

“Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.”

ST. COLUMBAN

PARISH

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

MARCH 15, 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

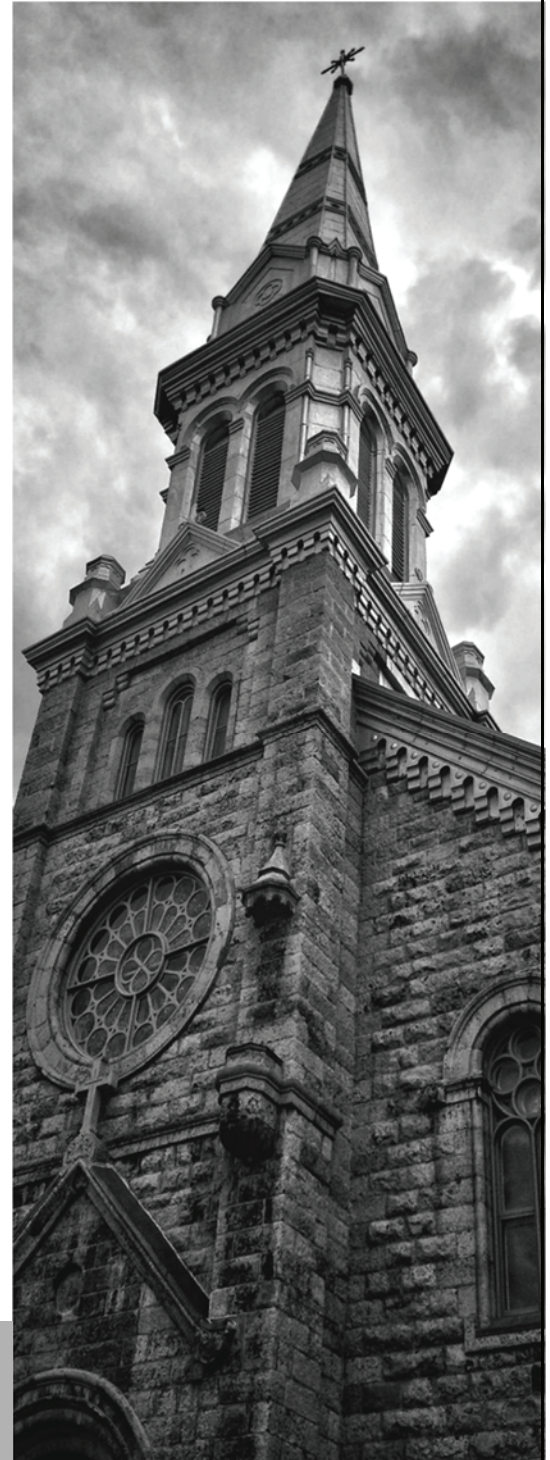
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CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

IN OUR PARISH

Saturday, March 14th

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions
5:30 p.m. Raymond & Andre Tardif by Bea Tardif

Sunday, March 15th THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

7:30 a.m. Intentions of Parishioners
9:30 a.m. Sylvia Etwell Shaver by Daughter Kelly Poitras & Family
11:00 a.m. Hamish MacDonald by Elizabeth & Jenny

Monday, March 16th PLEASE NOTE: OFFICE CLOSED

7:30 a.m. **No Mass** LENT – WEEK 3

Tuesday, March 17th SAINT PATRICK (OM)

7:30 a.m. Special Intention for Evelyn Vollrath by Margaret Fortier
12:10 p.m. Janet Surgeson by Marion Tobin

Wednesday, March 18th ST. CYRIL OF JERUSALEM (OM)

7:30 a.m. Peter & Theresa D’Cruz by the Estate
12:10 p.m. Grace Robinson by Yolande Robinson

Thursday, March 19th SAINT JOSEPH, PRINCIPAL PATRON OF CANADA, PATRON OF THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH (S)

7:30 a.m. Yvonne Lebrun by Elaine Lebrun
12:10 p.m. Rick Lalonde by Raymond & Kelly Poitras

Friday, March 20th

7:30 a.m. Linda Phillips by Bernadette & Darlene
12:10 p.m. Peter & Theresa D’Cruz by the Estate
5:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 21st

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions
5:30 p.m. Rick Lalonde by Art & Geraldine Lauzon

Sunday, March 22nd FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

7:30 a.m. Intentions of Parishioners
9:30 a.m. Claude Provost by Lisa & Kevin Amyotte
11:00 a.m. Cecilia Larocque-Reid by Linda Brunette

Monday, March 23rd ST. TURIBIUS OF MOGROVEJO (OM)

7:30 a.m. **No Mass** LENT – WEEK 4

SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTION

The living flame of the Sanctuary Lamp, signifying the Eucharistic presence of our Lord Jesus Christ, is offered this week for the Stang & Tardif Families by Bea Tardif.



