

Keep awake; unless we deliberately set aside time to prepare ourselves and our families for Jesus' return, we will continue with the busyness of everyday life like the people of Noah's time and the workers in the field and at the mill. Especially at this time of year, it is easy to get caught up in the demands centered upon Jesus' birth rather than his return.

ST. COLUMBAN

PARISH

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

DECEMBER 01, 2019

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Fr. Ernest Emeka Emeodi, Parochial Administrator
Rev. Mr. Chris Chisholm, Deacon

MASSES & SACRAMENTS

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| Saturday Vigil | 5:30 PM |
| Sunday | 7:30, 9:30 & 11:00 AM |
| Tuesday – Friday | 7:30 AM |
| Confession | Saturdays, 3 – 4 PM (or by appointment) |
| Baptism | Please notify one month in advance |
| Marriages | Please notify 6 months in advance |

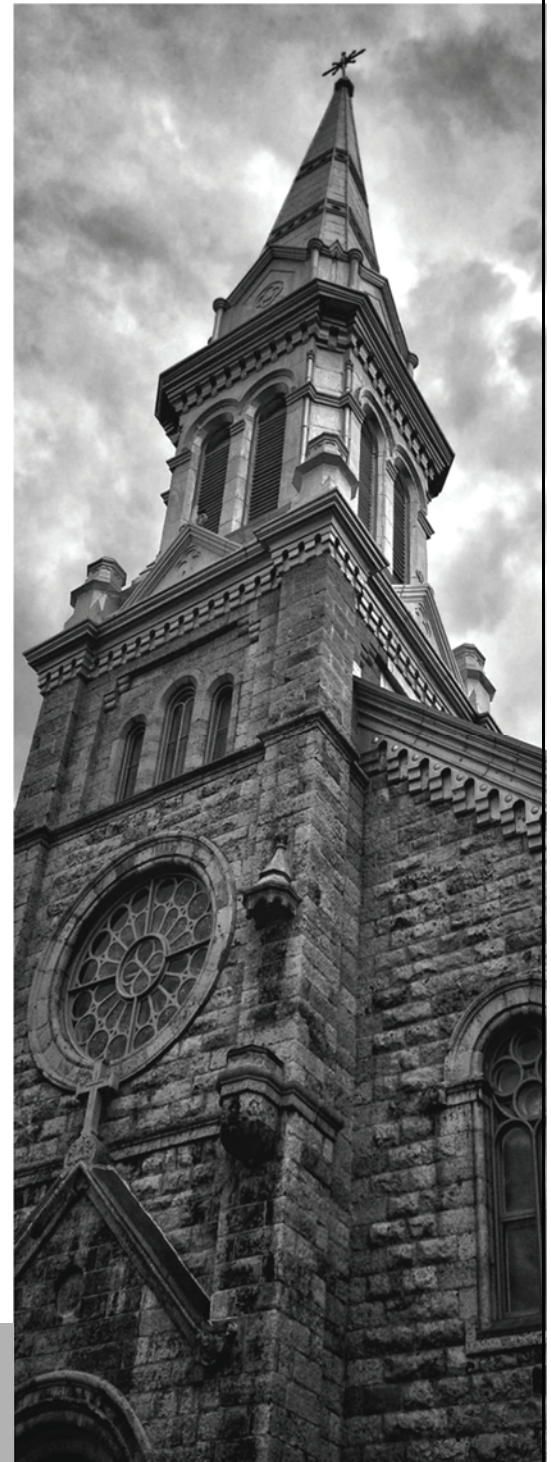
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CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

IN OUR PARISH

Saturday, November 30th SAINT ANDREW (F)

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions
 5:30 p.m. Joanne Moffat by Annie & Alfie McDonald

Sunday, December 01st FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:30 a.m. Intentions of Parishioners
 9:30 a.m. Gertrude Poitras (8th Anniversary of Death) by Raymond Poitras & Family
 11:00 a.m. Lynn Tremblay (10th Anniversary of Death) by Husband Ron & Family

Monday, December 02nd ADVENT – WEEK 1

7:30 a.m. **No Mass**

Tuesday, December 03rd ST. FRANCIS XAVIER (M)

7:30 a.m. Leslie Lougheed by Carol Papps

Wednesday, December 04th ST. JOHN DAMASCENE (OM)

7:30 a.m. Marilyn Hamilton by Her Family

Thursday, December 05th ST. NICHOLAS (OM)

7:30 a.m. Alice Brennan by the Robinson Family

Friday, December 06th ST. NICHOLAS (OM)

7:30 a.m. Gary Lefebvre by a Parishioner

Saturday, December 07th ST. AMBROSE (M)

