

Our children and others see us live out today's gospel message in the every-day things we do for other people. How often do they quietly notice us help an elderly relative, take food to a sick neighbor, or visit someone in a nursing home. We don't really have to preach this gospel message to our children, but sometimes just inviting them along is witness enough to shape their lives.

ST. COLUMBAN

PARISH

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

OCTOBER 25, 2020

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Rev. Mr. Guy Côté, Deacon

MASSES & SACRAMENTS

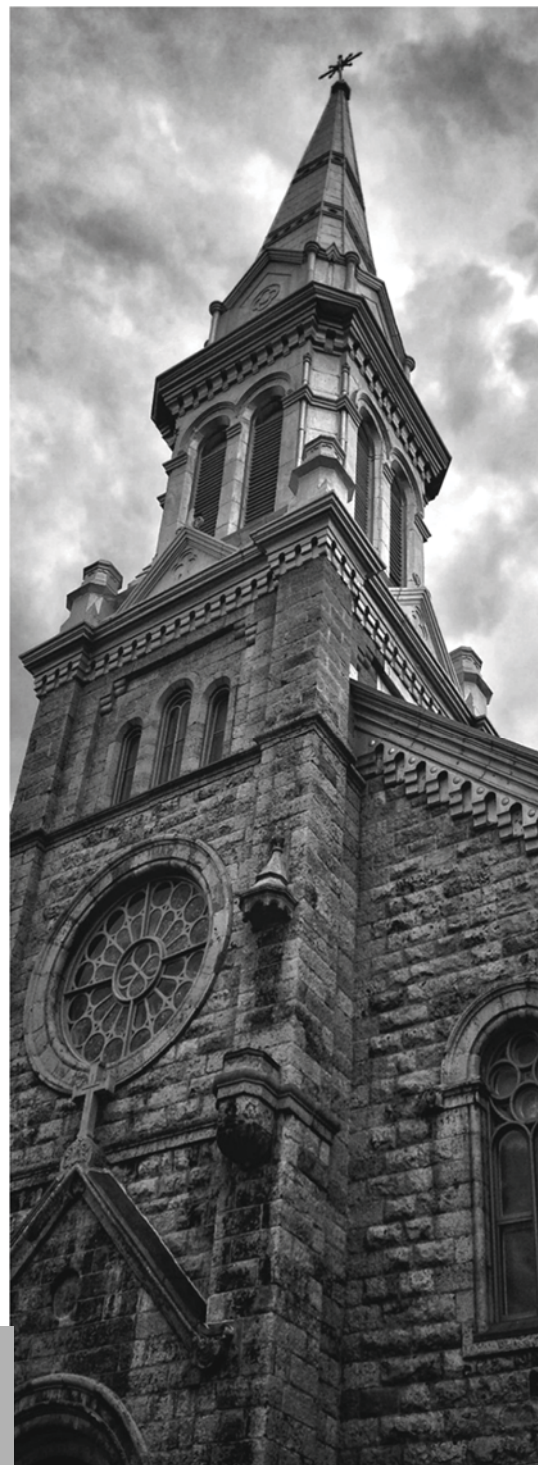
Saturday Vigil	5:30 PM
Sunday	7:30, 9:30 & 11:00 AM
Tuesday – Friday	7:30 AM
Confession	By appointment only, Tuesday - Thursday
Baptism	Please notify one month in advance
Marriages	Please notify 6 months in advance

