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ST. COLUMBAN PARISH

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)

DECEMBER 10, 2023



36 Fourth St. West, Cornwall, ON K6J 2R6

Weekly Masses

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m. Sunday: 7:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays: 7:30 a.m. Wednesdays: 12:10 p.m.

PASTORAL MINISTERS

Rev. Fr. Thomas Riopelle, Parochial Administrator
Rev. Fr. Marc Gaudet, Associate Pastor

OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

Mrs. Kelly Poitras

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Evenings by appointment

BAPTISMS

Please give one month notice

MARRIAGES

Please give six months notice

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Also, by appointment

OFFICE PHONE

613-932-9616

PARISH E-MAIL ADDRESS

stcolumban@ottawacornwall.ca (new)

PARISH BULLETIN ACCESS

www.parishbulletins.com/bulletins/111

PARISH FOUNDATION

www.stcolumbans.com

ARCHDIOCESAN WEBSITE

www.archoc.ca

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 09th ST. JUAN DIEGO CUAUHTLATOATZIN (OM)

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

4:00 p.m. Larry Welch by Rick & Bernadette McRae

Sunday, December 10th SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:30 a.m. People of the Parish

10:30 a.m. Lynne Labelle by Donna & Gilles Labelle
Fr. Tom Villeneuve by His Sisters & Families

Monday, December 11th ST. DAMASUS I (OM)

7:30 a.m. **No Mass** ADVENT – WEEK 2

Tuesday, December 12th OUR LADY OF GAUDALUPE (F)

PATRONESS OF THE AMERICAS

7:30 a.m. Agnes McKissock by Art & Geraldine Lauzon

Wednesday, December 13th ST. LUCY (M)

9:45 a.m. St. Matthews School Mass

12:10 p.m. Marilyn Hamilton by Husband Duncan
Hamilton

Thursday, December 14th ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS (M)

7:30 a.m. Win & Herb Lalonde by Daughter Doreen
Hebert

Friday, December 15th

7:30 a.m. Marion Tobin (2nd Anniversary of Death) by
Her Brother & Sisters

10:00 a.m. Bishop Macdonell School Mass

Saturday, December 16th

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

4:00 p.m. Keith Grant by Art & Geraldine Lauzon

Sunday, December 17th THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:30 a.m. People of the Parish

10:30 a.m. For Those Remembered in Memoriam by the
Patron's of St. Columban Foundation
Pat Vincelli by Religious Hospitallers of St.
Joseph (Kingston)

Monday, December 18th

7:30 a.m. **No Mass** ADVENT – WEEK 3

SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTION

The living flame of the Sanctuary Lamp, signifying the Eucharistic Presence of our Lord Jesus Christ, is offered this week in Memory of Barbara and Iola Parisien by Joe Parisien and Family.



Parish Website: www.stcolumbanparishcornwall.ca

ST. COLUMBAN PARISH

IN OUR PARISH

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"Prepare the way of the Lord..." - MARK 1:3

We are all called to live a holy life. We are all called to invite others to live holy lives. Living a stewardship lifestyle and being grateful and generous with our gifts puts us on the path to holiness and is an example for others to be holy, too. We are responsible not only for our own lives but for the lives of others as well. How are you helping others get to Heaven?

ST. COLUMBAN COLLECTION REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 26, 2023

Sunday Envelopes	3,041.00
Loose Collection	491.28
Christmas Offering	50.00
Weekly Total	\$3,582.28



**NO SCENTS
MAKES GOOD SENSE.
LET'S KEEP THE AIR
SPACE IN OUR CHURCH
SCENT-FREE
THANK YOU.**



CHRISTMAS OFFICE HOURS 2023

Office Hours - Christmas

Office closed December 21st – December 26th, 2023.

Office Hours – New Years

Office closed January 01st – January 05th, 2024.

Please Note: We must close the Parish Financials books on December 27th. All money received after December 27th will be credited for 2024. If you wish that your donations, be included on your 2023 Income Tax Receipt, please bring it in before noon on December 27th. Thank you.

