

The Sunday meal ritual is often honoured, no matter what difficulties or discouragements have occurred during a week. To encourage the family, you might say, "I see the light of God in this family." Perhaps that is a description of the transfiguration, the glory of God, as it is revealed in daily family life. Today take time to think about where you have seen God's glory shine in your family and the lives of each of your family members.

ST. COLUMBAN

PARISH

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (B)

FEBRUARY 28, 2021

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Fr. Ernest Emeke Emeodi, Parochial Administrator
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 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

Tuesday, March 02nd

7:30 a.m. Joan Levy Earle by Rev. Cyprian Ihedoro
 12:10 p.m. Susan, Edgar & Dorothy Boudrias by Son Robert and Brother Tom

Wednesday, March 03rd

7:30 a.m. Tim, Chuck & Kyle by the Larose Family
 12:10 p.m. Liliane Tessier by Desneiges Miseferi

Thursday, March 04th ST. CASIMIR (OM)

7:30 a.m. Roselin Baumann-Ocampo by Hanspeter Baumann
 12:10 p.m. Michael Burke by Bridget Brennan

Friday, March 05th SACRED HEART of JESUS - FIRST FRIDAY

7:30 a.m. Souls in Purgatory by a Parishioner
 12:10 p.m. Alice Brennan by a Parishioner

Saturday, March 06th IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY - FIRST SATURDAY WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

8:00 a.m. For the Healing & Conversion of our Children & Grandchildren by a Parishioner
 5:30 p.m. James McLaverty & Jack Clancey by John & Janice Meyer & Family

Sunday, March 07th THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

7:30 a.m. Intention of Parishioners
 9:30 a.m. Tony Gross by Rick & Bernadette McRae
 11:00 a.m. Irene Jodoin by Daughters Mary, Iris & Barbara

Monday, March 08th ST. JOHN OF GOD (OM)

7:30 a.m. **No Mass** LENT – WEEK 3

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

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STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"Here I am!" he answered." -GENESIS 22:11

It is easy to say, "Here I am, Lord" when we are kneeling in church. But how easy is it to say "Here I am, Lord," when a neighbour needs our help, when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Often times we are called when it's not convenient for us. Discipleship is not always easy, most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.

TODAY'S READINGS – FEBRUARY 28TH, 2021

1st Reading: Genesis 22.1-9, 9-13, 15-18
 2nd Reading: Romans 8.31b-35, 37
 Gospel: Mark 9.2-10
 This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him.

IN OUR PARISH

SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTION

The living flame of the Sanctuary Lamp, signifying the Eucharistic presence of our Lord Jesus Christ, is offered this week in thanksgiving to St. Columban's Catholic Women's League Council on their 100th Anniversary of Service to God and Canada.



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.

PLEASE NOTE

On the next First Friday of the Month, March 05th, there will be no Adoration, and Confessions are by appointment only until further notice.

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

How much easier would it be to go through a difficult situation if you knew what the outcome would be? The transfiguration of Jesus happens just a few days after Jesus speaks to his disciples about how he will suffer on the cross. He shows his disciples a glimpse of the Pascal mystery; this may provide them with some hope as they experience the events to take place. We know about the resurrection, so how do we reflect on this to give us hope during this season of Lent?

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.

LIVING WITH CHRIST MONTHLY MISSALS

Missals for 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.

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.

IN OUR PARISH AND DIOCESE

PLEASE JOIN US

Every Friday during Lent, we will be doing the Stations of the Cross. Join Fr. Ernest at 5:30 p.m. in the Church. Please note you will need to sign in for this and volunteers will be required to sanitize pews after.

VOLUNTEERS

In order for St. Columban's to remain open during this Pandemic we need volunteers to sanitize pews after every mass or service held in the church. This does not take long and gloves are provided. Will you be the hands of Christ?

CONTACT TRACING FORM

When arriving at church **everyone** needs to sign the Contact Tracing Form and include your phone number.

KNEELERS

When leaving the church you must leave the kneeler in the **down position** for the volunteers who are sanitizing the pews.

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.

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.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

ST. CASIMIR – March 4th

Casimir grew up in a world where his life was not his own. As a prince of Poland, the second son of King Casimir IV and Elizabeth of Austria, his life was scheduled to cement his Father's authority and increase Poland's power.

Casimir realized from an early age that his life belonged to someone else but a much higher King than his Father. Despite pressure, humiliation, and rejection, he stood by that loyalty throughout his whole life.

Born the third of thirteen children in 1461, Casimir was committed to God from childhood. Some of that commitment resulted from a tutor, John Dlugosz, whose holiness encouraged Casimir on his journey.

He died at the age of 23 in 1484 from lung disease. He was buried with his favourite song, a Latin hymn to Mary called "Omni die dic Mariae" which we know as "Daily, Daily Sing to Mary." Because of his love for the song, it is known as the Hymn of St. Casimir though he didn't write it.

Casimir is the patron saint of Poland and Lithuania. (Catholic Online)

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 MARCH INTENTIONS

Intention for evangelization - Sacrament of reconciliation

Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

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.

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).

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