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# ST. COLUMBAN

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*Feast of the Holy Family*

# ST. COLUMBAN PARISH

## CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

<b>Saturday, December 26th</b>		ST. STEPHEN (F)
5:30 p.m.	Bertha, Donald & Robert Depatie by Pauline & Family	
<b>Sunday, December 27th</b>		THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH
7:30 a.m.	Intentions of Parishioners	
9:30 a.m.	Pete Piquette by Wife Betty	
11:00 a.m.	A Special Intention by Bernadette Blakely	
<b>Monday, December 28th</b>		THE HOLY INNOCENTS (F)
7:30 a.m.	<b>No Mass</b>	OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS
<b>Tuesday, December 29th</b>		ST. THOMAS BECKET (OM)
<u>FIFTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY</u>		
7:30 a.m.	For Our Godchildren by Richard & Carole Pilon	
<b>Wednesday, December 30th</b>		ST. SYLVESTER I (OM)
<u>SIXTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY</u>		
7:30 a.m.	Harry & Florence Fisk by Bob & Dana Fisk	
<b>Thursday, December 31st</b>		ST. SYLVESTER I (OM)
<u>SEVENTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY</u>		
5:00 p.m.	Anunciacion Cespon by a Parishioner	
<b>Friday, January 01st</b>		THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
<u>THE OCTAVE DAY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD</u>		
<u>THE WORLD DAY OF PEACE</u>		
<u>HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION</u>		
10:30 a.m.	Intentions of Parishioners	
<b>Saturday, January 02nd</b>		ST. BASIL THE GREAT AND ST. GREGORY NAZIANZEN (M)
<u>IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY - FIRST SATURDAY</u>		
8:00 a.m.	For the Healing & Conversion of Our Children & Grandchildren by a Parishioner	
5:30 p.m.	Marc Ainslie by Ann & Vincent Lukenda	
<b>Sunday, January 03rd</b>		EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
7:30 a.m.	Intentions of Parishioners	
9:30 a.m.	Georgette Brand by the Brand Family	
11:00 a.m.	Irene Jodoin by Daughters Mary, Iris & Barbara	
<b>Monday, January 04th</b>		EPIPHANY
7:30 a.m.	<b>No Mass</b>	

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

### STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

*"...as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must forgive."*

- COLOSSIANS 3:13

*Forgiving is one of the hardest things for people to do. We can't give what we don't have. We need to receive God's mercy and forgiveness first before we can give it to others. Go to the sacrament of Reconciliation and receive God's mercy and forgiveness. Then, share; give the gift of forgiveness with someone – a family member, a friend or a co-worker. Pick up the phone or text someone right now.*

### TODAY'S READINGS – DECEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup>, 2020

1st Reading: Genesis 15.1-6; 17.3b-5, 15-16; 21.1-7  
 2nd Reading: Hebrews 11.8, 11-12, 17-19  
 Gospel: Luke 2.22-40  
 The child grew, filled with wisdom.

## IN OUR PARISH

### DEACON GUY'S REFLECTION

No doubt in 2020, there were a lot of changes in my life, Work from Home, Ordination, and a new Parish family.

In a year of change, it can be easy to be overwhelmed by the uncertainty, doubt and fear. To help reduce the worry and concern, I focused on these three things:

- Be a light for your Family: a single candle would be insufficient to light a room on its own but focused on the area around it can shine brightly and intensely.

- Be what you were called to be: Respond with Faith, Hope and Love; everyone is dealing with something and has a point of view. Be Christ-like in your response.

- Be trusting: No matter the situation, God is always present.

### THANK YOU & STAY INFORMED

Deacon Guy would like to thank everyone for their prayers & support of his ministry and response to the Advent Evenings of Reflections. There is some interest in what is next and so to stay informed and connected, send an email to [john1010nrsv@gmail.com](mailto:john1010nrsv@gmail.com) to be added to the email list.

