

The Gospel today challenges us to bear fruit. It was not enough for the Sadducees nor is it enough for us to simply follow the rules and rituals of our faith. The very actions of lives must show what we believe about our faith.

ST. COLUMBAN

PARISH

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)

DECEMBER 08, 2019

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Fr. Ernest Emeka Emeodi, Parochial Administrator
Rev. Mr. Chris Chisholm, Deacon

MASSES & SACRAMENTS

Saturday Vigil	5:30 PM
Sunday	7:30, 9:30 & 11:00 AM
Tuesday – Friday	7:30 AM
Confession	Saturdays, 3 – 4 PM (or by appointment)
Baptism	Please notify one month in advance
Marriages	Please notify 6 months in advance

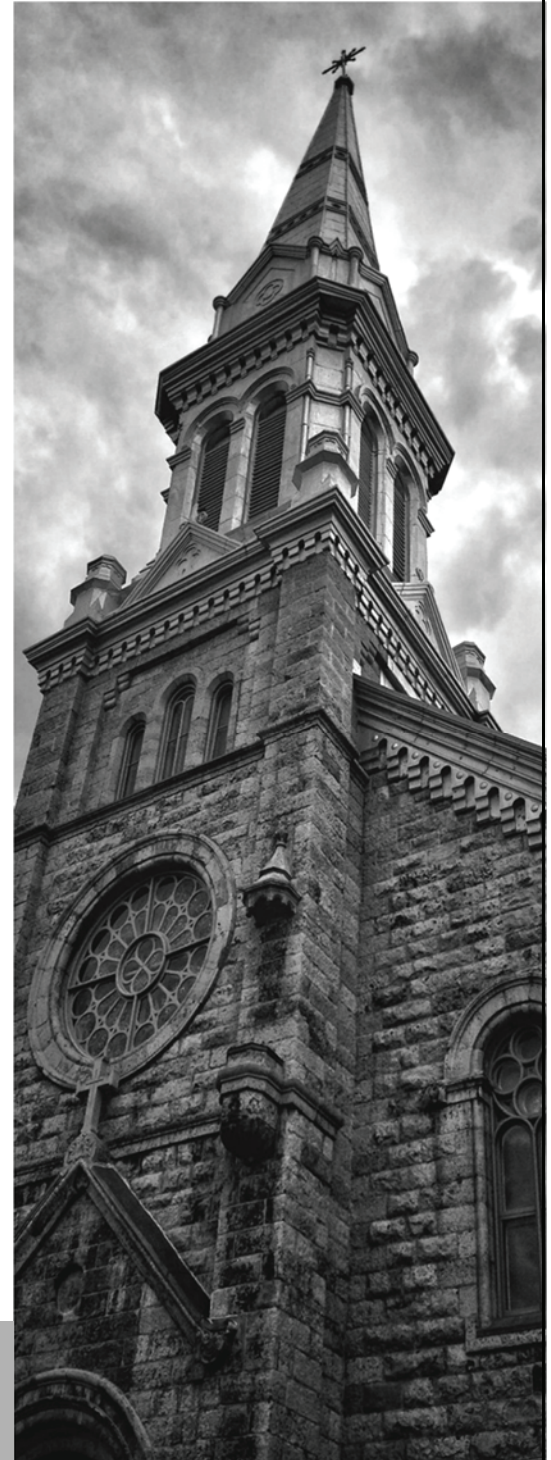
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CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

IN OUR PARISH

Saturday, December 07th ST. AMBROSE (M)

7:00 – 7:25 a.m. Confessions
 8:00 a.m. For the Healing & Conversion of our Children & Grandchildren by a Parishioner
 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions
 5:30 p.m. Edgar Boudrias by Dorothy & Robert

Sunday, December 08th SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:30 a.m. Intentions of Parishioners
 9:30 a.m. Jacqueline Poirier by Mary & Keith Grant
 11:00 a.m. Carmel Bourgon (07th Anniversary of Death) by Husband Urbain & Family

Monday, December 09th THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (S)

7:30 a.m. **No Mass** ADVENT – WEEK 2
 6:40 p.m. Rosary
 7:00 p.m. Advent Mission with Bishop Guy Desrochers

Tuesday, December 10th

7:30 a.m. Randy Prieur by a Parishioner
 6:40 p.m. Rosary
 7:00 p.m. Advent Mission with Bishop Guy Desrochers - Confessions

Wednesday, December 11th SAINT DAMASUS I (OM)

