

The Lord Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me." In God's kingdom, no one is hungry, naked, sick, or alone.

ST. COLUMBAN

PARISH

CHRIST THE KING (A)

NOVEMBER 26, 2017

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Fr. Ernest Emeke Emeodi, Parochial Administrator
Rev. Fr. Claude Hallé, Guest Priest
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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A PARISH KRISTKINDL PROJECT

This Advent join in the Kristkindl project of reciprocal giving among members of our parish family.

This project will create a wonderful atmosphere of joyful suspense, kindness, and thoughtfulness, and will help us to keep our focus on the true meaning of Christmas.

Christkindl or Christkindel are diminutive versions of Kristkindl, the German for "Christ-child". In the old European countries, children believe that the Christmas tree and the gifts under it are brought down by the Christ Child himself. The Kristkindl was adopted in Catholic areas of Germany during the 19th century and to this date remains the main gift bearer in many Catholic countries in Latin America. Its traditions are rich and in North America it evolved into Kris Kringle and Santa Claus.

How it Works:

1. Everyone in the parish is invited to complete a form giving their name, address, and phone number. All forms will be placed in a Kristkindl box.
2. Everyone who submits a form will then randomly select one of the forms from the box. If by chance you draw your own name, put it back and try again.
3. During Advent you will be the Christ Child to the person whose name you draw from the box.
4. You are then invited to do something nice, little favours, etc., in secret, for your fellow Kristkindl during Advent. You may choose to do something only once or even as often as every day. You make the limit. The key is in acting in secret, as in a secret Santa. You must never let your Kristkindl know who you are.
5. What sort of things can I do for my Kristkindl?

Suggestions:

- a) Send a card to let them know you have said a Rosary for them or offered a Mass or other spiritual gifts. (Don't forget to disguise your handwriting and no return address please.)
 - b) Offer up a number of sacrifices for the person.
 - c) Send a little homemade gift i.e. a Christmas decoration or homemade bake goods.
 - d) If you know their schedule, shovel their driveway while they are at work.
 - e) Give a donation in their name; light a votive candle.
 - f) You can actually do favours in their presence if you do not let them know why you are doing it or that you are their Kristkindl.
6. Be as creative as you can; the above suggestions are minimal.

The beautiful thing about this custom is that we become the Christ Child to each other. The person's name you draw and is under your care becomes for you the helpless little Christ Child in the manger; and therefore, in doing acts of love for someone in the parish family, you are serving the Infant of Bethlehem, according to the word, "And he that shall receive one such child in my name, receiveth me." Mat 18:5 NRSV Likewise, you become the Christ Child for the person who drew your name. We want to imitate the Holy Child and render all our little services in the same spirit that he gave.

Imagine how much the true Christmas spirit can spread far and wide just in our own parish family if Participation is 100%? Think of the seeds we could sow and the fruits that we will yield far and wide.

Fill in your Kristkindl card today.

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

IN OUR PARISH

Saturday, November 25th **OUR LADY'S SATURDAY (OM)**
ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA (OM)

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

Sunday, November 26th **CHRIST THE KING**
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

7:30 a.m. Jacques Cote by the Lavender family
9:30 a.m. Intentions of Parishioners
11:00 a.m. Dorothy Joubert by Exit Realty Family

Monday, November 27th
7:30 a.m. **No Mass** **ORDINARY TIME – WEEK 34**

Tuesday, November 28th
7:30 a.m. Angela Ricci by Ray & Jackie

Wednesday, November 29th
7:30 a.m. Lorraine Duggan-Vermette by Husband
Andre Vermette

Thursday, November 30th **ST. ANDREW (F)**
7:30 a.m. Rev. Bernard Cameron by Joan Earle

Friday, December 01st **SACRED HEART of JESUS**
- FIRST FRIDAY

7:30 a.m. Lynn Tremblay (8th Anniversary of death) by
Husband Ron & Family
8:00 a.m. Adoration

Saturday, December 02nd **IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY**
OUR LADY'S - FIRST SATURDAY (OM)

7:00 – 7:25 a.m. Confessions
8:00 a.m. Tom Parisien by Joe Parisien & Family
3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions
5:30 p.m. Gertrude Poitras (6th Anniversary of Death)
by Son Raymond Poitras & Family

