O Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us. Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us. St. Joseph, pray for us. St. Columban, pray for us.

ST. COLUMBAN

— PARISH

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)

DECEMBER 12, 2021

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Rev. Fr. Thomas Riopelle, Parochial Administrator

Rev. Mr. Guy Côté, Deacon

MASSES & SACRAMENTS

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)
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Marriages Please notify 6 months in advance

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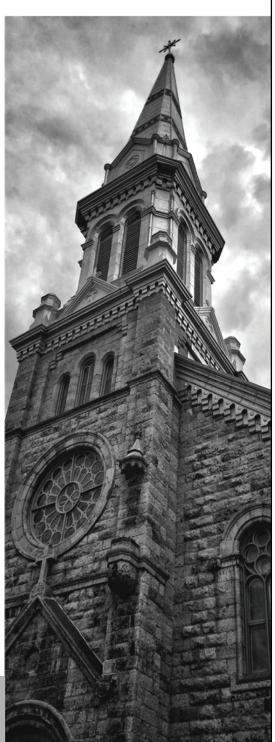
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ST. COLUMBAN PARISH

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

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

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

5:30 p.m. Madeleine Clarke by Husband George Clarke

Sunday, December 12th THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER IN SOLIDARITY WITH INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

7:30 a.m. People of the Parish

9:30 a.m. Janet Eva Renaud by Friends of Husband Victor

Reneaud

11:00 a.m. Theresa Di Tomasso by Diane & Ray Lalonde

Michael Redmond by Art Kuhn

Monday, December 13th ST. LUCY (M)

7:30 a.m. **No Mass** ADVENT – WEEK 3 **Tuesday, December 14th** ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS (M)

7:30 a.m. Jane Anderson by Bernadette, Darlene & Jean

Wednesday, December 15th

7:30 a.m. Special Intention for Margaret Fortier by

Darlene Brabant

Thursday, December 16th

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

Friday, December 17th

7:30 a.m. Barbara Parisien by Joe Parisien & Family

Saturday, December 18th

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

5:30 p.m. Deceased Members of the William Provost

Family by Maurice Provost

Sunday, December 19th FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:30 a.m. People of the Parish

9:30 a.m. Those Remembered in Memoriam by St.

Columbans Patrons Foundation

11:00 a.m. Maria Rosa Vincelli by the Vincelli Family

Helene Dorie by Conrad Pilon

Monday, December 20th

7:30 a.m. No Mass ADVENT – WEEK 4

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

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STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God."

-PHILIPPIANS 4:6

St. Paul reminds us that God is an abundant God – He is the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. Remember that we are created in God's image and likeness. We, too, are made to be generous with all our gifts as well. Placing our trust in God frees us from being a slave to possessions. It allows us to gratefully and generously share ourselves and our goods with others.

TODAY'S READINGS – DECEMBER 12TH, 2021

1st Reading: Zephaniah 3.14-18a 2nd Reading: Philippians 4.4-7 Gospel: Luke 3.10-18

The crowds asked, "What should we do?"

IN OUR PARISH

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 Jane Anderson by the Parish Council & St. Columban Patron's Foundation.



OFFICE HOURS - CHRISTMAS

The Parish Office will be closed from December 27th, 2021, until January 03rd, 2022.

PLEASE NOTE

We need to close the Parish Financial books on December 27th. All money received after December 27th will be credited for 2022.

CHRISTMAS MASS ATTENDANCE

The plan for attendance for our Christmas Masses will be **first come**, **first served**. The church will be considered full when all designated pews have been filled. Doors will open a half hour before the beginning of Mass.

Remember to wear a mask, sanitize your hands and once seated do not change pews. Maintain the six feet social distancing guideline of public health, thus ensuring everyone enjoys a safe & Merry Christmas.

5:30 SATURDAY NIGHT MASS

The Mass time on Saturday night WILL NOT change; it will stay at 5:30 p.m. Thank you to all those who attend the 5:30 mass for their input on the proposed time change.

DEACON GUY'S REFLECTION

Emmanuel, "God with us," the divine reality of it, is beyond our imagination or understanding. God loves us so much, so intimately, that he takes on a human reality. If we really lived the idea that "God is with us" then would we not be compelled to treat everyone with respect and dignity. During the remaining days of Advent, it would be good to ask the question, 'how might I be called to live this certainty of Emmanuel, God with us.' DG Deacon Guy's website is **thedeaconguy.ca**

ADVENT EVENINGS OF REFLECTION

Beginning on December 1st, 2021 at 7:00pm and continuing each Wednesday during Advent. Deacon Guy will be presenting 'O Come, Emmanuel' Reflection series. Please see the notices on the bulletin boards at the church doors.

ST. COLUMBAN - CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Vigil, Friday December 24th – 6:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m. Christmas Day, Saturday December 25th – 10:30 a.m.

ST. COLUMBAN - NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

New Year's Eve, Friday December 31st – 6:00 p.m. New Year's Day, Saturday January 1st – 10:30 a.m.

