# ST. COLUMBAN

## —PARISH —

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Oh Come Let us Adore Him

#### ST. COLUMBAN PARISH

IN OUR PARISH

#### STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among JOHN 1:14

God made us to be in relationship with Him. He loves each of us individually. Through sin, our relationship with God was broken. He gave us Jesus to restore our relationship. Being a disciple of Jesus we are given the model to obtain eternal life in Heaven. Christmas isn't about the material gifts we receive, it's about the love that God, Our Father, gave us by giving us His Son, Jesus – the best gift we could ever receive.

## ST. COLUMBAN COLLECTION REPORT FOR DECEMBER 11, 2022

Sunday Envelopes2,649.00Loose Collection460.90Christmas Offering50.00Weekly Total\$3,159.90

## 2022 CHRISTMAS MESSAGE (THE WORD BECAME FLESH)

Hail Mary full of Grace – the Lord is with you Blessed are you among women & Blessed is the fruit of your

Mary....Chosen to give God flesh!

Bethlehem of Judea – Beth – lehem --- House of Bread He himself said "I am the Living Bread which came down from Heaven"

And the word was with God & the Word was God.

And the Word became flesh

He made His dwelling among us and we saw His Glory – The Glory as of the Father's only son full of Grace & Truth. We became children of God precisely because God reached down to us and became a Son of Man.

Come let us adore Him.

This profound mystery of Christmas puts into the hearts of Man – Peace

To live as Brothers & Sisters- children of the same God. Yes – we are kissed by – Beauty, Grace & Truth – from Jesus the Christ

The only begotten son – God who is at the Father's side has revealed Him.

Venite Adoremus - And became Flesh

May you all enjoy a very Blessed and Merry Christmas.

Fr. Tom Fr. Marc Deacon Guy

#### TODAY'S READINGS – DECEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2022

1st Reading: Isaiah 62.11-12 2nd Reading: Titus 3.4-7 Gospel: Luke 2.15-20

The shepherds found Mary and Joseph, and the

child lying in the manger.

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#### IN OUR PARISH

#### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 24th CHRISTMAS VIGIL – THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions

5:30 p.m. Annunciacion Cespon by Darlene & Lloyd Tyo

Maria Rosa Vincelli by the Vincelli Family

Sunday, December 25th CHRISTMAS - THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

7:30 a.m. Barbara & Iola Parisien by Joe Parisien &

Family

10:00 a.m. People of the Parish

Monday, December 26thST. STEPHEN (F)7:30 a.m.No MassCHRISTMASTuesday, December 27thST. JOHN (F)

7:30 a.m. A Special Intention For Larry Welch on his 99<sup>th</sup>

Birthday by David & Nancy Hill

Wednesday, December 28th THE HOLY INNOCENTS (F)

12:10 p.m. Joe Campbell by Carol Papps

Thursday, December 29th ST. THOMAS BECKET (OM)

FIFTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY

7:30 a.m. Fr. Thomas Villeneuve by The Diocese of

Alexandria-Cornwall

Friday, December 30th THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH (F)

7:30 a.m. Anne McDonald

Saturday, December 31st SEVENTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY

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

5:30 p.m. Ron Welsh by Eileen Aquin

Sunday, January 01st THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

THE OCTAVE DAY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

7:30 a.m. Herbert Clarke Jr. by George Clarke

10:00 a.m. People of the Parish

Monday, January 02nd St. BASIL THE GREAT & ST. GREGORY NAZIANZEN (M) 7:30 a.m. No Mass CHRISTMAS

#### 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 Repose of the Souls of Alice & Hubert Lalonde & David Oliver by Judy & Jim Oliver.



#### CHRISTMAS - MASS SCHEDULE (revised)

Christmas Vigil, Saturday December 24<sup>th</sup> 5:30 p.m. Christmas Day, Sunday December 25<sup>th</sup> 7:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

#### NEW YEAR'S - MASS SCHEDULE (revised)

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

#### OFFICE CHRISTMAS HOURS

The Parish Office will close on December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 12:00 noon and remain closed until December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

#### OFFICE NEW YEAR HOURS

The Parish Office will close on December 29<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon and remain closed until January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

#### IN OUR PARISH AND DIOCESE

## THE GIVING OF OUR TIME, OUR TALENT, AND OUR TREASURE

Stewardship is the proper managing and sharing of our time, talent, and treasure for building the Kingdom of God. Everything we have is a gift – our life, our property, our health, our talents, our money. All are gifts from God. We are called to share these gifts with others – not in a single action, not in a hundred actions, but as a way of life. We are called to receive God's gifts gratefully, to develop them responsibly, and to return them to the Lord through sharing with others. Stewardship is a direct response to God's generosity and an expression of discipleship.

