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He is Risen! Alleluia, Alleluia

ST. COLUMBAN PARISH

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

Saturday, April 16th	EASTER VIGIL - HOLY SATURDAY	
8:00 p.m.	Gary Watson by Judy Rose & Family	
Sunday, April 17th	EASTER SUNDAY - RESURRECTION OF THE LORD	
7:30 a.m.	People of the Parish	
9:30 a.m.	Jane Anderson by Rick & Bernadette McRae	
11:00 a.m.	Helen F. Burley by Son Christopher J. Burley	
Monday, April 18th	EASTER OCTAVE	
7:30 a.m.	No Mass	EASTER SEASON – WEEK 1
Tuesday, April 19th	EASTER OCTAVE	
7:30 a.m.	Alice & Hubert Lalonde by Brenda, Dwight & Family	
Wednesday, April 20th	EASTER OCTAVE	
7:30 a.m.	In Thanksgiving by Jeril Jose	
Thursday, April 21st	EASTER OCTAVE	
7:30 a.m.	A Special Healing for Sue Holland-Lalonde by Kathy & Gary Meek	
10:00 a.m.	Bishop Macdonell School Easter Mass	
Friday, April 22nd	EASTER OCTAVE	
7:30 a.m.	Shirley Dixon-Amell (1 st Anniversary of Death) by Art & Geraldine Lauzon	
Saturday, April 23rd	EASTER OCTAVE	
5:30 p.m.	Jim McMartin by Wife Sheila & Family Juliette & Hector Cadieux by Marcel & Gisele Cadieux	
Sunday, April 24th	SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER OR DIVINE MERCY	
7:30 a.m.	Iola Parisien by Joe Parisien & Family	
9:30 a.m.	People of the Parish	
11:00 a.m.	Lorraine Lachance by Kevin Amyotte	
3:00 p.m.	Divine Mercy Hour	
Monday, April 25th	ST. MARK (F)	
7:30 a.m.	No Mass	EASTER SEASON – WEEK 2

In Rank Order: (S) Solemnity, (F) Feast, (M) Memorial, (OM) Optional Memorial.

PARISH WEBSITE

We now have a website for the Parish. It is a work in progress, but there is a welcome page and access to the online parish bulletins. The website address is:

www.stcolumbanparishcornwall.ca

The online parish bulletins can still be accessed using:

www.pariashbulletins.com/bulletins/111

POPE FRANCIS APRIL INTENTIONS

For health care workers. We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

TODAY'S READINGS – APRIL 17TH, 2022

1st Reading: Acts 10.34a, 37-43
 2nd Reading: Colossians 3.1-4
 OR
 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 5.6b-8
 Gospel: John 20.1-18
 According to the Scripture: Jesus must rise from the dead.

IN OUR PARISH

HOUR OF DIVINE MERCY

All are welcome to come and celebrate the **Hour of Divine Mercy, Sunday, April 24th from 3 to 4 P.M. at St. Columban Parish.** Please receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession), prior to Divine Mercy Sunday, or you may do so within 20 days after.

PLENARY INDULGENCE FOR DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

To ensure that the faithful observe this day with intense devotion, St. Pope John Paul II established a Plenary Indulgence to receive complete forgiveness and punishment (as Jesus said) so that they might, in turn, show pardon to their brothers and sisters.

Conditions to obtain the Plenary Indulgence are:

Reconciliation, Communion and Prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father, and taking part in prayers and devotions in honour of Divine Mercy in any Church or Chapel. (For the week of Palm Sunday only)

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

The Novena can be prayed at any time, but our Lord asked specifically that we pray it **9 days before the feast of Divine Mercy** (April 24th). Jesus added: "By this novena, I will grant every possible grace to souls." We are to **begin on Good Friday**, that day when Christ first revealed how merciful and loving He was by dying for us. "During these nine days, I want to lead souls to the fount of My Mercy in order that they may draw from it strength, refreshment, and all the graces they need in the trials of their lives, especially in the hour of death..." Graces are attached to the Chaplet of Divine Mercy which we are encouraged to pray each day as well. Pamphlets are on the Book Table for those who need one.

Peace, **Deacon Guy**

VOCATIONS

Prayer for Vocations: Easter Sunday - April 17. That the Risen Lord, made known to us through apostolic witness, will bestow upon us more men and women who will answer the call to proclaim His life, death and resurrection as priests, deacons, sisters and brothers, we pray to the Lord. To start the conversation, contact Fr. Pierre Champoux, Director of Vocations, at vocations@archottawa.ca or 613-558-1445.