7:00 – 7:25 a.m. Confessions
 8:00 a.m. For the Healing & Conversion of our Children & Grandchildren by a Parishioner
 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions
 5:30 p.m. Edgar Boudrias by Dorothy & Robert

Sunday, December 08th SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:30 a.m. Intentions of Parishioners
 9:30 a.m. Jacqueline Poirier by Mary & Keith Grant
 11:00 a.m. Carmel Bourgon (07th Anniversary of Death) by Husband Urbain & Family

Monday, December 09th THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (S)

7:30 a.m. **No Mass** ADVENT – WEEK 2

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

“Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.” Matthew 24:42

People who have had health issues or near-death experiences generally have a greater appreciation for each day being a gift from God. The rest of us usually take for granted that we will be around tomorrow. But when you start to look at each day as a gift, you realize all the little miracles that happen daily and grow in gratitude for all that we have been given. You begin to see God’s active presence in your life.

TODAY’S READINGS – DECEMBER 01ST

1st Reading: Isaiah 2.1-5
 2nd Reading: Romans 13.11-14
 Gospel: Matthew 24.37-44
 Keep awake, you must be ready.

PARISH ENVELOPES

The parish envelopes are now available in the church. Please look carefully for your box of envelopes as all the numbers have now changed. Please call the Rectory with any address changes.

“THE TRUE FACE OF THE FATHER” ST. COLUMBAN’S ADVENT MISSION

With Bishop Guy Desrochers, C.Ss.R.
 SUN. DEC. 8 – WED. DEC. 11, 2019
 6:40 pm Rosary, 7 pm Presentation

MISSION THEMES:
 SUNDAY: The Father's Secret Plan
 MONDAY: God's Dwelling Place in the Soul
 TUESDAY: The Merciful Father *Confessions
 WEDNESDAY: Hope and Perseverance with Mary *Holy Mass
 ALL ARE WELCOME - PLEASE JOIN US!
 A COLLECTION will be taken each evening

REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES AT CHRISTMAS

The Patrons of St. Columban Foundation ask for your assistance once again this year to keep the repairs to our historic church building on schedule. You can help by making a donation to the Foundation this Christmas "In Memory of a Loved One".

Remembrances will be published in a special insert to our Parish Bulletin the weekend of December 21-22, 2019.

For your donation, you may use the forms and the envelopes provided at the Church entrances. Cheques should be made payable to the Patrons of St. Columban Foundation.

Please submit in the collection basket by Sunday December 8 to allow for printing. Thank you for your continued support of the work of the Patrons of St. Columban Foundation.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION RECEPTION

An invitation is extended to all parish volunteers to attend. The reception will be held in the Rectory from 2 to 4 p.m., Sunday December 15, 2019.

PARISH FINANCIALS/INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

The Parish closes its Financial Books on Dec 30th. All monies received after Dec 30, 2019 will be credited for 2020.

NEW SUNDAY MISSALS

As we begin the season of Advent on Dec 1, we also begin a new Church year and therefore the need for a NEW MISSAL, as you will notice in the pews. These are needed for all year. If you would like your own copy, some are available on the Book Table for \$4.50 each.

ST. COLUMBAN’S CWL CHRISTMAS POTLUCK

5:30 p.m. Tuesday Dec 03, 2019, in the Parish Activity Centre. Bring your favourite dish for all to enjoy, and wear your favourite Christmas Sweater (ugly or otherwise) and for our gift exchange a wrapped gift (Max. \$10.00). Don't forget your Jello!

ALONE CHRISTMAS DAY??

Join us for Christmas Dinner 12:00 to 2:30 p.m. At Agora Hall (Nativity Hall) 301 McConnell St. South. No charge (donations gladly accepted for next year). Welcome those alone: widows/widowers, single, divorced, separated, new to city, no family to be with here? Join your Extended Family! Need transportation? Call Allison 613-662-4719 after 4 p.m. Volunteers must register with Darlene 613-935-5828 – Hall is elevator accessible!!

IN OUR PARISH AND DIOCESE

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Vigil Tuesday December 24th – 5:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. & 12 Midnight

Christmas Day Wednesday December 25th - 10:30 a.m.

NEW YEAR'S – MASS SCHEDULE

New Year's Eve Tuesday December 31st – 5:00 p.m.

New Year's Day Wednesday January 1st – 10:30 a.m.