#### TIME AND TALENT

We grow in discipleship through service. Our volunteer community consist of over 50 members serving in one capacity or another. We are grateful for all our volunteers who so generously support our many ministries. For those of you who are not yet engaged, please consider serving in a ministry that best suits your available time and talent.

#### TREASURE

Your financial contributions to the Parish allow us to meet our operating and maintenance expenses and to invest in upgrades to our facilities and programs. We currently offer several ways for you to contribute financial support:

- 1. Envelopes and Parish Registrations
- 2. Interac e-Transfer
- 3. Wills and Bequests

Whichever means works best for you, we are most grateful for your ongoing support.

#### 2023 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 2022 envelopes and write your name on the 2023 envelopes for the entire month of January.

#### **ENVELOPES AND PARISH REGISTRATION**

If you are new to the parish, please pick up a Registration Form located at the Fourth St. Entrance. You can drop it in the Collection Basket or the mailbox at the Rectory. You can also bring it to the Rectory during regular business hours. The registration form allows the parish to know how many families live in the parish and allows parish staff to contact families when necessary. It also allows the church to provide a yearly tax receipt. Registration means that we want to gather each Sunday with our brothers and sisters in Christ to worship God and that we want and intend to support the ministries in our parish. Registration is a concrete sign that the family is involved in the life and work of the parish.

#### WILLS AND BEQUESTS

Please call or e-mail the parish office and we can assist you with your charitable gift. Parish Secretary 613-932-9616 or office@stcolumban@cogeco.ca

#### **INTERAC E-TRANSFER PROCESS**

Please get in touch with the Parish Office (613-932-9616) if you require assistance with this process.



#### PLEASE NOTE

We need to close the Parish Financial books on December 29<sup>th</sup>. All money received after this date will be credited for 2023.

## THANK YOU FROM THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Members of the parish council wish to thank the parishioners for their generous donation of Jell-O. Because of your generosity, 700 boxes were contributed to the Children's Christmas Baskets. Wishing everyone a very blessed Christmas.

## ADVENT FOOD DRIVE FOR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

We have reached out to the people at St. Vincent de Paul to see what items they have an immediate need of: Canned Soup, Mr. Noodles, and Lunch Snacks

Donation bins are located at the Fourth street entrance and the front east door.

You can also assist St. Vincent de Paul with monetary donations. Envelopes and the donation box are located at the Fourth Street entrance. (Tax receipts will be given)

St. Vincent de Paul is currently located at St. Francis de Sales Parish. They provide assistance to those in need by distributing food items donated by the public on Tuesday and Friday 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is a registered charitable organization that is recognized by the Archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall. They are run entirely by volunteers, if you wish to volunteer, call 613-932-9345.

#### CATHOLIC INFORMATION CENTRE

Available at the Catholic Bookstore (613-933-5099) are Sunday Missals for 2022-2023, both the "Living with Christ" and the "St. Joseph" missals. Also, Christmas cards, books, giftware, Nativity sets including a large outdoor coloured scene (40x50in).

#### POPE FRANCIS DECEMBER INTENTIONS

For volunteer not-for-profit organizations. We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

#### **VOCATIONS**

Prayer for Vocations: Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord – December 25. That young men and women will answer the call to bring the word of God to his flock as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

## WINTER BIBLE STUDY AT ST. FRANCIS DE SALES PARISH:

Starting on JANUARY 4, 2023, come and join us for Season 2 of THE CHOSEN. On Wednesday mornings, we will serve coffee after morning Mass and begin the videos at 9 AM. The post-video discussion groups were active in the fall, and we are eager to have new guests join in the winter season. If you missed out on Season 1, join us anyway and learn more about Jesus and the disciples that He chose to join him. *Everyone is welcome.* 



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