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# ST. COLUMBAN PARISH

## CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

## IN OUR PARISH

### 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. Columban 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

### Tuesday, December 21st ST. PETER CANISIUS (OM)

7:30 a.m. Special Intention for Mila by Diane & Ray Lalonde

### Wednesday, December 22nd

7:30 a.m. Peter Shield by Gordon & Alice Hull

### Thursday, December 23rd ST. JOHN OF KANTY (OM)

7:30 a.m. Chris Goneau by Fr. Thomas Riopelle

### Friday, December 24th

7:30 a.m. Sheila Dunn by a Parishioner  
 6:00 p.m. Anunciacion Cespon by Darlene & Lloyd Tyo  
 Barbara & Lola Parisien by Joe Parisien & Family  
 8:00 p.m. George & Georgette Brand by the Family

### Saturday, December 25th CHRISTMAS – THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

### Sunday, December 26th THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

7:30 a.m. Special Intention for Fr. Tom Riopelle by Darlene Brabant  
 9:30 a.m. People of the Parish  
 11:00 a.m. Herman Van Den Broeck by Claire Lebrun & David Hill

### Monday, December 27th ST. JOHN (F)

7:30 a.m. **No Mass** THE THIRD DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY

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

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## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

*“For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy.” - LUKE 1:44*

*When you hear the scripture readings and the Gospel reading at Mass, do you “leap for joy?” If not, don’t blame the lecturer or priest, rather look inside yourself. What are you doing to grow in friendship with Jesus? How do you prepare for Mass each week? Or, do you just show up and expect to be entertained? As the Body of Christ, we are called to be active participants, not just passive observers.*

## TODAY’S READINGS – DECEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2021

1st Reading: Micah 5.2-5a  
 2nd Reading: Hebrews 10.5-10  
 Gospel: Luke 1.39-45  
 Why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me?

## 2021 CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

In her book ‘Quench the Lamp’ Alice Taylor shares her memories of home in rural Ireland. The household revolved around the fire, which provided warmth for cooking facilities and social gatherings. Kitchen fire stood at the center of our lives – an eternal flame never to be quenched. Only when the houses were finally abandoned were the kitchen fires allowed to die. When a neighbour built a new house he carried the seed of the fire in a bucket to the new house, to the hearth at the heart of every home. Its warm glow was never extinguished as long as there were people still living in the house.

These days promise to be busy as we make our preparations for the festivities of Christmas. May the joy of these days with family and friends centered at the real “fire” of our hearth and its warmth in the peace of God’s glow, bind us to one another as family. May the love of God warm our hearts and homes in this Holy Season and every season of the New Year in all its days, that His presence in the midst of all our parishioners may re-create our lives in His peace.

Merry Christmas to all!

Rev. Fr. Thomas Riopelle

Rev. Guy Cote & Members of Parish Council

## OFFICE HOURS - CHRISTMAS

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

## PLEASE NOTE

We need to close the Parish Financial books on December 27<sup>th</sup>. All money received after December 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

## SHARE THE WARMTH CLOTHING DRIVE

There is a need for men’s clothing in the area. New socks and underwear. Gently worn Hats, Mitts and Sock, Sweaters, Coats, and Boots, as well as any men’s clothing. Sleeping bags would also be accepted. We have some boxes set up at St. Columban’s Parish, so donations can be dropped off as you arrive for Mass. Let’s Share the Warmth. DG

## DEACON GUY’S REFLECTION

When we read scripture, we see how God continually choose people who are humble and lowly to raise up and work through. As we enter the last few days of preparing for Christmas, humility may be in short supply. How can we live this humility of Mary, Elizabeth, John, and Jesus in the coming days? DG

Deacon Guy’s website is [thedeaconguy.ca](http://thedeaconguy.ca)

## ADVENT EVENINGS OF REFLECTION

Beginning on December 1<sup>st</sup>, 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.

# IN OUR PARISH AND DIOCESE

## 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 Alice & Hubert Lalonde by Judy & Jim Oliver.



## 2022 PARISH ENVELOPES

Envelopes are available at the 4<sup>th</sup> Street entrance. Please, ensure the number on the label matches the number in the box. Beginning January 1<sup>st</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## SAINTS OF THE WEEK – SAINT PETER CANISIUS (Dec 21) AND SAINT JOHN OF KANTY (Dec 23)

Peter was born in Nijmegen, The Netherlands, in 1521. He joined the Jesuits and worked in Germany, Austria, Bohemia and Switzerland as a leader of the Counter-Reformation. Peter educated Catholics with his popular and influential catechism. Although he worked in a time of conflict with growing Lutheranism, he remained moderate and courteous. Peter died in Fribourg in 1597. He was canonized and declared Doctor of the Church in 1925.

John was born in Kanti, Poland, in 1930. After his ordination, he served in the Faculty of Theology at Krakow University. A popular teacher and preacher, John was noted for his simplicity and love of the poor. He died in 1473 and was canonized in 1767.

## ST. COLUMBAN - CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

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

## ST. COLUMBAN - NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

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

## 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:** Fourth Sunday of Advent - December 19. That the faithful response, "Behold, I come to do your will, O Lord," will be voiced by each person discerning a call to serve Christ as a priest, deacon, sister or brother, we pray to the Lord. To start the conversation, contact Fr. Pierre Champoux, Director of Vocations, at [vocations@archottawa.ca](mailto:vocations@archottawa.ca) or 613-558-1445.

## 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 Dampousse** 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.

## 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?*

## ST. COLUMBAN COLLECTION REPORT FOR DECEMBER 05, 2021

Sunday Envelopes	3,231.00
Loose Collection	278.10
Total	\$3,509.10



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