

John the Baptist came to teach us that there is a way out of the darkness and sadness of the world and of the human condition, and that way is Jesus himself.

ST. COLUMBAN

PARISH

THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST (B)

JUNE 24, 2018

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Rev. Mr. Chris Chisholm, Deacon

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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

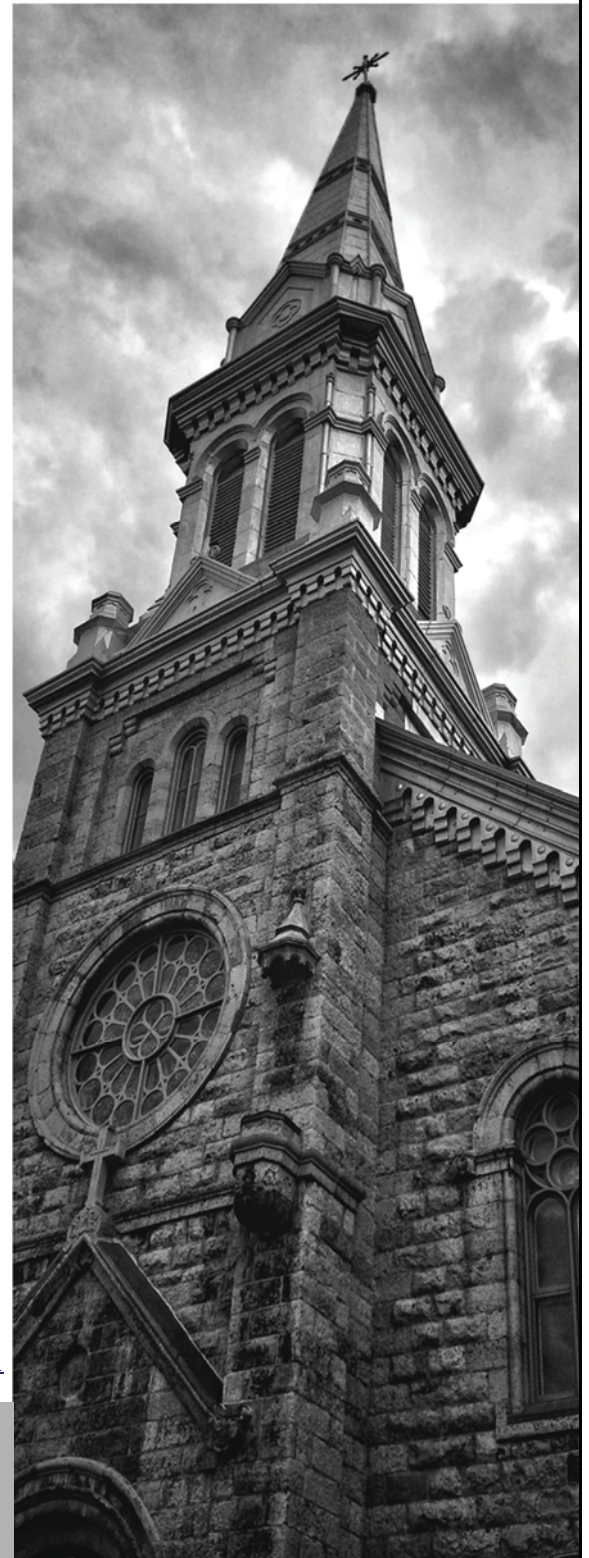
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CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

Saturday, June 23rd OUR LADY'S SATURDAY (OM)

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions

5:30 p.m. Theresa & Peter D'Cruz by the Estate

Sunday, June 24th THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST (S) SPECIAL PATRON OF FRENCH CANADIANS

7:30 a.m. Intentions of Parishioners

9:30 a.m. Theresa & Emile Bouvier by Mary & Keith Grant

11:00 a.m. Steve Guttentag by Wife Rose Guttentag

Monday, June 25th

7:30 a.m. **No Mass** 12TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Tuesday, June 26th

7:30 a.m. Peter & Theresa D'Cruz by the Estate

1:00 p.m. St. Columban School Year End Mass & Graduation

Wednesday, June 27th ST. CYRIL OF ALEXANDRIA (OM)

BLESSEDS NYKYTA BUDKA and VASYL VEYCHKOVSKY (OM)

