

In today's Gospel, Jesus warns us that the Temple—God the Father's house—does not exist to serve as a marketplace or as a bank. It is a holy place with a holy purpose. Take a few moments to think about what happens in God's house, your parish church. Identify ways that your *domestic Church*, your "Church of the home," is a holy place—a place where God dwells.

ST. COLUMBAN

PARISH

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (B)

MARCH 07, 2021

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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

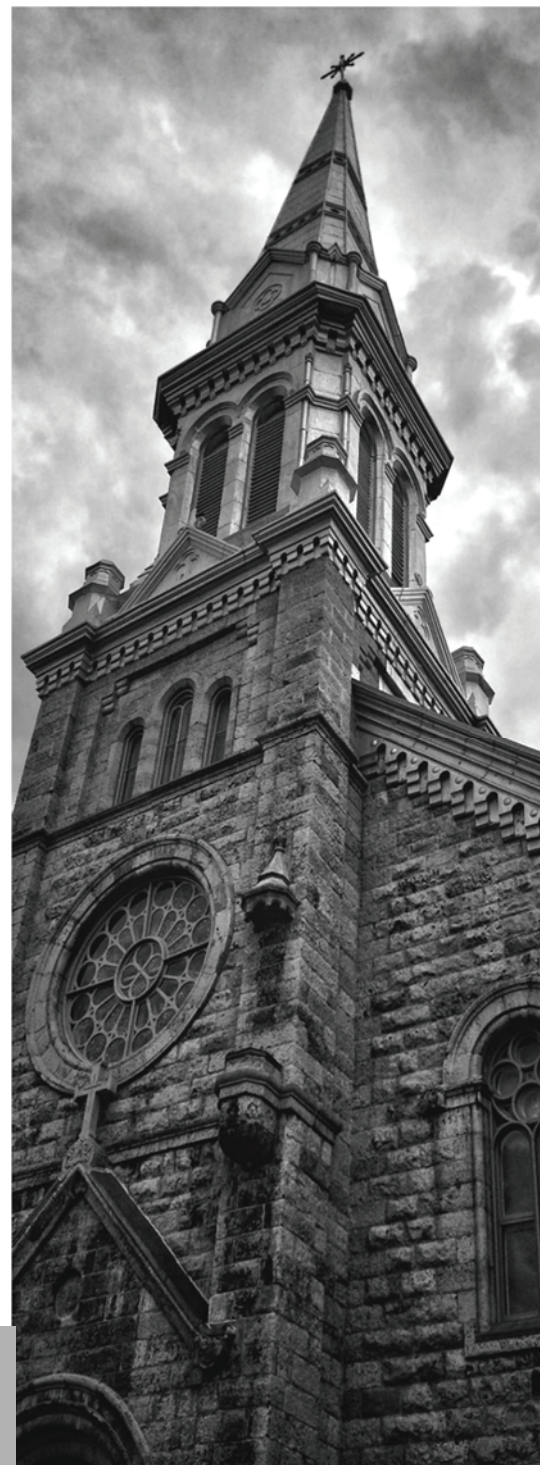
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ST. COLUMBAN PARISH

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

Saturday, March 06th IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY - FIRST SATURDAY

8:00 a.m. For the Healing & Conversion of our Children & Grandchildren by a Parishioner
5:30 p.m. James McLaverty & Jack Clancey by John & Janice Meyer & Family

Sunday, March 07th THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

7:30 a.m. Intention of Parishioners
9:30 a.m. Tony Gross by Rick & Bernadette McRae
11:00 a.m. Irene Jodoin by Daughters Mary, Iris & Barbara

Monday, March 08th ST. JOHN OF GOD (OM)

7:30 a.m. **No Mass** LENT – WEEK 3

Tuesday, March 09th ST. FRANCES OF ROME (OM)

7:30 a.m. Souls in Purgatory by a Parishioner
12:10 p.m. Andrew Robinson by the Robinson Family

Wednesday, March 10th

7:30 a.m. Errol Flynn by John Andrew
12:10 p.m. Georgette Brand by the Brand Family

Thursday, March 11th

7:30 a.m. Marilyn Hamilton by Duncan Hamilton
12:10 p.m. In Thanksgiving to St. Joseph for Favor Received by a Parishioner

Friday, March 12th

7:30 a.m. Florence & Percy Love by Florence Gravelle
12:10 p.m. Ward MacDonald by Art & Geraldine Lauzon

Saturday, March 13th

5:30 p.m. Souls in Purgatory by a Parishioner

Sunday, March 14th FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Daylight Saving Time Begins – at 2:00 am
clocks are turned forward 1 hour to 3:00 am

7:30 a.m. Intention of Parishioners
9:30 a.m. Mona & Angelo Lebano by Elizabeth & Andre Doyon
11:00 a.m. Joan Levy Earle by Peggy Wilson

Monday, March 15th

7:30 a.m. **No Mass** LENT – WEEK 4

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

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STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything"
- EXODUS 20:4

How many "gods" do you put before God? "Idols" do not always take the shape of physical things, things we can touch and feel. Those are easy to recognize. Many times they take the form of things we cannot touch and are much harder to spot like pride, power, ego, time, comfort or health. Pray for God's help to prune our vices and to grow in virtue.

TODAY'S READINGS – MARCH 07TH, 2021

1st Reading: Exodus 20.1-17
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1.18, 22-25
Gospel: John 2.13-25
Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.

IN OUR PARISH

SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTION

The living flame of the Sanctuary Lamp, signifying the Eucharistic presence of our Lord Jesus Christ, is offered this week in thanksgiving to St. Columban's Catholic Women's League Council on their 100th Anniversary of Service to God and Canada.