### MASS ATTENDANCE AT CHRISTMAS

Dear parishioners, the plan for attendance with Christmas Masses is 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. Volunteers will be taking names of those who do not have an envelope. This may mean that entrance to the church may take a moment longer. Remember to wear a mask, sanitize your hands and maintain the six feet social distance rule of public health, thus ensuring everyone a safe & Merry Christmas.

### PLEASE NOTE – Parish Office Closed

The Parish Office will be closed Dec 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 - Jan 06<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Fr. Ernest returns Dec 10<sup>th</sup> from attending the burial of his Mom but will be in quarantine for 14 days. The Office Administrator will be off on vacation during this time and then off for the Christmas statutory holidays.

If there is an emergency, you can call the Rectory during regular office hours. Fr. Ernest will be available by phone.



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

New Year's Eve - Thursday December 31<sup>st</sup> - 5:00 p.m.

New Year's Day - Friday January 1<sup>st</sup> - 10:30 a.m.

### 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](http://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.

## 2021 NEW YEAR MESSAGE

May the Lord bless you, keep you, and may his face shine upon you.

We would like to extend to you many rich blessings and a prosperous New Year.

We typically take some time as the new calendar year approaches to look back over the past year at the good and maybe not so good moments; we also look forward to refocus, set new goals, a new direction for the year ahead.

Let us remember that God wants to meet us where we are and walk with us to where we called to be. It is good to be mindful of our past, but it is hard to walk forward if we are looking behind. We are loved. We are children of a God who loves us unconditionally. God does not look at us and see our past, he looks at us and sees our heart. He sees where we are now in the present, and where we strive to **be** in the future. This is our Hope, this is our Faith, this is Love.

In this New Year, We pray that you will all be filled with Hope for the future. Renewed in Faith by the guiding hands of the Lord's Divine Providence, our anxiety will fade and God's unconditional Love will take its place in our lives.

Finally, we thank our family of St. Columban and especially the volunteers of various ministries for your commitments to keep this Parish going this past year. Keep it up as we hope and pray for more co-operation and commitments in this New Year. Thank you so much for all you do! **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

**Rev. Fr. Ernest Emeka Emeodi**  
**Rev. Guy Cote & Members of Parish Council**

## PLEASE NOTE

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

## PLEASE NOTE

On the next First Friday of the Month, February 05<sup>th</sup>, there will be no Adoration, and Confessions are by appointment only until further notice.

## PARISHIONERS THAT CANNOT ATTEND SUNDAY MASS

Please know that the Archbishop has extended the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass for those who are unable to attend at this time.

## THE SANCTUARY LAMP

The sanctuary lamp is a special lamp which 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 of time. 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 disagreed 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. He is venerated as a saint and martyr by both the Catholic Church and the Anglican Communion. Living with Christ

## Ask the Deacon guy...

The Catholic faith has over 2000 years of history, teaching and tradition. It is pretty safe to say that there is probably the same number of questions floating around out there. If you have one of these questions, send me an email, pass me a note in the collection basket. Depending on the question, it could be answered in this section of the bulletin, maybe in person, or it may just have to wait until you see St. Peter at the gates of Heaven. The questions will remain anonymous and will not be put in the bulletin if you do not want it to be.

## 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. Sadly, we are not able to carry anything on our Book table at the Parish yet, but you can purchase the **Calendars** (\$5.00) at the Catholic Bookstore.

## OFFERTORY ENVELOPES MEMO

Dear parishioners, can you assist us by refraining from folding bills. The bills are counted with the aid of a counting machine and they have to be flat. Also please refrain from the use of a large amount of tape. We realize that some envelopes do not seal easily and a small piece of tape is sufficient, reason being that envelopes are not to be torn open as they need to go to the parish office intact. Thank you, to the parishioners who are diligent in writing the amount on the envelope. Thank you all for your assistance in these matters, St. Columban Collection Team Members.

## POPE FRANCIS JANUARY INTENTIONS

### Intention for evangelization - Human fraternity

May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.





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