Sunday, December 03rd **1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

7:30 a.m. Marlene MacMillan by Florence Gravelle
9:30 a.m. Intentions of Parishioners
11:00 a.m. Paul Rose by His Wife

Monday, December 04th **ST. JOHN DAMASCENE (OM)**
7:30 a.m. **No Mass** **ADVENT – WEEK 1**

TODAY'S READINGS – NOVEMBER 26TH

1st Reading: Ezekiel 34.11-12, 15-17
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15.20-26, 28
Gospel: Matthew 25.31-46

The Son of Man will sit on the throne of his glory, and he will separate people one from another.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON SOCIAL GATHERING

Tuesday's 1:00 – 4:00 pm. Parish Activity Centre. Parishioners are invited to participate in an afternoon of games and socializing with others on Tuesday afternoons. Always open to new activities and ideas. For more info call 613.932.7091.

NEW SUNDAY MISSALS

As we begin the season of Advent on Dec 3, we also begin a new Church year and therefore the need for a NEW MISSAL, as you will notice in the pews. These are needed for all year. If you would like your own copy, some are available on the Book Table for \$4.50 each.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"...whatever you did for one of the least of my brothers, you did for me."
Matthew 25:40

Most of us are generous when it is convenient for us. We are generous when we have the time or the money. But, generosity is the opposite of that. It means giving of one's time, money, compassion, forgiveness or mercy when it's not convenient; when it's not on our schedule, but on the other person's schedule.

LOOKING FOR A COORDINATOR FOR DIOCESAN YOUTH MINISTRY

If you are looking for a challenge and you enjoy working with teens then we have the job for you. We are currently looking for someone to coordinate youth ministry for the Diocese. The coordinator will provide vision and direction for branding and promoting youth ministry and the Catholic faith with the young people of the Diocese from grades 7 to 12. The key areas of responsibility are the development of both a Pre-Teen and Teen Youth Ministry as well as the administration, coordination and future growth of youth ministry in the Diocese. For more information and for a complete job description go to www.alexandria-cornwall.ca

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

In the tradition of our Church NOVEMBER IS THE 'MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS' a time to pray and give thanks for those we love but see no longer. A book of remembrance is located at the front of the Church and all are invited to inscribe the names of your departed loved ones. St. Paul reminds us: "It is a good and wholesome thing to pray for the dead."

REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES AT CHRISTMAS

The Patrons of St. Columban Foundation ask for your assistance once again this year to keep the repairs to our historic church building on schedule. You can help by making a donation to the Foundation this Christmas "In Memory of a Loved One". Remembrances will be published in a special insert to our Parish Bulletin the weekend of December 16-17, 2017. For your donation, you may use the forms and the envelopes provided at the Church entrances. Cheques should be made payable to the Patrons of St. Columban Foundation. Please submit in the collection basket by Sunday December 3 to allow for printing. Thank you for your continued support of the work of the Patrons of St. Columban Foundation.

MEMBERS OF ST. COLUMBAN'S CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE CHRISTMAS POTLUCK

5:45 p.m. Tuesday Dec 05, 2017. In the Parish Activity Centre, bring your favourite dish and wear your favourite Christmas sweater (ugly or otherwise), bring a wrapped gift (\$10.00 max.) for our Christmas exchange. Don't forget your Jello!

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION RECEPTION

An invitation is extended to all parish volunteers to attend. The reception will be held in the Rectory from 2 to 4 p.m., Sunday December 10, 2017

SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTION

The living flame of the Sanctuary Lamp, signifying the Eucharistic presence of our Lord Jesus Christ, is offered this week in Thanksgiving for the ALPHA Family at St. Columban Parish.





WHY THE WILD GOOSE?

Video Series presented by Fr. Dave Pivonka

Join Us Tuesday November 28th at 7pm
St. Columban's Activity Room
Above the Agape Centre

OUTDOOR NATIVITY SCENES

The Diocese has a limited number of outdoor Nativity scenes available for sale. The scenes, which are \$125 + HST, are pre-cut but must be painted. This could be a great Advent project for you and your family. For more information and to view the scene visit the diocesan website at www.alexandria-cornwall.ca or contact Yolande at 613-933-1138, ext. 24. This is a good way to remind people of the real reason for the season!



