

In the Gospel today, Satan waited until Jesus emerged from the desert before tempting Jesus to use his powers. To each temptation, Jesus held fast to what he knew was God's will for him. One of our goals should be to discover the gifts that we have received and to use them generously in a way that glorifies God. We need to be reminded of the sources of our gifts and need encouragement to use them humbly.

ST. COLUMBAN

PARISH

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

MARCH 01, 2020

PASTORAL STAFF

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

MASSES & SACRAMENTS

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

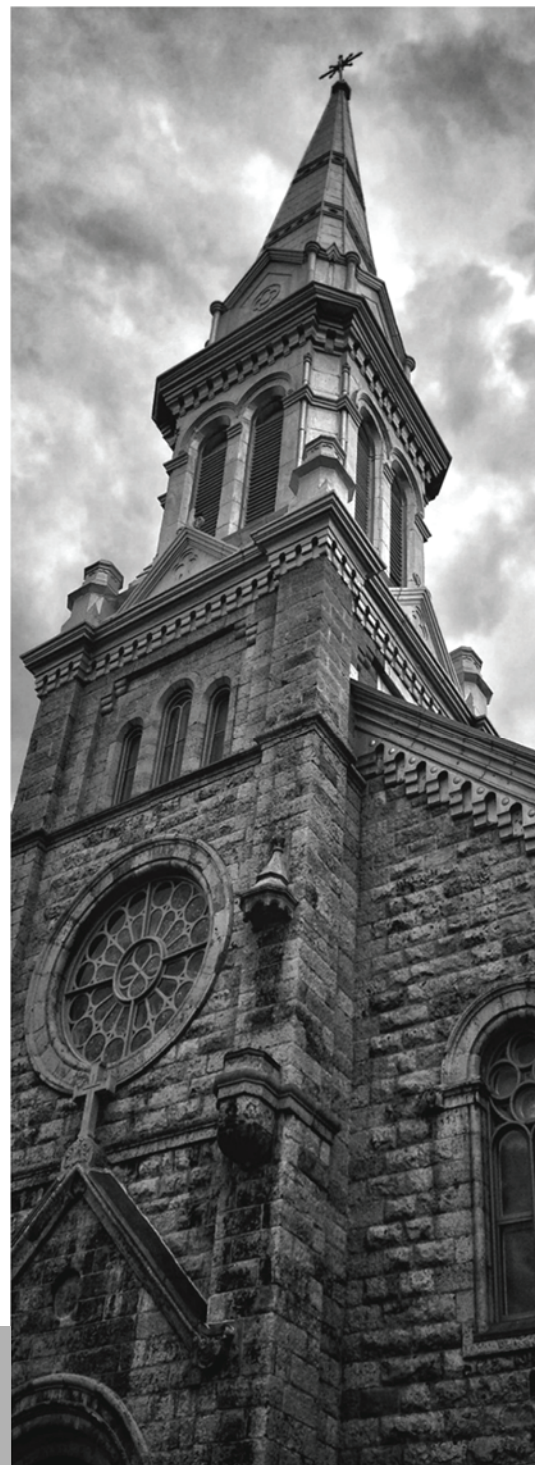
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CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

IN OUR PARISH

Saturday, February 29th

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions
 5:30 p.m. Gervaise Seguin by Yollande & Neil Richer

Sunday, March 01st FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

7:30 a.m. Alpha (33yrs.) & Hazel (43 yrs.) St. Onge by Nick & Debbie Ashby
 9:30 a.m. Intentions of Parishioners
 11:00 a.m. Huey Chisholm by Graceline & Family

Monday, March 02nd

7:30 a.m. **No Mass** LENT – WEEK 1

Tuesday, March 03rd

7:30 a.m. Dorothy Tyo by St. Columban's Catholic Women's League
 12:10 p.m. Andrew Robinson by Yolande Robinson

Wednesday, March 04th SAINT CASIMIR (OM)

7:30 a.m. Jean Welch by June Watts
 12:10 p.m. Bernadette McDonald by Teresa MacInnis

Thursday, March 05th

7:30 a.m. In Thanksgiving to St. Therese for Favor Received by Graceline Chisholm
 12:10 p.m. Sheila Watson by Rita & Allan Boyce

Friday, March 06th WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SACRED HEART OF JESUS - FIRST FRIDAY

