

Today we begin a forty-day retreat. We will spend our forty days praying, fasting, and giving alms—disciplining ourselves so that we might grow in holiness. No doubt we too will be faced with temptation, but angels will minister to us and God will speak to us through his Word. What will you do to prepare for the renewal of your baptismal promises on Easter Sunday?

ST. COLUMBAN

PARISH

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (B)

FEBRUARY 21, 2021

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Rev. Mr. Guy Côté, Deacon

MASSES & SACRAMENTS

Saturday Vigil	5:30 PM
Sunday	7:30, 9:30 & 11:00 AM
Tuesday – Friday	7:30 AM
Confession	By appointment only, Tuesday - Thursday
Baptism	Please notify one month in advance
Marriages	Please notify 6 months in advance

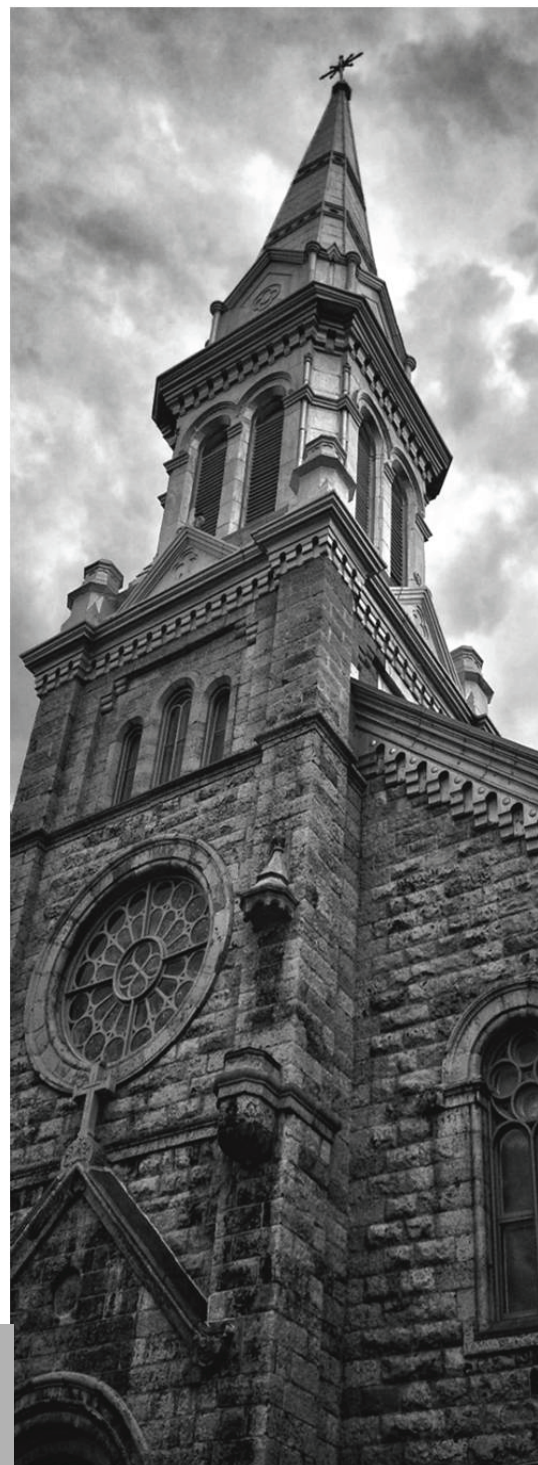
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ST. COLUMBAN PARISH

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

Saturday, February 20th

5:30 p.m. Joan Levy-Earle by Louise Matte-Forget

Sunday, February 21st FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

7:30 a.m. A Special Intention by Bernadette Blakely

9:30 a.m. Intention of Parishioners

11:00 a.m. Sister Rosemarie Kugel by RHSJ The Associates Cornwall

Monday, February 22nd CHAIR OF ST. PETER (F)

7:30 a.m. **No Mass** LENT – WEEK 1

Tuesday, February 23rd ST. POLYCARP (OM)