PLEASE NOTE

Our Lenten 12:10 p.m. Mass begins on Tuesday February 23, 2021 and ends on Friday March 26, 2021. No Masses on Mondays.

PLEASE NOTE

On the next First Friday of the Month, April 02nd, there will be no Adoration, and Confessions are by appointment only until further notice.

ATTENDANCE RESTRICTIONS ELEVATED

Restrictions have been lifted enough that we are back to having thirty percent (30%) capacity in the church for masses. This change came into effect starting on Tuesday, February 16, 2021.

DEACON GUY'S REFLECTION

Lent is a time to reflect, refocus and reset. Imagine trying to gather for a meal with the family but you did not clear the table from the last meal and maybe the meal before. We are now nearing the midpoint of the Lenten season so it is a good time to review just how you are doing with your Lenten observances...

Typically around this time I need a reset.

Deacon Guy's website is thedeaconguy.ca

PLEASE NOTE

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

LIVING WITH CHRIST MONTHLY MISSALS

Missals for March 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.

THANK YOU & STAY INFORMED

Deacon Guy would like to thank everyone for their prayers & support of his ministry. There is some interest in what is next and so to stay informed and connected, send an email to john1010nrsrv@gmail.com to be added to the email list.

IN GRATITUDE

Thank you to a member of our parish family for the generous donation of funds towards the final phase of the sound system upgrade. Thank you and God bless you.

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 along with your weekly church donation, 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.

IN OUR PARISH AND DIOCESE

PLEASE JOIN US

Every Friday during Lent, we will be doing the Stations of the Cross. Join Fr. Ernest at 5:30 p.m. in the Church. Please note you will need to sign in for this and volunteers will be required to sanitize pews after.

VOLUNTEERS

In order for St. Columban's to remain open during this Pandemic we need volunteers to sanitize pews after every mass or service held in the church. This does not take long and gloves are provided. Will you be the hands of Christ?

CONTACT TRACING FORM

When arriving at church **everyone** needs to sign the Contact Tracing Form and include your phone number.

KNEELERS

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

100TH ANNIVERSARY

St. Columban's Catholic Women's League of Canada is 100 years young as of February 22 of this year. Congratulations! To say that what has been accomplished in that time is amazing and a credit to the women of this League. When St. Columban's was organized in 1921, it was the beginning in our Diocese of a lay association of Catholic women who would change the world as they advocate for social justice while working towards personal spiritual development. Women have met in homes, church halls and community rooms, on a monthly basis during these 100 years. What all members had and have in common is the goal of making their parish and country and the world a better place through personal and collective spiritual growth, and to promoting the teachings of the Catholic church, enhancing the role of women, recognizing the dignity of all people, and contributing to the understanding and growth of religious freedom, social justice, peace and harmony. To all the women who have gone before us and those that will come after us. We salute you and pray for the ongoing continuation of our St. Columban's Catholic Women's League. God Bless you all.

PATRONS OF ST. COLUMBAN FOUNDATION

During the present Covid-19 pandemic lockdown, you can donate to the Foundation to restore the church steeple and install a new cross by putting a donation in an envelope addressed to the Patrons of St. Columban Foundation and mail it to Patrons of St. Columban Foundation, 36 4th St., West, Cornwall, ON., K6J 2R6 or drop it off in the parish office mailbox at 36 4th St. West. Cheques should be made payable to the Patrons of St. Columban Foundation. Thank you for your continued support.

SNOW REMOVAL - CHURCH ENTRANCES & WALKWAYS

Because of falling ice from the church roof, walkways along the east and west sides of the Church are closed for the winter months. Our custodian must clear the snow and ice from the three entrances and walkways before the church opens for mass. To allow this work and ensure our parishioners' safety, the church will only be open one-half hour before the start of mass. Thank you for your care and understanding.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

ST. FRANCES OF ROME – March 9th

Saint Frances of Rome, Italian Santa Francesca Romana, was born in 1384 In Rome, Italy. She died on March 9, 1440, in Rome. Frances was canonized in 1608, and her feast day is March 9.

When she was only 13, Frances' parents married her to Lorenzo de' Ponziani, whose sister-in-law, Vannoza, helped Frances draft a rule of life for what would be a new order.

Saint Frances of Rome was a model wife and mother for forty years, often in violent and difficult circumstances provoked by skirmishes related to the Western Schism, the era of more than one pope which divided Rome's elites into warring factions.

In addition to performing her domestic duties so faithfully, Frances also fasted, prayed, had a vibrant, mystical spirituality, and was generous with the poor. Her charity toward the needy was not the modern charity of making charitable donations. She did the work, not someone else. She made personal contact with the homeless, the hungry, and beggars. Her sterling example of piety and service led her to found a group of like-minded women who lived in the world but who bound themselves to a life of prayer and service. She founded in 1425 the Oblates of Mary. The group was later recognized as an order in the Church under the title the Oblates of Saint Frances of Rome.

Ask the Deacon guy...

Question: What should I pray or be thinking about after I receive the Eucharist?

Reply: You have just consumed the Body & Blood, the Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ; you now have the true presence of God. So it is a good idea not to be making grocery lists or thinking about the football game.

My suggestion is to pray the words that are often prayed during Eucharistic Adoration:

O Sacrament most holy,
O Sacrament divine,
All praise and all thanksgiving,
Be every moment thine.

The time after reception of the Eucharist is a time to be thankful for the gift that God has given us, his beloved Son. DG

POPE FRANCIS MARCH INTENTIONS

Intention for evangelization - Sacrament of reconciliation

Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

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. Sadly, we are not able to carry anything on our Book table at the Parish yet.

SUNDAY MISSALS

I have ordered extra copies of the 2021 Sunday Missal. They are available at a cost of \$4.50 ea. There is a limited number so if you would like one please call the office Monday -Thursday between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. (613-932-9616).



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