

The coming of John the Baptist is foretold in the verses quoted from the book of the prophet Isaiah: *Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way.* John the Baptist did indeed prepare the way of the Lord. Decide on one or more ways you will follow the example of John the Baptist and prepare the way of the Lord in the week to come.

# ST. COLUMBAN

## PARISH

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)**

**DECEMBER 06, 2020**

### PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Fr. Ernest Emeka Emeodi, 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	By appointment only, Tuesday - Thursday
Baptism	Please notify one month in advance
Marriages	Please notify 6 months in advance

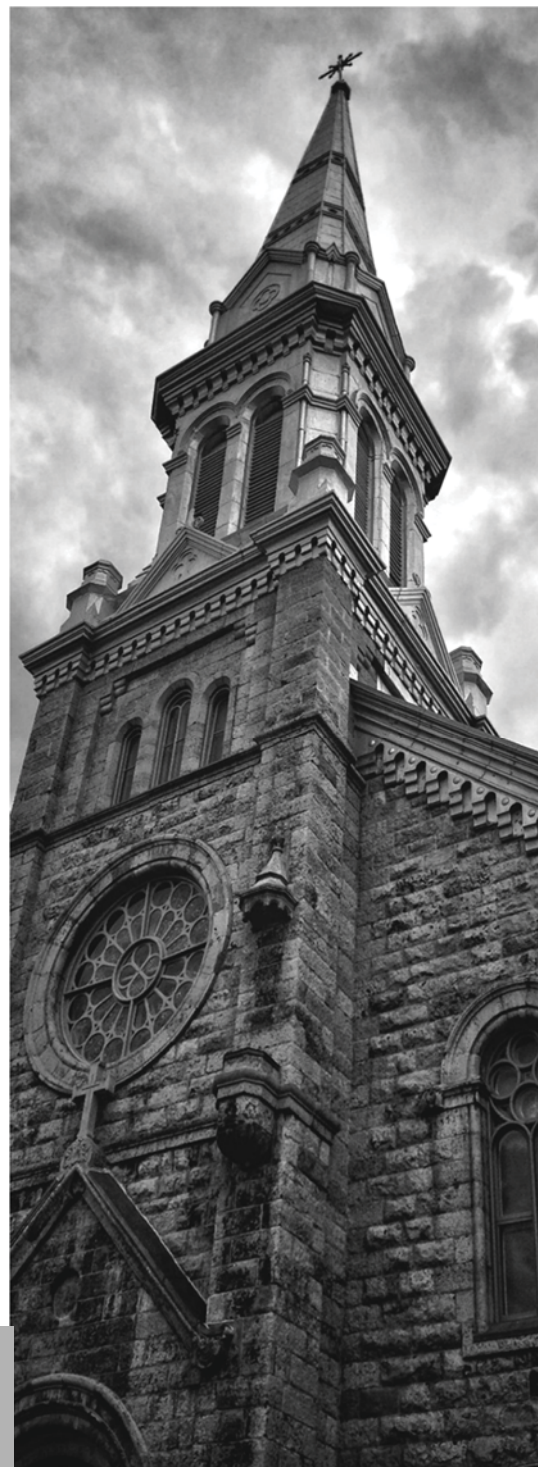
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# ST. COLUMBAN PARISH

## CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

### Saturday, December 05th IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY - FIRST SAT.

8:00 a.m. For the Healing & Conversion of Our Children & Grandchildren by a Parishioner  
 5:30 p.m. Lynn Tremblay (11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Death) by Husband Ron & Family

### Sunday, December 06th SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:30 a.m. Intentions of Parishioners  
 9:30 a.m. Brandon Cunningham by Marilyn Brown  
 11:00 a.m. Carmel Bourgon by Husband Urbain Bourgon & Family

### Monday, December 07th ST. AMBROSE (M)

7:30 a.m. **No Mass** ADVENT – WEEK 2

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

7:30 a.m. **No Mass**

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

7:30 a.m. **No Mass**

### Thursday, December 10th OUR LADY OF LORETO (OM)

7:30 a.m. **No Mass**

### Friday, December 11th ST. DAMASUS I (OM)

7:30 a.m. **No Mass**

### Saturday, December 12th OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE PATRONESS OF THE AMERICAS (F)

### NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER IN SOLIDARITY WITH INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

### Sunday, December 13th THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:30 a.m. Intentions of Parishioners  
 9:30 a.m. Christine Langlois by Daughter Monica & Family  
 11:00 a.m. Janet Surgeson by Teresa MacInnis

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

7:30 a.m. **No Mass** ADVENT – WEEK 3

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

## MIDNIGHT MASS CHRISTMAS EVE

If Father Ernest's return flight is delayed, the Midnight Mass will be cancelled. Confirmation as to whether it is cancelled or will continue as scheduled will be announced at all the Masses on December 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> and Dec 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>.

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

*"Prepare the way of the Lord..." - MARK 1:3*

*We are all called to live a holy life. We are all called to invite others to live holy lives. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, puts us on the path to holiness and is an example for others to be holy, too. We are responsible not only for our own lives, but for the lives others as well.*

## TODAY'S READINGS – DECEMBER 06<sup>TH</sup>, 2020

1st Reading: Isaiah 40.1-5, 9-11  
 2nd Reading: 2 Peter 3.8-14  
 Gospel: Mark 1.1-8  
 Make straight the paths of the Lord.

