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*We saw his star in the East
and have come to worship Him*

ST. COLUMBAN PARISH

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

IN OUR PARISH

Saturday, January 02nd		ST. BASIL THE GREAT AND ST. GREGORY NAZIANZEN (M)
IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY - FIRST SATURDAY		
8:00 a.m.	No Mass	
5:30 p.m.	No Mass	
Sunday, January 03rd		EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
7:30 a.m.	No Mass	
9:30 a.m.	No Mass	
11:00 a.m.	No Mass	
Monday, January 04th		
7:30 a.m.	No Mass	EPIPHANY
Tuesday, January 05th		
7:30 a.m.	No Mass	
Wednesday, January 06th		
7:30 a.m.	No Mass	
Thursday, January 07th		ST. ANDRE BESSETTE (M)
7:30 a.m.	No Mass	
Friday, January 08th		ST. RAYMOND OF PENYAFORT (OM)
10:30 a.m.	No Mass	
Saturday, January 09th		
5:30 p.m.	No Mass	
Sunday, January 10th		BAPTISM OF THE LORD
7:30 a.m.	No Mass	
9:30 a.m.	No Mass	
11:00 a.m.	No Mass	
Monday, January 11th		
7:30 a.m.	No Mass	ORDINARY TIME – WEEK 1

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

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STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

“...they fell down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh....”
 - MATTHEW 2:11

Notice the order of events in the Magi's visit. First, they knelt before Jesus and prayed to him. Then they presented Him with their gifts. We, too, must take time to pray before we present our gifts to the Lord. We never know what God may be asking us to share!

THANK YOU & STAY INFORMED

Deacon Guy would like to thank everyone for their prayers & support of his ministry and response to the Advent Evenings of Reflections. 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.

TODAY'S READINGS – JANUARY 03RD, 2020

1st Reading: Isaiah 60.1-6
 2nd Reading: Ephesians 3.2-3a, 5-6
 Gospel: Matthew 2.1-12
 We have come from the East to pay homage to the king.

DEACON GUY'S REFLECTION

As we begin a new year, we are greeting with the Pope's announcement that 2021 will be proclaimed as the year of the family. Pope Francis offered friendly papal advice, reminding families to say, "pardon me", "thank you" and "I'm sorry"; never end the day without making peace.

Life is busy, and that is what makes it even more important to rest and relax as a family.

Life is stressful, there should be a place where family can come to retreat.

Life is unknown, so make your home a place where family is safe and loved.

Deacon Guy's website is thedeaconguy.ca

PLEASE NOTE – Parish Office Closed

The Parish Office will be closed Dec 10th, 2020 - Jan 06th, 2021. Fr. Ernest returns Dec 10th from attending the burial of his Mom but will be in quarantine for 14 days. The Office Administrator will be off on vacation during this time and then off for the Christmas statutory holidays.

If there is an emergency, you can call the Rectory during regular office hours. Fr. Ernest will be available by phone.



ASK DR. PAUL: GENERAL QUESTIONS ON COVID-19

In order to keep the community well informed about the Covid-19 pandemic and the measures taken to contain it as best as possible, Dr. Paul Roumeliotis, Medical Officer of Health for the Eastern Ontario Health Unit (EOHU) features regular short video columns on Facebook to answer any questions asked.

These columns in French and English are then made available on the EOHU website at www.eohu.ca and on YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/user/EasternOntarioHealth>). You can send your questions via their Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/EOHUhealth>) and Dr. Paul will attempt to answer as many questions as possible during the sessions. We encourage you to take the time to watch these videos to stay up-to-date.

CHAPEL NEWS

Hi everyone... I hope you have had a blessed if simpler Christmas this year. We have had a number of inquiries about the Chapel status at this time so this is clarification for those who are interested...

The Chapel remains open at this point. Churches are allowed to open for private prayer for small numbers at a time. Our limit of 4 people maximum with our Chapel at St. Peter's Church, seems to qualify at this point. Entry is by fobs only. Everyone who drops in must wear a mask, and must be diligent about wiping down surfaces they touch... including door knobs and handles. There are several waste baskets around for your use, including at the entrance.

