

# ST. COLUMBAN

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### PASTORAL MINISTERS

Rev. Fr. Thomas Riopelle, Parochial Administrator

Rev. Fr. Marc Gaudet, Associate Pastor

**OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR:** Mrs. Kelly Poitras



Oh Come  
Let us Adore Him

# ST. COLUMBAN PARISH

IN OUR PARISH

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

“Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!” – LUKE 1:28

After Jesus, we look to Mary as an ideal steward. Her entire life was lived in obedience to God’s call. Mary teaches us to live with joy for all we have been given. Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the light of Christ. Like Mary, we are called to reflect Christ’s light to the world through our gratitude and generosity.

## ST. COLUMBAN COLLECTION REPORT FOR DECEMBER 10, 2023

Sunday Envelopes	3,109.25
Loose Collection	532.10
Christmas Offering	50.00
Weekly Total	\$3,691.35



**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 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2023

1st Reading: 2 Samuel 7.1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

Responsorial Psalm Ps 89.1-2, 3-4, 26+28 (R.1a)

2nd Reading: Romans 16.25-27

Gospel: Luke 1.26-38

You will conceive in your womb and bear a son.

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## MASS SCHEDULE

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

2:45 - 3:45 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 (**Holy Day of Obligation**)

**Tuesday, December 26th** OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY - ST. STEPHEN (F)

7:30 a.m. A Special Intention for Anne Vincelli by Bernadette Blakely

**Wednesday, December 27th** OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY – ST. JOHN (F)

12:10 p.m. Art Kuhn by Carol Papps

**Thursday, December 28th** OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY – HOLY INNOCENTS (F)

7:30 a.m. For the Conversions of Sinners by a Parishioner

**Friday, December 29th** OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY DAY 5 – ST. THOMAS BECKET

7:30 a.m. Souls in Purgatory by a Parishioner

**Saturday, December 30th** OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY DAY 6

2:45 - 3:45 p.m. Confessions

4:00 p.m. Alfie McDonald (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of Death) by Annie & Family  
Allan Foubert (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of Death) by Dad Gerald & Family

**Sunday, December 31st** THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH (F)

7:30 a.m. People of the Parish

10:30 a.m. Pat Vincelli by the Associates of the RHOSJ - Cornwall

4:00 p.m. Fr. Tom Villeneuve by His Sisters & Their Families

**Monday, January 01st** SOLEMNITY OF MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD (S)

10:30 a.m. People of the Parish (**Holy Day of Obligation**)

## SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTION

The living flame of the Sanctuary Lamp, signifying the Eucharistic Presence of our Lord Jesus Christ, is offered this week for the Deceased Members of the Parisien Family.



## WOMENS' MORNING OF REFLECTION

Start the New Year 2024 by honouring Our Lady Mary, Mother of God. Please join us on Sat. Jan. 6 from 9:00 am - 12:00 at the Agora Centre for Mass, confessions, a light breakfast and the rosary. Fr. Augustine will be blessing sacramentals; bring your water, salt, and candles. We will also have blessed chalk available. Our topic will be Mary, Mother of God. A freewill offering of \$5 is appreciated. For more information, contact Heidi 613-347-7561, [krolhm11@gmail.com](mailto:krolhm11@gmail.com)

# IN ST. COLUMBAN PARISH AND THE DIOCESE

## 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.



## 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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