

*The Prophet Isaiah spoke, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'"*

ST. COLUMBAN

PARISH

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)

DECEMBER 04, 2016

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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

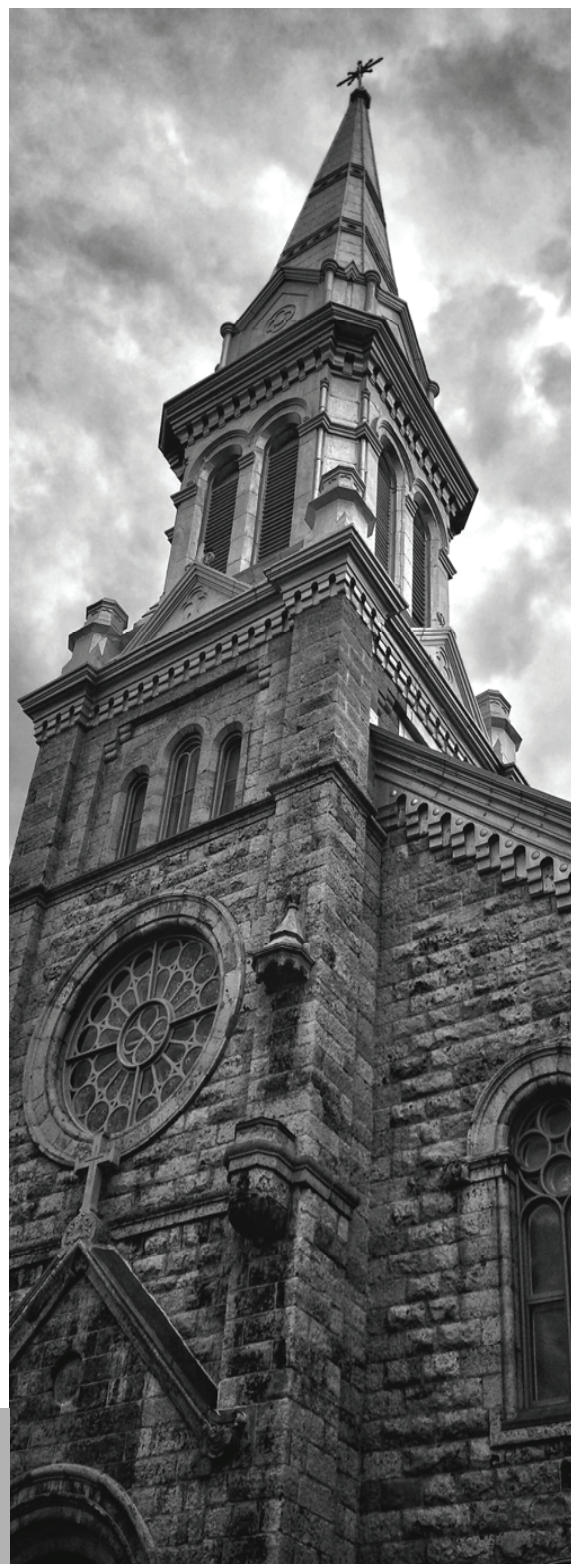
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CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

IN OUR PARISH

Saturday, December 03rd Saint Francis Xavier (M)

7:00 – 7:25 a.m. Confessions
8:00 a.m. In Thanksgiving to Our Lady Undoer of Knots
3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions
5:30 p.m. Gertrude Poitras (5th Anniversary of Death) by Son Raymond Poitras & Family

Sunday, December 04th 2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:30 a.m. Intentions of Parishioners
9:30 a.m. Pete Piquette by Betty
11:00 a.m. Hubert Boudreau by Yolande & Family

Monday, December 05th

7:30 a.m. No Mass

Tuesday, December 06th Saint Nicholas (OM)

7:30 a.m. Louis O'Brien by the Estate

Wednesday, December 07th Saint Ambrose (M)

7:30 a.m. Eileen Mondoux by the Family
9:00 a.m. St. Columban School Mass

Thursday, December 08th The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (S)

7:30 a.m. Isabel Parisien by Faith Sharing Group
9:00 a.m. Bishop Macdonell School Mass

Friday, December 09th Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin (OM)

7:30 a.m. Constance Wilson by St. Columban Catholic Women's League

Saturday, December 10th

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions
5:30 p.m. Bertha, Robert & Donald Depatie by Pauline, Joe & Family

Sunday, December 11th 3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:30 a.m. Intentions of Parishioners
9:30 a.m. Margaret Varin by Isabelle McDonald & Harold Scudder
11:00 a.m. Carmel Bourgon (4th Anniversary of Death) by Husband Urbain & Family

Monday, December 12th Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patron of the Americas (F)

7:30 a.m. No Mass
National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples.

TODAY'S READINGS – DECEMBER 04TH

1st Reading: Isaiah 11.1-10
2nd Reading: Romans 15.4-9
Gospel: Matthew 3.1-12

Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.

Please note that the Parish office will be closed on Monday December 5, 2016.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

An invitation is extended to all parish volunteers to attend. The reception will be held in the Rectory from 2 to 4 PM on Sunday December 11, 2016.