7:30 a.m. Claude Ouimet by Richard & Carole Pilon

12:10 p.m. Souls in Purgatory by Bridget Brennan

Wednesday, February 24th

7:30 a.m. Zita Andrews by a Parishioner

12:10 p.m. Linda Hodgson by the O'Dair Family

Thursday, February 25th

7:30 a.m. Liliane Tessier by Danielle Laplante

12:10 p.m. Phyllis Dixon by Peggy Wilson

Friday, February 26th

7:30 a.m. Harry & Florence Fisk by Bob & Dana Fisk

12:10 p.m. Albert Leblanc by Ron Tremblay

Saturday, February 28th

5:30 p.m. Intentions of the Family of Claude Landriault by Sean & Shirley Landriault

Sunday, February 29th SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

7:30 a.m. Intention of Parishioners

9:30 a.m. Mark Tyo by Alice Beaudette

11:00 a.m. Liza Lobo Dixon by the Family

Monday, March 01st

7:30 a.m. **No Mass** LENT – WEEK 2

In Rank Order: (S) Solemnity, (F) Feast, (M) Memorial, (OM) Optional Memorial.

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STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God..." - MARK 1:14

Do you ever think about how difficult it must have been for Jesus to come into Galilee, knowing that John had just been arrested for teaching the same message that Jesus was proclaiming. It must have taken great love and trust for Jesus to do what the Father had sent Him here on earth to do. In the same way, following a life of stewardship takes great love and trust from us. We must willing to surrender completely to God, trusting that God will always give us all that we need to fulfil His plan for us.

TODAY'S READINGS – FEBRUARY 21ST, 2021

1st Reading: Genesis 9.8-15

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 3.18-22

Gospel: Mark 1.12-15

Jesus was tempted by Satan; and the Angels waited on him.

IN OUR PARISH

SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTION

The living flame of the Sanctuary Lamp burns this week as a special intention for friends by a parishioner.



PLEASE NOTE

Our Lenten 12:10 p.m. Mass begins on Tuesday February 23, 2021 and ends on Friday March 26, 2021. No Masses on Mondays.

ATTENDANCE RESTRICTIONS ELEVATED

Restrictions have been lifted enough that we are back to having thirty percent (30%) capacity in the church for masses. This change came into effect starting on Tuesday, February 16, 2021.

DEACON GUY'S REFLECTION

What is the reason for our hope? What is the Good News that we are called to proclaim?

It is the Kerygma. Kerygma is a Greek word that means proclamation. We, as Catholic Christians, are called to share the gospel message as we evangelize: God loves you, has a plan for your life, but because of sin, we have been separated from him, and the only one who can save us is Jesus Christ. Through our repentance and turning toward him, we come back to life with him.

Deacon Guy's website is thedeaconguy.ca

PLEASE NOTE

Confessions will be by appointment only. Please call the office (613.932.9616), and we will schedule a time for you.

PARISH TAX RECEIPTS

Tax receipts are available for pick up at the Rectory beginning Tuesday Feb 02, 2021. Please let me know if you are able to pick up your tax receipt. If you have any questions please feel free to call the Rectory Monday – Thursday between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. 613-932-9616.

LIVING WITH CHRIST MONTHLY MISSALS

Missals for February and March are available at the Rectory for purchase, the cost is \$3.25 ea. and you can pick one up Monday – Thursday between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

THANK YOU & STAY INFORMED

Deacon Guy would like to thank everyone for their prayers & support of his ministry. There is some interest in what is next and so to stay informed and connected, send an email to john1010nrsv@gmail.com to be added to the email list.

IN GRATITUDE

Thank you to a member of our parish family for the generous donation of funds towards the final phase of the sound system upgrade. Thank you and God bless you.

PARISHIONERS THAT CANNOT ATTEND SUNDAY MASS

Please know that the Archbishop has extended the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass for those who are unable to attend at this time.

WHAT IS LENT?

Lent is a time of prayer and penance, when Christ wants to lead us back to our baptismal promises of dying to sin and of living for God.

WHEN IS LENT?

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and continues until the afternoon of Holy Thursday. It runs for about 40 days.

WHY 40 DAYS? The "40 days" (not including Sundays) of fasting, prayer, and penance before Easter reflect Jesus' 40 days in the wilderness.

WHAT SHOULD WE DO DURING LENT?