We expect that the number of visitors will decrease dramatically during this lockdown but it is still available for those who are wish to visit. No one is bound to their committed hours... do as you feel called.

If there are changes, you will be notified by phone as well as email. This message will not reach everyone on our list, so please share it with friends from the Chapel.

May God bless you and keep you healthy and safe. Marilyn

2021 NEW YEAR MESSAGE

May the Lord bless you, keep you, and may his face shine upon you.

We would like to extend to you many rich blessings and a prosperous New Year.

We typically take some time as the new calendar year approaches to look back over the past year at the good and maybe not so good moments; we also look forward to refocus, set new goals, a new direction for the year ahead.

Let us remember that God wants to meet us where we are and walk with us to where we called to be. It is good to mindful of our past, but it is hard to walk forward if we are looking behind. We are loved. We are children of a God who loves us unconditionally. God does not look at us and see our past, he looks at us and sees our heart. He sees where we are now in the present, and where we strive to **be** in the future. This is our Hope, this is our Faith, this is Love.

In this New Year, We pray that you will all be filled with Hope for the future. Renewed in Faith by the guiding hands of the Lord's Divine Providence, our anxiety will fade and God's unconditional Love will take its place in our lives.

Finally, we thank our family of St. Columban and especially the volunteers of various ministries for your commitments to keep this Parish going this past year. Keep it up as we hope and pray for more co-operation and commitments in this New Year. Thank you so much for all you do! **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

Rev. Fr. Ernest Emeka Emeodi
Rev. Guy Cote & Members of Parish Council

PLEASE NOTE

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

PLEASE NOTE

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

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.

THE SANCTUARY LAMP

The sanctuary lamp is a special lamp which is kept close to the tabernacle. The sanctuary lamp remains alight to indicate and honour the presence of Christ.



The living flame of the sanctuary lamp signifies the Eucharistic presence of our Lord Jesus Christ. Sponsorship of the Sanctuary Lamp is available for a week long period of time. Stipend is \$20.00 per week and the intention will be listed in the bulletin.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint André Bessette – January 07

Known to millions simply as Brother André, Alfred Bessette was born in St-Grégoire, Quebec, in 1845. Orphaned by the age of 12, he was unschooled, small and sickly. In 1870 he joined the Congregation of Holy Cross. For the next 40 years, he was porter at the Collège Notre-Dame on Queen Mary Road in Montreal, where he excelled at hospitality. In the course of his duties, he welcomed the sick and afflicted, and it was his habit to pray with them through the intercession of Saint Joseph. He gained a reputation throughout the city and, as he was credited with extraordinary favours and with healings, more and more people came to the college to seek out the 'Miracle Man of Montreal'.

Possessed of a deep love for Saint Joseph, Brother André erected a statue of the saint on the mountain across from the college. Then, assisted by lay friends in 1904, he built a wooden chapel on the mountain. Over the years, the chapel grew into a basilica. Today, Saint Joseph's Oratory welcomes more than two million visitors each year. Its founder lived to be 91, was declared blessed in 1982, and canonized on October 17, 2010. Saint André Bessette is the patron of family caregivers in Canada. *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.

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, but you can purchase the **Calendars** (\$5.00) at the Catholic Bookstore.

POPE FRANCIS JANUARY INTENTIONS

Intention for evangelization - Human fraternity

May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES MEMO

Dear parishioners, can you assist us by refraining from folding bills. The bills are counted with the aid of a counting machine and they have to be flat. Also please refrain from the use of a large amount of tape. We realize that some envelopes do not seal easily and a small piece of tape is sufficient, reason being that envelopes are not to be torn open as they need to go to the parish office intact. Thank you, to the parishioners who are diligent in writing the amount on the envelope. Thank you all for your assistance in these matters, St. Columban Collection Team Members.



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