OFFICE HOURS – CHRISTMAS

Monday December 24th Office closed at 12:00 noon

Tuesday December 25th Office closed

Wednesday December 26th Office closed

OFFICE HOURS – NEW YEARS

Monday December 31st Office closed at 12:00 noon

Tuesday January 01st Office closed

Wednesday January 02nd Office closed

PLEASE NOTE

We need to close the Parish Financials books on December 30th. All money received after December 30th will be credited for 2020. **If you wish that your donations be included on your 2019 Income Tax Receipt; please bring it in before noon on December 30th.** Thank you

ANGELS OF HOPE

*Dear Parishioners: We would like to give you the opportunity again this year of sharing the Christmas spirit with children from our community. **Angels of Hope** is a project to provide Christmas gifts to children who are receiving counselling at the **Children's Treatment Centre**. If you would like to help out, kindly pick up a name tag after Mass which will include the age and sex of the child. For confidentiality reasons, we have used fictitious names for the children. Please **DO NOT WRAP** the gift, but place in an appropriate **GIFT BAG**. We realize it can be difficult to select a gift for a child you do not know; therefore, we would like to suggest the idea of giving a gift card if you so wish. Please return the gift to the Church no later than **Sunday, December 15th**. For further information, you may call the Centre at 613-933-4400. On behalf of the children served at the **Children's Treatment Centre**, I thank you for your kindness and your spirit of sharing.*

WOMEN'S MORNING OF REFLECTION

Please join us on Sat. Dec. 7 from 9 am. til noon at the Agora Centre, 301 McConnell Ave., Cornwall for mass, confession, breakfast, a talk and the rosary. The guest speaker, Judy Czernys, will talk to us about "How We Can Grow Closer to the Lord Through Prayer". For any inquiries please contact Heidi Krol 613 347 7561 or Marilyn Light 613 537 2021. A free will offering of \$5 is appreciated.

BULLETIN BOARD NOTICES

All notices/flyers must be brought to the office for approval before going on the bulletin boards in the church.

BOOK STORE NEWS

Check out the beautiful historic St. Columban's Church Christmas tree ornament and key chain items. Only \$2.00, with all proceeds going to our parish.

ST. COLUMBAN COLLECTION REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 17, 2019

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| Sunday Envelopes | 2,882.80 |
| Loose Collection | 308.85 |
| Total | \$ 3,191.65 |

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES

7 p.m., Tuesday December 10 – St. Columban

7 p.m., Tuesday December 17 – St. Finnan's

2 p.m., Thursday December 19 – St. Peter

ST. COLUMBAN'S ADVENT MISSION - DEC. 8 – 11 "The True Face of the Father"

You are invited to join St. Columban's Parish as Bishop Guy Desrochers leads us in prayer and reflection during our Advent Mission. Bishop Guy will be preaching at our Sunday Masses Dec. 7 and 8. The Mission begins Sunday evening Dec.8th, and continues each evening until Wednesday, Dec. 11th. On Tuesday evening the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available. The Mission concludes Wednesday evening with the Celebration of Holy Mass. Each evening begins at 6:40 pm with the Rosary, followed by the Bishop's talk at 7 p.m. We look forward to seeing you and sharing this Advent experience with you. For more information about the Mission, contact Rick and Bernadette McRae at 613-932-2872.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SUCCESS OF ST. COLUMBAN PARISH MISSION DEC. 8 – 11, 2019 "The True Face of the Father"

Loving father, since the beginning of time, your paternal heart foresaw the glorious day of our creation. "Chosen in Christ, before the foundation of the world" says Paul, you created man and woman to your likeness, so they could know you and delight in your infinite love.

Father of infinite mercy, we pray to you for the success of our parish mission. May the Holy Ghost that unite you so perfectly in the Holy Trinity, be given to us and help us understand and discern the calls and instructions that your begotten Son will give us during this Advent retreat.

Following the example of Christ and of our Blessed Mother Mary, help us, Holy Spirit, to become the pure reflection of the true face of the Father!

"Restore us, O God; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved." (Ps 80, 3)

AMEN.

JELLO FOR CHRISTMAS BASKETS

The Catholic Women's League has the yearly responsibility of supplying packages of Jello for the Christmas baskets. This year we've been requested to collect 25 hundred boxes. We're inviting parishioners to join us in this effort. If you wish to assist us in this charitable project, there will be a basket at the main door at the back of the church and one at the front east door. The basket will be labelled Jello. We will be collecting the Jello until the end of November. Store brands are much cheaper and just as acceptable. Thank you for your participation in providing for the families in need.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER – Bring a Friend

If you missed this month's Intercessory Prayer event, our next evening will take place on Thursday, December 05, 2019, at 7:00 pm in the Church. Bring a friend and your specific prayer intentions as we will also continue to pray for our own intentions and those of our Parish and our Diocese. Followed by refreshments and Social time. If anyone is interesting in sharing how God has worked in their life or if you would like more information, please call Joe Parisien at [613-551-8086](tel:613-551-8086) or by email at jeparisien9@gmail.com



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