7:30 a.m. **No Mass**
 9:30 a.m. Janet Surgeson (School Mass)
 6:40 p.m. Rosary
 7:00 p.m. Intentions of Parishioners (Advent Mission Mass with Bishop Guy Desrochers)

Thursday, December 12th OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE, PATRONESS OF THE AMERICAS
NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER IN SOLIDARITY WITH INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

7:30 a.m. For Priests and Leadership in the Church by a Parishioner
 7:00 p.m. St. Joseph's School Christmas Concert

Friday, December 13th SAINT LUCY (M)

7:30 a.m. Mary Audrey Julien by Carol Papps

Saturday, December 14th SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS (M)

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions
 5:30 p.m. Tina Primeau by Mom Pauline Primeau

Sunday, December 15th THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:30 a.m. Intentions of Parishioners
 9:30 a.m. Janet Surgeson by Marilyn & Ron Wylie
 11:00 a.m. Sheila Malloy by Monica McCool & Family
 2:00 p.m. Volunteer Appreciation in Rectory

Monday, December 16th

7:30 a.m. **No Mass** ADVENT – WEEK 3

PLEASE NOTE

There will be no 7:30 a.m. morning Mass on Wednesday Dec 11, 2019. Please join us at the 9:30 a.m. School Mass or at 7:00 p.m. for the closing Mass of our Advent Mission with Bishop Guy.

TODAY'S READINGS – DECEMBER 08TH

1st Reading: Isaiah 11.1-10
 2nd Reading: Romans 15.4-9
 Gospel: Matthew 3.1-12
 Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.

FATHER ERNEST VACATION

Fr. Ernest will be away on vacation from Jan 07 – Feb 07. We wish him a wonderful time spent with his family and look forward to his return. Please welcome Fr. Claude Halle who will preside at all masses while Fr. Ernest is away.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire." Matthew 3:10

Do you bear good fruit for Christ? Or, do you spend your time, talent and treasure constantly acquiring more toys, clutter and junk. Our time, our talent and our treasure are gifts God has given us. What we do with them is our gift back to God. What gifts are you planning to give to the Lord during this upcoming Christmas season?

**"THE TRUE FACE OF THE FATHER"
 ST. COLUMBAN'S ADVENT MISSION**

With Bishop Guy Desrochers, C.Ss.R.
 SUN. DEC. 8 – WED. DEC. 11, 2019
 6:40 pm Rosary, 7 pm Presentation
 MISSION THEMES:
 SUNDAY: The Father's Secret Plan
 MONDAY: God's Dwelling Place in the Soul
 TUESDAY: The Merciful Father *Confessions
 WEDNESDAY: Hope and Perseverance with Mary *Holy Mass
 ALL ARE WELCOME - PLEASE JOIN US!
 A COLLECTION will be taken each evening

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 insert to our Parish Bulletin the weekend of December 21-22, 2019.

For your donation, you may use the forms and the envelopes provided at the Church entrances. Cheques should be made payable to the Patrons of St. Columban Foundation.

Please submit in the collection basket by Sunday December 8 to allow for printing. Thank you for your continued support of the work of the Patrons of St. Columban Foundation.

PARISH FINANCIALS/INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

The Parish closes its Financial Books on Dec 30th. All monies received after Dec 30, 2019 will be credited for 2020.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION RECEPTION

An invitation is extended to all parish volunteers to attend. The reception will be held in the Rectory from 2 to 4 p.m., Sunday December 15, 2019.

ALONE CHRISTMAS DAY??

Join us for Christmas Dinner 12:00 to 2:30 p.m. At Agora Hall (Nativity Hall) 301 McConnell St. South. No charge (donations gladly accepted for next year). Welcome those alone: widows/widowers, single, divorced, separated, new to city, no family to be with here? Join your Extended Family! Need transportation? Call Allison 613-662-4719 after 4 p.m. Volunteers must register with Darlene 613-935-5828 – Hall is elevator accessible!!

IN OUR PARISH AND DIOCESE

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Vigil Tuesday, December 24th – 5:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. & 12 Midnight

Christmas Day Wednesday, December 25th – 10:30 a.m.

NEW YEAR'S – MASS SCHEDULE

New Year's Eve Tuesday, December 31st – 5:00 p.m.

New Year's Day Wednesday, January 1st – 10:30 a.m.