1. Turn away from our sins and turn back to God. Detach from habits and tendencies that are contrary to God's will. Lent is a time of conversion.
2. Open our hearts to our Father, so that we may live with Christ for God. Jesus is calling us to be people of praise and prayer, and living signs of his love for all.

"This time of fasting opens the gates of heaven to us. Let us welcome it and pray that when Easter comes we may share the joy of the risen Lord."
LENTEN RESPONSORY

Archdiocese of Toronto www.archtoronto.org
Text from Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops' "Living Lent"

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Polycarp — February 23rd

Polycarp is one of the Fathers of the early Church, and his letter to the Philippians is one of the early pieces of Christian writing in existence today. A disciple of the apostle John, he was a leader of the second generation of Christians, the first Christians who were not eyewitnesses to the death and resurrection of Our Lord. Extremely influential in the catechesis and initiation of new Christians, he was named bishop of Smyrna, located in modern-day Turkey. Polycarp was martyred for his faith about the year 155, at the age of 86. He is the patron of those suffering from earaches. (Living with Christ)

Ask the Deacon guy...

The Catholic faith has over 2000 years of history, teaching and tradition. It is pretty safe to say that there is probably the same number of questions floating around out there. If you have one of these questions, send me an email, pass me a note in the collection basket. Depending on the question, it could be answered in this section of the bulletin, maybe in person, or it may just have to wait until you see St. Peter at the gates of Heaven. The questions will remain anonymous and will not be put in the bulletin if you do not want it to be.

POPE FRANCIS FEBRUARY INTENTIONS

Universal intention - Violence against women

We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

CATHOLIC INFORMATION CENTRE BOOKSTORE UPDATE

The Catholic Information Centre is now OPEN on **Saturdays**, from **9:00 a.m. until noon**. Weekday hours are Monday to Friday, 10 - 4 p.m. We are located at 146 Chevrier Ave. for your Catholic needs - Tel: 613-933-5099. Sadly, we are not able to carry anything on our Book table at the Parish yet.

SNOW REMOVAL - CHURCH ENTRANCES & WALKWAYS

Because of falling ice from the church roof, walkways along the east and west sides of the Church are closed for the winter months. Our custodian must clear the snow and ice from the three entrances and walkways before the church opens for mass. To allow this work and ensure our parishioners' safety, the church will only be open one-half hour before the start of mass. Thank you for your care and understanding.

SUNDAY MISSALS

I have ordered extra copies of the 2021 Sunday Missal. They are available at a cost of \$4.50 ea. There is a limited number so if you would like one please call the office Monday -Thursday between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. (613-932-9616).

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

If you wish to donate simply put your donation in an envelope and address it to St. Vincent de Paul and deposit it along with your weekly church donation, and it will get to us. If you provide your address, a tax receipt will be mailed to you for any donation in excess of \$10.00. Thank you for all your efforts.

100TH ANNIVERSARY

St. Columban's Catholic Women's League of Canada is 100 years young as of February 22 of this year. Congratulations! To say that what has been accomplished in that time is amazing and a credit to the women of this League. When St. Columban's was organized in 1921, it was the beginning in our Diocese of a lay association of Catholic women who would change the world as they advocate for social justice while working towards personal spiritual development. Women have met in homes, church halls and community rooms, on a monthly basis during these 100 years. What all members had and have in common is the goal of making their parish and country and the world a better place through personal and collective spiritual growth, and to promoting the teachings of the Catholic church, enhancing the role of women, recognizing the dignity of all people, and contributing to the understanding and growth of religious freedom, social justice, peace and harmony. To all the women who have gone before us and those that will come after us. We salute you and pray for the ongoing continuation of our St. Columban's Catholic Women's League. God Bless you all.

PATRONS OF ST. COLUMBAN FOUNDATION

During the present Covid-19 pandemic lockdown, you can donate to the Foundation to restore the church steeple and install a new cross by putting a donation in an envelope addressed to the Patrons of St. Columban Foundation and mail it to Patrons of St. Columban Foundation, 36 4th St., West, Cornwall, ON., K6J 2R6 or drop it off in the parish office mailbox at 36 4th St. West. Cheques should be made payable to the Patrons of St. Columban Foundation. Thank you for your continued support.



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