TODAY’S READINGS – MARCH 15TH, 2020

1st Reading: Exodus 17.3-7
2nd Reading: Romans 5.1-2, 5-8
Gospel: John 4.5-42
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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.

PLEASE NOTE

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, March 16, 2020.



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

“Everyone who drinks the water will be thirsty again.”

JOHN 4:13

Jesus reminds us that material things, even something as basic as water, can never satisfy us for long. When we build our lives around material possessions we always want more. True Joy and Peace only comes when we follow Jesus; when we become more “God-centered” and less “self-centered”.

LENT - STATIONS of the CROSS & MASSES

Our Friday evening Stations of the Cross began Friday March 06, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. and repeats every consecutive Friday ending on April 03. Our Lenten 12:10 p.m. Mass began on Tuesday March 03, 2020, continuing Tuesdays to Fridays through Lent 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.

HOLY THURSDAY - FOOT WASHING

Fr. Ernest invites those parishioners who would like to take part in the foot washing on Holy Thursday to see him or call the office to participate. The washing of the feet is a direct expression of our service to one another.

REQUESTING PARISHIONER ASSISTANCE

The Catholic Women’s League invites all those parishioners willing to assist them in cleaning our beautiful Church on Tuesday March 31, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. Followed by refreshments in the Activity Center. Bring a bucket & clean cloths.

ST. PATRICK’S TEA

St. Columban’s Catholic Women’s League invite all parishioners to attend their St. Patrick’s Day Tea and Bake sale on Tuesday Mar 17, from 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. at the Parish Activity Centre (second floor Agape) Donation \$8.00 - proceeds to charity. Again we are looking for donations for the bake table and tea table. Items may be dropped off on Monday March 16th between 1:00 - 3:00 pm or Tuesday March 17th from 9:00 -10:00 am to the Parish Activity Center room (upstairs Agape Bldg).

PATRONS OF ST. COLUMBAN FOUNDATION CHICKEN DINNER

The Patrons of St. Columban Foundation invites you to a chicken dinner fundraiser for the restoration of our historic St. Columban Church at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 297, 415 Second St., West, Cornwall from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Sunday March 29. Tickets \$15 are available after masses the weekend of March 14-15, 21-22. Tickets are also available at St. Columban parish office during office hours, from Foundation members, by calling Brian Lynch at 613-933-8353 and at the Legion. Everyone is welcome.

IN OUR PARISH AND DIOCESE

PRO-LIFE SPAGHETTI SUPPER

Pro-Life invites everyone to their fundraiser spaghetti supper on March 22 at the Agora Catholic Centre (301 McConnell Ave.). It runs from 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm. The cost is \$8.00 per person and children 12 and under are free. Gluten-free spaghetti is available and take-out orders are also available. All funds raised support the work of Pro-Life Cornwall.

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.

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.

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, April 2, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

ST. RAPHAELS RUINS PLAQUE

As in the past 12 years The Friends of the Ruins, St. Raphaels plan to unveil a plaque of individuals who wish to be memorialized by a friend or family. If you are interested in placing the name of a loved one on this plaque please call 613-347-2352 or 613-347-2293. Deadline is June 12th, 2020.

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ST. COLUMBAN COLLECTION REPORT FOR MARCH 01, 2020

Sunday Envelopes	3,239.20
Loose Collection	356.60
Easter	5.00
New Year's	20.00
Total	\$ 3,620.80

ENGLISH LENTEN MISSION

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

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

RAFFLE AT BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

The parish is holding a fundraising raffle to purchase an industrial lift for the parish hall. Will be drawn Easter Sunday. Tickets are \$20 each. 1st Prize \$2,500, 2nd Prize \$1,000 and 10 consolation prizes of \$100 each. Get your tickets at the Diocesan Centre. Call Ruth at (613) 933-1138 extension 22 or drop in at 220 Montreal Road between 8:30 and 4:30 Monday to Friday. You can also reserve them by email at diocese@alexandria-cornwall.ca. Tickets are also available at the parish at 321 Tollgate Road East but only on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Contact Denise at (613) 932-2996 or by email at info@blessedsacramentchurch.ca.

NEW LIFE RETREAT

St. Mary's Church Ottawa, March 20 -23, 2020. You are invited to attend this retreat which is a response to the call to the New Evangelization. Talks are given on various means of growth including prayer, scripture, the sacraments, Christian community and carrying the cross. Please call Odette Regimbal for further information at 613-224-5723. Brochures are available on the heaters around our parish church and information has been posted on our bulletin boards.

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, continues Wednesday, March 18, 2020, 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM. Fr. Kevin is leading us through the Gospel of Mark.

LENTE 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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"Let us work for the good of all, and especially for the family of the faith" (Catechism 1826)



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