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CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

IN OUR PARISH

Saturday, December 23rd **SAINT JOHN OF KANTY (OM)**

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. **NO CONFESSIONS**
 5:30 p.m. Bertha, Robert & Donnie Depatie by Pauline & Joe Foley

Sunday, December 24th **4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

7:30 a.m. Intentions of Parishioners
 9:30 a.m. Mary Batty by St. Columban's Schola Choir
 11:00 a.m. Germaine Lafrance (20th Anniversary of Death) by Gilles & Diane Lafrance
 5:00 p.m. Anunciacion Cespon by a Parishioner
 Midnight Barbara & Iola Parisien by Joe Parisien & Family

Monday, December 25th **NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

10:30 a.m. Intentions of Parishioners

Tuesday, December 26th **SAINT STEPHEN (F)**

7:30 a.m. **No Mass** **OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS**

Wednesday, December 27th **ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE (F)**

7:30 a.m. Special Intention 60th Wedding Anniversary Fred & Rose Leroux by Carol Papps
 1:30 – 4:30 p.m. Veneration of Relic of St. Francis Xavier
 4:30 p.m. Intentions of Parishioners

Thursday, December 28th **THE HOLY INNOCENTS (F)**

7:30 a.m. Ruth Stidwill by the Family

Friday, December 29th **FIFTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF**

THE NATIVITY and ST. THOMAS BECKET (OM)

7:30 a.m. Souls in Purgatory by Darlene Walsh

Saturday, December 30th **SIXTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF**

THE NATIVITY

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions
 5:30 p.m. Gerald Parisien by Joe Parisien & Family

Sunday, December 31st **THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY**

AND JOSEPH (F)

7:30 a.m. Intentions of Parishioners
 9:30 a.m. In Thanksgiving For Favors Received by Elaine Delorme
 11:00 a.m. Mirosława "Mirka" Kuleszka by St. Columban's Finance Council
 5:00 p.m. Joan Villeneuve by Joanne Vallee

Monday, January 1st **THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY**

MOTHER OF GOD – HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

10:30 a.m. Intentions of Parishioners

Tuesday, January 2nd **ST. BASIL THE GREAT and ST. GREGORY**

NAZIANZEN (M)

7:30 a.m. Special Intention for Elaine Lebrun by Florence & Bernadette

READINGS – VIGIL & MIDNIGHT MASS

1st Reading: Isaiah 9.2-4, 6-7
 2nd Reading: Titus 2.11-14
 Gospel: Luke 2.1-16
To you is born this day a Saviour, who is the Christ.

READINGS – CHRISTMAS DAY

1st Reading: Isaiah 52.7-10
 2nd Reading: Hebrews 1.1-6
 Gospel: John 1.1-18 or shorter version John 1.1-5, 9-14
The Word became flesh and lived among us.

FATHER ERNEST'S VACATION

Father Ernest will be away on vacation from Dec 28 – Feb 09. We wish him a wonderful time spent with his family and look forward to his return. Please welcome Msgr Harty, Fr. Emmanuel, Fr. Halle & Fr. Jerome as they preside at the various Masses while Fr. Ernest is away.

PLEASE NOTE

There will be no morning mass on Tuesday Dec. 26, 2017.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER RELIC PILGRIMAGE

The relic pilgrimage is a gift for the Church in Canada at the close of our 150th anniversary year, bringing the famous relic of St. Francis Xavier to North America for the first time in generations. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to venerate the incorrupt first class relic of one of the greatest missionaries and evangelists since St. Paul the Apostle.

We anticipate three particular extraordinary graces in this pilgrimage, all related to the charisms of St. Francis Xavier: (1) conversion of souls; (2) the raising up of missionary disciples who are abandoned to God's will; and (3) healing. Our prayer is that—through this relic pilgrimage—you will have the unique opportunity to personally encounter the tender heart of Jesus. Be the first in Canada to venerate this relic. Veneration will be at St. Columban's Parish Dec 27, 2017 from 1:30 – 4:30 p.m. Mass will immediately follow the exposition of the Holy Relic.

WE HAVE A PARISH APP

Beginning today, you can download an app for our parish for your smartphone (iPhones and Androids.) The app, which is FREE, provides you with all sorts of things including, general parish info, mass times, the daily readings, Catholic, Vatican and Diocesan news and Catholic prayers. Just go to the App Store (iPhones) or Google Play (other smartphones) and download myParish. Once you have downloaded the FREE myParish app, which is the hub for hundreds of parishes, you just follow the instructions to find our parish. If you have questions visit the diocesan website at www.alexandria-cornwall.ca

OFFICE HOURS - CHRISTMAS

Monday December 25th Office closed
 Tuesday December 26th Office closed
 Wednesday December 27th Office closed

OFFICE HOURS – NEW YEARS

Monday January 1st Office closed
 Tuesday January 02nd Office closed
 Wednesday January 03rd Office closed

PLEASE NOTE

There will be no Confessions on Saturday Dec 23, 2017.

ST. COLUMBAN - CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Vigil Sunday December 24th – 7:30, 9:30, 11:00, 5 p.m. & 12 midnight
 Christmas Day Monday December 25th - 10:30 a.m.

