

John the Baptist invites the people of his day, and us, to turn back to God and prepare the way of the Lord – not only during Advent, but all year long. As followers of Christ, we are meant to live in ways that make the crooked straight, to adjust our attitudes and rediscover what's important.

# ST. COLUMBAN

## PARISH

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)**

**DECEMBER 09, 2018**

### PASTORAL STAFF

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

### MASSES & SACRAMENTS

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|------------------|---|
| 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       |

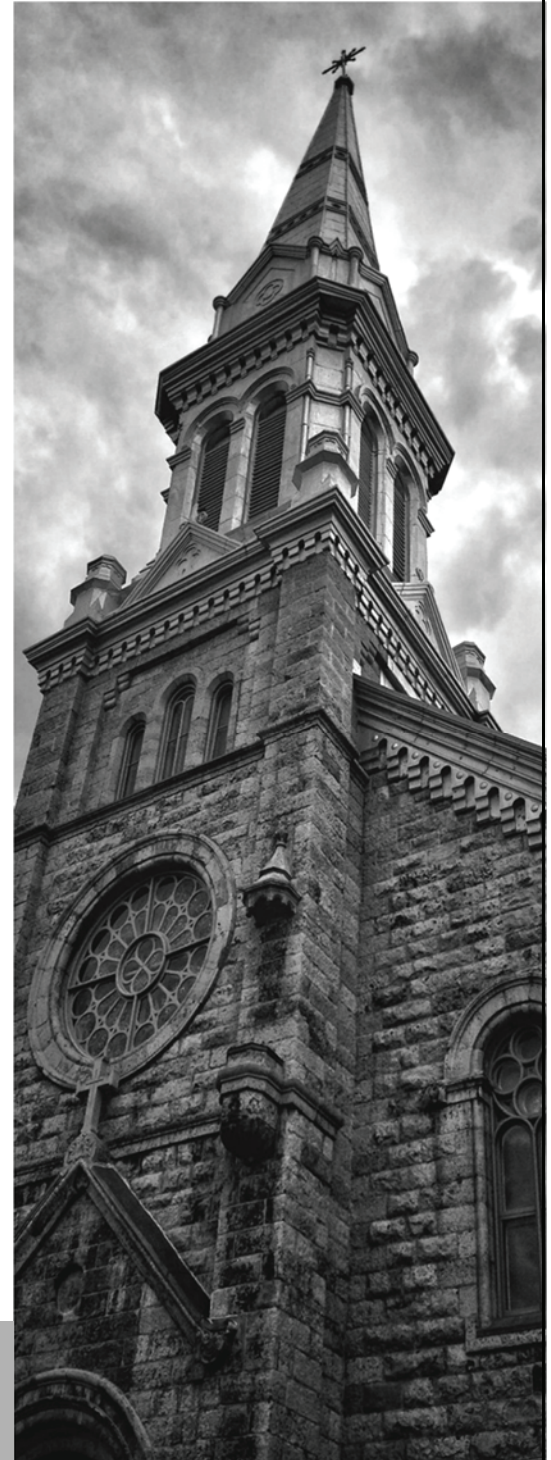
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# CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

# IN OUR PARISH

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

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions  
5:30 p.m. Shirley Mary Fraser by Eleanor Villeneuve

**Sunday, December 09th** **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

7:30 a.m. Intentions of Parishioners  
9:30 a.m. Rita & Gordie Neron by Mary & Keith Grant  
11:00 a.m. Carmel Bourgon (6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Death)  
by Husband Urbain & Family  
12:30 p.m. Baptisms

**Monday, December 10th**

7:30 a.m. **No Mass** **ADVENT WEEK 2**

**Tuesday, December 11th** **ST. DAMASUS I (OM)**

7:30 a.m. Helen Kennedy by Larry Welch & Family  
7:00 p.m. St. Joseph's School Christmas Concert

**Wednesday, December 12th** **OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE (F)  
PATRONESS OF THE AMERICAS**

**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER IN SOLIDARITY WITH INDIGENOUS PEOPLES**

7:30 a.m. Jeannine Kirkey by Desneiges Miseferi  
9:00 a.m. Bishop School Advent Mass

**Thursday, December 13th** **ST. LUCY (M)**

7:30 a.m. Souls in Purgatory by the Robinson Family

**Friday, December 14th** **ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS (M)**

7:30 a.m. In Thanksgiving for Favor received by  
Darlene Walsh

**Saturday, December 15th**

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions  
5:30 p.m. Bertha, Robert & Donnie Depatie by Pauline  
& Family

**Sunday, December 16th** **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

7:30 a.m. Intentions of Parishioners  
9:30 a.m. Dave Bellefeuille by Jack & Maureen  
11:00 a.m. Charlie McDonald by Darlene Brabant  
2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Volunteer Appreciation Reception

**Monday, December 17th**

7:30 a.m. **No Mass** **ADVENT WEEK 3**

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

*“And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value...”* - PHILIPPIANS 1:9-10

Glittery holiday ads can blind us to our stewardship values and distort our needs and wants. It is important that during this season of endless buying we remember that each of us also has the need to give back to God and to those that are in need.