7:30 a.m. Mona Richer (10th Anniversary of Death) by Hurley, Dennis, Steve & Family

Thursday, June 28th ST. IRENAEUS (M)

7:30 a.m. Theresa & Peter D'Cruz by the Estate

Friday, June 29th ST. PETER AND ST. PAUL (S)

7:30 a.m. Special Intention for Pope Francis by a Parishioner

Saturday, June 30th OUR LADY'S SATURDAY (OM)

THE FIRST MARTYRS OF THE HOLY ROMAN CHURCH (OM)

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions

5:30 p.m. Theresa & Peter D'Cruz by the Estate

Sunday, July 01st 13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

CANADA DAY

7:30 a.m. Intentions of Parishioners

9:30 a.m. Eileen Martel by the Martel Family

11:00 a.m. Charles Barker (1st Anniversary of Death) by the Family

Monday, July 02nd

7:30 a.m. **No Mass** 13TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

PLEASE NOTE

The Parish Office will be closed Thursday June 28th to Tuesday July 03rd, 2018.

All announcements for the July 8th bulletin must be submitted to Kelly by noon hour June 27th.

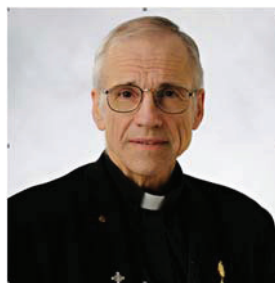


STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"...Behold, one is coming after me; I am not worthy to unfasten the sandals of his feet." - ACTS 13:25

Stewardship is a lifestyle, it's not a program or a process. It's how we are called to live our lives twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week! It challenges us to live "God-centered" lives, not "self-centered" lives. Reflect on your daily activities, do you do them for the glory of God or for the glory of your own name?

IN OUR PARISH



MASS OF FAREWELL AND THANKSGIVING FOR FR. CLAUDE HALLÉ

Thursday, June 28, 2018, 7:00 PM at Cocathédrale de la Nativité

Father Claude Hallé will be retiring on June 30th to Ottawa. To thank him for his many years of dedicated service to our Diocese and to allow people to bid him farewell, the Diocese will be hosting a Mass presided over by Bishop Prendergast. Please join us. Following the Mass, you are invited to the Agora Catholic Centre for a small reception.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED



Have a computer and internet access and like to work from home. The Parish Bulletin Ministry needs you. Training provided. Call the parish office during regular business hours.

POWER of PRAYER

The parish currently has openings for your Mass Intention. Do you have something to be thankful for, does someone you know need prayers, are you praying for a special need. By having a mass said it allows our parish community to offer their prayers along with you for your intention, we don't have to be alone in prayer. We welcome all those who would like to have a mass or a number of masses said for their intentions.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER - Bring a Friend

Thank you to all those attending our monthly evening of Intercessory Prayer. Our next evening will take place on Thursday, July 5, 2018, 7pm in the Church. Bring a friend and your specific prayer intentions as we will also continue to pray for our Parish and our Diocese. Followed by refreshments and Social time. If anyone is interesting in sharing how God has worked in their life or if you would like more information, please call Janet Surgeson at [613-363-5331](tel:613-363-5331) or by email at janetsurgeson@gmail.com

TODAY'S READINGS – JUNE 24TH

1st Reading: Isaiah 49.1-6

2nd Reading: Acts 13.22-26

Gospel: Luke 1.57-16, 80

His name is John.

CONFESSION

Confessions are heard Saturdays 3 – 4 p.m. When there is a line-up Fr. Ernest stays until all have been heard regardless of the time. If Fr. Ernest sees there is no one waiting he leaves to attend to other Church business. First Saturday confessions 7 – 7:25 a.m. if there is a line up Fr. Ernest will hear confessions right up to the time of Mass at 8:00 a.m. If you are in need of confession you can call the office to book an appointment as noted on the front cover of the bulletin.

PILGRIMAGE IN GREECE + CRUISE

The footsteps of Saint Paul with Father Marc Piche (French Guides Only) from September 29th to October 12th, 2018. For more information, Please contact Madeleine Lepage at 613-932-4136 or by email: madonnat@hotmail.com or Father Marc at 613-931-1424.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE AND POLAND

Pilgrimage with Father Claude Hallé to Medjugorje and Poland October 9 to 21, 2018. Leaving from Montreal. For more information please call Ann MacMillan at 613-551-6491.

