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Feast of the Holy Family

ST. COLUMBAN PARISH

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

IN OUR PARISH

Saturday, December 25th CHRISTMAS – THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

Sunday, December 26th THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

7:30 a.m. Special Intention for Fr. Tom Riopelle by Darlene Brabant

9:30 a.m. People of the Parish

11:00 a.m. Herman Van Den Broeck by Claire Lebrun & David Hill

Monday, December 27th ST. JOHN (F)

7:30 a.m. **No Mass** THE THIRD DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY

Tuesday, December 28th THE HOLY INNOCENTS (F)

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

Wednesday, December 29th ST. THOMAS BECKET (OM)

7:30 a.m. Gerald Parisien by Joe Parisien & Family

Thursday, December 30th SIXTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY

7:30 a.m. In Thanksgiving (40th Wedding Anniversary) Rick & Bernadette McRae

Friday, December 31st ST. SYLVESTER I (OM)

SEVENTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY

7:30 a.m. Special Intention Evelyn Vollrath by Margaret & Ron Fortier

6:00 p.m. Florence Gravelle by Carole & Alain Giguere

Saturday, January 1st SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION and THE OCTAVE DAY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

Sunday, January 02nd THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

7:30 a.m. People of the Parish

9:30 a.m. Jane Anderson by the Choirs of St. Columban Parish

11:00 a.m. Aileen Larocque by The Assoc. of Religious Hospitallers Of St. Joseph

Monday, January 03rd THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS (OM)

7:30 a.m. **No Mass** THE EPIPHANY

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

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STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

“See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.” 1 JOHN 3:1

During this season of giving, let us remember a beautiful gift that we have received – being children of God! As God’s children, it’s in our DNA that we share and express our love for others as well. Tell your spouse, children, other family members and friends that you love them, every day! Also, pray for those people that are different than you, those that you may not like or those that go out of their way to annoy you. Your prayers may be the start of a new friendship.

TODAY’S READINGS – DECEMBER 26TH, 2021

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 1.20-22, 24-28

2nd Reading: 1 John 3.1-2, 21-24

Gospel: Luke 2.41-52

His parents found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers.

2021 CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

In her book ‘Quench the Lamp’ Alice Taylor shares her memories of home in rural Ireland. The household revolved around the fire, which provided warmth for cooking facilities and social gatherings. Kitchen fire stood at the center of our lives – an eternal flame never to be quenched. Only when the houses were finally abandoned were the kitchen fires allowed to die. When a neighbour built a new house he carried the seed of the fire in a bucket to the new house, to the hearth at the heart of every home. Its warm glow was never extinguished as long as there were people still living in the house.

These days promise to be busy as we make our preparations for the festivities of Christmas. May the joy of these days with family and friends centered at the real “fire” of our hearth and its warmth in the peace of God’s glow, bind us to one another as family. May the love of God warm our hearts and homes in this Holy Season and every season of the New Year in all its days, that His presence in the midst of all our parishioners may re-create our lives in His peace.

Merry Christmas to all!

Rev. Fr. Thomas Riopelle

Rev. Guy Cote & Members of Parish Council

OFFICE HOURS - CHRISTMAS

The Parish Office will be closed from December 27th, 2021, until January 03rd, 2022.

PLEASE NOTE

We need to close the Parish Financial books on December 27th. All money received after December 27th will be credited for 2022.

CHRISTMAS MASS ATTENDANCE

The plan for attendance for our Christmas Masses will be **first come, first served**. The church will be considered full when all designated pews have been filled. Doors will open a half hour before the beginning of Mass.

Remember to wear a mask, sanitize your hands and once seated do not change pews. Maintain the six feet social distancing guideline of public health, thus ensuring everyone enjoys a safe & Merry Christmas.

SHARE THE WARMTH CLOTHING DRIVE

There is a need for men’s clothing in the area. New socks and underwear. Gently worn Hats, Mitts and Sock, Sweaters, Coats, and Boots, as well as any men’s clothing. Sleeping bags would also be accepted. We have some boxes set up at St. Columban’s Parish, so donations can be dropped off as you arrive for Mass. Let’s Share the Warmth. DG

DEACON GUY’S REFLECTION

When we read scripture, we see how God continually choose people who are humble and lowly to raise up and work through. As we enter the last few days of preparing for Christmas, humility may be in short supply. How can we live this humility of Mary, Elizabeth, John, and Jesus in the coming days? DG

Deacon Guy’s website is thedeaconguy.ca

ADVENT EVENINGS OF REFLECTION

Beginning on December 1st, 2021 at 7:00pm and continuing each Wednesday during Advent. Deacon Guy will be presenting ‘O Come, Emmanuel’ Reflection series. Please see the notices on the bulletin boards at the church doors.

