

O Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us. Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us.
St. Joseph, pray for us. St. Columban, pray for us.

ST. COLUMBAN

PARISH

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (C II)

MARCH 06, 2022

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Fr. Thomas Riopelle, 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	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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ST. COLUMBAN PARISH

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

IN OUR PARISH

Saturday, March 05th IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY - FIRST SATURDAY

7:00 – 7:25 a.m. Confession
 8:00 a.m. Our Children & Their Families by Richard & Carole Pilon
 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confession
 5:30 a.m. James McLaverty by John & Janice Meyer & Family
 Edmund Puccini (20th Anniversary of Death) by Rick & Bernadette McRae

Sunday, March 06th FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

7:30 a.m. People of the Parish
 9:30 a.m. Jane Anderson by Desneiges Miseferi
 Marion Tobin by Rick & Bernadette McRae
 11:00 a.m. Bob Kilger by Some Citizens of Cornwall

Monday, March 07th ST. PERPETUA and ST. FELICITY (OM)

7:30 a.m. **No Mass** LENT – WEEK 1

Tuesday, March 08th ST. JOHN OF GOD (OM)

7:30 a.m. Blanche Trudeau by Margaret & Ron Fortier
 12:10 p.m. Anna & Herman Van Den Broeck by the Estate

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

7:30 a.m. Barry Kennedy by a Parishioner
 12:10 p.m. Ambrose & Catherine McDonell by Daughter Jean McDonell

Thursday, March 10th

7:30 a.m. Special Intention for Darlene Brabant by a Parishioner
 12:10 p.m. Maureen Coaskey by a Parishioner

Friday, March 11th

7:30 a.m. Marilyn Hamilton by Her Family
 12:10 p.m. Annie MacDonald by Elizabeth & Jenny
 7:00 p.m. Stations of The Cross

Saturday, March 12th

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confession
 5:30 a.m. Maureen Tourangeau by Art & Geraldine Lauzon

Sunday, March 13th SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS AT 2:00 AM

7:30 a.m. People of the Parish
 9:30 a.m. Joan Lynch Lawton by Brian Lynch & Katie Burke
 11:00 a.m. Florencia Barroza by Her Children Annabel & John Barroza

Monday, March 14th

7:30 a.m. **No Mass** LENT – WEEK 2

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

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TODAY'S READINGS – MARCH 06TH, 2022

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 26.4-10
 2nd Reading: Romans 10.8-13
 Gospel: Luke 4.1-13
 Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness: there he was tempted.

PLEASE NOTE

The Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday March 15th, and Wednesday March 16th, 2022.



LENTEN MASSES

Our Lenten 12:10 p.m. Mass begins on Thursday, March 03, 2022, and ends on Friday, April 08, 2022. No Masses on Mondays.

PLEASE JOIN US

Every Friday evening during Lent, we will be doing the Way of the Cross followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction. Join Deacon Guy at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. All are welcome.

HOLY THURSDAY - FOOT WASHING

Fr. Tom 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.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

As we are all well aware, the past few years have taken a toll on every aspect of our lives, including the financial state of our Parish. The Finance Council thanks all who faithfully kept up their Sunday offerings even though they were unable to attend church in person. It is imperative that to keep paying our bills, including salaries and all utility expenses, insurance, heat, electricity etc., that due to increased costs, we will require a minimum of **\$5300.00** weekly in our Sunday offerings to meet these expenses. We know we can accomplish this together by increasing our donation. Thank you for your support.

VOCATIONS

Prayer for Vocations: First Sunday of Lent – March 6.

For all men and women being chosen by Christ to follow Him as priests, deacons, sisters and brothers, that they will persevere in the face of temptations against faithfulness to their call, we pray to the Lord. To start the conversation, contact Fr. Pierre Champoux, Director of Vocations, at vocations@archottawa.ca or 613-558-1445.

ST. COLUMBAN COLLECTION REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 20, 2022

Sunday Envelopes	2,405.00
Loose Collection	228.20
Weekly Total	\$2,633.20

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O Lord, have given to me."

