

*Christmas is a story of love and salvation. It's time that we shift our focus from unrealistic expectation to embrace the promise of Jesus as the true meaning of Christmas.*

# ST. COLUMBAN

## PARISH

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)**

**DECEMBER 11, 2016**

### 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 10th

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

## Sunday, December 11th 3<sup>rd</sup> 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  
 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Volunteer Appreciation Reception at the  
 Rectory

## Monday, December 12th OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE PATRON OF THE AMERICAS (F)

7:30 a.m. No Mass

## Tuesday, December 13th ST. LUCY (M)

7:30 a.m. Isabel Parisien by Joe Parisien & Family  
 7:00 p.m. St. Joe's High School Annual Christmas  
 Concert in Church

## Wednesday, December 14th ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS (M)

7:30 a.m. Ernie Filion by Faith Sharing Group  
 7:00 p.m. Advent Penitential Service at St. Andrews  
 Parish

## Thursday, December 15th

7:30 a.m. Rene Brunet by Stephen, Stuart, Scott,  
 Stephanie & Families  
 7:00 p.m. Advent Penitential Service at St. Bernards in  
 Finch

## Friday, December 16th

7:30 a.m. Rita Cassibault by Joan Levy Earle

## Saturday, December 17th

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions  
 5:30 p.m. Barbara Parisien by Joe Parisien & Family

## Sunday, December 18th 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:30 a.m. Intentions of Parishioners  
 9:30 a.m. Christmas in Memoriam by Patron's  
 Foundation  
 11:00 a.m. Germaine Lafrance (19th Anniversary of  
 Death) by Gilles & Diane Lafrance

## Monday, December 19th

7:30 a.m. No Mass  
 2:00 p.m. Advent Penitential Service at St. Columban  
 Parish

## TODAY'S READINGS – DECEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>

1st Reading: Isaiah 35.1-6a, 10  
 2nd Reading: James 5.7-10  
 Gospel: Matthew 11.2-11

*Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for  
 another?*

## 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.

## 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.

## SINCERE THANK YOU

St. Columban's CWL would like to thank all those who attended our Christmas Tea or purchased tickets on the Christmas basket your generosity and support is greatly appreciated. Congratulations to Elizabeth Doyon winner of the Christmas basket.

## 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.

## FATHER ERNEST - VACATION

Father Ernest will be away on vacation from Dec 27 – Feb 10. We wish him a wonderful time spent with his family and look forward to his return. Please welcome Msgr. Harty, Fr. Donnelly, Fr. Halle & Fr. Jerome as they preside at the various Masses while Fr. Ernest is away.

## IN OUR PARISH

### PARISH FINANCIALS & INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

The Parish closes its financial books on December 29<sup>th</sup>. 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 29<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.

### Archbishop Terence Prendergast

Archbishop Terence Prendergast will preside at the 11:00 a.m. Mass on January 1st followed by a Bishop's Levee in St. Columban's Activity Center, upstairs in the Agape Building. Please join the Archbishop and fellow members of our Faith Community.

### 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 Christmas Preparation Evening, we meet on Monday nights, 6:30-8:30 pm in the Upper Room, (east door) of the Church.

### CHRISTMAS PREPARATION EVENING

To prepare for Christmas, Maison Shalom House invites you to an evening of reflection and sharing on the meaning of Christmas. We take time to decorate our houses, cook tasty meals and shopping. Why not consecrate one evening to prepare our hearts to live the season of Christmas? Sr. Denise Desrochers, csc awaits your attendance on December 14, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. A free-will offering is welcomed. For more information and to reserve your place please contact Sr. Sue Burns, csc at 613-525-1704.

### 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

### St. Columban Collection Report for November 27, 2016

Sunday Envelopes	4040.00
Loose Collection	383.02
Initial Offering	5.00
Priest Pension Fund	170.00
Emergency Relief - Haiti	530.00
Total	\$ 5128.02

## 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.

### NATIVITY SCENES

The Diocese of Alexandria-Cornwall invites you to put up a small Nativity scene on your front lawn. Order a pre-cut Nativity Scene today. New this year Angels to add to your Nativity Scene. Visit [www.alexandria-cornwall.ca](http://www.alexandria-cornwall.ca) or contact Yolande at 613-933-1138, ext. 24 for more information and to place orders.

### AMARYLLIS CHOIR

This year AMARYLLIS CHOIR will perform TWO concerts to celebrate Christmas! Saturday December 17 at 7:00 pm at Trinity Anglican Church (tickets \$25 at ScotiaBank or The Grind in Cornwall. Sunday, December 18 at 4 pm in Knox Presbyterian Church, Vankleek Hill, with a reception to follow (tickets \$20 at ScotiaBank and The Review in VKH. Call Rosemary 613 525-1336 for more information.

### BINGO

Precious Blood Parish in Glen Walter will be hosting a BINGOS, on Wednesday, December 21st, 2016 in the church hall starting at 7:00 pm. EARLY BIRD GAMES start at 6:20 pm. Over \$1200.00 to be won. Hope to see you there!

### 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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