IN OUR PARISH AND DIOCESE

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 Our 40th Wedding Anniversary by Rick & Bernadette McRae.



2022 PARISH ENVELOPES

Envelopes are available at the 4th Street entrance. Please, ensure the number on the label matches the number in the box. Beginning January 1st please discard all 2021 envelopes and write your name on the 2022 envelopes for the entire month of January.

NEW PARISHIONERS ARE WELCOME

If you are new and would like parish envelopes, please fill out a Registration Form which is located at the 4th St. Main entrance or in person during office hours, Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. You can also call the office during regular business hours (613-932-9616). Please introduce yourself to Fr. Tom or Deacon Guy.

PLEASE NOTE – LOW GLUTEN HOSTS

We offer low gluten hosts for those who have Celiac or are unable to have gluten. Please let Fr. Tom or Deacon Guy know before the start of mass.

SATURDAY CONFESSIONS

Confessions are from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

THE SANCTUARY LAMP

The sanctuary lamp is a special lamp that is kept close to the tabernacle. The sanctuary lamp remains alight to indicate and honour the presence of Christ. The living flame of the sanctuary lamp signifies the Eucharistic presence of our Lord Jesus Christ. Sponsorship of the Sanctuary Lamp is available for a week-long period. The stipend is \$20.00 per week, and the intention will be listed in the bulletin.

SAINT OF THE WEEK - SAINT THOMAS BECKET – December 29

Thomas was born in London about 1118 and after studies in various European cities he was ordained a deacon in 1154. King Henry II chose his capable friend Thomas as Lord Chancellor in 1155 and appointed him archbishop of Canterbury in 1162. Unfortunately, Thomas and the king did not agree on matters regarding the Church, forcing Thomas into exile in France. Within weeks of his return in 1170, he and the king clashed again. In a fit of rage the king wished aloud to be rid of this “low-born priest.” Four of the king’s men took this to be a command and proceeded to Canterbury cathedral where they murdered Thomas. Upon learning of the archbishop’s fate, the king was shocked and all Europe with him. Pope Alexander III declared Thomas a saint in 1173.

ST. COLUMBAN COLLECTION REPORT FOR DECEMBER 12, 2021

Sunday Envelopes	3,529.85
Loose Collection	365.00
Total	\$3,894.85

ST. COLUMBAN - NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

New Year's Eve, Friday December 31st – 6:00 p.m.
New Year's Day, Saturday January 1st – 10:30 a.m.

POPE FRANCIS DECEMBER INTENTIONS

Intention for evangelization – Catechists

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

VOCATIONS

Prayer for Vocations: Feast of the Holy Family - December 26. For all Catholic families, that they will esteem the grace of each child's vocation and prayerfully encourage their children to consider being a priest, religious sister or brother, we pray to the Lord. To start the conversation, contact Fr. Pierre Champoux, Director of Vocations, at vocations@archottawa.ca or 613-558-1445.

MASS ATTENDANCE DURING RE-OPENING ONTARIO

The Provincial Government has announced the plan to safely re-open Ontario. These changes include being able to fully open with proof of vaccinations. **Archbishop Marcel Damphousse** requests parishes to continue with current procedures including maintaining physical distances and **not choosing** to start proof of vaccination. Everyone is welcome to attend mass as long as they wear a mask (unless medically exempt), sanitize their hands and follow the protocols in church.

LOOKING FOR RELIGIOUS CHRISTMAS CARDS?

They are becoming a rare commodity in the secular stores, sadly, considering that we are a Christian country! The **Catholic Information Centre** has a good selection of cards, as well as gift books for adults and children and beautiful rosaries, crucifixes and Nativity sets. Catholic calendars and Sunday missals are available while they last. LET'S KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS! We are open from 10-4 pm Monday to Friday, and from 9 til noon on Saturday. Call us for further info at 613-933-5099.

WORKERS IN THE VINEYARD

It is our parishioners who graciously serve in various ministries, Sacristans, Readers, Servers, Communion Ministers, Ushers, Décor, Children's Liturgy, Choir, Collection Counters, Pastoral Care, etc. The list of service needs is extensive, and more helpers are needed. Many individuals serve in 2 or 3 areas of service because others are reluctant or too shy to come forward. Please, you are needed and welcomed to serve in any ministry, they don't take up a lot of time and you can help enrich the life of our Parish. Please call a member of our Parish Council (on the front cover of the bulletin) or the parish office and let them know you are ready to serve. *If not you – than who?*

CONGRATULATIONS & THANK YOU

Pro-Life Cornwall Pro-Vie would like to thank all those who supported life by buying raffle tickets in our draw for a ¼ beef and freezer. We would like to congratulate Harold Smith of St. Andrews West who had the winning ticket. We would like to thank the Hagen Family who generously donated the beef for the draw. The proceeds of the raffle help to continue fighting for life from conception to natural death. Stay tuned for our next event.



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