ST. COLUMBAN PARISH CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve Sunday, December 24th, 7:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.

Christmas Vigil Sunday, December 24th, 4:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Day Monday, December 25th, 10:30 a.m.

NEW YEAR'S - MASS SCHEDULE

New Year's Eve Sunday, December 31st, 7:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.

New Year's Vigil Sunday, December 31st, 4:00 p.m.

New Year's Day Monday, January 1st, 10:30 a.m.

TODAY'S READINGS – DECEMBER 03RD, 2023

1st Reading: Isaiah 63.16b-17; 64.1, 3-8

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 80.1ab+2, 14-15, 17-18 (R.3)

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1.3-9

Gospel: Mark 13.33-37

Keep alert, for you do not know when the master of the house will come.

Submit Bulletin Notices to: stcolumban@ottawacornwall.ca

IN OUR PARISH

NEW PARISH EMAIL ADDRESS

The Parish email is now: stcolumban@ottawacornwall.ca

SUNDAY MASS TIME CHANGE

Beginning the first week of Advent Sunday, December 03, 2023, the 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses will be combined into one Mass, which starts at 10:30 a.m. Thank you for your ongoing support and understanding.

The Parish Leadership Team

DAILY DIVINE MERCY PRAYER CANCELLED

The Divine Mercy Chaplet that has been said on Monday's to Friday's at 3:00 p.m. has been cancelled effective November 27, 2023.

CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS FUND

The **Catholic Women's League** is responsible for supplying **Jello packages** for the Children's Christmas Fund Baskets. This year we've been requested to collect 25 hundred boxes. We will be collecting the Jello until the end of November. Store brands are much cheaper and just as acceptable. If any parishioner wishes to help us in this endeavour, Jello boxes can be dropped off in the baskets provided at the entrances to the Church. Instead of boxes of Jello, you can make a cheque payable to "St. Columban's Catholic Women's League" and drop it in the collection basket at the mass you attend or drop it off at the Rectory during regular business hours. Thank you for your participation in providing for our local families in need.

BOOK TABLE NEWS

Please do not place books on the book table. All books need to be approved by Fr. Tom or Fr. Marc. If you have religious books and want to share them, please leave them in the Sacristy (not in the Ushers Room) so our Pastoral Staff can look them over.

ST. COLUMBAN'S CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS

- ❖ Winners of the Christmas Tea baskets are Jean McLennan, Father Claude Thibeault, Claire Lebrun, and Kay Stone. The painting was won by Autumn Lavictoire. We appreciate the continued support of our parishioners toward our charitable work.

POPE FRANCIS DECEMBER INTENTIONS

For persons with disabilities. We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

ST. COLUMBAN'S ACTIVITY CENTER NOTICE

During Agape's regular business hours, the entrance to the Activity Center Room will be via the Thrift Store entrance. The cashier will have the key to the door across from the store to let you in to proceed upstairs. Please note if the cashier is busy, you may have to wait. This change is for the confidentiality of all those accessing the services of Agape and for the security of all who enter the building.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY PROGRAM



A New Year of Children's Liturgy for children in JK to Grade 2 ~ Ages 3-8. For more information, please contact Joe Kupina at 613-937-4359 or Marilyn Brown-Wylie at 613-933-6394.

THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

What are the "Twelve Days of Christmas" anyway? We all know the song. It's pretty long. Our eyes usually glaze over before it wraps up with the "partridge in a pear tree." And how on earth do "six geese-a-laying" relate at all to the Catholic Faith?! The Twelve Days are a very old celebration of Christmas. The Twelve Days cover the gap between Christmas Day and Epiphany, December 25th (the first day of Christmas) through January 5th (the 12th day of Christmas). The Twelve Days are **far older than the song** cited above, which was first written in Elizabethan England. Many people think that the "Twelve Days of Christmas" are the days leading up to Christmas, with Christmas being the 12th day and grand finale... Christmas, however, is the beginning of the twelve-day celebration, which continues through the Feast of the Epiphany on January 6th. In the Liturgy of the Hours, each of these days has the prayers and readings of Christmas Day. That means that **each of the Twelve Days are treated as Christmas Day itself**. This makes a lot of sense—after all, we are celebrating God born in the flesh. **We couldn't possibly fit all our wonder and jubilation into just one day!**

