

In the gospel today John made it clear that he was not the Christ, not Elijah, and not the Prophet. Today, pray to be whom you are as a disciple of Christ. Proclaim the Good News through your words and actions, and point the way to Jesus, the One who is to come.

ST. COLUMBAN

PARISH

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)

DECEMBER 13, 2020

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Fr. Ernest Emeka Emeodi, 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	By appointment only, Tuesday - Thursday
Baptism	Please notify one month in advance
Marriages	Please notify 6 months in advance

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ST. COLUMBAN PARISH

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

IN OUR PARISH

Saturday, December 12th	OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
	PATRONESS OF THE AMERICAS (F)
	NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER IN SOLIDARITY WITH INDIGENOUS PEOPLES
5:30 p.m.	Tina Primeau by Mom Pauline
Sunday, December 13th	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
7:30 a.m.	Intentions of Parishioners
9:30 a.m.	Christine Langlois by Daughter Monica & Family
11:00 a.m.	Janet Surgeson by Teresa MacInnis
Monday, December 14th	ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS (M)
7:30 a.m.	No Mass ADVENT – WEEK 3
Tuesday, December 15th	
7:30 a.m.	No Mass
Wednesday, December 16th	
7:30 a.m.	No Mass
Thursday, December 17th	
7:30 a.m.	No Mass
Friday, December 18th	
7:30 a.m.	No Mass
Saturday, December 19th	
5:30 p.m.	Marilyn Hamilton by Husband Duncan Hamilton
Sunday, December 20th	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
7:30 a.m.	Intentions of Parishioners
9:30 a.m.	Those Remembered in Memoriam by St. Columban Patron's Foundation
11:00 a.m.	Joan Levy Earle by Florence Gravelle
Monday, December 21st	ST. PETER CANISIUS (OM)
7:30 a.m.	No Mass ADVENT – WEEK 4

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

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 Joan Levy Earle.



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

“Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you” - 1 THESSALONIANS 5:16 – 18

This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. “Rejoice always” means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. “Pray constantly” means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. “Give thanks in all circumstances” means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations and shows our dependence on God.

TODAY'S READINGS – DECEMBER 13TH, 2020

1st Reading: Isaiah 61.1-2a, 10-11
2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5.16-24
Gospel: John 1.6-8, 19-28
Among you stands one whom you do not know.

FR. ERNEST AWAY

Fr. Ernest is away November 8th – Dec 10th 2020 to attend to the burial of his Mom. All weekday masses will be cancelled during this time. Monsignor Harty and Fr. Donnelly will preside at the weekend masses.

MIDNIGHT MASS CHRISTMAS EVE

If Father Ernest's return flight is delayed, the Midnight Mass will be cancelled. Confirmation as to whether it is cancelled or will continue as scheduled will be announced at all the Masses on December 12th & 13th and Dec 19th & 20th.

DEACON GUY'S REFLECTION

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel – This is most likely the song I look forward to during the Advent season. The hymn actually come out the evening prayers of the Church, Seven days before Christmas Eve monasteries would sing the “O antiphons” in anticipation of Christmas Eve when the eighth antiphon, “O Virgo virginum” (“O Virgin of virgins”) would be sung before and after Mary's canticle, the Magnificat (Luke 1:46b-55).

ADVENT EVENINGS OF REFLECTION

Join us for Advent Evenings of Reflection with Deacon Guy. Wednesday's at 7:00 p.m. on December 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd at St. Columban's Parish.

JELLO DRIVE THANK YOU

Thank you to all parishioners who donated boxes of JELLO or made donations towards the purchase of JELLO. More than **2,600 boxes of JELLO** will be part of the distribution of **1400 food baskets** sponsored by the CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS FUND. This is an annual collective effort by members of the Cornwall Service Club Council of Cornwall and District, the Salvation Army, Agape Centre and St. Vincent de Paul to help the most needy in our community during the Christmas season. May Our Lady of Good Council Continue to bless you and keep you safe.

MASS ATTENDANCE AT CHRISTMAS

Dear parishioners, the plan for attendance with Christmas Masses is 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. Volunteers will be taking names of those who do not have an envelope. This may mean that entrance to the church may take a moment longer. Remember to wear a mask, sanitize your hands and maintain the six feet social distance rule of public health, thus ensuring everyone a safe & Merry Christmas.

ST. COLUMBAN OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Good afternoon St. Columban Family; The 2021 Offertory Envelopes are ready for pick up at the church. For those who ordered a 2021 Missal your envelopes are at the Rectory unless you have already picked up your missal.

If you would like to pick up your 2021 envelopes at the Rectory, please let me know and I will arrange to have them here.

One of the best ways to celebrate this season of Advent is with traditional items such as an Advent wreath and Advent calendar.

Be sure to visit the Catholic Information Centre to get yours.

