

It is a time to tell the story of the Paschal Mystery—the suffering, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. The story is told through lavish use of song, Scripture, symbol, Sacrament, and procession. This is the holiest time of the entire Church year. As Holy Week begins, make room on the family calendar for quiet and prayer together, and make time to attend the liturgies of the Triduum.

# ST. COLUMBAN

## PARISH

**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (B)**

**MARCH 28, 2021**

### PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Fr. Ernest Emeka 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

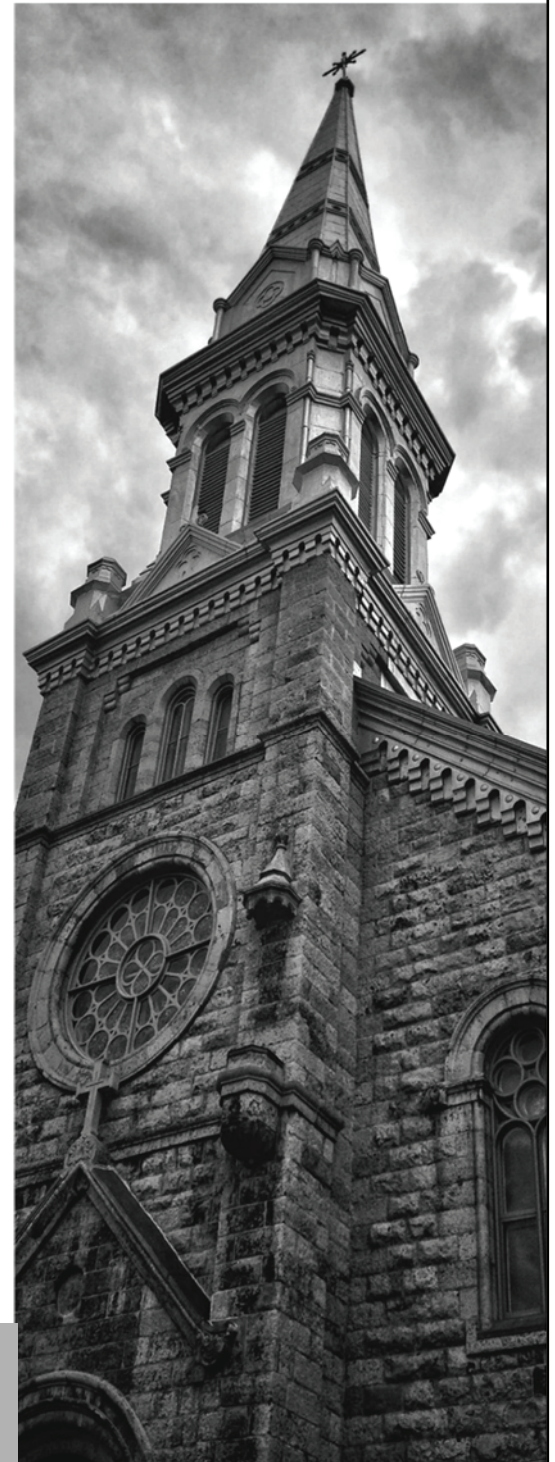
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# ST. COLUMBAN PARISH

## CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

### Saturday, March 27th

5:30 p.m. Maureen & Leonard Morin by Brian Morin

### Sunday, March 28th PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD WORLD DAY OF YOUTH

7:30 a.m. Intention of Parishioners

9:30 a.m. Joan Levy Earle by Rick & Bernadette McRae

11:00 a.m. Irene McLennan by Daughter Jean McLennan

### Monday, March 29th

7:30 a.m. **No Mass** HOLY WEEK

### Tuesday, March 30th

7:30 a.m. For the Healing of Family & Friends by a Parishioner

### Wednesday, March 31st

7:30 a.m. Ann-Marie Duggan by Monica McCool

### Thursday, April 01st MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

7:00 p.m. Hamish MacDonald by Elizabeth & Jenny

### After Mass Adoration for One Hour

### Friday, April 02nd CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION

3:00 p.m. Passion of the Lord

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

### Saturday, April 03rd EASTER VIGIL

8:00 p.m. Raymond & Andre Tardif by Bea Tardif

### Sunday, April 04th THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

7:30 a.m. Intention of Parishioners

9:30 a.m. George & Georgette Brand by the Brand Family

11:00 a.m. Irene Jodoin by Daughters Mary, Iris, Barbara & Lorna

### Monday, April 05th EASTER OCTAVE

7:30 a.m. **No Mass** EASTER SEASON – WEEK 1

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

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## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

*"Pilate again said to them, "Then what shall I do with the man whom you call the King of the Jews? And they cried out again, "Crucify him." - MARK 15:12-13*

*Jesus told us, "whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you do for me." Every day we are presented opportunities to help someone. Every day we have the opportunity to see the face of Jesus in others and be the face of Jesus to others. Every day we pass by someone in need. Pray for the strength and courage to be the answer to someone's prayer.*

## PLEASE NOTE

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

## TODAY'S READINGS – MARCH 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2021

1st Reading: Isaiah 50.4-7

2nd Reading: Philippians 2.6-11

Gospel: Mark 14.1 - 15.47

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ.

## IN OUR PARISH

## PLEASE NOTE

The Parish Office will be closed Easter Monday, April 05th, 2021.