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ST. COLUMBAN PARISH

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

Saturday, October 24th		ST. ANTHONY MARY CLARET (OM) OUR LADY'S SATURDAY (OM)
5:30 p.m.	Don Primeau by Wife Pauline	
Sunday, October 25th		THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
7:30 a.m.	Intentions of Parishioners	
9:30 a.m.	Special Intention for Teresa MacInnis by Friends at St. Columban	
11:00 a.m.	Eileen Amyotte by Kevin & Leo Amyotte	
Monday, October 26th		
7:30 a.m.	No Mass	ORDINARY TIME – WEEK 30
Tuesday, October 27th		
7:30 a.m.	Joe Robinson by Yolande Robinson	
Wednesday, October 28th		ST. SIMON AND ST. JUDE (F)
7:30 a.m.	Pedro Cespon by a Parishioner	
Thursday, October 29th		
7:30 a.m.	Frank Cloupe by Bridget Brennan	
Friday, October 30th		
7:30 a.m.	A Special Intention by Elaine Lebrun	
Saturday, October 31st		OUR LADY'S SATURDAY (OM)
5:30 p.m.	Ernie Filion by Wife Carolyn Filion	
Sunday, November 01st		SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS
7:30 a.m.	Intentions of Parishioners	
9:30 a.m.	George Brand by Georgette & Family	
11:00 a.m.	Paul Brennan by Brigit Brennan	
Daylight Savings Time ends Nov 01st - Clocks move backwards from 2:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.		
Monday, November 02nd		THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS' DAY)
7:30 a.m.	No Mass	

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

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 Pauline Cote by Deacon Guy, Tammy & Family.



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind." - MATTHEW 22:37

Do you put other "gods" before God? Is your love of money, power, status, comfort or personal possession greater than your love for God? Do you really recognize that everything you have and that everything you are is a gift from God?

The good news – it's not too late to put God first in all things in your life.

TODAY'S READINGS – OCTOBER 25TH, 2020

1st Reading: Exodus 22.21-27
 2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1.5c-10
 Gospel: Matthew 22.34-40
 You shall love the Lord your God, and your neighbour as yourself.

IN OUR PARISH

FR. ERNEST AWAY

Fr. Ernest will be away November 8th – Dec 10th 2020 to attend to the burial of his Mom. All daily masses will be cancelled during this time. Monsignor Harty and Fr. Donnelly will preside at the weekend masses. **Please Note:** These plans could change if there is a travel ban imposed.

OFFICE HOURS

Office hours are Monday – Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE

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

DEACON GUY'S REFLECTION

How often do we hear or say the words, "How are you?" Most times this is a brief exchange as we pass by, instead of a true interaction.

Typically the response we give or hear is "Fine" or "Busy", and then we continue to go about our day.

Imagine if we change our response to "Loved", then we would know if that person is really listening.

How would you reply if they asked "Why, are you loved"?

The answer is simple "I am a child of God."

PLEASE NOTE

On First Friday of the Month, November 6th, there will be no Adoration, and Confessions are by appointment only until further notice.

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. This year due to Covid-19 restrictions our Book of Remembrance will not be available 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."

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

If you wish to donate simply put your donation in an envelope and address it to St. Vincent de Paul and deposit it in the weekly collection basket and it will get to us. If you provide your address, a tax receipt will be mailed to you for any donation in excess of \$10.00. Thank you for all your efforts.

PREPARING FOR MASS

God has given us a spectacular invitation to be in His physical presence and physically receive Him at every mass. The Mass is not an individual spiritual event but rather an assembly where the people of God are called together, with a priest presiding and acting in the person of Christ, to celebrate the Eucharistic sacrifice, for the celebration of Mass, perpetuates the sacrifice of Christ on the cross on **our** behalf. Are you prepared to honour God in the utmost way possible by placing your heart and mind in His presence? By being fully engaged in the mass and not reading the bulletin or reciting your rosary (this is done before or after mass). Participate and assist at the Mass devoutly by using the missal to follow the priest, saying the Mass prayers and uniting fully with the priest in offering the Holy Sacrifice and to receive Holy Communion.

IN OUR PARISH AND DIOCESE

ASK DR. PAUL: GENERAL QUESTIONS ON COVID-19

In order to keep the community well informed about the Covid-19 pandemic and the measures taken to contain it as best as possible, Dr. Paul Roumeliotis, Medical Officer of Health for the Eastern Ontario Health Unit (EOHU) features regular short video columns on Facebook to answer any questions asked. These columns in French and English are then made available on the EOHU website at www.eohu.ca and on YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/user/EasternOntarioHealth>). You can send your questions via their Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/EOHUhealth>) and Dr. Paul will attempt to answer as many questions as possible during the sessions. We encourage you to take the time to watch these videos to stay up-to-date.