7:30 a.m. A Private Intention by a Parishioner
 8:00 a.m. ADORATION
 12:10 p.m. Theresa MacDonald by Marion Tobin
 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. World Day of Prayer
 5:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 07th ST. PERPETUA & ST. FELICITY (OM) IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY - FIRST SATURDAY

7:00 – 7:25 a.m. Confessions
 8:00 a.m. For the Healing & Conversion of Our Children & Grandchildren by a Parishioner
 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions
 5:30 p.m. Rick Lalonde by Rick & Bernadette McRae

Sunday, March 08th SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

7:30 a.m. Intentions of Parishioners
 9:30 a.m. James McLaverty by John & Janice Meyer & Family
 11:00 a.m. Janet Surgeson by David & Nancy Hill

Monday, March 09th ST. FRANCES OF ROME (OM)

7:30 a.m. **No Mass** LENT – WEEK 2

TODAY'S READINGS – MARCH 01ST, 2020

1st Reading: Genesis 2.7-9, 16-18, 25; 3.1-7
 2nd Reading: Romans 5.12-19
 Gospel: Matthew 4.1-11
 Jesus fasted forty days, and was put to the test.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday, March 6th at 2:00 pm., St. Columban Church, 36 Fourth St. West. Theme: **“Rise take up your mat and walk.”** This ecumenical prayer service has been composed by the women of Zimbabwe. To help us celebrate in the African tradition, please bring a small mat and dress in bright colours. **Everyone** is welcome. Fellowship with refreshments will follow the service.

SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTION

The living flame of the Sanctuary Lamp, signifying the Eucharistic presence of our Lord Jesus Christ, is offered this week in Memory of Rick Lalonde by Richard & Bernadette McRae.



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

“It is written: The Lord, your God, shall you worship and Him alone shall you serve.” MATTHEW 4:10

Tempted between the riches and power of this world and service to God, Jesus chose service to His Father. If we wish to truly follow Jesus, we too, must decide to turn away from worldly power and riches and put God at the center of our lives. Lent is our time to prune ourselves of earthly things. Ask God how he is calling you to serve.

LENT - STATIONS of the CROSS & MASSES

Our Friday evening Stations of the Cross begins Friday March 06, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. and every consecutive Friday ending on April 03. Our Lenten 12:10 p.m. Mass begins on Tuesday March 03, 2020, ending on Friday April 03, 2020.

VOLUNTEERS INVALUABLE STEWARDS

Do you love St. Columban's and want to see it thrive and grow? Please prayerfully and joyfully consider becoming a part of our parish ministries. Volunteers are greatly needed in all areas of our Liturgical Celebrations. Through the gifts of time and talent that you our parishioners so generously share, we are able to truly be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ here in St. Columban's Parish. Many thanks to all those faithful and generous stewards who volunteer in our Parish! Your time is worth everything to us. Please consider becoming a part of this parish family.

EVENING OF INTERCESSORY PRAYER

Do you, or someone you care for, have a particular need for prayer at this time? Are you interested in joining others in praying for the needs of our Diocese, parish, and individual needs? If so, **YOU ARE INVITED** to join a group of fellow parishioners for our next monthly session here in the church on Thursday, March 5, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

MASS INTENTIONS

The Church offers us a wonderful way of bringing our intentions before the community so that we are not alone in our prayer. We can entrust a Mass intention for an individual, a group of individuals (for example, deceased family members) or a special prayer intention (for example, peace in the world). We welcome all those who would like to have a Mass or a number of Masses said for their intentions. We have 12:10 Masses available through Lent for your Intentions.

ENGLISH LENTEN MISSION

At Blessed Sacrament Parish, Sunday, March 22nd to Tuesday March 24th. Time 7:00pm, Directed by Msgr. Ernest Leger.



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IN OUR PARISH AND DIOCESE

JOINT AGM OF ST. COLUMBAN & PATRON'S OF ST. COLUMBAN FOUNDATION

The joint Annual General Meeting of St. Columban's Finance Council and the Patron's of St. Columban Foundation will be held on Wednesday, Mar. 11, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the room above the sacristy. All parishioners are welcome to attend to learn more details about our finances.