ST. COLUMBAN COLLECTION REPORT FOR APRIL 03, 2022

Sunday Envelopes	3,984.00
Loose Collection	241.15
Weekly Total	\$4,225.15

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"...He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him." ACTS 10:38
We can't give what we don't have. Open your heart to receive God's love, mercy and forgiveness. Then, show the same to others. As God's adopted sons and daughters, we are made in His image and likeness. As Pope Benedict XVI says, "we are made for greatness." Let our lives reflect His light to others. Pray to live a grateful and generous life. Strive for greatness! We are made for more! We are made for God!

CANADA'S CATHOLIC BISHOPS WELCOME POPE FRANCIS' APOLOGY TO INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

April 1, 2022, marks the conclusion of the Indigenous delegation to the Holy See, culminating with a historic apology from Pope Francis for the Catholic Church's role in Canada's residential school system. The Holy Father expressed "sorrow and shame" for the abuse and lack of respect for Indigenous identities, culture and spiritual values in the residential school system. He said, "I ask for God's forgiveness, and I want to say to you with all my heart: I am very sorry. And I join my brothers, the Canadian bishops, in asking your pardon." The Holy Father's apology was informed by private encounters with 32 indigenous Elders, knowledge keepers, residential school survivors and youth from across Canada. The Pope has said that he looks forward to an opportunity to visit Canada.

DONATIONS TO UKRAINE

Here are three reputable agencies, two Catholic ones with established connections to Ukraine and one well-known secular agency that will use donations to assist those most in need.

- [Catholic Near East Welfare Association \(CNEWA\)](#)
- [Development and Peace \(Collection of April 03rd\)](#)
- [Red Cross](#)

LOVE THY NEIGHBOUR FOOD DRIVE

We have reached out to the agencies in the community that help with the issue of food insecurity to have a sense of what they need to refill their food banks.

Cereal, School Snacks, Cheese & Macaroni, Peanut Butter, Canned Vegetables, Beans and Meat.

It is truly amazing how St. Vincent de Paul, Agape Centre and Centre 105 all work together to serve the needs of the people in the community.

OPERATION COUCH CUSHION

We have a coin drive in the Parish to help with some of the additional operating expenses. We all have loose change in jars, pockets, drawers and yes, even in the couch cushions, right next to the remote control.

We will collect it and roll it up for you; all you need to do is donate it by dropping it into the collection bottles at the doors of the Church.

If you are interested in finding out more or how you can be involved in these 'Love thy Neighbour' initiatives, drop a note in the collection basket, addressed to: 'Love Thy Neighbour team.'

PRAISE & WORSHIP

Come sing with us on Thursday May 05th from 7- 8 pm at St. Francis de Sales Church. Together we will sing praise to our God for His many blessings. Natalie Desrosiers and her music team will lead us. You can join in the singing or just listen and enjoy. And remember it really doesn't matter if you can sing or not! All ages are welcome. Bring your friends! Doors open at 6:45pm.

SYNOD 2023 UPDATE

As we enter the next phase of the Synod process, we will be compiling the notes from the sessions as well as the written submissions, if you would like to be involved in this, please come forward.

There is still time to submit your own response to the Synod.

We need to have the summary report into the diocese office by May 6th

Remember to prayerfully reflect on this:

In the story of my life, how & when did my heartache for the Church?

The goal is to listen to each other and the Holy Spirit on how we can journey better together as a Church, as a Parish focused on **Communion – Participation – Mission**.

If you are interested in taking a more involved role in this process, please contact the Parish office at 613-932-9616.

May the Lord bless us all as we open up our hearts to the Holy Spirit.

Father Tom & Deacon Guy

LIFTING THE DISPENSATION TO ATTEND SUNDAY MASS

When the Covid pandemic began more than two years ago, all Catholics in the Archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall were freed from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days. Through the magic of technology we were able to "participate" in Mass on our screens and devices. Technology kept us connected even if in a very limited way. However, live streamed masses were a temporary alternative. With social distancing requirements and mask mandates lifted, the dispensation from attending Sunday Mass will be lifted as of April 9th, the Palm Sunday Vigil Mass. Those who cannot attend Mass because of age, sickness, disability or other grave reasons would still be excused, as always. The Mass is the source and summit of our Catholic faith. It is where we gather as a community to hear God's words and where we truly meet Jesus in the Eucharist. Come back to Mass He is waiting for you and so are we.

SALESIAN SUMMER CAMP IN CORNWALL!

It is time to plan your participation in the Salesian Summer Camp from July 4th to 29th. Yes, we will have four weeks full of activities, outings, sports, arts and crafts and music for children ages 7 to 15, directed by the Salesian Sisters of St. John Bosco. Thanks to funding from the Canadian government, we hire youth leaders (full-time students) to direct the summer activities. **To apply before April 20th for a full-time position**, to do volunteer hours, or to have more information for registrations of children to the Salesian Summer Camp in May, visit the website of the Salesian Sisters at www.donboscocornwall.com



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