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ST. COLUMBAN PARISH

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)

DECEMBER 03, 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 02nd IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY - FIRST SATURDAY

7:00 - 7:25 a.m. Confessions

8:00 a.m. Our Children & Their Families by Richard & Carole Pilon

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

4:00 p.m. Jack Price by Patsy & Karen

Sunday, December 03rd FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:30 a.m. People of the Parish

10:30 a.m. Gertrude Poitras (12th Anniversary of Death)
By Raymond Poitras & Family
Jane Anderson (2nd Anniversary of Death) by
Husband Doug Anderson

Monday, December 04th ST. JOHN DAMASCENE (OM)

7:30 a.m. **No Mass** ADVENT – WEEK 1

Tuesday, December 05th

7:30 a.m. Charles Rutherford by Darlene

Wednesday, December 06th ST. NICHOLAS (OM)

12:10 p.m. Pasquale Vincelli by Jeannie & Ivan Coleman

Thursday, December 07th ST. AMBROSE (M)

7:30 a.m. Hubert & Alice Lalonde by Dwight, Brenda & Family

Friday, December 08th THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (S)

7:30 a.m. A Special Intention by Elaine Lebrun

Saturday, December 09th ST. JUAN DIEGO CUAUHTLATOATZIN (OM)

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

4:00 p.m. Larry Welch by Rick & Bernadette McRae

Sunday, December 10th SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:30 a.m. People of the Parish

10:30 a.m. Lynne Labelle by Donna & Gilles Labelle
Fr. Tom Villeneuve by His Sisters & Families

Monday, December 11th ST. DAMASUS I (OM)

7:30 a.m. **No Mass** ADVENT – WEEK 2

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 Dwight, Brenda and Family.



Parish Website: www.stcolumbanparishcornwall.ca

ST. COLUMBAN PARISH

IN OUR PARISH

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come."
- MARK 13:33

We all take things for granted. In particular, we take time for granted. We make our lives too busy. We plan our days, weeks, months, even years in advance. Remember, our time on earth is a gift. None of us knows how long we will be here. Start today and begin thanking God for each and every day. Take time in silence every day, and listen to how God is calling you right now to help build His kingdom on earth.

ST. COLUMBAN COLLECTION REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 19, 2023

Sunday Envelopes	2,721.50
Loose Collection	657.55
Weekly Total	\$3,379.05



**NO SCENTS
MAKES GOOD SENSE.
LET'S KEEP THE AIR
SPACE IN OUR CHURCH
SCENT-FREE
THANK YOU.**



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.

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 27th. All money received after December 27th 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 27th. Thank you.

ST. COLUMBAN PARISH CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve Sunday, December 24th, 7:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.
Christmas Vigil Sunday, December 24th, 4:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m.
Christmas Day Monday, December 25th, 10:30 a.m.

NEW YEAR'S - MASS SCHEDULE

New Year's Eve Sunday, December 31st, 7:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.
New Year's Vigil Sunday, December 31st, 4:00 p.m.
New Year's Day Monday, January 1st, 10:30 a.m.

TODAY'S READINGS – DECEMBER 03RD, 2023

1st Reading: Isaiah 63.16b-17; 64.1, 3-8
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 80.1ab+2, 14-15, 17-18 (R.3)
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1.3-9
Gospel: Mark 13.33-37
Keep alert, for you do not know when the master of the house will come.

Submit Bulletin Notices to: stcolumban@ottawacornwall.ca

IN OUR PARISH

NEW PARISH EMAIL ADDRESS

The Parish email is now: 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

DAILY DIVINE MERCY PRAYER CANCELLED

The Divine Mercy Chaplet that has been said on Monday's to Friday's at 3:00 p.m. has been cancelled effective November 27, 2023.

CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS FUND

The **Catholic Women's League** is responsible for supplying **Jello packages** for the Children's Christmas Fund Baskets. This year we've been requested to collect 25 hundred boxes. We will be collecting the Jello until the end of November. Store brands are much cheaper and just as acceptable. If any parishioner wishes to help us in this endeavour, Jello boxes can be dropped off in the baskets provided at the entrances to the Church. Instead of boxes of Jello, you can make a cheque payable to "St. Columban's Catholic Women's League" and drop it in the collection basket at the mass you attend or drop it off at the Rectory during regular business hours. Thank you for your participation in providing for our local families in need.

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.

10TH ANNUAL PEANUT BUTTER CHALLENGE FOR THE AGAPE CENTRE



For the month of November, we are collecting jars of **Peanut Butter** for the Agape Centre. This drive has roots in our parish ... John Earle, son of Joan Levy Earle started this drive to bring awareness of hunger out to the community. Let's keep this going and bring a jar in for Joan.