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 17-18, 2016. 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 4 to allow for printing. Thank you for your continued support of the work of the Patrons of St. Columban Foundation.

ST. COLUMBAN – Mass Schedule Christmas - Mass Schedule

Christmas Vigil Saturday December 24th - 5 p.m.,
7 p.m. & 12 midnight
Christmas Day Sunday December 25th - 10:30 a.m.
New Year's - Mass Schedule
New Year's Eve Saturday December 31st – 5:30 p.m.
New Year's Day Sunday January 1st – 9:30 a.m., &
11:00 a.m.

Office Hours - Christmas

Thursday December 22nd Office closed 12 noon
Monday December 26th Office closed
Tuesday December 27th Office closed

Office Hours - New Years

Thursday December 29th Office closed 12 noon
Monday January 02nd Office closed
Tuesday January 03rd Office closed

2017 PARISH ENVELOPES

Parish envelopes are available for pick up at the 4th St. Entrance. Please ensure number on envelope matches number on label. Note: Envelopes above 400 have been renumbered.

60th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Blessings and congratulations to Rita & Gerhard Abele who were married here 60 yrs. ago on Dec 01. May God continue to bless them as they honour their commitment to each other, and grant them many more years of happiness.

IN OUR **PARISH**

PARISH FINANCIALS & INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

The Parish closes its financial books on December 29th. All monies received after that date will be credited for 2017. If you want donations included on your 2016 tax receipt, they need to be received by the Parish before noon on December 29th. Thank you.

CWL CHRISTMAS POTLUCK

6:00 p.m. Tues. Dec 06, 2016 in the Parish Activity Centre. Bring your favourite dish for all to enjoy and for our gift exchange a wrapped gift (max. \$10.00). Don't forget your Jello for the Christmas baskets.

ST. COLUMBAN PRAYER GROUP

The Joy of the Lord Prayer Group at St. Columban's has begun its fall season. We begin at 6:30 with Rosary, followed by a time of praise and worship, teaching, prayers of thanksgiving and petition. If you would like to join us, we meet on Monday nights, 6:30-8:30 pm in the Upper Room, (east door) of the Church.

ADVENT MEDITATION BOOKLETS

To help you in your ADVENT journey, we have made available daily Advent Meditation booklets by Henri Nouwen entitled 'Unto Us a Child is Born'. He is known for his ability to speak to the hearts of Christians with simplicity. Walk with this trusted friend through Advent and meet Jesus again as Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father and Prince of Peace. The booklets will be available at the book table.

St. Columban Collection Report for November 20, 2016

Sunday Envelopes	2957.30
Loose Collection	273.87
Initial Offering	5.00
Papal Charities	20.00
Needs of Canadian Church	20.00
Propagation of the Faith	20.00
Good Friday – Holy Land	20.00
Priest Pension Fund	40.00
Donation and Gifts	40.00
Votive Candles	276.75
Bookstore	280.10
Emergency Relief - Haiti	295.00
Total	\$ 4248.02

IN OUR **DIOCESE**

ANGELS OF HOPE

A project to provide Christmas gifts to children receiving counselling at the Children's Treatment Centre. If you would like to help out, kindly pick up a name tag after Mass it includes the age & sex of the child. Names are fictitious for confidentiality reasons. DO NOT WRAP the gift, place it in an appropriate GIFT BAG and return to the Church no later than Sunday Dec 11, 2016. For further information you can call the treatment centre at 613 933-4400. On behalf of the children we thank you for kindness and spirit of sharing.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES

St. Andrews: Wednesday December 14 at 7 PM
 St. Columban: Monday December 19 at 2 PM
 St. Francis: Tuesday December 20 at 7 PM

AMARYLLIS CHOIR

This year AMARYLLIS CHOIR will perform TWO concerts to celebrate Christmas! Saturday December 17 at 7:00 pm we will sing Handel's MESSIAH in Cornwall at Trinity Anglican Church (tickets \$25 at ScotiaBank or The Grind in Cornwall, or from a choir member). Sunday, December 18 at 4 pm we will perform excerpts from Handel's MESSIAH as well as familiar Christmas music in Knox Presbyterian Church, Vankleek Hill, with a reception to follow (tickets \$20 at ScotiaBank and The Review in VKH, or from a choir member). Both concerts will be accompanied by orchestra and will feature guest soloists. Call Rosemary 613 525-1336 for more information.

Annual Christmas Concert

St. Joseph Catholic Secondary School will be holding their annual Christmas Concert at St. Columban Parish Church on Tuesday, December 13th at 7:00pm. Admission is \$5:00 plus a can of food for the St. Vincent de Paul food drive. We appreciate all donations to help the needy in our community. Thank you for your generosity.

3rd Annual Cornwall Community Christmas Luncheon

3rd Annual Cornwall Community Christmas Luncheon at the Agora Hall, 301 McConnell Ave. Are you alone this Christmas? Join us on Christmas day for a luncheon starting at 12:00 noon until 2:30 p.m. There is no charge for this luncheon but donations for next year are accepted. Come join your extended family! Wheelchair accessible with elevator!

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