

*John the Baptist proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."*

# ST. COLUMBAN

## PARISH

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)**

**DECEMBER 10, 2017**

### PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Fr. Ernest Emeka 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       |

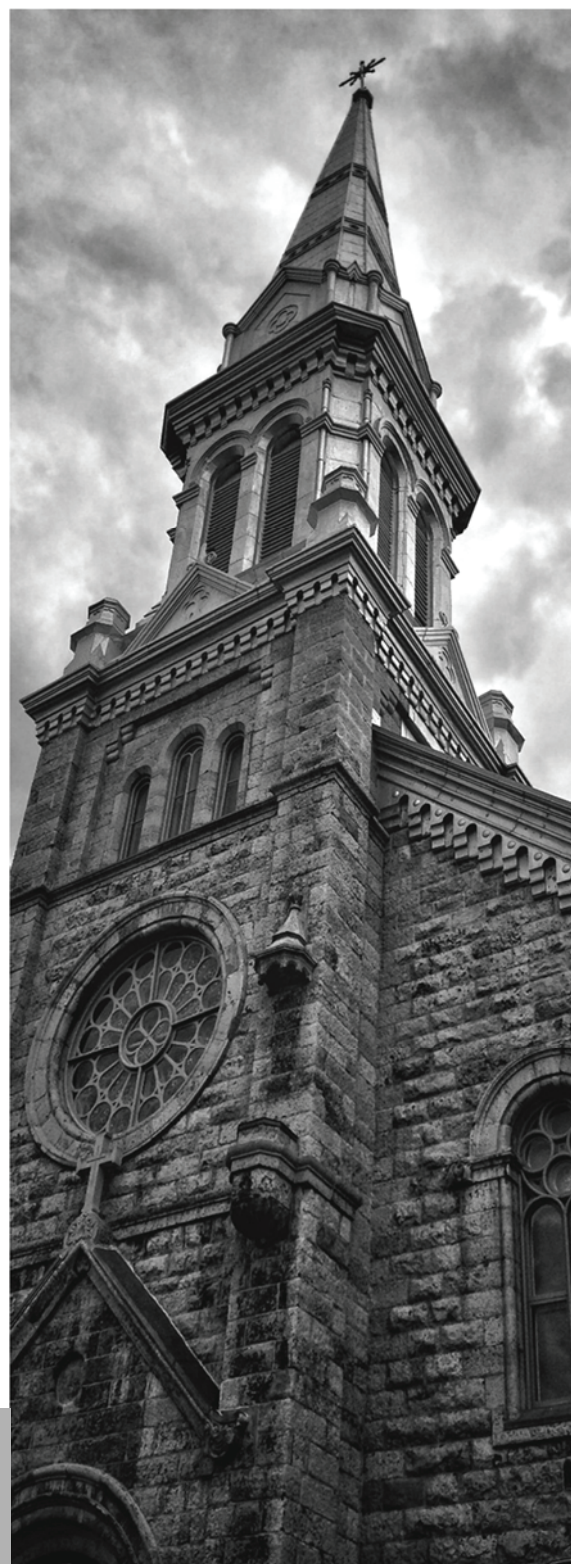
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# CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

# IN OUR PARISH

**Saturday, December 09th** **ST. JUAN DIEGO**  
**CUAUHLATOATZIN (OM)**

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions  
5:30 p.m. A Special Intention by Graceline Chisholm

**Sunday, December 10th** **2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

7:30 a.m. Intentions of Parishioners  
9:30 a.m. George Brand by Wife Georgette & Family  
11:00 a.m. Carmel Bourgon (5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Death) by Husband Urbain & Family

**Monday, December 11th** **ST. DAMASUS (OM)**

7:30 a.m. **No Mass** **ADVENT – WEEK 2**

**Tuesday, December 12th** **OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE,**  
**PATRON OF THE AMERICAS (F)**

7:30 a.m. Outpouring of the Holy Spirit for Our Diocese by Darlene Walsh  
9:00 a.m. Bishop Macdonell School Mass  
7:00 p.m. St. Joe's High School Christmas Concert

**Wednesday, December 13th** **SAINT LUCY (M)**

7:30 a.m. Rev. F. J. Power S. J. by Joan Earle

**Thursday, December 14th** **SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS (M)**

7:30 a.m. Souls in Purgatory by Liz & Jennie  
7:00 p.m. Advent Reconciliation Service - St. Andrews Parish

**Friday, December 15th**

7:30 a.m. Elizabeth "Betsy" McKissock by Agnes McKissock

**Saturday, December 16th**

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions  
5:30 p.m. Catherine & Real Deschamps by Bea Tardif

**Sunday, December 17th** **3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

7:30 a.m. Intentions of Parishioners  
9:30 a.m. Those Remembered in Memoriam by The Patron's Foundation  
11:00 a.m. Barbara Parisien by Joe Parisien & Family

**Monday, December 18th**

7:30 a.m. **No Mass** **ADVENT – WEEK 3**

**TODAY'S READINGS – DECEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>**

1st Reading: Isaiah 40.1-5, 9-11  
2nd Reading: 2 Peter 3.8-14  
Gospel: Mark 1.1-8

*Make straight the paths of the Lord.*

**ST. COLUMBAN - CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

Christmas Vigil Sunday December 24th – 7:30, 9:30, 11:00,  
5 p.m. & 12 midnight

Christmas Day Monday December 25th - 10:30 a.m.

