

**2ND SUNDAY**

**OF ADVENT**

**7 DECEMBER, 2014**

“Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.”

# St. Columban Parish

36 Fourth St. West, Cornwall, ON K6J 2R6

**Masses: Sat Vigil: 7 p.m., Sun: 7:30, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.**  
**Weekdays except Tuesdays: 7:30 a.m.**

## Today's Readings:

Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11  
Ps 85:9-10,11-12,13-14  
2 Peter 3:8-14  
Mark 1:1-8

“We wait for new heavens and a new Earth, where righteousness is at home.”

## Further Reflection from the Catechism:

CCC: 27, 31, 153/4  
CCCC: 2, 6, 25  
YOUCAT: 3, 4, 21

## PLEASE JOIN US FOR A CONCERT WITH A CAUSE

This **Friday December 12th**, our parish will host a 12-member contemporary Christian music group from the Montreal area, Aramico. The group's goal is to spread the love of God through music, while the concert has a two-fold purpose - to provide an opportunity to enjoy a time of praise and worship and to raise funds to launch a new parish ministry to the disenfranchised anawim among us, notably some of our neighbours on Cornwall Island where our parish has begun to offer ministry rather than relying on the Diocese of Valleyfield QC to address spiritual needs of Ontarians.

Scripture is replete with references to the anawim. The lowly anawim include both those who are humbled by circumstance beyond their control, as well as those who willingly humble themselves in order to bring glory to God and in order to advance His Kingdom here on Earth. All are called to recognize God's presence among the anawim and to be at one with them.

At the core of the Aramico group are two couples with a high priority on building strong families, and evangelizing using powerful Christian music to uplift those who are weary. They've twice ministered at weekend Masses here at St. Columban. Lead singer Michelle Lao is a celebrated vocalist. Lao was the Canadian GPSI 2013 Grand Prize Winner and 1st Runner-up in the 2014 DZMM World Caravan Global Pinoy Singing Idol finals in the Philippines, representing Canada. Various members of the group are well-known musicians in the Montreal area. Those who've grooved to the music of the Just Us Band will have an idea of the calibre of their musical ability.

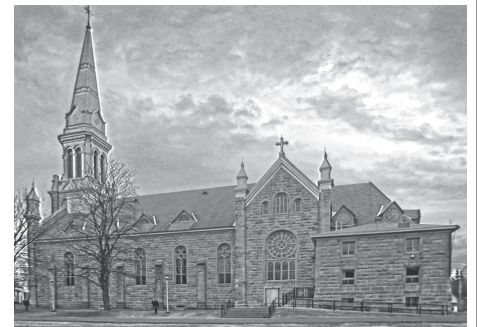
*Aramico's lead singer, Michelle Lao, is the First Runner Up in the 2014 DZMM World Caravan Global Pinoy Singing Idol finals.*



The repertoire for the evening includes Paul Baloche's 'Open the Eyes of My Heart', Tim Hughes' 'Here I am to Worship', as well as a number of Hillsong pieces such as 'The Power of Your Love' and 'Shout to the Lord.' Hillsong music is definitely at the core of the group's most loved songs. The music style, which is popular among people of varying ages is engaging and at times intimate.

Fr. Jerome has been persuaded to bring his guitar and treat attendees with a short medley as well. Fr. J. first encountered Aramico core group members eight years ago when he served at St. Patrick of the Island Parish in Pincourt.

The concert starts at 7 p.m.; **\$15 tickets are available after Masses this weekend** and at the parish office. Students of our three Catholic High Schools are offered a special rate of \$10 per person if obtained through the school; the same is true for our diocesan youth ministry via Sr. Francine.



## PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Fr. Jerome Pastores, Parochial Administrator  
Rev. Mr. Marcel Brunet, Deacon  
Rev. Fr. Claude Halle, Guest Priest

## OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

Mrs. Kelly Poitras

## OFFICE HOURS

Mon. to Thurs. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Evenings by appointment

## BAPTISMS

By appointment  
1 month in advance

## MARRIAGES

Please give 6 months notice

## CONFESSIONS

Saturday 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.  
Saturday 6:15 to 6:45 p.m.  
Also by appointment

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613-932-9616

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## CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

### First Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>

7:00 – 7:25 a.m. Confessions  
 8:00 a.m. Remi & Alice Villeneuve by Marleene McWilliam & family  
 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions  
 6:15 – 6:45 p.m. Confessions  
 7:00 p.m. Bernadette Surgeson by Janet Surgeson & family

### Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>

7:30 a.m. Intentions of the parishioners  
 9:30 a.m. Mary Sebastia Pillai by the family  
 11:00 a.m. Jacqueline Stang (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of death)  
 by Bea Tardif

### Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup>

7:30 a.m. Carmel Bourgon by husband Urbain & family

### Tuesday, December 09<sup>th</sup>

7:30 a.m. **No Mass**  
 7:00 p.m. St. Joseph's High School Christmas Concert

### Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>

7:30 a.m. Rose May Andre by Carmen Landry & Elaine Lebrun

### Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup>

7:30 a.m. Margarita Marcelo by Albert & Deanna Mangaser

### Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup>

7:30 a.m. Mae Lapierre by niece Yvonne & Leslie Toth  
 7:00 p.m. Evening of Praise & Worship with Aramico Choir

### Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions  
 6:15 – 6:45 p.m. Confessions  
 7:00 p.m. Deceased Depatie family members by  
 Pauline, Joe & family

### Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>

7:30 a.m. Intentions of the Parishioners  
 9:30 a.m. Edwin Joubert by Donna & Gilles Labelle  
 11:00 a.m. Phillip Bray by David & Nancy Hill

### Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup>

7:30 a.m. Deceased Welsh family members by Ron Welsh

### RESPONSORIAL PRAYER BEFORE MASS

#### *THE ANGELUS*

CAN BE FOUND IN YOUR SUNDAY MISSAL, PAGE 590

### ST. COLUMBAN'S PARISH

#### CHRISTMAS / NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULES

CHRISTMAS VIGIL – Wed., 24 Dec. – 5 p.m., 7 p.m., Midnight

CHRISTMAS DAY Thurs. 25 Dec. – 10:30 a.m.

NEW YEAR'S EVE, Wed. 31 Dec. – 5 p.m.

NEW YEAR'S DAY Thurs. 1 Jan. – 10:30 a.m.

## IN OUR PARISH

### COLLECTION – 23 NOVEMBER – THANK YOU

Sunday	\$4,802.00	Votive Candles	\$146.25
Loose	532.61	Books	248.10
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,334.61</b>	Priests Pension Fund	65.00

## Volunteer Appreciation Reception

*Father Jerome and the Parish Leadership*

*Team extend an invitation to all parish volunteers to attend.*

*The reception will be held in the rectory.*

**2 TO 4 P.M., THIS SUNDAY, 7 DECEMBER**

## REMEMBERING

### OUR LOVED ONES AT CHRISTMAS

#### THE PATRONS OF ST. COLUMBAN FOUNDATION

ask for your assistance once again this year to keep the repairs to our historic church building on schedule. You can help by making a donation to the Foundation this Christmas

#### **"IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE".**

Remembrances will be published in a special Bulletin Insert the weekend of 20-21 December.

To donate, you may use the forms & envelopes provided at Church entrances. Make cheques payable to the *Patrons of St. Columban Foundation*. To allow time for printing, please submit in collection basket

#### **BY SUNDAY, 7 DECEMBER.**

Thank you for your continued support of the work of the Patrons of St. Columban Foundation.

## ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES

7 p.m. Monday, 15 December – Blessed Sacrament

7 p.m. Tuesday, 16 December – St. Andrew's

2 p.m. Wednesday, 17 December – St. Columban's

## An Evening Of Praise & Worship

with a 12 member music ministry

### **ARAMICO CHOIR**

Concert includes a short medley by Fr. Jerome.

**THIS FRIDAY,**

**12 DECEMBER FROM 7 - 8:30 P.M.**

**IN OUR PARISH CHURCH**

*Tickets \$15/person are available after Masses this weekend, at the parish office during office hours and at the door on 12 December.*

**FUNDRAISER & OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF OUR  
PARISH "ANAWIM" MINISTRY**

## IN OUR PARISH

### BOOK TABLE NEWS

#### "SAINT JOHN PAUL THE GREAT"

Discover his **five great loves** through remarkable unpublished stories on this Saint's life, uncovered by author, Jason Evert.