SATURDAY CONFESSIONS

Confessions are from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

THE SANCTUARY LAMP

The sanctuary lamp is a special lamp that is kept close to the tabernacle. The sanctuary lamp remains alight to indicate and honour the presence of Christ. The living flame of the sanctuary lamp signifies the Eucharistic presence of our Lord Jesus Christ. Sponsorship of the Sanctuary Lamp is available for a week-long period. The stipend is \$20.00 per week, and the intention will be listed in the bulletin.

IN OUR PARISH AND DIOCESE

2022 PARISH ENVELOPES

Envelopes are available at the 4th Street entrance. Please, ensure the number on the label matches the number in the box. Beginning January 1st please discard all 2021 envelopes and write your name on the 2022 envelopes for the entire month of January.

NEW PARISHIONERS ARE WELCOME

If you are new and would like parish envelopes, please fill out a Registration Form which is located at the 4th St. Main entrance or in person during office hours, Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. You can also call the office during regular business hours (613-932-9616). Please introduce yourself to Fr. Tom or Deacon Guy.

SAINT OF THE WEEK - SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS – December 4th

John was born in 1542 at Fontiveros, Spain. He entered the Carmelite community and was ordained in 1567. With the great Carmelite mystic, Teresa of Avila, John worked for the reformation of his order and helped found the reformed ('Discalced') Carmelites. He suffered much, enduring imprisonment, humiliation, and ill-treatment during his life. His writings are both classics of spirituality and Spanish literature. His best-known works are *The Ascent of Mount Carmel, The Dark Night of the Soul, and The Living Flame of Love.* He died in 1591, was canonized in 1726 and proclaimed Doctor of the Church in 1926. Living with Christ

PLEASE NOTE – LOW GLUTEN HOSTS

We offer low gluten hosts for those who have Celiac or are unable to have gluten. Please let Fr. Tom or Deacon Guy know before the start of mass.

WORKERS IN THE VINEYARD

It is our parishioners who graciously serve in various ministries, Sacristans, Readers, Servers, Communion Ministers, Ushers, Décor, Children's Liturgy, Choir, Collection Counters, Pastoral Care, etc. The list of service needs is extensive, and more helpers are needed. Many individuals serve in 2 or 3 areas of service because others are reluctant or too shy to come forward. Please, you are needed and welcomed to serve in any ministry, they don't take up a lot of time and you can help enrich the life of our Parish. Please call a member of our Parish Council (on the front cover of the bulletin) or the parish office and let them know you are ready to serve. If not you — than who?

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

In order for St. Columban's to remain open during this Pandemic, we need volunteers to sanitize pews after every mass or service held in the church. This does not take long, and gloves are provided. Will you be the hands of Christ?

KNEELERS

When leaving the church, you must leave the kneeler in the **down position** for the volunteers who are sanitizing the pews.

ST. COLUMBAN COLLECTION REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 28, 2021

Sunday Envelopes3,628.00Loose Collection436.80Christmas Offering55.00Total\$4,119.80

POPE FRANCIS DECEMBER INTENTIONS

Intention for evangelization – Catechists

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

VOCATIONS

Prayer for Vocations: Third Sunday of Advent – **December 12.** That the Lord will call members from our flock to "bring glad tidings to the poor and heal the broken-hearted" as a priest, deacon, religious brother or sister, we pray to the Lord.

MASS ATTENDANCE DURING RE-OPENING ONTARIO

The Provincial Government has announced the plan to safely re-open Ontario. These changes include being able to fully open with proof of vaccinations. **Archbishop Marcel Damphousse** requests parishes to continue with current procedures including maintaining physical distances and **not choosing** to start proof of vaccination. Everyone is welcome to attend mass as long as they wear a mask (unless medically exempt), sanitize their hands and follow the protocols in church.

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.

LOOKING FOR RELIGIOUS CHRISTMAS CARDS?

They are becoming a rare commodity in the secular stores, sadly, considering that we are a Christian country! The **Catholic Information Centre** has a good selection of cards, as well as gift books for adults and children and beautiful rosaries, crucifixes and Nativity sets. Catholic calendars and Sunday missals are available while they last. LET'S KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS! We are open from 10-4 pm Monday to Friday, and from 9 til noon on Saturday. Call us for further info at 613-933-5099.

ST. JULIEN'S ADORATION CHAPEL

We can now welcome up to **three adorers** at any one time. All fobs have been activated, so there is no need to contact us before returning.

There is an updated schedule posted once a week. Feel free to drop in and look for openings in the schedule.



It would be nice to start filling those empty hours. You may, however, visit anytime as long as we do not exceed three at once. If you would like to commit to a particular time, just add your name to the spot on the schedule. As in the past, the committed hour adorer has priority. The basic Covid-rules still apply. Masks should be worn in the chapel, and there is a Covid-symptom Sign-in Sheet at the entrance.

We continue to supply wipes and hand sanitizers for your safety and comfort.

New people are always welcome and will need an entrance fob to come on their own. Invite them to please call or email Marilyn at 613-360-8371, marilynbergeron@mac.com or Diane at dml1365@yahoo.com



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