ST. NICHOLAS DAY - DECEMBER 6, 2023

Celebrate the joy of giving on December 6th with St. Nicholas Day! This special day originated in Europe centuries ago and is now celebrated worldwide. It honours Saint Nicholas, a Christian Bishop known for secret gift-giving and generosity. Every year, people exchange gifts and treats to honour the spirit of Saint Nicholas, spreading joy and goodwill around them. So, grab your loved ones, get creative with your presents, and have fun celebrating this special day! How to celebrate Saint Nicholas Day! Bake up some special Saint Nicholas day treats, like cookies in the shape of St. Nick or a cake decorated with his image. Honour his memory by doing something good for someone else. Give small gifts to your friends and family as a token of appreciation for their friendship or to recognize an accomplishment. Celebrate generosity, show appreciation and encourage goodness.

REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES AT CHRISTMAS

The Patrons of St. Columban Foundation ask for your assistance again this year to keep the repairs to our historic church building on schedule. You can help by donating to the Foundation this Christmas, "In Memory of a Loved One." Remembrances will be published in a special booklet insert to our Parish Bulletin the weekend of December 16-17, 2023. You may use the forms and envelopes provided at the entrances as you leave the church for your donation. Cheques should be made payable to the Patrons of St. Columban Foundation. Please submit it in the collection basket at mass or drop it off at the parish office by Sunday, **December 3**, to allow printing. Thank you for your continued support of the work of the Patrons of St. Columban Foundation.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING!!

Volunteers are needed for Decorating! Dec 4th and 9th at 8 a.m.-12:00 p.m. to prepare for Christmas. Gentlemen we need your muscle—trees and Stable. Please share your God-given gifts with us. Both Ladies and Gentlemen are required to decorate! Apple Cider and, hot chocolate and Gingerbread cookies will be on hand! We had a great time at Thanksgiving. Thank you to all who helped then! You did a Great job! Please share your talents and enjoy community with your fellow parishioners!

ST. COLUMBAN'S CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS

- ❖ Dec. 5th Christmas Potluck at Marie de la Ferre at 5 p.m. Bring a \$10 gift for exchange.
- ❖ Winners of the Christmas Tea baskets are Jean McLennan, Father Claude Thibeault, Claire Lebrun, and Kay Stone. The painting was won by Autumn Lavictoire. We appreciate the continued support of our parishioners toward our charitable work.

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.

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.

CENTENNIAL CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT 2023

Enjoy a night of Christmas and Winter music with the Centennial Choir of Cornwall at Aultsville Hall, Cornwall, on **Friday, December 8**, at 7 p.m. Our concert, "A WINTER'S NIGHT WITH YOU," will put you in a merry spirit. The tickets are \$25 for adults and \$10 for children 12 and under. They are available at Fine Home Hardware, 1300 Vincent Massey Drive, Melody Music, 104 Pitt Street or from any choir member. Join us for some fun and reflection.

FRAGRANCE/SCENT FREE-SAFE ENVIRONMENT

We have parishioners with medical issues concerning Fragrance/Scents at St. Columban Parish. Exposure to fragrances and other scented products may trigger adverse health reactions (e.g., asthma attack, anaphylactic reaction and shortness of breath).

Your cooperation is expected regarding the following:

- Avoid using fragrances or scented products such as perfume, cologne or scented soap while at Church.
- A general guideline for fragrances and scented products is that they should not be detectable more than an arm's length away from you.
- Please understand that this issue is about the **serious adverse health reactions** that can occur due to the product you are wearing.
- Our fragrance/scent-free church will depend upon the thoughtfulness, consideration, and cooperation of everyone within our parish community.

ANGELS OF HOPE

Angels of Hope is a project to provide Christmas gifts to children in our community who are receiving counselling at the **Children's Treatment Centre**. We would appreciate your kind consideration of donating a gift. If you would like to help, kindly pick up a name tag after Mass, which will include the age and sex of the child. For confidentiality reasons, we have used fictitious names for the children. We realize it can be challenging to select a gift for a child you do not know; therefore, we suggest giving a gift card. *Please return the unwrapped gift to the Church no later than **Sunday, December 10th***. For further information, you may call the Centre at 613-933-4400.

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.

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

Keep Christ in Christmas lawn signs and car magnets are available for sale. The lawn sign costs \$20.00 and \$10.00 for the car magnet. For those interested, please contact Mike Morrissette at 613-362-7280.

Car Magnet



Lawn Sign



JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM MOVIE

When: November 26th through December 7th at 7:15 pm – Matinees Tuesday and Wednesday at 1:30 pm.
Where: The Port Theatre (132 Montreal Road, Cornwall)
Cost: \$7.50 - \$5 on Tuesdays

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.



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