Fr. Jerome highly recommends this book & it's being made available for you to purchase for just **\$5.** (approximate cost to the parish and considerably less than retail). Limited supply – get yours today and also purchase some for Christmas Gifts.

### SNOW REMOVAL

#### CHURCH ENTRANCES & WALKWAYS

Please study the diagram (copy on bulletin board) of the church entrances & walkways which shows where snow removal will be carried out on weekends when there is a major snowfall. As we have 5 entrances to be cleared of snow & our custodian is not scheduled to work on weekends, this will help eliminate some overtime work for him if a major storm occurs.

Thank you for your understanding.

*Your Finance Council*

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

#### CHRISTMAS

Tues., 23 December – Closed at Noon

Wed., 24 December – Christmas Eve – Closed all day

Thurs. 25 December - Christmas Day – Closed all day

#### NEW YEAR'S

Tues. 30 December – Closed 12 Noon

Wed., 31 December – New Year's Eve – Closed all day

Thurs., 01 January - New Year's Day – Closed all day

### PARISH DONATIONS – INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

We need to close the Parish Financial Books on 29 Dec. Monies received after the 29<sup>th</sup> will be credited for 2015. If you want donations included on your 2014 Income Tax Receipt, it is important that we receive them before the 29<sup>th</sup> of December.

## IN THE DIOCESE AND COMMUNITY

### CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCHEON

**NOON TO 2:30 P.M., THURSDAY, 25 DECEMBER**

Will you be alone this Christmas Day?

Why not join your extended family in Jesus for lunch (turkey & all the fixings) at the Agora Catholic Centre. No cost for the meal but a donation of non-perishable goods for St. Vincent de Paul appreciated. For more information or to volunteer at this luncheon, contact Darlene Walsh at 613-703-7696, or e-mail dtwalsh@sympatico.ca

### December 5<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> - Mary of Nazareth

In time for the Christmas season, an epic new motion picture on the life of Mary, mother of Christ, from her childhood through the Resurrection of Jesus. This full-length feature film about the life of Our Lady, shot in English in High Definition, was filmed in Europe in very authentic locales with outstanding cinematography, a strong cast, and a majestic music score. Actress Alissa Jung gives a beautiful, compelling and inspired portrayal of Mary. The movie is showing at the Port Theatre each evening at 7 p.m. from December 5<sup>th</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup> and matinées during the week from Monday to Friday beginning at 1:30 pm.

**FIRST CHRISTMAS STORIES FROM THE BIRTH OF CHRIST**  
Evening of music, praise and reflection to prepare us for the great celebration of Christmas. Hear stories of those who were there at the Birth of Christ Jesus .. The Shepherd, a Wiseman, the Innkeeper and others.

**BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH**  
**7 P.M., SATURDAY, 20 DECEMBER**

Bereaved Families of Ontario – Cornwall and Area

### CANDLELIGHT REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

will be held at Knox-St. Paul's United Church, 800 12<sup>th</sup> St. E. Non-Denominational / No cost / No registration / All Welcome  
**7 P.M., WEDNESDAY, 10 DECEMBER**

### NEW YEAR'S EVE BALL – 8 P.M. TO 1 A.M.

K of C Hall, 205 Amelia St.

Hot and cold buffet served at Midnight. Music by Crazy Dave. Door Prizes & spot dances. Call 613-932-7600 for tickets.

Knights of Columbus, St. Francis de Sales Parish  
**FAMILY BREAKFAST- 8:30 TO NOON, SUN., 21 DEC.**  
In the Parish Hall - \$7/person

### ORDER YOUR CHRISTMAS MEAT PIES FROM SHALOM 613-525-1704

9 inch pie includes beef, pork, potatoes, onions, spices.  
\$11/each – Orders will be delivered between 10 and 17 Dec.

### MEGA CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE FOR TEENS

Over 2,000 young people (Grades 8 to 12) will gather to celebrate & grow their faith. This conference is strongly Catholic with great young speakers, fantastic music and beautiful celebrations of our faith.

Alexandria-Cornwall diocese will be taking a group to the conference. Mark your Calendar & Plan to Attend.

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