## HOLY WEEK MASS SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday 7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper  
Adoration for one hour after Mass

Good Friday 3:00 p.m. Stations of the Lord  
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday 8:00 p.m. EASTER VIGIL

Easter Sunday 7:30, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m. Resurrection of the Lord

Easter Monday No Mass

## DEACON GUY'S REFLECTION

During Holy Week, we enter into the holiest days of the church year, we read the account of the Lord's Passion. In this we read Christ's radical, total gift of himself, to us for the remedy for our sins. In these last few days, it is good to reflect on the actions that no words can describe. Christ gave his total self to us, do we all ourselves to him. May we hear the words deep in our hearts, "Take & Eat, Take & Drink, I desire to give all of myself to you." DG

Deacon Guy's website is [thedeaconguy.ca](http://thedeaconguy.ca)

## IN GRATITUDE

We wish to express our deep gratitude to you the parishioners, for your continued support of our church, for your time, talent and treasure we thank you and appreciate all you do to help keep our doors open during this pandemic.

## CONTACT TRACING FORM

When arriving at church, **everyone** needs to sign the Contact Tracing Form and include their phone number. The Contact Tracing form is strictly used **only** if the EOHU contacts us. This form will be shredded after two months as per the directive from the Diocese.

## 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.

## LIVING WITH CHRIST MONTHLY MISSALS

Missals for April are available at the Church for purchase; the cost is \$3.25 each, and you can pick one up Tuesday – Friday before or after 7:30 a.m. Mass or at the weekend Masses.

## 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 4<sup>th</sup> St., West, Cornwall, ON., K6J 2R6 or drop it off in the parish office mailbox at 36 4<sup>th</sup> St. West. Cheques should be made payable to the Patrons of St. Columban Foundation. Thank you for your continued support.

## POPE FRANCIS APRIL INTENTIONS

### Universal intention - Fundamental rights

We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

## 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

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## KNEELERS

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

## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER CEREMONIES ADAPTED TO THE COVID RESTRICTIONS

### Palm Sunday

Please note that palms will be handed out (no choosing your own) as you enter the church by a volunteer wearing a mask and gloves. The liturgies of Palm Sunday will begin with the blessings of palms from the altar and the proclamation of the Gospel, but without the procession of palms through the church. The liturgy will then proceed in the usual way.

### Chrism Mass (March 30, 2021)

Celebrated at the Basilica of Notre Dame in Ottawa with representation by invitation only from priests, deacons, religious and laity from throughout the diocese. The blessing of Holy Oils will then be given to the deans to be distributed within their deaneries.

### Holy Thursday (7:00 p.m.)

The washing of feet will be omitted. At the end of the Holy Mass, the Blessed Sacrament will be reposed in the tabernacle. There will be no procession to a special place of reposition. There will be one hour of adoration immediately following the mass.

### Good Friday (3:00 p.m.)

The adoration of the Cross by kissing it shall be limited solely to the Priest. We will venerate the cross as an assembly (staying at one's seat) rather than individually. The Stations of the Cross will be at 7:00 p.m. and will not be a joint service as in previous years.

### Easter Vigil (8:00 p.m.)

There will be no lighting of the Easter candle outside. The tapers will be handed out by volunteers as you enter. There is no procession, and the tapers will be lit row by row like we do communion. The tapers will be discarded at the end of mass in the baskets provided at the exit doors.

## MASS INTENTIONS

The Church offers us an excellent 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 particular prayer intention (for example, peace in the world). We welcome all those who would like to have a Mass, or several Masses said for their intentions. Call the office at 613-932-9616.

## ST. COLUMBAN COLLECTION REPORT FOR MARCH 14, 2021

Sunday Envelopes	3,234.34
Loose Collection	314.35
Total	\$ 3,548.69

## VACCINATION: YES OR NO?

The following is an excerpt from the Archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall website <https://en.archoc.ca/current-messages> that contains Lenten messages from Archbishop Marcel and an article addressing the morality of taking vaccines.

"The short answer to a complex question is that in this particular circumstance, it is morally permissible to be vaccinated. We are in a global pandemic that has caused the deaths of over two million people worldwide and which has left many others with lingering adverse effects. Since we do not have completely licit (morally pure) alternatives at this time, we can receive the vaccines we have available to us in Canada. To add context to the short answer, I will let the experts shed some light on the subject. I recognize there is a diversity of opinion within our Catholic Church. I refer you to two resources that summarize the thinking of specialists in moral theology upon which I base my decision:

- [Note on the morality of using some anti-Covid-19 vaccines](#) (Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith at the Vatican)
- [Letter by the Bishops of Alberta and the Northwest Territories](#)

In both documents, they explain that the current vaccine situation is not ideal and that we must advocate for future vaccines that are derived or tested in a more ethical manner. In our situation, it is morally permissible to be vaccinated, and this is not a compromise with regard to our conviction of the sanctity of human life. I encourage you to read one or both of these documents for a more complete answer.

This being said, I will not force anyone to receive the vaccine if they are not willing. However, in the spirit of helping one another to fight this pandemic with a limited number of accessible vaccines, I encourage you to receive the vaccine.

In conclusion, we must not forget the power of prayer and the sacraments. Let us implore God, through the intercession of the saints, to put an end to this pandemic and to give us patience and perseverance in order to stand firm in charity and hope. Please continue to pray for me, as I do for you."

### + Marcel

Note: In order to obtain a copy of the two resources referred to, please access the Archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall website <https://en.archoc.ca/current-messages>

## Ask the Deacon guy...

**Question:** Why is the date of Easter not the same each year?

**Answer:** In the early days of our Church, society was very agricultural, and used the seasons to celebrate special feasts. It was important, in teaching about Jesus, to have people connect the Gospel message to their daily lives. Since Jesus' resurrection was the beginning of a whole new life and occurred so near the spring feasts, it was determined that Easter would always be calculated as the first Sunday after the first full moon after the vernal equinox (that is, the first day of spring).



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