ST. COLUMBAN - NEW YEAR'S - MASS SCHEDULE

New Year's Eve Sunday December 31st – 7:30, 9:30, 11:00 & 5:00 p.m.
 New Year's Day Monday January 1st – 10:30 a.m.

READINGS – DEC 24TH – 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

1st Reading: 2 Samuel 7.1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16
 2nd Reading: Romans 16.25-27
 Gospel: Luke 1.26-38

You will conceive in your womb and bear a son.

2017 CHRISTMAS MESSAGE TO THE FAITHFUL PEOPLE OF GOD

The Christmas story is more than 2000 years old, but we are never tired of hearing it again. "For a child is born to us, a son is given to us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They named him Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace." (Is 9:5). He is a child in a manger who comes to us to proclaim the Good News of the Love and Mercy of God! To proclaim our salvation! It is the original love story; the story of God's love for us when he took on our human nature and became one of us, Emmanuel, God is with us.

Besides, the fact that God became one of us makes each one of us special. We are adopted brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ. We are precious in God's eyes; therefore every human life is sacred. The life of every human being has an infinite value because we are loved by God as his own children. And so the feast of Christmas – simply reminds us of the birth of Jesus Christ, the word made flesh incarnate by the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Our thoughts and prayers this Christmas season must be with those who have lost loved ones in the past year and who may find Christmas season lonely and also a time of painful memories of happier days. Christmas is also an opportunity to thank each of you and your families for being part of our faith filled community, and more especially for so many of us who give abundantly of their time and talents in making our parish, family of God, the vibrant faith filled community that it is by your volunteering. To these volunteers who are the heartbeat of the parish, we are truly indebted to you.

May the beauty, peace and joy of this most blessed season envelop you all with the infinite love of God, and the wonder of the birth of His only Son, our Saviour and brother, Jesus.

We wish you all a very blessed, peaceful and joyful Christmas.

REV. FR. ERNEST EMEKA EMEODI.

REV. FR. CLAUDE HALLE GUEST PRIEST

REV. DEACON CHRIS CHISHOLM AND MEMBERS OF PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM.



IN OUR PARISH AND DIOCESE

LET'S KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS!

Your local Catholic bookstore has a good selection of Advent wreaths, Nativity sets, as well as Nativity statuary – great for Nursing Homes, etc. We have Christmas cards and giftware. 'Pope Benedict's Last Testament' and Mother Angelica's biography plus many books for children, would make great gifts. We welcome you to drop by the Catholic Information Centre at 146 Chevrier Ave. (the avenue BEHIND Nativity Church), 933-5099.

2018 CHURCH CALENDARS

A reminder that the calendars are for sale at the back of the Church, and are going fast! For only \$5.00 you get a calendar with beautiful religious artwork each month and lots of helpful liturgical information.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER - Bring a Friend

Our next evening will take place on Thursday, January 4, 2018, 7pm in the Church. Bring a friend and your specific prayer intentions as we will also continue to pray for our Parish and our Diocese. Followed by refreshments and Social time. If anyone is interesting in sharing how God has worked in their life or if you would like more information, please call Janet Surgeson at 613-363-5331 or by email at janetsurgeson@gmail.com

ALONE CHRISTMAS DAY?

Join us for our 4th Annual Christmas Dinner, December 25, 2017, from 12:00 noon to 2:30 p.m. at the Agora Hall (Nativité Hall), 301 McConnell Street. No charge but donations gladly accepted for next year. Need transportation? Call Alison to arrange for pick up at 613-662-4719 the week of December 17th. (Elevator is wheelchair accessible.) To help call Darlene Walsh at 613-330-4491.

PARISH FINANCIALS/INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

The Parish closes its Financial Books on Dec 28th. All monies received after Dec 28, 2017 will be credited for 2018. **If you want donations included on your 2017 tax receipt, they need to be received by the Parish before noon on Dec 28th. Thank you.**

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

If you wish to donate simply put your donation in an envelope and address it to St. Vincent de Paul and deposit it in the weekly collection basket and it will get to us. You can be assured that 100% of the funds raised will make their way to the less fortunate and if you provide your address, a tax receipt will be mailed to you for any donation in excess of \$10.00. Thank you for all your past efforts and thank you in advance for this year's contribution.

SNOW REMOVAL

CHURCH ENTRANCES & WALKWAYS

Please check the diagram on the (bulletin boards) of the Church entrances and walkways where snow removal will be carried out on weekends when there is a major snow fall. As we have five entrances to be cleared and our Custodian does not work weekends this will eliminate undue costs. Thank you for your care and understanding.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!" - Luke 1:28

Faith is a gift from God. Take time in silence and thank Him for all the gifts He has given you. Try to set aside any anger or resentment you have and really open your heart to receive the gift of God's mercy and forgiveness. We can't give what we don't have. We need to receive God's mercy and forgiveness first before we can give it to others.

ST. COLUMBAN COLLECTION REPORT FOR DECEMBER 10, 2017

Sunday Envelopes	4,443.00
Loose Collection	284.35
Christmas Offering	25.00
Priest Pension Fund	30.00
Votive Candles	243.15
Bookstore	341.40
Parish ALPHA Program	50.00
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