

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus spells out what it means to honour the Commandment of love. It means loving your enemies, doing good to those who hate you, blessing those who curse you, and praying for those who mistreat you. It means giving to everyone who asks of you and doing to others as you would have them do to you. Also stop judging, stop condemning, forgive, and give.

ST. COLUMBAN

PARISH

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

FEBRUARY 23, 2020

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Fr. Ernest Emeka Emeodi, Parochial Administrator
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

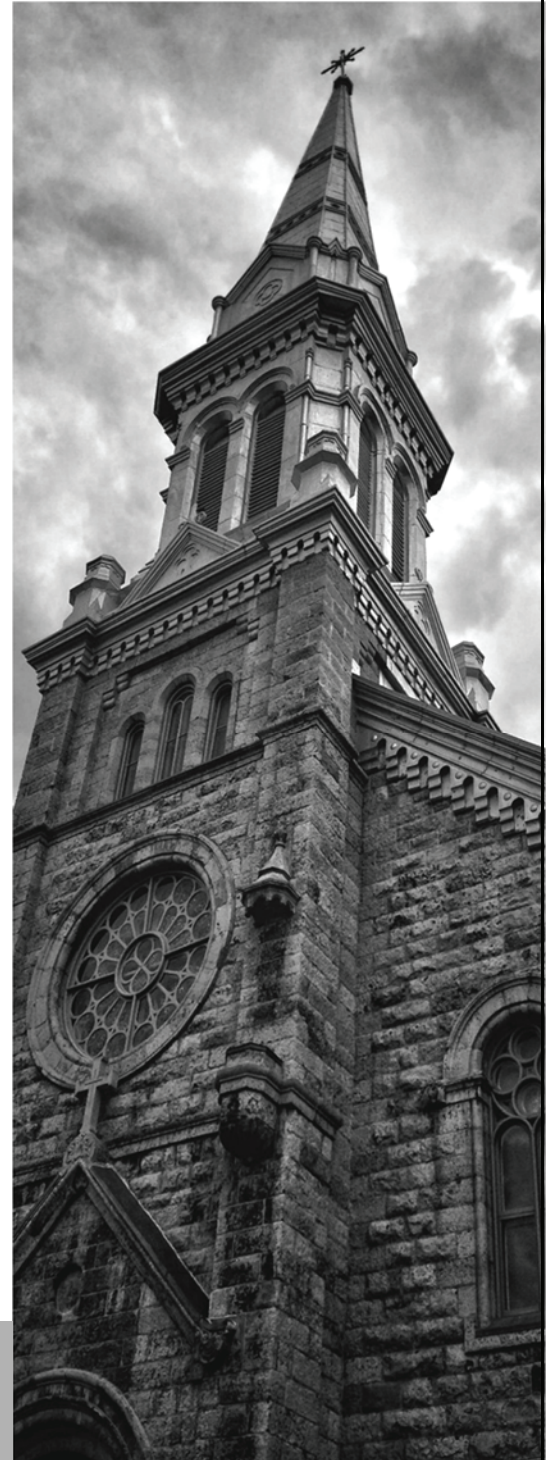
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CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

IN OUR PARISH

Saturday, February 22nd CHAIR OF ST. PETER (F)

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions
5:30 p.m. Dorothy Boudrias by Angus Kelly

Sunday, February 23rd SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 a.m. Intentions of Parishioners
9:30 a.m. Duncan McLennan (25th Anniversary of Death) by Daughter Jean
11:00 a.m. Dorothy Miferi by Desneiges Miferi

Monday, February 24th

7:30 a.m. **No Mass** ORDINARY TIME – WEEK 7

Tuesday, February 25th

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

Wednesday, February 26th ASH WEDNESDAY – LENT

7:30 a.m. Nancy Collins by Marion Tobin
12:10 p.m. Janet Surgeson by St. Columban's Catholic Women's League
5:15 p.m. Grace Robinson by Yolande Robinson

Thursday, February 27th WEEKDAYS AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY

7:30 a.m. A Special Intention for Pauline by Linda Ceasor

Friday, February 28th

7:30 a.m. Sheila Watson by Rita & Peter

Saturday, February 29th

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions
5:30 p.m. Gervaise Seguin by Yolande & Neil Richer