## TODAY'S READINGS – DECEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>

1st Reading: Baruch 5.1-9  
2nd Reading: Philippians 1.3-6, 8-11  
Gospel: Luke 3.1-6  
All flesh shall see the salvation of God.

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK ADVENT IS HERE!

The word “Advent” is derived from the Latin word “adventus” which means “coming.” In Advent, we anticipate the coming of Jesus. Though He has already come – at his birth in Bethlehem – we are (still) awaiting his second coming in glory. However, the season of Advent is there to help us to prepare for the feast of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. The church offers us in the liturgy of this special period the opportunity to prepare ourselves for Christ so that He will find a dwelling place in us when he comes.

During this season the priest wears purple vestment. Purple is also the color of penance. Though the color of the third Sunday of Advent is rose, which symbolizes joy and represents the happiness we will experience when Jesus comes again. Hence, this Sunday is called “Gaudete” Sunday. Gaudete is a Latin word which means “rejoice”.

Dear sisters and brothers, Advent helps us to appreciate God's faithful love for his people and the great blessings He has bestowed on us in Christ. We are heirs to the promise God made to Abraham and his descendants. Let us appreciate this season and make the best out of it so that it will bear rich fruits in our lives. Peace be with you.

FR. ERNEST EMEKA EMEODI

## PRAY TO HOLY MOTHER OF GOD AND ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

The Holy Father asked the faithful of the entire world to pray that the Holy Mother of God place the Church beneath her protective mantle. We are also asked to recite the prayer written by Pope Leo XIII: “Saint Michael the Archangel. This prayer will be prayed at every mass beginning on December 02, 2018.

## 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 16, 2018.

## ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES

7 p.m., Tuesday December 18 – Blessed Sacrament  
2 p.m., Wednesday December 19 – St. Columban

## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Vigil Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup> – 5:00 p.m.,  
7:00 p.m. & 12:00 Midnight  
Christmas Day Tuesday, December 25<sup>th</sup> - 10:30 a.m.

## NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

New Year's Eve Monday, December 31<sup>st</sup> – 5:00 p.m.  
New Year's Day Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup> – 10:30 a.m.

## THE POPE'S DECEMBER INTENTIONS

**Evangalization – In the Service of the Transmission of Faith**

That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

## IN OUR PARISH AND DIOCESE

### ANGELS OF HOPE PROJECT

This year we would like to give you the opportunity 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**. Please return the gift to the Church no later than **Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**. 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 today, 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.

### 2019 CHURCH CALENDARS

A reminder that the calendars are for sale at the back of the church, and will go fast! For only \$5.00 you get a calendar with beautiful religious artwork and lots of liturgical information.

### 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 22-23, 2018. 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 9 to allow for printing. Thank you for your continued support of the work of the Patrons of St. Columban Foundation.

### BOOK TABLE NEWS

A few **ADVENT BOOKLETS** are available for your daily reading during this holy season. **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. **CATHOLIC CALENDARS** for 2019 have finally arrived! You have three choices of beautiful Christian art to choose from. (\$5.00)

### ST. JULIAN'S CHAPEL

Anxious? Lonely? Depressed? Do you need peace? Come to Simply Adore Jesus at St. Julian's Chapel - 24/7 Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration. Behind St. Peter's Parish (side entrance). You are always welcome!



### 2019 PARISH ENVELOPES

Envelopes are available for pick up at the rear of the Church. **Please confirm number on label matches number in box.** If you do not see your box of envelopes call the Parish Office.

### PARISH FINANCIALS/INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

The Parish closes its Financial Books on Dec 30<sup>th</sup>. All monies received after Dec 30, 2018 will be credited for 2019.

### ALONE CHRISTMAS DAY?

Join us for our **5<sup>TH</sup> Annual CHRISTMAS DINNER** from 12:00- 2:00p.m. At the **AGORA HALL** (Nativity Hall) 301 McConnell St. South, Cornwall. **NO CHARGE (but donations gladly accepted for next year)** **NEED TRANSPORTATION?** To Arrange for pick up call Alison 613-662-4719 two weeks prior. **ELEVATOR ACCESSIBLE.**

### TOGETHER AT CHRISTMAS

The Centennial Choir of Cornwall invites you to their Christmas Concert, "Together at Christmas" at Aultsville Theatre on **Friday, December 14, at 7:30 pm**. The music ensures to please and delight! Tickets are available at The Lottery Kiosk, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Cornwall Square, Home Hardware, Pitt and 13<sup>th</sup> in Cornwall and from choir members or call Marianne at 613-528-1414. Adults \$20. Children 12 and under \$10.

### WOMEN'S MORNING OF REFLECTION

Sat. Jan. 5 from 9:30 am - 12:00 at the Centre Charles-Emile Claude on Chevrier St., Cornwall, for mass, confession, breakfast, a talk and the rosary. The guest speaker will be Joan Levy Earl. Her talk, "Living in the Present" will focus on how the Holy Spirit and Our Lady aid us in the growth of our faith. For any inquiries please contact Heidi Krol 613 347 7561 or Marilynn Light 613 537 2021. A free will offering of \$5 is appreciated. Please join us.

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