### 24TH SUNDAY IN

ORDINARY TIME (B)
13 SEPT., 2015

What good is it if you say you have faith but do not have works?

# 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:**

Isaiah 50:5-9a Psalm 116:1-6, 8-9 James 2:14-18 Mark 8:27-35 Whoever wants to become My follower, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.

#### Next weekend:

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

#### What do we mean by the term Kerygma?

As the apostles began the work of preaching and proclaiming Christ, they proclaimed a message that was rather basic and simple. More extended teaching or instruction would come later, after Baptism. But the initial proclamation of Christ was simple, and to the point.

The basic curricula of the kerygma emphasizes that Jesus is the chosen Messiah of God, the One Who was promised. And though He was crucified, He rose gloriously from the dead, appearing to His disciples, and having been exulted at the right hand of the Father through His ascension, now summons all to Him, through the ministry of the Church. This proclamation (kerygma) requires a response from us, that we should repent of our sins accept Baptism and live in the new life which Christ is offering. This alone will prepare us for the coming judgment that is to come upon all humanity. There is an urgent need to conform ourselves to Christ and be prepared by Him for the coming judgment.

The Apostles would surely go on to develop more, but the deeper things and concepts wait until the soul has first been cleansed of sin, and the darkness of mind that sin brings. Once initiated into the mysteries through Baptism, the soul is now able to go on to maturity in Christ.

It is too easy today for people to get lost in the weeds, and to miss the essential point. Often for example, people rush to the demands of the moral norms with little understanding or experience of the grace that life in Christ provides.

In some sense, the current times are not unlike the pagan world in which the apostles first proclaimed the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Our presumption that most people heard the basics of Scripture, and the Gospel is generally a poor presumption today. Most have not heard Christ, or the Scriptures authentically proclaimed. And to the degree that they have, it has been proclaimed to them with hostility and cynicism by a world and a culture that scoffs at the claims of Christ, his Church, the Christian tradition.

One approach of the new evangelization today is the proposal to return to a more kerygmatic approach. This is especially the case when we are in effect, starting from scratch with many people today. Deeper doctrines can and should be enunciated later but the initial proclamation should stick to basics:

That we are lost in our sins, that those deep drives are destroying us, and that God has sent the Saviour, Jesus Christ,
Who died to set us free and offer us a whole new life.

It is He Who calls to you now, Who is drawing you to Himself, that He might save you and give to you a whole new life. He died to give you this life, and having been raised from the dead, He ascended to the Father, where He is drawing you to Himself even now, calling you by name, and offering you deliverance from every sinful and destructive drive, establishing you in a new, more glorious, and hopeful life. Come to Him now, repent of your sins, and let Him begin the good work in you.

Excerpted from an article by Msgr Charles Pope



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#### **CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES**

Saturday, September 12th

3:00 - 4:00 p.m. Confessions

6:15 – 6:45 p.m. Confessions

7:00 p.m. Jacques Lebrun by Ron Welsh

Sunday, September 13th

7:30 a.m. Intentions of parishioners

9:30 a.m. Dr. James T. Baird by wife Mary Baird

11:00 a.m. Ralph & Kathleen Watzenboeck (50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary) by Carol Papps

Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup> No Mass

Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>

7:30 a.m. Tony Spagnolo by Josie Catantarita

Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>

7:30 a.m. Jacques Lebrun by Nick & Dominic Cinquina

Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup>

7:30 a.m. Agnes MacDonald by a parishioner

Friday, September 18th

7:30 a.m. Lou Anna MacDougall (1st Anniv.) by

Alex MacDougall

Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>

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 20<sup>th</sup>

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 21<sup>st</sup> No Mass

THE PATRONS OF ST. COLUMBAN FOUNDATION PRESENTS A

### **CELTIC CONCERT**

Musical entertainment with the

## **Brigadoons**

2 p.m. This Sunday, 13 September IN THE CHURCH

ADMISSION \$12.

FUNDS RAISED WILL BE DIRECTED TO PAY FOR MAJOR REPAIR WORK ON THE CHURCH.

#### IN OUR PARISH

Collection 30 August, 2015 - Thank You

\$5,013.15 - Sunday Env. \$ 12.00 - Vocation Sunday <u>459.66 -</u> Loose \$ 5.00 - Initial Offering

\$5,472.81 -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.

MAY THEY REST IN THE PEACE AND LOVE OF THE LORD, Ronald Ezard, Madelaine Labrosse and all who have died.

### Sunday School

FOR CHILDREN AGES 5-8

Those of you with children too young to have made their First Communion (Grade 2 and under), are invited to sign-up your child for Sunday School. The program offers catechetical instruction, often through crafts & stories, to these young ones during the Liturgy of the Word at the 9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass.