Sunday, March 01st FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

7:30 a.m. Alpha (33yrs.) & Hazel (43 yrs.) St. Onge by Nick & Debbie Ashby
9:30 a.m. Intentions of Parishioners
11:00 a.m. Huey Chisholm by Graceline & Family

Monday, March 02nd

7:30 a.m. **No Mass** LENT – WEEK 1

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

Wednesday Feb 26, 2020. Masses will be at 7:30 a.m., 12:10 and 5:15 p.m. For those parishioners who are working, these masses tend to run longer with communion and then the blessing of ashes. **Please note** that the children from both our catholic schools will be in attendance at the 12:10 mass.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you..." MATTHEW 5:44

Love your enemies, easier said than done, no doubt. But, remember the foundation of stewardship is prayer. When we are in close communication with God, it opens our heart and it turns our attention away from "me" and moves it towards God and others. It allows us to have a little more empathy for "our enemy". When we pray for others, even "our enemies", maybe it softens their hearts as well.

TODAY'S READINGS – FEBRUARY 23RD, 2020

1st Reading: Leviticus 19.1-2, 17-18
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 3.16-23
Gospel: Matthew 5.38-48
Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.

LENT - STATIONS of the CROSS & MASSES

Our Friday evening Stations of the Cross begins Friday March 06, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. and every consecutive Friday ending on April 03. Our Lenten 12:10 p.m. Mass begins on Tuesday March 03, 2020, ending on Friday April 03, 2020.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday, March 6th at 2:00 pm., St. Columban Church, 36 Fourth St. West. Theme: **"Rise take up your mat and walk."** This ecumenical prayer service has been composed by the women of Zimbabwe. To help us celebrate in the African tradition, please bring a small mat and dress in bright colours. **Everyone** is welcome. Fellowship with refreshments will follow the service.

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS FOR YEAR ENDING 2019

Tax receipts for the year ending 2019 for both the Sunday envelopes and the Patrons of St. Columban Foundation have been available for distribution at all masses since the weekend of Feb. 8th & 9th. If you know someone who is away or cannot attend church, please volunteer to collect them as well or call the rectory @613-932-9616 as this will save mailing costs.

VOLUNTEERS INVALUABLE STEWARDS

Do you love St. Columban's and want to see it thrive and grow? Please prayerfully and joyfully consider becoming a part of our parish ministries. Volunteers are greatly needed in all areas of our Liturgical Celebrations. Through the gifts of time and talent that you our parishioners so generously share, we are able to truly be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ here in St. Columban's Parish. Many thanks to all those faithful and generous stewards who volunteer in our Parish! Your time is worth everything to us. Please consider becoming a part of this parish family.

EVENING OF INTERCESSORY PRAYER

Do you, or someone you care for, have a particular need for prayer at this time? Are you interested in joining others in praying for the needs of our Diocese, parish, and individual needs? If so, YOU ARE INVITED to join a group of fellow parishioners for our next monthly session here in the church on Thursday, March 5, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

THANK YOU FROM CHILDREN'S TREATMENT CENTRE

On behalf of everyone at the *Children's Treatment Centre*, I wish to thank you, Fr. Ernest, and the Parishioners of St. Columban's Parish for donating wonderful gifts again this year for the children attending the Centre. You have all helped to bring much joy and happiness into the lives of the children this Christmas. I wish to take this opportunity to wish you, Fr. Ernest, and the Parishioners of St. Columban's Parish, a New Year filled with peace, happiness and good health. **Robert Smith, M.A.** Executive Director

MASS INTENTIONS

The Church offers us a wonderful way of bringing our intentions before the community so that we are not alone in our prayer. We can entrust a Mass intention for an individual, a group of individuals (for example, deceased family members) or a special prayer intention (for example, peace in the world). We welcome all those who would like to have a Mass or a number of Masses said for their intentions. We have 12:10 Masses available through Lent for your Intentions.

IN OUR PARISH AND DIOCESE

COFFEE AND CHAT SUNDAY

Please take a few minutes this weekend to enjoy a cup of coffee with your fellow parishioners after Mass at the 4th St. entrance.



POPE FRANCIS FEBRUARY INTENTIONS

Listen to the Migrants' Cries

We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

PATRONS OF ST. COLUMBAN FOUNDATION CONCERT

The Patrons of St. Columban Foundation presents an afternoon of Songs and Arias of Inspiration at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday February 23 at St. Columban Church. The musical entertainment will feature Richard Valdez, Tenor and Joanne Moorcroft on the piano. Richard Valdez, an accomplished Concert & Opera Singer for the past 40 years, performs at concert venues in Europe, Canada, United States, and the Caribbean.

