

*It's like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with their assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch.- "Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back—whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn. What I say to you, I say to everyone: 'Watch!'".*

# ST. COLUMBAN

## PARISH

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)**

**DECEMBER 03, 2017**

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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)  
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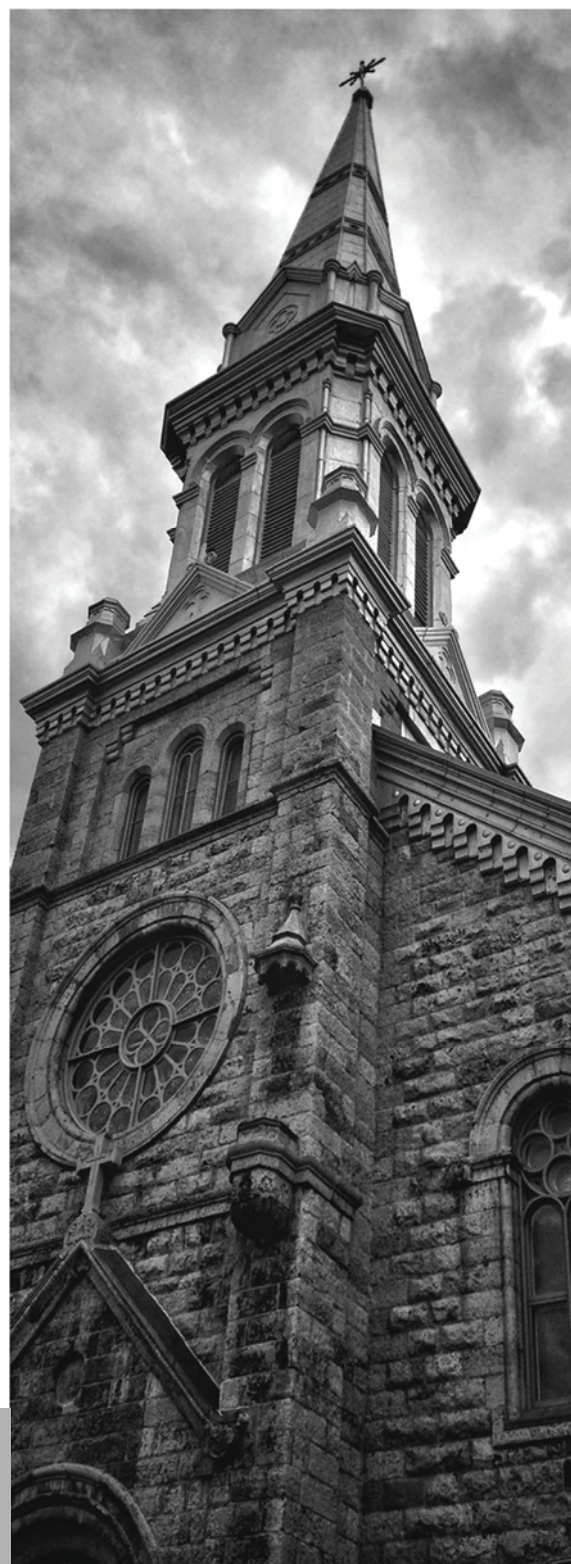
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# CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

# IN OUR PARISH

## Saturday, December 02nd **IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY**

### OUR LADY'S - FIRST SATURDAY (OM)

7:00 – 7:25 a.m. Confessions  
8:00 a.m. Tom Parisien by Joe Parisien & Family  
3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions  
5:30 p.m. Gertrude Poitras (6th Anniversary of Death)  
by Son Raymond Poitras & Family

## Sunday, December 03rd **1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

7:30 a.m. Marlene MacMillan by Florence Gravelle  
9:30 a.m. Intentions of Parishioners  
11:00 a.m. Paul Rose by His Wife

## Monday, December 04th **ST. JOHN DAMASCENE (OM)**

7:30 a.m. **No Mass** **ADVENT – WEEK 1**

## Tuesday, December 05th

7:30 a.m. Yolande Boudreau by St. Columban's  
Catholic Women's League  
9:00 a.m. St. Columban School Mass

