Jesus spoke to his disciples: "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and in the stars and on the earth distress among nations.... Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things being to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

ST. COLUMBAN

— PARISH

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)

DECEMBER 02, 2018

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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)
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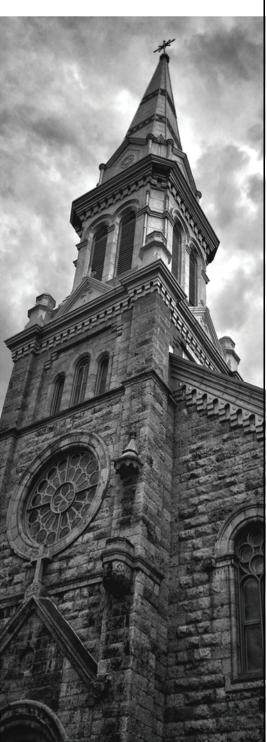
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CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

Saturday, December 01st OUR LADY'S SATURDAY (OM)

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY - FIRST SATURDAY

7:00 – 7:25 a.m. Confessions

8:00 a.m. For the Healing & Conversion of our

Children by a Parishioner

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions

5:30 p.m. Lynn Tremblay (9th Anniversary of Death) by

Husband Ron Tremblay & Family

Sunday, December 02nd FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:30 a.m. Intentions of Parishioners

9:30 a.m. Gertrude Poitras (7th Anniversary of Death)

by Son Raymond Poitras & Family

11:00 a.m. Tom Parisien by Joe Parisien & Family

Monday, December 03rd St. Francis XAVIER (M)

7:30 a.m. No Mass Advent week 1

Tuesday, December 04th ST. JOHN DAMASCENE (OM)

7:30 a.m. Marilyn Hamilton by Her Family

Wednesday, December 05th

7:30 a.m. Gerry Amell (10th Anniversary of Death) by

Art & Geraldine Lauzon

Thursday, December 06th ST. NICHOLAS (OM)

7:30 a.m. Souls in Purgatory by a Parishioner

Friday, December 07th SACRED HEART of JESUS - FIRST FRIDAY

ST. AMBROSE (M)

7:30 a.m. Lucille Marleau by Joan Earle

8:00 a.m. Adoration

Saturday, December 08th

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (S)

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions

5:30 p.m. Shirley Mary Fraser by Eleanor Villeneuve

Sunday, December 09th SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:30 a.m. Intentions of Parishioners

9:30 a.m. Rita & Gordie Neron by Mary & Keith Grant

11:00 a.m. Carmel Bourgon (6th Anniversary of Death)

by Husband Urbain & Family

12:30 p.m. Baptisms

Monday, December 10th

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

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand."

- Luke 21:28

We celebrate Advent each year in preparation for the birth of Jesus, His first coming, as we await His second coming. In this Advent season, use the Sacrament of Reconciliation to strengthen your relationship with Jesus. It's never too late.

TODAY'S READINGS - DECEMBER 2ND

1st Reading: Jeremiah 33.14-16
2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3.12-4.2
Gospel: Luke 21.25-28, 34-6

Your redemption is drawing near.

IN OUR PARISH

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK ADVENT IS HERE!

The word "Advent" is derived from the Latin word "adventus" which means "coming." In Advent, we anticipate the coming of Jesus. Though He has already come – at his birth in Bethlehem – we are (still) awaiting his second coming in glory. However, the season of Advent is there to help us to prepare for the feast of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. The church offers us in the liturgy of this special period the opportunity to prepare ourselves for Christ so that He will find a dwelling place in us when he comes.

During this season the priest wears purple vestment. Purple is also the color of penance. Though the color of the third Sunday of Advent is rose, which symbolizes joy and represents the happiness we will experience when Jesus comes again. Hence, this Sunday is called "Gaudete" Sunday. Gaudete is a Latin word which means "rejoice".

Dear sisters and brothers, Advent helps us to appreciate God's faithful love for his people and the great blessings He has bestowed on us in Christ. We are heirs to the promise God made to Abraham and his descendants. Let us appreciate this season and make the best out of it so that it will bear rich fruits in our lives. Peace be with you.

FR. ERNEST EMEKA EMEODI

PRAY TO HOLY MOTHER OF GOD AND ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

The Holy Father asked the faithful of the entire world to pray that the Holy Mother of God place the Church beneath her protective mantle. We are also asked to recite the prayer written by Pope Leo XIII: "Saint Michael the Archangel. This prayer will be prayed at every mass beginning on December 02, 2018.

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 16, 2018.

ST. COLUMBAN'S CWL CHRISTMAS POTLUCK

5:45 p.m. Tuesday Dec 04, 2018, in the Parish Activity Centre. Bring your favourite dish for all to enjoy, and wear your favourite Christmas Sweater (ugly or otherwise) and for our gift exchange a wrapped gift (Max. \$10.00). Don't forget your Jello!

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES

7 p.m., Tuesday December 18 – Blessed Sacrament 2 p.m., Wednesday December 19 – St. Columban

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Vigil Monday, December 24th – 5:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. & 12:00 Midnight

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

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

New Year's Eve Monday, December $31^{st} - 5:00$ p.m. New Year's Day Tuesday, January $1^{st} - 10:30$ a.m

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION - Dec 07-8 a.m.

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed with a Time of Adoration, prayer, Scripture & meditation, closing with Benediction.

IN OUR PARISH AND DIOCESE

ANGELS OF HOPE PROJECT

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 16th.** 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.

NEW SUNDAY MISSALS

As we begin the season of Advent today, 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.

2019 CHURCH CALENDARS

A reminder that the calendars are for sale at the back of the church, and will go fast! For only \$5.00 you get a calendar with beautiful religious artwork and lots of liturgical information.

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 22-23, 2018. 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 9 to allow for printing. Thank you for your continued support of the work of the Patrons of St. Columban Foundation.

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."

ST. COLUMBAN COLLECTION REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 18, 2018

Sunday Envelopes 2,890.00 Loose Collection 482.65 **Total \$3,372.65**

2019 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.

PARISH FINANCIALS/INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

The Parish closes it Financial Books on Dec 30th. All monies received after Dec 30, 2018 will be credited for 2019.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER - Bring a Friend

Our next evening will take place on Thursday, December 06, 2018, 7pm in the Church. Bring a friend and your specific prayer intentions as we will also continue to pray for our Parish and our Diocese. Followed by refreshments and Social time. If anyone is interesting in sharing how God has worked in their life or if you would like more information, please call Janet Surgeson at 613-363-5331 or by email at janetsurgeson@gmail.com

JELLO FOR THE CHRISTMAS BASKETS

The Catholic Women's League has the yearly responsibility 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. If you wish to assist us in this charitable project, 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. Store brands are much cheaper and just as acceptable. Thank you for your participation in providing for the families in need.

ALONE CHRISTMAS DAY?

Join us for our *5TH Annual* CHRISTMAS DINNER from 12:00- 2:00p.m. At the **AGORA HALL** (Nativity Hall) 301 McConnell St. South, Cornwall. *NO CHARGE* (but donations gladly accepted for next year) NEED TRANSPORTATION? To Arrange for pick up call Alison 613-662-4719 two weeks prior. ELEVATOR ACCESSIBLE.

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