

O Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us. Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us.
St. Joseph, pray for us. St. Columban, pray for us.

ST. COLUMBAN

PARISH

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)

DECEMBER 05, 2021

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Fr. Thomas Riopelle, Parochial Administrator
Rev. Mr. Guy Côté, 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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ST. COLUMBAN PARISH

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

IN OUR PARISH

Saturday, December 04th ST. JOHN DAMASCENE (OM)

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY - FIRST SATURDAY

7:00 – 7:25 a.m. Confessions
 8:00 a.m. For the Healing & Conversion of Our Children & Grandchildren by a Parishioner
 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. Confessions
 5:30 p.m. Frances Joan Belmore by the Tyo Family

Sunday, December 05th SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:30 a.m. People of the Parish
 9:30 a.m. Gertrude Poitras (10th Anniversary of Death) by Raymond Poitras & Family
 11:00 a.m. Carmel Bourgon by Husband Urbain Bourgon
 Sheila Quigg by Joe & Pat Sanborn

Monday, December 06th ST. NICHOLAS (OM)

7:30 a.m. **No Mass** ADVENT – WEEK 2

Tuesday, December 07th ST. AMBROSE (M)

7:30 a.m. Private Intention by a Parishioner

Wednesday, December 08th THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (S)

7:30 a.m. Joan Levy Earle by Christina Dupras

Thursday, December 09th ST. JUAN DIEGO CUAUHTLATOATZIN (OM)

7:30 a.m. Gerald (Squints) DiCola by Angus Kelly

Friday, December 10th OUR LADY OF LORETO (OM)

7:30 a.m. Special Intention for Carol-Ann Villemaire by Darlene Brabant

Saturday, December 11th ST. DAMASUS I (OM)

3:00 - 4:00 p.m. Confessions
 5:30 p.m. Madeleine Clarke by Husband George Clarke

Sunday, December 12th THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER IN SOLIDARITY WITH INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

7:30 a.m. People of the Parish
 9:30 a.m. Janet Eva Renaud by Friends of Husband Victor Reneaud
 11:00 a.m. Theresa Di Tomasso by Diane & Ray Lalonde
 Michael Redmond by Art Kuhn

Monday, December 13th ST. LUCY (M)

7:30 a.m. **No Mass** ADVENT – WEEK 3

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

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

“And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value.”
 -PHILIPPIANS 1:9-10

During the Christmas shopping season, it is easy to get caught up in the frenzy of buying gifts. But is that “gift” truly an expression of your love for the other person. Or are you just fulfilling your “obligation” to give them something? To grow in friendship with someone, you need to spend time with them, learn what is of value to them. Maybe this year, buy less “stuff” and spend more time with those you love.

TODAY’S READINGS – DECEMBER 05TH, 2021

1st Reading: Baruch 5.1-9
 2nd Reading: Philippians 1.3-6, 8-11
 Gospel: Luke 3.1-6
 All flesh shall see the salvation of God.

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.

5:30 SATURDAY NIGHT MASS

The Mass time on Saturday night WILL NOT change; it will stay at 5:30 p.m. Thank you to all those who attend the 5:30 mass for their input on the proposed time change.

DEACON GUY’S REFLECTION

For this week’s Responsorial Psalm, we read, “The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.” This response speaks to our very human emotions of dreaming, laughing and rejoicing. Do we have this response to the works of the Lord in our everyday lives? If the only prayer we ever say is ‘Thank You,’ then that is a good start. We need to cultivate an Attitude of Gratitude. 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.

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 booklet insert to our Parish Bulletin the weekend of December 18-19, 2021. For your donation, you may use the forms and the envelopes provided at the entrances as you leave the church. Cheques should be made payable to the Patrons of St. Columban Foundation. Please submit in the collection basket at mass or drop off at the parish office by Sunday December 5 to allow for printing. Thank you for your continued support of the work of the Patrons of St. Columban Foundation.

ST. COLUMBAN - CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Vigil, Friday December 24th – 6:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m.
 Christmas Day, Saturday December 25th – 10:30 a.m.

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.

SATURDAY CONFESSIONS

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

VOCATIONS

Prayer for Vocations: That the Lord, who is beginning the excellent work of choosing from among us men and women to follow Him as priests, deacons, religious sisters and brothers, will bring it to completion through our prayers and sacrifices, we pray to the Lord.

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IN OUR PARISH AND DIOCESE

2021 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 2020 envelopes and write your name on the 2021 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.

SAINT OF THE WEEK – ST. JUAN DIEGO CUAUHTLATOATZIN

On this date in 1531, the blessed Virgin appeared to Juan Diego at Tepeyac, near Mexico City. She told him that a church should be built at the site of her appearance. On another visit, Our Lady sent Juan Diego to gather flowers and present them to the bishop. When he did so, the flowers he had collected in his cloak fell away, revealing an image of the Blessed Virgin that miraculously appeared on his garment. This relic is preserved in the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico. Juan Diego was canonized in 2002. Living with Christ



UPDATE - PEANUT BUTTER CHALLENGE FOR THE AGAPE CENTRE

Thank you everyone, we reached the goal of 160 jars of Peanut Butter. At last count we have collected 183 jars of peanut butter. What a great way to start this new liturgical year with the spirit of giving, outreach, and community.

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.

ST. COLUMBAN COLLECTION REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 21, 2021

Sunday Envelopes	4,132.00
Loose Collection	293.35
Total	\$4,425.35

CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS FUND

The **Catholic Women's League** has the yearly responsibility of supplying packages of Jello for the Children's Christmas Fund Baskets. This year we've been requested to collect 25 hundred boxes. We will be collecting the Jello until the end of November. Store brands are much cheaper and just as acceptable, if any parishioner wishes to help us in this endeavour Jello boxes can be dropped off in the baskets provided at the entrances to the Church. If you wish to send a cheque in lieu of boxes of Jello you can make your cheque payable to "St. Columban's Catholic Women's League" and drop it in the collection basket at the mass you attend or drop it off at the Rectory during regular business hours. Thank you for your participation in providing for our local families in need.

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.

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.

CATHOLIC CALENDARS HAVE ARRIVED

We have received permission to carry some calendars at the back of the Church on the Book Rack. They are \$5.00 each again this year, and the money goes in the Money Box. The calendars are also available at the Catholic Information Centre, 613-933-5099. Get your copy while they last!

LIVING WITH CHRIST MONTHLY MISSALS

Missals for December are available at the Church for purchase; the cost is \$3.25 each, and you can pick one up Tuesday – Friday before or after 7:30 a.m. Mass or at the weekend Masses.

PRO-LIFE RAFFLE

Pro-Life Cornwall Pro-Vie is selling raffle tickets for a ¼ organic beef cut and wrapped plus a 5 ft. cu. freezer to store the meat. Tickets are just \$5 each or 5 for \$20 and are available at Sharyn's Pantry (812 Pitt St.) in Cornwall and at Maison Shalom House (170 St. Paul St.) in Alexandria. The draw takes place on December 15th. What a great way to kick off the Christmas Season! You can also purchase tickets from **Darlene Brabant (613-935-5828)**.

CATHOLIC INFORMATION CENTRE OPEN

Please take note that the CATHOLIC INFORMATION CENTRE (book and gift shop) is open. Hours are from 10 am to 4 pm Monday to Friday, and Saturdays from 9:00 am until noon. We look forward to serving you. We are at 146 Chevrier Ave., 613-933-5099.

KNEELERS

When leaving the church, you must leave the kneeler in the **down position** for the volunteers who are sanitizing the pews.



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