## Wednesday, December 06th **SAINT NICHOLAS (OM)**

7:30 a.m. Eileen Mondoux by The Family

## Thursday, December 07th **SAINT AMBROSE (M)**

7:30 a.m. Edmund Cameron by Joan Earle

## Friday, December 08th **THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (S)**

7:30 a.m. A Personal Intention by a Parishioner

## Saturday, December 09th **ST. JUAN DIEGO**

### **CJAUHTLATOATZIN (OM)**

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions  
5:30 p.m. A Special Intention by Graceline Chisholm

## Sunday, December 10th **2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

7:30 a.m. Intentions of Parishioners  
9:30 a.m. George Brand by Wife Georgette & Family  
11:00 a.m. Carmel Bourgon (5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Death)  
by Husband Urbain & Family

## Monday, December 11th **ST. DAMASUS (OM)**

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

### **TODAY'S READINGS – DECEMBER 03<sup>RD</sup>**

1st Reading: Isaiah 63.16b-17; 64.1, 3-8  
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1.3-9  
Gospel: Mark 13.33-37

*Keep alert, for you do not know when the master of the house will come.*

### **TUESDAY AFTERNOON SOCIAL GATHERING**

Tuesday's 1:00 – 4:00 pm. Parish Activity Centre. Parishioners are invited to participate in an afternoon of games and socializing with others on Tuesday afternoons. Always open to new activities and ideas. For more info call 613.932.7091.

### **NEW SUNDAY MISSALS**

As we begin the season of Advent on Dec 3, 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.

### **PLEASE NOTE**

There will be no Confessions on Saturday Dec 23, 2017.

## **STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION**

*"Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time will come."*  
- Matthew 13:33

We all take things for granted. In particular, we take time for granted. Our lives are so busy, many of us are planning our time – our days, weeks, months even years in advance. Remember, our time on earth is a gift. None of us knows how long we will be here. Start today and begin thanking God for each and every day. Take time in silence, every day, and listen to what God is saying to you.

## **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 16-17, 2017. 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 3 to allow for printing. Thank you for your continued support of the work of the Patrons of St. Columban Foundation.

## **MEMBERS OF ST. COLUMBAN'S CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE CHRISTMAS POTLUCK**

**5:45 p.m. Tuesday Dec 05, 2017.** In the Parish Activity Centre, bring your favourite dish and wear your favourite Christmas sweater (ugly or otherwise), bring a wrapped gift (\$10.00 max.) for our Christmas exchange. Don't forget your Jello!

## **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 10, 2017

## **COME TO THE WATER**

Come, drink deeply of the life-giving water that Jesus is for us in a spiritually rejuvenating winter weekend retreat at Maison Shalom House in Alexandria, February 2 - 4, 2018. Dynamic retreat master Anne Shore, a gifted Catholic educator and vibrant speaker, will explore the theme as the weekend unfolds, leaving plenty of time for personal prayer and reflection. Fr. Allan MacDonald, CC, General Superior of the Companions of the Cross, returns to his Glengarry roots as the Sacramental Priest for this retreat. Cost is \$185.00 per person, including accommodation and meals. A deposit of \$100.00 is required by December 15th, 2017. For information or to register, contact Inez, 613-347-7666 inez1989@hotmail.com or Elizabeth, 613-527-3209 bmcdonell@xplornet.com or Sr. Sue Burns csc, 613-525-1704 [maisonshalomhouse@bellnet.ca](mailto:maisonshalomhouse@bellnet.ca)

## **PARISH FINANCIALS/INCOME TAX RECEIPTS**

The Parish closes its Financial Books on Dec 28th. All monies received after Dec 28, 2017 will be credited for 2018. **If you want donations included on your 2017 tax receipt, they need to be received by the Parish before noon on Dec 28th. Thank you.**

## **ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES**

7 p.m., Thursday December 14 – St. Andrews  
2 p.m., Tuesday December 19 – Blessed Sacrament  
7 p.m., Wednesday December 20 – St. Peters



**OUTDOOR NATIVITY SCENES**

The Diocese has a limited number of outdoor Nativity scenes available for sale. The scenes, which are \$125 + HST, are pre-cut but must be painted. This could be a great Advent project for you and your family. For more information and to view the scene visit the diocesan website at [www.alexandria-cornwall.ca](http://www.alexandria-cornwall.ca) or contact Yolande at 613-933-1138, ext. 24. This is a good way to remind people of the real reason for the season!