DEUTERONOMY 26:10

This line from the Old Testament offers two challenges. First, do you give to God from your "first fruits" – the first and best that you have to offer, or do you give from what you have leftover? Second, do you realize that everything you have and that everything you are has been given to you by God? Ask God for a grateful and generous heart, every day, in all circumstances.

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

Russian Invasion of Ukraine: On Thursday, February 24 Russia invaded the Ukraine, plunging both countries into war. Pope Francis has asked that we observe Ash Wednesday, March 2, as a day of prayer and fasting for peace: "I encourage believers in a special way to dedicate themselves intensely to prayer and fasting on that day. May the Queen of Peace preserve the world from the madness of war." Caritas Ukraine is gathering resources to respond to the potential humanitarian crisis. The Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) has a relationship with Caritas Ukraine: to donate to support relief efforts in this time of crisis go to <https://cnewa.org/ca/campaigns/ukraine/>. Let us join in praying for an end to the conflict and a peaceful, just resolution.

REPEAL OF MANDATORY MASK POLICY

Beginning March 1st, people with a valid medical exemption from wearing a mask will be able to participate in person without having to wear a mask.

SAINT BROTHER ANDRE RELIC FROM SAINT JOSEPH'S ORATORY COMES TO US

Blessed Sacrament Parish, 321 Tollgate Rd E, Cornwall, Telephone: (613) 932-2996, will host the relic of Saint Brother Andre on Thursday, March 31, 2022. Exposition of the Relic and PowerPoint presentation on the life of Saint André Bessette at 6:00 pm, Eucharistic Adoration at 6:30 pm, Holy Mass at 7:00 pm, and Veneration of the Relic and Blessing with the Oil of Saint Joseph at 7:45 pm.

CORNWALL NATIVE MISSIONARY PRIEST DIES

Father Gordon Eugene Baker, formerly of St. Columban's Parish, passed away February 10, 2022 in the State of Bahia, Brazil, at the age of 89.

The Baker family grew up on Fourth St. East and were active in our Parish. Many will recall Eddie, who was our very talented singer/organist for many years. After becoming a priest, Father Gordon finally fulfilled his dream of serving in the mission fields, like St. Damien the leper, when, in 1969 he founded the "Missionary Society of the Damians of St. Joseph".

The Society was incorporated as a non-profit organization under Canadian Federal Charter in Ottawa.

After spending a couple of years 'begging' for donations, the humble village of Goes Calmon, in Bahia, Brazil became 'home' to Father Baker and the Missionaries. He was joined by Sister Lillian Prevost of Glen Walter, who shared Father Gordon's passion and the Society began to grow as other young women joined.

A beautiful funeral service was held for Father on the day after he died, at the Diocesan Church, attended by hundreds of well-loved and appreciative persons whose lives he touched. Father requested that no flowers be sent, but if interested, Mass offerings or donations to the Society would be greatly appreciated. These can be sent to "Missionary Society of Damians of St. Joseph", P.O. 1514, Cornwall, ON, K6H 5V5.

SYNOD 2023 UPDATE



We need your comments and participation in the Synod process to help shape our Church as well as the legacy of our Parish.

Please complete a handout. We are aiming to have all written comments in by March 13th, 2022.

As of Feb 28th, only 8 people have participated in the small group sessions and only 4 responses have been submitted.

**Remember to prayerfully reflect on this:
In the story of my life, how & when did my heartache for the Church?**

The goal is to listen to each other and the Holy Spirit on how we can journey better together as a Church, as a Parish focused on **Communion – Participation – Mission**.

You can help with the success of this Synod process to define the mission of our Archdiocese and our Parish, in a few ways,

- 1) Completing a Synod 2023 handout,
- 2) Taking part in one of the small group sessions,
- 3) Praying for the Holy Spirit to cover & guide us and our openness to accept God's will.

If you are interested in taking a more involved role in this process, please contact the Parish office

May the Lord bless us all as we open up our hearts to the Holy Spirit.

Father Tom & Deacon Guy

POPE FRANCIS MARCH INTENTIONS

For a Christian response to bioethical challenges

We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

LIVING WITH CHRIST MONTHLY MISSALS

Missals for March 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.



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