

# ST. COLUMBAN PARISH

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)

DECEMBER 17, 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 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

7:30 p.m. St. Joseph's School Christmas Concert

**Tuesday, December 19th**

7:30 a.m. Gerry DiCola by Wife Lise & Son Brian

**Wednesday, December 20th**

12:10 p.m. Fr. Tom Villeneuve by His Sisters & Their  
Families

**Thursday, December 21st**

ST. PETER CANISIUS (OM)

7:30 a.m. Special Intention for Fr. Marc Gaudet by  
Darlene

**Friday, December 22nd**

7:30 a.m. John McLellan by David & Nancy Hill

**Saturday, December 23rd**

ST. JOHN OF KANTY (OM)

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

4:00 p.m. Maria Rosa Vincelli by the Vincelli Family  
Larry Welch by Sister-in-Law Anne Welch

**Sunday, December 24th**

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:30 a.m. People of the Parish

10:30 a.m. Theresa Sullivan by Daughter Tina St. Martin &  
Family

4:00 p.m. Anunciacion Cespon by a Parishioner

7:00 p.m. Rod White by Wife Rita & Family

**Monday, December 25th**

CHRISTMAS — THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (S)

10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

**SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTION**

The living flame of the Sanctuary Lamp,  
signifying the Eucharistic Presence of our Lord  
Jesus Christ, is offered this week For All the  
People of the Parish and Their Families.



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IN OUR PARISH

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## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

*"Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus."*  
— 1 THESSALONIANS 5:16 - 24

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.

## ST. COLUMBAN COLLECTION REPORT FOR DECEMBER 03, 2023

Sunday Envelopes	3,784.00
Loose Collection	520.00
Christmas Offering	305.00
Weekly Total	\$4,609.00



**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 27<sup>th</sup>. All money received after December 27<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.

## ST. COLUMBAN PARISH CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.

Christmas Vigil Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Day Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 a.m.

## NEW YEAR'S - MASS SCHEDULE

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

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

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

## TODAY'S READINGS – DECEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2023

1st Reading: Isaiah 61.1-2a, 10-11

Responsorial Psalm Luke 1.47-48, 49-50, 53-54 (R. Isa 61.10b)

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5.16-24

Gospel: John 1.6-8, 19-28

Among you stands one whom you do not know.

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## 2023 CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light, those who live in a land of deep darkness-on them light has shone." (Is. 9:2)

For us, a child is born, to us, a child is given. This birth, this child of great joy, is extraordinary and everything changes. Jesus, Savior, Redeemer Lord! Oh, wondrous humility of God Incarnate – child of man yet Emmanuel - God with us, Rejoice! Rejoice!

Let us look to you, Lord, with an open heart and a willing spirit, our hope is in you. This is, for us, the invitation to let Christ's Divine light burn within us and for us to step out in faith bringing Hope, Peace, Love and Joy so that His will is forever done.

Blessed may all of you be!

**MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL!**

**REV. FR. THOMAS RIOPELLE**

**REV. FR. MARC GAUDET**

## NEW PARISH EMAIL ADDRESS

The Parish email is now: [stcolumban@ottawacornwall.ca](mailto: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

## 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.

## 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.

## ST. COLUMBAN'S CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

St. Columban's Catholic Women's League members would like to thank all our parishioners and those of Blessed Sacrament. We donated 696 boxes of Jello to the Children's Christmas Fund baskets through your generosity. A big thank you to all, and may you all enjoy a Merry Christmas.

## 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**



## NATIVITY SCENE HELPER'S PHOTO

A big thank you to all those who shared their talents to help decorate for our Christmas Celebration. Pictured are just a few of our volunteers. Volunteers will be needed on Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 a.m. to take down our Christmas displays. Blessings to all of you.

## 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.

## VOCATIONS

**Prayer for Vocations:** Loving Father, You call each of us by name and ask us to follow you. Bless your church by raising up dedicated and generous people from our families and friends who will serve your people as priests, sisters, brothers and permanent deacons. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

## TIME WITH JESUS!

St. Julien's Chapel offers a prayerful and peaceful environment with our Lord Jesus. Come for 10 minutes or an hour. Open 24 hours a day, and visitors must be registered and use a fob entry device for their safety and that of other visitors. The Chapel is located at the back of St. Peter's Parish, 2<sup>nd</sup> St. East, with the entrance off Campbell St. To register and receive a fob, please contact [st.julienadorationchapel@gmail.com](mailto:st.julienadorationchapel@gmail.com) or leave a phone message at 613-938-8371. Someone will be in touch within a few days.



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