OFFICE HOURS – CHRISTMAS

Tuesday, December 24th Office closed at 12:00 noon

Wednesday, December 25th Office closed

Thursday, December 26th Office closed

OFFICE HOURS – NEW YEARS

Tuesday, December 31st Office closed at 12:00 noon

Wednesday, January 01st Office closed

Thursday, January 02nd Office closed

PLEASE NOTE

We need to close the Parish Financials books on December 30th. All money received after December 30th will be credited for 2020. **If you wish that your donations be included on your 2019 Income Tax Receipt; please bring it in before noon on December 30th.** Thank you.

PARISH ENVELOPES

The parish envelopes are now available in the church. Please look carefully for your box of envelopes as all the numbers have now changed. Please call the Rectory with any address changes.

ANGELS OF HOPE

*Dear Parishioners: We would like to give you the opportunity again this year of sharing the Christmas spirit with children from our community. **Angels of Hope** is a project to provide Christmas gifts to children who are receiving counselling at the **Children's Treatment Centre**. If you would like to help out, 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. Please **DO NOT WRAP** the gift, but place in an appropriate **GIFT BAG**. We realize it can be difficult to select a gift for a child you do not know; therefore, we would like to suggest the idea of giving a gift card if you so wish. Please return the gift to the Church no later than **Sunday, December 15th**. For further information, you may call the Centre at 613-933-4400. On behalf of the children served at the **Children's Treatment Centre**, I thank you for your kindness and your spirit of sharing.*

NEW SUNDAY MISSALS

As we begin the season of Advent on Dec 1, we also begin a new Church year and therefore the need for a NEW MISSAL, as you will notice in the pews. These are needed for all year. If you would like your own copy, some are available on the Book Table for \$4.50 each.

IN GRATITUDE

On behalf of Fr. Ernest and the Parish Council we wish to thank the Knights of Columbus Council 5068 for hosting our spaghetti supper on Nov. 03rd. They raised \$833.50 for our parish. God Bless everyone who helped make this event a great success.

ST. COLUMBAN COLLECTION REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 24, 2019

Sunday Envelopes	3,428.00
Loose Collection	421.29
Total	\$ 3,849.29

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES

7 p.m., Tuesday December 10 – St. Columban

7 p.m., Tuesday December 17 – St. Finnan's

2 p.m., Thursday December 19 – St. Peter

ST. COLUMBAN'S ADVENT MISSION - DEC. 8 – 11 "The True Face of the Father"

You are invited to join St. Columban's Parish as Bishop Guy Desrochers leads us in prayer and reflection during our Advent Mission. Bishop Guy will be preaching at our Sunday Masses Dec. 7 and 8. The Mission begins Sunday evening Dec.8th, and continues each evening until Wednesday, Dec. 11th. On Tuesday evening the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available. The Mission concludes Wednesday evening with the Celebration of Holy Mass. Each evening begins at 6:40 pm with the Rosary, followed by the Bishop's talk at 7 p.m. We look forward to seeing you and sharing this Advent experience with you. For more information about the Mission, contact Rick and Bernadette McRae at 613-932-2872.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SUCCESS OF ST. COLUMBAN PARISH MISSION DEC. 8 – 11, 2019 "The True Face of the Father"

Loving father, since the beginning of time, your paternal heart foresaw the glorious day of our creation. "Chosen in Christ, before the foundation of the world" says Paul, you created man and woman to your likeness, so they could know you and delight in your infinite love.

Father of infinite mercy, we pray to you for the success of our parish mission. May the Holy Ghost that unite you so perfectly in the Holy Trinity, be given to us and help us understand and discern the calls and instructions that your begotten Son will give us during this Advent retreat.

Following the example of Christ and of our Blessed Mother Mary, help us, Holy Spirit, to become the pure reflection of the true face of the Father!

"Restore us, O God; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved." (Ps 80, 3)

AMEN.

BULLETIN BOARD NOTICES

All notices/flyers must be brought to the office for approval before going on the bulletin boards in the church.

COFFEE AND CHAT SUNDAY

Please take a few minutes on the weekend of Dec 21 and Dec 22 to enjoy a cup of coffee with your fellow parishioners after Mass at the 4th St. entrance.



BOOK TABLE NEWS

Sunday Missals are available on the Book Table to purchase (\$4.50). Please do not remove them from the pews as they are needed for the coming year.

EVENING FOR THE LOVE OF CHOCOLATE

The Alexandria/Cornwall Diocesan Council of the Catholic Women's League will be hosting our annual 'Evening for the Love of Chocolate'. A large variety of tasty treats will be presented for your tasting on Friday, February 7th from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Cornwall Canadian Legion. You're encouraged to buy your tickets now because the event will be announced publicly in January. The cost is \$15.00 and can be purchased by calling Frances at 613-932-7392.



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