Every time you look at these items, you'll remember that:

1. The partridge in the pear tree is a symbol for **Jesus Christ**.
2. Two turtle doves stand for the **Old and New Testaments**.
3. Three French hens represent the **Magi's gold, frankincense, and myrrh**. They also stand for the **virtues of faith, hope, and love**.
4. Four calling birds symbolize the four **Gospels** and the four **Evangelists** who wrote them—Sts. Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.
5. Five golden rings: The ring itself helps remind us of **God's eternity** and the **circle of Faith**. The five rings also stand for the **first five books of the Old Testament**.
6. Six geese-a-laying symbolize the six **days of Creation**.
7. Seven swans-a-swimming reminds us of the seventh **day of rest** and the importance of keeping Sunday holy. The swans also reference the seven **sacraments** and the seven **gifts of the Holy Spirit**—wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord.
8. Eight maids-a-milking reminds us of the **eight beatitudes**.
9. Nine ladies dancing are nine of the twelve **fruits of the Holy Spirit**, the ones St. Paul lists in Galatians 5:22: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. They also remind us of the nine **choirs of angels**, eternally worshipping God in heaven.
10. Ten lords-a-leaping reminds us of the **Ten Commandments**.
11. Eleven pipers piping symbolizes the eleven **Apostles who remained faithful** to Jesus.
12. Twelve drummers drumming stand for the **Twelve Articles of Catholic Faith found in the Apostles' Creed**.

Keep Christ in Christmas

FRAGRANCE/SCENT FREE-SAFE ENVIRONMENT

We have parishioners with medical issues concerning Fragrance/Scents at St. Columban Parish. Exposure to fragrances and other scented products may trigger adverse health reactions (e.g., asthma attack, anaphylactic reaction and shortness of breath).

Your cooperation is expected regarding the following:

- Avoid using fragrances or scented products such as perfume, cologne or scented soap while at Church.
- A general guideline for fragrances and scented products is that they should not be detectable more than an arm's length away from you.
- Please understand that this issue is about the **serious adverse health reactions** that can occur due to the product you are wearing.
- Our fragrance/scent-free church will depend upon the thoughtfulness, consideration, and cooperation of everyone within our parish community.

ANGELS OF HOPE

Angels of Hope is a project to provide Christmas gifts to children in our community who are receiving counselling at the **Children's Treatment Centre**. Please return the **unwrapped gift to the Church no later than Sunday, December 10th**. For further information, you may call the Centre at 613-933-4400.

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

Keep Christ in Christmas lawn signs and car magnets are available for sale. The lawn sign costs \$20.00 and \$10.00 for the car magnet. For those interested, please contact Mike Morrisette at 613-362-7280.

Car Magnet



Lawn Sign



LIVING WITH CHRIST MONTHLY MISSALS

Missals for December are available at the Church for purchase; the cost is \$3.25 each, and you can pick one up Tuesday – Friday before or after 7:30 a.m. Mass or at the weekend Masses.

CATHOLIC INFORMATION CENTRE NEWS

Are you or your family in need of a NATIVITY SET for Christmas? Come by and see our latest selection.

"*Let Us Keep Christ in Christmas!*" We have Christmas books for children, gift books for adults, Christmas cards, and more. The calendars have finally arrived. Remember that we are now in our new location at 812 Pitt St., Unit 1. Phone: 613-933-5099.

ST. FÉLIX-DE-VALOIS PARISH SUPPER

St-Félix-de-Valois Parish invites you to a Supper, on Saturday, December 16th, 2023, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Turkey, potatoes, vegetables, salad, bread & desert. 15\$, and 7\$ for children under 12 yrs. We hope to see you there! Thank You! United in Prayer! Fr. Marc Piché





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