**MARRIAGE PREPARATION - EARLY BIRD PRICING ENDS**

If you are getting married in the Catholic Church in 2018 or 2019 you must take a marriage preparation course. In this Diocese we offer the Engaged Encounter Weekend. The cost of the weekend is \$180. But we have early bird pricing of \$150 until January 31, 2018. Space is limited so you must register by February 28, 2018.

**LET'S KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS!**

Your local Catholic bookstore has a good selection of Advent wreaths, Nativity sets, as well as Nativity statuary – great for Nursing Homes, etc. We have Christmas cards and giftware. 'Pope Benedict's Last Testament' and Mother Angelica's biography' plus many books for children, would make great gifts. We welcome you to drop by the Catholic Information Centre at 146 Chevrier Ave. (the avenue BEHIND Nativity Church), 933-5099.

**DIOCESAN CWL ADVENT RETREAT**

Thursday December 07, 2017 hosted by St. Peter's Parish  
6 p.m. Adoration Hour Guest Speaker: Joanna Sisk.  
8 p.m. Celebration of the Holy Eucharist, followed by a social hour.

**2018 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 at 613-932-9616.

**IN APPRECIATION**

Thank you to the members of K of C Council 5068 for hosting the successful Spaghetti Supper on Sunday Nov 19th. Also thank you to the parishioners who supported them. The donation to the parish was \$758.00. Thank you Knights. St. Columban's Catholic Women's League would like to thank all those who attended and helped in making our Christmas Tea a success. The winner of the Christmas basket is Anne Gauthier. We would also like to thank all those who have contributed Jell-o for the Christmas Baskets.

**ST. COLUMBAN COLLECTION REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 19, 2017**

Sunday Envelopes	2,814.00
Loose Collection	245.13
Priest Pension Fund	150.00
Parish ALPHA Program	110.00
K of C Spaghetti Supper	758.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,077.13</b>

**OUR PARISH KRISTKINDL PROJECT**

Have you completed your Kristkindl card and selected one from the basket? Make Advent special this year and be the Christ Child to a fellow parishioner. Have fun being a Secret Santa and imitate the Holy Child and render all your little services in the same spirit that he gave.

**WE HAVE A PARISH APP**

Beginning today, you can download an app for our parish for your smartphone (iPhones and Androids.) The app, which is FREE, provides you with all sorts of things including, general parish info, mass times, the daily readings, Catholic, Vatican and Diocesan news and Catholic prayers. Just go to the App Store (iPhones) or Google Play (other smartphones) and download myParish. Once you have downloaded the FREE myParish app, which is the hub for hundreds of parishes, you just follow the instructions to find our parish. If you have questions visit the diocesan website at [www.alexandria-cornwall.ca](http://www.alexandria-cornwall.ca)

**ALONE CHRISTMAS DAY?**

Join us for our 4th Annual Christmas Dinner, December 25, 2017, from 12:00 noon to 2:30 p.m. at the Agora Hall (Nativity Hall), 301 McConnell Street. No charge but donations gladly accepted for next year. Need transportation? Call Alison to arrange for pick up at 613-622-4719 the week of December 17th. (Elevator is wheelchair accessible.) To help call Darlene Walsh at 613- 330-4491.

**PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENTS OF RECONCILIATION, CONFIRMATION AND FIRST COMMUNION**

Is your child or grandchild in the Public School System? Are they in a Separate School and have not received the Sacraments? If so, this notice is for you!! Now is the time to register for after school sacramental preparation classes. Please call the parish office at 613-932-9616 or Janet Surgeson at 613-363-5331 for more information.

**CELTIC VARIETY CONCERT**

A Celtic Variety Concert will be held on Sunday December 3rd, from 2-4pm at the St. Andrew's Parish Hall, St. Andrews West. Fundraiser for the St. Joseph's Catholic Secondary School's 2018 Mission Trip to Guatemala. Entertainment includes; The MacLeod Fiddlers – Paddy Kelly - Ashley MacLeod - The MacCulloch Dancers. FREE WILL OFFERING.

**ANGELS OF HOPE**

Dear Parishioners:  
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 17th**. 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 YEARS EVE BALL**

Knights of Columbus Hall, 205 Amelia St. (Upstairs Hall) Sunday December 31, 2017. 8:00 pm to 1:00 am Buffet (hot & cold) served at Midnight. Tickets: \$25.00 per person. Music by Leisure Sound. Door Prizes & Spot Dances. Call for Tickets: 613-932-7600.



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