He devotes much of his performing life in service to a variety of charities, including the Knights of Columbus, several Christian organizations, Toronto Hospital for Sick Children, Ethiopian Famine Relief, Victims of 911, Doctors Without Borders, Canadian and American Red Cross and many other charities.

A new resident of Cornwall and parishioner at St. Columban, Richard Valdez is pleased to be performing this concert to benefit the Patrons of St. Columban Foundation. Funds raised at the concert will be directed to the work on the church steeple cross. Admission: Freewill Donation. Contact Brian Lynch at 613-933-8353 or brijo@pppoe.ca.

PASTORAL OUTREACH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The St. Columban pastoral care committee is looking for new members to conduct in-home visits with parishioners who are feeling isolated from the parish community. Volunteers attend health-care facilities, retirement residences, hospice, and private homes to offer prayerful support and encouragement to those who are no longer able to participate fully in the sacramental life of the Church. Pastoral care visits are entirely at the discretion of the volunteer. The committee meets every two months at the Church to share ideas and experiences. A pastoral outreach certification training course will be offered this spring for anyone wishing to join this ministry. A police check is required. You can leave your contact information with the Parish Office Administrator Kelly Poitras at 613 932-9616.

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ST. COLUMBAN COLLECTION REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 09, 2020

Sunday Envelopes	2,702.00
Loose Collection	240.85
New Year's	5.00
Total	\$ 2,947.85

PARISH SURVEY

A summary of the results of the Parish Survey conducted by Janet Surgeson has been completed. If you wish a copy of the summary, you may pick one up at the 4th St. entrance of the church. Thank you to all who participated in the survey.

JOY OF THE LORD PRAYER MEETINGS

The Joy of the Lord Prayer Meetings have begun again on Mondays at St. Columban's Parish. Join us at 6:30 p.m. for Rosary, followed at 7 p.m. for a time of Praise and Worship. New members are welcome. Entry is by the East door of the church.

AN INVITATION TO GET INVOLVED!

If the winter is finding you confined indoors with little to do? We need your help. **Volunteers** are needed to help in the Gift Shop at **St. Joseph's Villa** or to sell lottery tickets to residents, visitors and staff. If you have 2 hours to give once a month we welcome your help. Orientation and training is provided. Become a member of our Volunteer Family and enjoy social events throughout the year. For more information call **Chantal**, Volunteer and Recreation Supervisor at St. Joseph's Continuing Care Centre: Telephone **613-933-6040**, ext. **21167** or by Email: chelps@siccc.ca

PRAISE & WORSHIP

March 3rd @ 7:00pm at Saint Peter's Church. Join us the first Tuesday of the Month for an hour of Praise & Worship Music. All are Welcome!

PARISH MISSION

You are invited to the **Lenten Parish Mission** (in French) with Fr. Alfred Couturier (Trinitarian priest) which will take place at **Ste-Thérèse Church from Sunday March 8th to Wednesday March 11th**. Theme: "The Covenant". There will be a talk at **7 p.m. each evening**, with Confessions on the Tuesday evening and a Mass on the Wednesday evening. He will also give the homily at the **8:30 a.m. morning Mass on Monday and Tuesday**. Please join us!

TRI-COUNTY LITERACY COUNCIL

FREE 4-Week Training: Communication Counts - Become more assertive and get more positive outcomes in your relationships at work and home. Develop strategies to deal with difficult people. Benefit from guest speakers. Starts March 23, 2020 and runs Monday to Thursday, 1-3:30. To register call Tri-County Literacy Council at 613-932-7161.

WHAT CATHOLIC'S BELIEVE

St Francis de Sales Parish Hall, starting Wednesday, March 4, 2020, 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM. Fr. Kevin will be leading us through the Gospel of Mark.

LENTE RETREAT

St. Raphael's and St. Mary's Parishes are hosting a one-day Lenten Retreat on Saturday, March 21st, 2020 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM, at St Raphael's Church. The theme of the retreat will be "The Mystery of the Eucharist" and will be led by Bishop Guy Desrochers.



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"Let us work for the good of all, and especially for the family of the faith" (quoting Lk 10)



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