make improvements to our sound system.. So far we have purchased new microphones, speakers and upgraded the wiring. However, there is still a need for more equipment to enhance our system.

Parishioners will have the opportunity to contribute for completion of the project on **THE WEEKEND OF 26-27 SEPT.** when a **SPECIAL COLLECTION** will be held. A completed sound system will enable everyone to hear better regardless of where you choose to sit.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

ST COLUMBAN'S CWL - FALL GARAGE & BAKE SALE

8 TO 12 NOON, SATURDAY, 3 OCTOBER

at St Columban's School, 323 Augustus St.

Books - If you have any gently used books to donate, they can be left at the back of the Church in the box provided or bring them to the school after 3 p.m. on 2 October.

Other donations (clothing, household items, baked goods, etc.) can be dropped off at the school **after 3 p.m. on 2 Oct.**

Thank you everyone.

ANNUAL CEMETERY SERVICES – SUNDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER

NATIVITY – 1 P.M.

NOTRE DAME – 2 P.M.

Rain or shine, services will take place at the cemeteries

YOU CAN BE A WITNESS TO THE RISEN CHRIST

*by living the Gospel joyously, courageously, peacefully
and with mercy. Pope Francis*

St. Columban's Parish

CHILLI SUPPER, 4 TO 6:30 P.M., SUN, 25 OCT

will be held at the Agora Centre

Adults \$12., children 6 to 12 \$5, under 6 free



*Happy Birthday
Happy Anniversary*

To all who are celebrating in September

COFFEE AND CHAT

Plan to stop for a coffee and socialize with fellow parishioners after Mass this weekend.



OFFICIAL VATICAN NEWS

"Dear friends, we have been notified by many readers that there are stories currently circulating all over the Internet spreading statements by Pope Francis with regard to a number of issues, concerning the Bible's content, the relations between religions, the renewal of the Church's doctrine, and even the calling of an alleged "Third Vatican Council", which are FALSE.

These statements were spread by unknown sources. Therefore, we would like to alert all readers to be careful and not to trust too soon news about the Pope that are not from the Vatican.

Below is a list of the official Vatican media which you should use as valid reference to be sure that any reported statement referred to the Pope is true:

- News.va: a news aggregator portal, it reports the news and information from all the Vatican media in one website, available in five languages: www.news.va

News.va also has a facebook page: www.facebook.com/news.va

- L'Osservatore Romano (newspaper):
www.osservatoreromano.va

- Vatican Radio: www.radiovaticana.va

- VIS (Vatican Information Service): www.vis.va

- Holy See Press Office:
[//www.vaticanstate.va/.../sala-stampa-santa-sede.html](http://www.vaticanstate.va/.../sala-stampa-santa-sede.html)

- Centro Televisivo Vaticano (Vatican Television Center):
www.ctv.va or www.vatican.va/news_services/television/

- Vatican.va: the official website of the Holy See, where you can find the full text of all speeches, homilies and Apostolic documents by the Pope: www.vatican.va

- PopeApp: the official app for smartphones dedicated to the Pope (Copyright News.va)

- @Pontifex: the official Twitter profile of the Pope.

IN OUR PARISH

ENRICHING OUR EXPERIENCE OF FAITH *Do you have questions about what we believe as Catholic Christians?*

Our R.C.I.A. (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS) team will gather for several sessions in a mutually supportive environment to help deepen our understanding of the Catholic faith, share our experiences and support one another on the journey. If you are or know of someone who wants to get a closer look at Catholicism, please prayerfully consider joining us. Contact Don Smith at 613-932-3543 or e-mail don.e.smith@live.ca

SHOULD YOUR CHILD RECEIVE *FIRST COMMUNION, FIRST RECONCILIATION, AND/OR CONFIRMATION THIS YEAR?*

If your child is in the public school system OR attending a separate school, but did not receive any of these Sacraments with others their age, then this message is for you.

If you want your child to receive these Sacraments this year, now is the time to register for

AFTER SCHOOL PREPARATION CLASSES.

Call the parish office (613-932-9616) & leave your name, phone number, your child's date of birth, grade & school. You will be contacted by a team member to make arrangements.

PARISH MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS WANTED *Training & support is provided.*

If you are a registered member of St. Columban's parish and are interested in helping with any of the following ministries, please contact Don Smith, Parish Leader for *Catechesis & Evangelization* at 613-932-3543 or don.e.smith@live.ca

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

This ministry at 9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass resumes in the Fall. A few more volunteers are needed to take turns working with the young children.

2 SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION VOLUNTEERS

8 one-hour sessions (over 4 weeks) Fall & Spring.

IN THE DIOCESE

Knights of Columbus, St. Francis de Sales Parish
BREAKFAST, 8:30 TO 12 NOON, SUNDAY, 27 SEPT

K of C 8715, St. Joseph's Parish, Lancaster
BREAKFAST – 9 A.M. TO NOON, SUNDAY, 4 OCT.
in the Parish Hall (Lancaster) – Free will offering

THIS YEAR'S DAISY MASS WILL BE HELD
2 p.m., Thursday, 22 October at St. Francis de Sales Church

HARVEST SUPPERS

20 Sept. St. James – 4 to 7 p.m. Maxville Sports Complex
04 Oct. Our Lady of the Rosary, 4 to 6:30 Chrysler Comm. Centre
18 Oct. Our Lady of the Angels, 4 to 7:30 p.m. Moose Creek
25 Oct. St. Martin-de-Tours – 3:30 to 7:30 – Glen Robertson

JOHN McDERMOTT CONCERT – 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY, 6 NOV.

In support of St. Raphaels Ruins
will be held at St. Finnan's Cathedral, Alexandria.
Tickets \$35. available at Flowers Cornwall.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL FUNDRAISING DINNER
will be held at the Agora Catholic Centre on
FRIDAY, 2 OCTOBER

Guest Speaker Rev. Christien Riesbeck, CC, V.G.,
Auxiliary Bishop of Archdiocese of Ottawa.
Tickets \$100. – tax receipt issued for \$50.

All proceeds of this Appeal Dinner will support the work of our local Church in a variety of ways including family, faith formation, youth, young adults & clergy formation.
For tickets, contact your parish office.

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