The children sit in the pew with their families until called forward to go to the Upper Room, then return to the pew later. The children do not miss out, but rather benefit from an age-appropriate presentation of the Sunday Scriptures.

In accord with our diocesan policy, prior to the start of the new season, we need to meet very briefly with parents to register your child in the program.

Our Team will be glad to meet you in the Upper Room (enter via the Sacristy or the outside entrance)

IMMEDIATELY AFTER 9:30 A.M. MASS

THIS SUNDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER

You can be a witness to the Risen Christ by living the Gospel joyously, courageously, peacefully and with mercy.

Pope Francis

#### COFFEE AND CHAT

resumes next weekend. Plan to stop for a coffee and socialize with your fellow parishioners.



#### YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOU!

You will have noticed many individuals serving at Masses. In addition to the Priest and Deacon, there are volunteers helping as readers, sacristans, communion ministers, altar servers (adult and youth), ushers, musicians, choir members, etc. Wonderful liturgies don't just happen – they require preparation and many willing, loving hearts and hands.

Not so visible are those volunteers who are involved with Baptisms, Funerals, Marriage Preparation, Children's Sunday School, Sacramental Preparation, Communion to the Sick, RCIA, collection counters, bulletin editors, parish leadership, committees for finance, property management, the Foundation Patrons, Evangelization teams, etc.

It's easy to lose sight of the many hearts and hands working and needed in the life of the parish.

Every person has some God-GIVEN TALENT(s) and being involved doesn't require a lot of your time.

Can you spare an hour a week? or every 2 weeks? Perhaps you have a lot of free time?

What a wonderful gift – offering back to God, in His Church, the use of talent(s) He has so freely given to you.

We would love to hear from you.

Training is provided.

Leave a message at the office - 613-932-9616

PLEASE - DO IT THIS WEEK.

ST COLUMBAN'S CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE
FALL GARAGE & BAKE SALE
8 TO 12 NOON, SATURDAY, 3 OCTOBER
at St Columban's School, 323 Augustus St.
Clothing, dishes, household items, books,
delicious baked goods, and much more
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 on 2 October. OTHER ARTICLES
to donate (such as clothing, household items, baked
goods, etc.) can be dropped off at the school

#### IN OUR PARISH

#### ENRICHING OUR EXPERIENCE OF FAITH

Do you have questions about what we believe as Catholic Christians? Our **R.C.I.A.** team will gather for several sessions in a mutually supportive environment to help deepen understanding of the Catholic faith, share our experiences and to 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 is attending a separate school, but did not receive any of these Sacraments with others their age, then this message is for you.

Now is the time to register with the parish for AFTER-SCHOOL PREPARATION CLASSES if you wish your child to receive these Sacraments this year. Please leave your name, phone number and your child's date of birth, grade and school with Kelly, our Office Administrator @ 613-932-9616, and you will soon be contacted by a team member to make arrangements.

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# PARISH MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS WANTED Training & support is provided.

If you are a registered member of St. Columban's parish and are interested in 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.

TWO SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION VOLUNTEERS 8 one-hour sessions (over 4 weeks) Fall & Spring.

#### ST. COLUMBAN'S CHILLI SUPPER

The annual Parish Turkey supper will not be held this year. A Chilli supper is planned for **SUNDAY**, **25 OCTOBER** at the Agora Centre.

#### IN THE DIOCESE

#### PARISH SUPPERS

AFTER 3 P.M. ON FRIDAY, 2 OCTOBER.

Thank you everyone.

13 Sept. Blessed Sacrament – 4 to 7 p.m.

17 Sept. St. Francis de Sales – Roast Beef – at 5 p.m.

20 Sept. St. James – Starts 4:30 Maxville Sports Complex

25 Oct. St.Martin-de-Tours – 3:30 to 7:30 – Glen Robertson

**BISHOP's PIX – Movie "Pass The Light"** Port Theatre - 7:15 p.m. Sept.  $13^{th}$  to  $17^{th}$ . - \$7.50

Port Theatre - 7:15 p.m. Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>. - \$7.50 Also Monday & Wednesday matinees at 2 p.m.

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. No reserved seating.

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

#### DAISY MASS

2 p.m., Thursday, 22 October at St. Francis de Sales Church

JOY OF THE LORD PRAYER GROUP
MEETS MONDAYS AT 7 P.M. BEGINNING 14 SEPTEMBER
In the upper room of St. Columban's Church. Use east side entrance. Praise the Lord in word and song.

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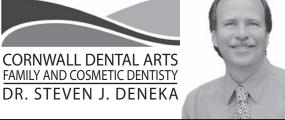
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