Regards, Kelly, Office Administrator

IN OUR PARISH AND DIOCESE

PLEASE NOTE – Parish Office Closed

The Parish Office will be closed Dec 10th, 2020 - Jan 06th, 2021. Fr. Ernest returns Dec 10th from attending the burial of his Mom but will be in quarantine for 14 days. The Office Administrator will be off on vacation during this time and then off for the Christmas statutory holidays. If there is an emergency, you can call the Rectory during regular office hours. Fr. Ernest will be available by phone.



St. Columban - Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Vigil - Thursday December 24th - 5:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. & 12 Midnight
Christmas Day - Friday December 25th - 10:30 a.m.

St. Columban - New Year's Mass Schedule

New Year's Eve - Thursday December 31st - 5:00 p.m.
New Year's Day - Friday January 1st - 10:30 a.m.

VOTIVE CANDLES FOR ADVENT

As we prepare to enter the season of Advent, consider lighting a 7-day votive candle in your home.

The cost is \$5.00 each, so having a candle burning throughout Advent will only cost \$20.

It is the same process as lighting a candle expect you would take the candle home and return the empty glass once it is empty.

Deacon Guy will be available to bless the candles. Peace,
Deacon Guy.

MORNING MASSES

For those who wish to attend morning mass at another parish while Fr. Ernest is away. Here are the Mass times for:

Blessed Sacrament Mon - Thurs. 9:00 a.m.
St. Francis Mon, Wed - Fri. 8:00 a.m.
St. Peter's Wed. 9:00 a.m. (must call first)

PLEASE NOTE

On the next First Friday of the Month, January 01st, there will be no Adoration, and Confessions are by appointment only until further notice.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES MEMO

Dear parishioners, can you assist us by refraining from folding bills. The bills are counted with the aid of a counting machine and they have to be flat. Also please refrain from the use of a large amount of tape. We realize that some envelopes do not seal easily and a small piece of tape is sufficient, reason being that envelopes are not to be torn open as they need to go to the parish office intact. Thank you, to the parishioners who are diligent in writing the amount on the envelope. Thank you all for your assistance in these matters, St. Columban Collection Team Members.

ST. COLUMBAN COLLECTION REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 30, 2020

Sunday Envelopes	4,452.00
Loose Collection	423.81
Total	<u>\$ 4,875.81</u>

SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. John of the Cross – Dec. 14th, 2020

John of the Cross is known especially for his writings. He was mentored by and corresponded with the older Carmelite, Teresa of Ávila. Both his poetry and his studies on the development of the soul are considered the summit of mystical Spanish literature and among the greatest works of all Spanish literature. He was canonized and declared Doctor of the Church by Pope Benedict XIII in 1726. He is regarded as the "Mystical Doctor" by the Church. Wikipedia

POPE FRANCIS DECEMBER INTENTIONS

For a life of prayer

We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

CATHOLIC INFORMATION CENTRE

BOOKSTORE UPDATE

The Catholic Information Centre is now OPEN on **Saturdays**, from **9:00 a.m. until noon**. Weekday hours are Monday to Friday, 10 - 4 p.m. We are located at 146 Chevrier Ave. for your Catholic needs - Tel: 613-933-5099.

RELIGIOUS CALENDARS FOR 2021

Sadly, we are not able to carry anything on our Book table at the Parish yet, but you can purchase the **Calendars** (\$5.00) at the Catholic Bookstore. They also have the **Advent candles**, **wreaths**, and **Nativity sets** available. (613-933-5099)

CORONAVIRUS PLENARY INDULGENCES

On 20 March 2020, the Apostolic Penitentiary (which is chiefly a tribunal of mercy, responsible for issues relating to the forgiveness of sins in the Catholic Church) issued three plenary indulgences. The first indulgence is for victims of COVID-19 and those helping them. The actions that the indulgence is attached to include praying the rosary, the Stations of the Cross, or at least praying the Creed, Lord's Prayer, and a Marian prayer. The second indulgence is for those who make an offering for an "end of the epidemic, relief for those who are afflicted and eternal salvation for those whom the Lord has called to Himself." The offering must be either a visit to the Eucharist, Eucharistic adoration, Rosary, Stations of the Cross, Chaplet of the Divine Mercy, or reading the Bible for half an hour. The third plenary indulgence is for the victims of COVID-19 at their hour of death. The Penitentiary took the extraordinary step of loosening the requirements regarding sacramental Communion and Confession, due to the impossibility of carrying them out in a timely fashion during lockdowns and suspension of liturgies in the pandemic.

An indulgence may be plenary (concerns all temporal "punishment" required to cleanse the soul from attachment to anything but God) or partial (concerns only part of the temporal "punishment", i.e. cleansing, due to sin).

Normally, to gain a plenary indulgence, upon performing the charitable work or praying the aspiration or prayer for which the indulgence is granted, one must fulfill the prescribed conditions of:

1. A complete and whole-hearted detachment from all sin of any kind, even venial sin,
2. Making a valid sacramental confession,
3. Receiving Holy Communion in the state of grace,
4. Praying for the intentions of the Pope.



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