EMBS PENSION PLAN

The priests' pension plan annual collection will take place Sunday November 1. Last year's collection generated \$60,763. We are very appreciative of your concern for our welfare over the eight (8) years that we have had this collection. As the number of retired priests outnumber the active priests by a ratio of 2 to 1, it has made it difficult to increase the pension benefit. Continued low interest rates plus the fact that people are living longer have also delayed any increases. With your help, the monthly pension changed from \$750 to \$800 in 2014 and then to \$900 effective July 2020. With amalgamation taking place civilly likely next year, we are targeting to reach the level that Ottawa priests receive (\$1,125 per month) by having a further increase to \$1,000 as of January 2021. Through your generosity, we are hoping to be able to do so and thank you for your consideration. Should you have any questions, please contact Deacon Pierre Aubé at: (613) 933-1138, extension 25, or Father Daniel Van Delst at: 1 (613) 738-5025, extension 218.

A MESSAGE FROM MSGR. RÉJEAN LEBRUN, RETIRED.

Dear members of our diocesan family: I'm writing to you on the occasion of the annual collection in favor of the Pension Fund for the priests of our former Diocese of Alexandria-Cornwall. Most of you know me quite well. I'm Monsignor Réjean Lebrun, a diocesan priest for 58 years, and I have been retired since 2014. I have now reached the "venerable" age of 83. I am sufficiently well to continue assisting in parish life. Since my retirement I live in a comfortable apartment but then I'm completely on my own financially speaking. I no longer enjoy the advantages of parish benefits. This is where the priests' pension fund comes in for assistance, one that I truly appreciate. Without this pension fund, I would find it challenging to have "ends meet". I wish to express my heartfelt gratitude to all of you for your generous response to our annual collection for the Priests' Pension Fund. Sincere thanks for the assistance that you provide to your elderly, retired clergy.

I know that the Lord who is infinitely generous with us all will reward you with an abundance of blessings and graces.

Msgr. Réjean G. Lebrun, P.H.,

September 20, 2020

ST. COLUMBAN COLLECTION REPORT FOR OCTOBER 11, 2020

Sunday Envelopes	2,739.00
Loose Collection	279.90
Total	\$ 3,018.90

POWER of PRAYER

The parish currently has openings for your Mass Intention. Do you have something to be thankful for, does someone you know need prayers, are you praying for a special need. By having a mass said it allows our parish community to offer their prayers along with you for your intention, we don't have to be alone in prayer. We welcome all those who would like to have a mass or a number of masses said for their intentions.

POPE FRANCIS OCTOBER INTENTIONS

The Laity's Mission in the Church

We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.

CATHOLIC INFORMATION CENTRE BOOKSTORE UPDATE

The Catholic Information Centre is now OPEN on **Saturdays, from 9:00 a.m. until noon.** Weekday hours are Monday to Friday, 10 - 4 p.m. We are located at 146 Chevrier Ave. for your Catholic needs - Tel: 613-933-5099.

PLEASE NOTE: Access the Diocesan Website for further updates concerning Masses, and COVID-19, using address: <https://eng.alexandria-cornwall.ca>

ST. JULIEN'S CHAPEL UPDATE – Aug 30th



After consultation with our Church leaders, **the Chapel will remain open** as a place of prayer during this difficult time. **Adorers are not held to their committed hours.** Many of us have been advised to stay home and we should respect that. We encourage you to pray at home during that hour.

Please do not come if you have any signs of illness or have been travelling within the last two weeks.

They have added one more chair, for a total of 4. One chair is being assigned to the designated hour adorers.

That guarantees a place for people coming at their designated hour. It also means that if there are already 4 people there when someone arrives on the hour to claim that seat, someone hopefully will give up their seat. It will be a rare situation. **Our goal is to have one person present with Jesus from 6 am to 9 pm, for now.** Our busiest hours are typically 2-4 pm in the afternoon. The chapel will remain open over-night as well for those who wish to visit. Filling those hours is more difficult.

Pray please for relief for those who are ill, alone, or afraid and for medical staff serving those in need of treatment as well as the public who continue to serve us in stores and other businesses.

May God bless us and keep us close to Him.



Christ is Everything for Us
"Let us work for the good of all, and especially for the family of the faith" (Citation 6.06)



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