## IN OUR PARISH

### FR. ERNEST AWAY

Fr. Ernest is away November 8<sup>th</sup> – Dec 10<sup>th</sup> 2020 to attend to the burial of his Mom. All weekday masses will be cancelled during this time. Monsignor Harty and Fr. Donnelly will preside at the weekend masses.

### DEACON GUY'S REFLECTION

#### Stop – Look – Listen

People often say that they do not see God, but it may be more true that they do not see what they picture God should look like. Remember that we are all created in the image of God, if you look around and cannot see God. There may be someone looking in your direction. That is thinking the same thing.

### ADVENT EVENINGS OF REFLECTION

Join us for Advent Evenings of Reflection with Deacon Guy. Wednesday's at 7:00 p.m. on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> at St. Columban's Parish.

### OFFICE HOURS

Normal office hours are Monday – Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

### PLEASE NOTE

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

### ST. COLUMBAN OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Good afternoon St. Columban Family; I wanted to let you know that Fr. Ernest arrived safely in Nigeria to attend the burial of his Mom.

I also wanted you to know that the 2021 Offertory Envelopes are ready for pick up at the church this weekend. For those who ordered a 2021 Missal your envelopes are at the Rectory unless you have already picked up your missal.

If you would like to pick up your 2021 envelopes at the Rectory, please let me know and I will arrange to have them here.

Remember to submit your form for the St. Columban Patron's Foundation "Remembering Our Loved Ones at Christmas" donation. The deadline for submission is Dec 06, 2020.

Believe it or not, Advent is just a week away. Now is the time to start getting ready. One of the best ways to celebrate this season is with traditional items such as an Advent wreath and Advent calendar.

Be sure to visit the Catholic Information Centre to get yours.

Regards, Kelly, Office Administrator

### VOTIVE CANDLES FOR ADVENT

As we prepare to enter the season of Advent, consider lighting a 7-day votive candle in your home.

The cost is \$5.00 each, so having a candle burning throughout Advent will only cost \$20.

It is the same process as lighting a candle expect you would take the candle home and return the empty glass once it is empty.

Deacon Guy will be available to bless the candles. Peace,  
**Deacon Guy.**

# IN OUR PARISH AND DIOCESE

## 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 - Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Vigil - Thursday December 24<sup>th</sup> - 5:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. & 12 Midnight  
Christmas Day - Friday December 25<sup>th</sup> - 10:30 a.m.

## 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.

## 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.

## MORNING MASSES

For those who wish to attend morning mass at another parish while Fr. Ernest is away. Here are the Mass times for:

Blessed Sacrament Mon - Thurs. 9:00 a.m.  
St. Francis Mon, Wed - Fri. 8:00 a.m.  
St. Peter's Wed. 9:00 a.m. (must call first)

## SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

If you wish to donate simply put your donation in an envelope and address it to St. Vincent de Paul and deposit it in the weekly collection basket and it will get to us. If you provide your address, a tax receipt will be mailed to you for any donation in excess of \$10.00. Thank you for all your efforts.

## 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.

## ST. COLUMBAN COLLECTION REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 22, 2020

Sunday Envelopes	4,942.00
Loose Collection	251.45
Total	\$ 5,193.45

## SAINT OF THE WEEK

### Our Lady of Guadalupe – Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Our Lady of Guadalupe** is a Catholic title of the Blessed Virgin Mary associated with a series of five Marian apparitions in December 1531.

Juan Diego's uncle had fallen sick and his condition having deteriorated overnight, Juan Diego set out to fetch a Catholic priest to hear his uncle's confession and minister to him on his death-bed. He was visited by the Virgin and she assured him that his uncle had now recovered and she told him to gather flowers, he found roses, not native to Mexico, blooming there. The next day, Juan Diego found his uncle fully recovered, as the Virgin had assured him, and his uncle recounted that he too had seen her, at his bed-side; that she had instructed him to inform the bishop of this apparition and of his miraculous cure; and he said that she had told him she desired to be known under the title of Guadalupe. The Virgin arranged the flowers in Juan Diego's cloak, and when Juan Diego opened his cloak before the archbishop on December 12, the flowers fell to the floor, and on the fabric was the image of the Virgin of Guadalupe. (edit from Wikipedia)

## POPE FRANCIS DECEMBER INTENTIONS

### For a life of prayer

We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

## 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.

## RELIGIOUS CALENDARS FOR 2021

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. They also have the **Advent candles**, **wreaths**, and **Nativity sets** available. (613-933-5099)

## PLEASE NOTE

On the next First Friday of the Month, January 01<sup>st</sup>, there will be no Adoration, and Confessions are by appointment only until further notice.

## 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 19-20, 2020.

For your donation, you may use the forms and the envelopes provided at the church side entrances as you leave the church. Cheques should be made payable to the Patrons of St. Columban Foundation.

Please submit in the collection basket by Sunday December 6 to allow for printing. Thank you for your continued support of the work of the Patrons of St. Columban Foundation.



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