MARRIAGE PREPARATION - EARLY BIRD PRICING ENDS

If you are getting married in the Catholic Church in 2018 or 2019 you must take a marriage preparation course. In this Diocese we offer the Engaged Encounter Weekend. The cost of the weekend is \$180. But we have early bird pricing of \$150 until January 31, 2018. Space is limited so you must register by February 28, 2018.

BOOKTABLE NEWS

We begin the beautiful season of **ADVENT** next Sunday. To help you to prepare spiritually for Christ's coming at Christmas, we are making available once again, the 'Magnificat Advent Companion', as well as other devotionals. Also, the **2018 Catholic Calendars** have arrived. Get your copy while they last! They are \$5.00 each.

DIOCESAN CWL ADVENT RETREAT

Thursday December 07, 2017 hosted by St. Peter's Parish
6 p.m. Adoration Hour Guest Speaker: Joanna Sisk.
8 p.m. Celebration of the Holy Eucharist, followed by a social hour.

2018 PARISH ENVELOPES

Envelopes are available for pick up at the rear of the Church. Please confirm number on label matches number in box.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY NEWS

Our Christmas Basket Giveaway initiative is underway, with distribution of baskets on December 16.

ST. COLUMBAN COLLECTION REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 05, 2017

Sunday Envelopes	4,187.25
Loose Collection	358.97
Priest Pension Fund	1,140.00
Votive Candles	192.10
Bookstore	235.75
Parish ALPHA Program	10.00
Total	\$ 6,124.07

CWL JELLO FOR CHRISTMAS BASKETS

"The Catholic Women's League have the yearly duty of supplying packages of Jello for the Christmas baskets. This year we've been requested to collect 24 hundred boxes. We're inviting parishioners to join us in this effort. There will be a basket at the main door at the back of the church and one at the front east door. The basket will be labelled Jello. We will be collecting the Jello until the end of November.

ALONE CHRISTMAS DAY?

Join us for our 4th Annual Christmas Dinner, December 25, 2017, from 12:00 noon to 2:30 p.m. at the Agora Hall (Nativité Hall), 301 McConnell Street. No charge but donations gladly accepted for next year. Need transportation? Call Alison to arrange for pick up at 613-622-4719 the week of December 17th. (Elevator is wheelchair accessible.) To help call Darlene Walsh at 613- 330-4491.

PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENTS OF RECONCILIATION, CONFIRMATION AND FIRST COMMUNION

Is your child or grandchild in the Public School System? Are they in a Separate School and have not received the Sacraments? If so, this notice is for you!! Now is the time to register for after school sacramental preparation classes. Please call the parish office at 613-932-9616 or Janet Surgeson at 613-363-5331 for more information.

MEMORY TREE LIGHTING

Bereaved Families of Ontario-Cornwall presents its 21st **MEMORY TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY** on Sunday, November 26th at 1:00 p.m. at the Cornwall Square. Special Guests: The Centennial Choir. Memory tags will be available from our volunteers beginning at 12:00 noon. For information, please call 613-936-1455.

CELTIC VARIETY CONCERT

A Celtic Variety Concert will be held on Sunday December 3rd, from 2-4pm at the St. Andrew's Parish Hall, St. Andrews West. Fundraiser for the St. Joseph's Catholic Secondary School's 2018 Mission Trip to Guatemala. Entertainment includes; The MacLeod Fiddlers – Paddy Kelly - Ashley MacLeod - The MacCulloch Dancers. **FREE WILL OFFERING.**

ANGELS OF HOPE

Dear Parishioners:

This year we would like to give you the opportunity of sharing the Christmas spirit with children from our community. **Angels of Hope** is a project to provide Christmas gifts to children who are receiving counselling at the **Children's Treatment Centre**. If you would like to help out, kindly pick up a name tag after Mass which will include the age and sex of the child. For confidentiality reasons, we have used fictitious names for the children. Please **DO NOT WRAP** the gift, but place in an appropriate **GIFT BAG**. Please return the gift to the Church no later than **Sunday; December 17th**. For further information, you may call the Centre at 613-933-4400. On behalf of the children served at the **Children's Treatment Centre**, I thank you for your kindness and your spirit of sharing.

PARISH FINANCIALS/INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

The Parish closes its Financial Books on Dec 28th. All monies received after Dec 28, 2017 will be credited for 2018. **If you want donations included on your 2017 tax receipt, they need to be received by the Parish before noon on Dec 28th. Thank you.**

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