POPE FRANCIS MARCH INTENTIONS

Catholics in China

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

PASTORAL OUTREACH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The St. Columban pastoral care committee is looking for new members to conduct in-home visits with parishioners who are feeling isolated from the parish community. Volunteers attend health-care facilities, retirement residences, hospice, and private homes to offer prayerful support and encouragement to those who are no longer able to participate fully in the sacramental life of the Church. Pastoral care visits are entirely at the discretion of the volunteer. The committee meets every two months at the Church to share ideas and experiences. A pastoral outreach certification training course will be offered this spring for anyone wishing to join this ministry. A police check is required. You can leave your contact information with the Parish Office Administrator Kelly Poitras at 613 932-9616.

NEW EVANGELIZATION SUMMIT 2020 – CORNWALL HOST SITE

On Saturday April 25th, join thousands of Catholics from around the world at the premier conference on the New Evangelization. The event will be held live in Ottawa and webcast to host sites across Canada and the USA. This year's Summit is once again featuring world-class Catholic speakers: Fr. Robert Spitzer, S.J., Michael Dopp, Barbara Mason, Sherry Wedell, and Brett Powell. The NES has been designed to inspire Catholics and help them live out their personal call to evangelize. We are, once again incredibly excited to have a host site in Cornwall. The Summit is **FREE** for all attendees! Be inspired, receive formation, and connect with other Catholics. Register online at www.newevangelization.ca *Where/Location:* Agora Catholic Centre, 301 McConnell Ave, Cornwall *When:* 25 April 2020, 8:00 AM - Registration Opens, 8:45 AM – *Start Cost:* **FREE** *For more information, please contact Tracey at 613-938-0848 or email traceyc416@gmail.com*

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ST. COLUMBAN COLLECTION REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 16, 2020

Sunday Envelopes	3,348.00
Loose Collection	252.65
New Year's	15.00
Total	<u>\$ 3,615.65</u>

PARISH SURVEY

A summary of the results of the Parish Survey conducted by Janet Surgeson has been completed. If you wish a copy of the summary, you may pick one up at the 4th St. entrance of the church. Thank you to all who participated in the survey.

JOY OF THE LORD PRAYER MEETINGS

The Joy of the Lord Prayer Meetings have begun again on Mondays at St. Columban's Parish. Join us at 6:30 p.m. for Rosary, followed at 7 p.m. for a time of Praise and Worship. New members are welcome. Entry is by the East door of the church.

AN INVITATION TO GET INVOLVED!

If the winter is finding you confined indoors with little to do? We need your help. **Volunteers** are needed to help in the Gift Shop at **St. Joseph's Villa** or to sell lottery tickets to residents, visitors and staff. If you have 2 hours to give once a month we welcome your help. Orientation and training is provided. Become a member of our Volunteer Family and enjoy social events throughout the year. For more information call **Chantal**, Volunteer and Recreation Supervisor at St. Joseph's Continuing Care Centre: Telephone **613-933-6040**, ext. **21167** or by Email: chelps@sjccc.ca

PRAISE & WORSHIP

March 3rd @ 7:00pm at Saint Peter's Church. Join us the first Tuesday of the Month for an hour of Praise & Worship Music. All are Welcome!

ST. FINNAN'S LENTEN VIDEO SERIES - THE WILD GOOSE

Discover a deeper relationship with the Holy Spirit. Starting Monday, February 24th for six weeks from 1pm - 3pm in the Bishop MacDonell Room. Each video stands alone. However, the first three segments are a type of foundation for the others. We will be viewing "God's Love Poured Out" and "Breath of God". Everyone is welcome! Refreshments will be served. Hosted by St. Finnan's CWL. For more information, please call Susan Lajoie 613-525-3481 or Elizabeth McDonell 613-527-3209.

UPDATE ON CROSS & STEEPLE REPAIR

Please take a moment to view two pictures posted on the bulletin boards which show the condition of the support column that the cross was attached to. As you can see, water has penetrated this for many years and caused severe rot. The engineering firm has affirmed the depth of the rot and are presently developing a method to reinforce the top portion of the steeple to support the cross.

WHAT CATHOLIC'S BELIEVE

St Francis de Sales Parish Hall, starting Wednesday, March 4, 2020, 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM. Fr. Kevin will be leading us through the Gospel of Mark.

LENTEN RETREAT

St. Raphael's and St. Mary's Parishes are hosting a one-day Lenten Retreat on Saturday, March 21st, 2020 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM, at St Raphael's Church. The theme of the retreat will be "The Mystery of the Eucharist" and will be led by Bishop Guy Desrochers.



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