BLESSING OF THE CALVARY SCENE!

The work continues on the repairs to our Calvary Scene. Be sure to have a look at the work in progress by Ginette Belanger & Gerard Cormier! Also, please mark your Calendar - On Sunday July 8th at 7pm - join us as Father Ernest Blesses the Calvary scene and we will be able to offer our thanks to the volunteers that did the repairs.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY PROGRAM

This Sunday, June 24, marks the end of the Children's Liturgy program for this season. The program will start again in September, after the summer break. Thank you to all those who participated this season.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU SURVEY

If you have not returned your survey or did not receive one please take one from the entrances of the church and return to the collection basket next week. It is important that we hear from as many parishioners as possible as work toward developing a 5 year plan for parish renewal. Your input is needed so that we can work along with you. For more information please call Janet Surgeson at 613-363-5331 or janetsurgeson@gmail.com. Thank You!

WOMEN'S SILENT RETREAT

A Women's Silent Retreat will be held Sept. 14-16, 2018 at Shalom House, Alexandria. The cost is \$210 with a deposit of \$100 by July 31. Contact Heidi Krol 613-347-7561 or Marilyn Light 613-537-2021 for more information and/or to sign up.

PRO-LIFE CORNWALL WALK FOR LIFE

Pro-Life Cornwall Pro-Vie invites you to the AGM and Walk for Life on **Sunday June 24th**. The walk begins at 1:00 PM at the Agora Centre. At 2:00 PM the meeting will begin. The guest speaker is Ruth Shaw, an excellent speaker, who will enlighten us about the National Campus Life Network. This organization is vital to dispensing proper information to the university and college students across Canada. Broaden your knowledge on the great work they do. It will inspire you. Please join us. A light lunch will follow the meeting.

MASS FOR THE UNBORN

In collaboration with the Marcel Renaud Assembly, the Bishop Brodeur Assembly of the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus, wishes to invite the parishioners of Alexandria – Cornwall to the Mass of the Unborn. The Mass will be celebrated at St. Peters Church, on Wednesday, June 27th, 2018, beginning at 7pm. Hope to see you at the Mass.

NOTICE - CATHOLIC INFORMATION CENTRE

Please note that the Store will be closed on SATURDAYS during the months of **JULY** and **AUGUST**.

FOR KIDS

Kids ages 4 to 11 are invited to join us for the Great Birthday Blast as we celebrate the gift of LIFE. This is an exciting PRO-LIFE themed program where kids will learn to discover, respect, protect, serve and celebrate life. We are hosting the first birthday blast in Cornwall (Agora Catholic Centre) from July 30th to August 3rd and the second birthday blast in Apple Hill (St. Anthony's Parish) from August 6th to 10th. (9 am to noon) It's just \$30/child or \$100/family. <https://eng.alexandria-cornwall.ca/vacation-bible-school-1>

ST.COLUMBAN COLLECTION REPORT

In the past, the collection report included Special Collections, Votive Candles, and Bookstore sales. As the parish has to purchase the candles and other items for the bookstore, this should not be reported as income as we have used parish funds to purchase them. In future reports, only the weekly envelope collection and loose collection will be reported. Once monthly, the amount collected for special collections such as Papal Charities, Vocation Sunday etc. will be published. This money is forwarded to the Diocese. I would like to bring to your attention that as of May 31, 2018 our collection is down \$4,155.00 from the previous year of May 31, 2017. To meet our projected budget for the year Jan. 2018 to Dec. 31, 2018, we must collect \$4,000.00 each week. The Finance Council asks each parishioner to consider increasing their weekly contribution so that we can balance the budget. Thank you.

REPAIR OF THE CALVARY SCENE

As previously mentioned in the bulletin, volunteers Ginette Belanger and Gerard Cormier have done an excellent job refurbishing the Calvary Scene which was badly in need of repair. We have not taken on this project previously due to the high cost of labor. They have put in many hours of work even though they are not members of our Parish and the Finance Council feels that they should be presented with a monetary reward. On Sunday, July 1st, there will be envelopes in the pews for donations of appreciation. These can be returned anytime during the next few weeks.

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Sunday Envelopes	3,197.10
Loose Collection	312.70
Total	\$ 3,509.80

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