**ST. COLUMBAN - NEW YEAR'S - MASS SCHEDULE**

New Year's Eve Sunday December 31st – 7:30, 9:30, 11:00 &  
5:00 p.m.

New Year's Day Monday January 1st – 10:30 a.m.

**PLEASE NOTE**

There will be no Confessions on Saturday Dec 23, 2017.

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION**

*"Prepare the way of the Lord..." - Mark 1:3*

We are all called to live a holy life. We are called to invite others to live holy lives. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, does just that – it puts us on the path to holiness and it invites others to be holy, too.

**SPECIAL EXPOSITION**

Relic of St. Francis Xavier. Exposition at St. Columban's on Dec 27, 2017, 1:30 – 4:30 p.m. Mass to follow.

Presided by Archbishop Prendergast.

We will be the first in Canada to reverence the Relic.

**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

**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.**

**ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES**

7 p.m., Thursday December 14 – St. Andrews  
2 p.m., Tuesday December 19 – Blessed Sacrament  
7 p.m., Wednesday December 20 – St. Peters

**OUR PARISH KRISTKINDL PROJECT**

Have you completed your Kristkindl card and selected one from the basket? Make Advent special this year and be the Christ Child to a fellow parishioner. Have fun being a Secret Santa and imitate the Holy Child and render all your little services in the same spirit that he gave.

**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.

**WE HAVE A PARISH APP**

Beginning today, you can download an app for our parish for your smartphone (iPhones and Androids.) The app, which is FREE, provides you with all sorts of things including, general parish info, mass times, the daily readings, Catholic, Vatican and Diocesan news and Catholic prayers. Just go to the App Store (iPhones) or Google Play (other smartphones) and download myParish. Once you have downloaded the FREE myParish app, which is the hub for hundreds of parishes, you just follow the instructions to find our parish. If you have questions visit the diocesan website at [www.alexandria-cornwall.ca](http://www.alexandria-cornwall.ca)

**OFFICE HOURS - CHRISTMAS**

Monday December 25th Office closed  
Tuesday December 26th Office closed  
Wednesday December 27th Office closed

**OFFICE HOURS – NEW YEARS**

Monday January 1st Office closed  
Tuesday January 02nd Office closed  
Wednesday January 03rd Office closed

**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](http://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!



**LET'S KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS!**

Your local Catholic bookstore has a good selection of Advent wreaths, Nativity sets, as well as Nativity statuary – great for Nursing Homes, etc. We have Christmas cards and giftware. 'Pope Benedict's Last Testament' and Mother Angelica's biography' plus many books for children, would make great gifts. We welcome you to drop by the Catholic Information Centre at 146 Chevrier Ave. (the avenue BEHIND Nativity Church), 933-5099.

**COME TO THE WATER**

Come, drink deeply of the life-giving water that Jesus is for us in a spiritually rejuvenating winter weekend retreat at Maison Shalom House in Alexandria, February 2 - 4, 2018. Dynamic retreat master Anne Shore, a gifted Catholic educator and vibrant speaker, will explore the theme as the weekend unfolds, leaving plenty of time for personal prayer and reflection. Fr. Allan MacDonald, CC, General Superior of the Companions of the Cross, returns to his Glengarry roots as the Sacramental Priest for this retreat. Cost is \$185.00 per person, including accommodation and meals. A deposit of \$100.00 is required by December 15th, 2017. For information or to register, contact Inez, 613-347-7666 [inez1989@hotmail.com](mailto:inez1989@hotmail.com) or Elizabeth, 613-527-3209 [bmcdonell@xplornet.com](mailto:bmcdonell@xplornet.com) or Sr. Sue Burns csc, 613-525-1704 [maisonshalomhouse@bellnet.ca](mailto:maisonshalomhouse@bellnet.ca).

**SNOW REMOVAL CHURCH ENTRANCES & WALKWAYS**

Please check the diagram on the (bulletin boards) of the Church entrances and walkways where snow removal will be carried out on weekends when there is a major snow fall. As we have five entrances to be cleared and our Custodian does not work weekends this will eliminate undue costs. Thank you for your care and understanding

**THE WILD GOOSE VIDEO SERIES**

Please join us at 7:00pm Tuesday December 12th in the St. Columban's Activity Room above the Agape Centre.

**ST. COLUMBAN COLLECTION REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 26, 2017**

|                          |                    |
|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Sunday Envelopes         | 3,997.25           |
| Loose Collection         | 350.30             |
| Propagation of the Faith | 15.00              |
| Priest Pension Fund      | 105.00             |
| Votive Candles           | 236.35             |
| Bookstore                | 190.65             |
| <b>Total</b>             | <b>\$ 4,894.55</b> |

**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.

**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.

**SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

Each year during Advent we embark on a fund raising drive to assist our efforts throughout the year. This is your opportunity to open a "hand to the poor and reach out to the needy". This is not an effort on behalf of a foreign population, but rather to allow for assistance to the poor in our own backyard. There are countless many in our midst, as our food bank numbers continue to indicate, who are very much in need of a helping hand.

An envelope is enclosed in this week's bulletin that we hope you choose to use, and if so, you can simply deposit it in the weekly collection basket and it will get to us. You can be assured that 100% of the funds raised will make their way to the less fortunate and 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 past efforts and thank you in advance for this year's contribution.

**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.

**2018 PARISH ENVELOPES**

Envelopes are available for pick up at the rear of the Church. *Please confirm number on label matches number in box.* If you do not see your box of envelopes call the Parish Office at 613-932-9616.

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