

In the Gospel today as Jesus helped the blind man understand, it is not enough to see only with our eyes. We need also to see with our hearts and allow our every action to reflect this sight. Jesus healed the man of his blindness, but in the end the man recognized Jesus as the Messiah and worshiped him.

# ST. COLUMBAN

## PARISH

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (A)**

**MARCH 22, 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

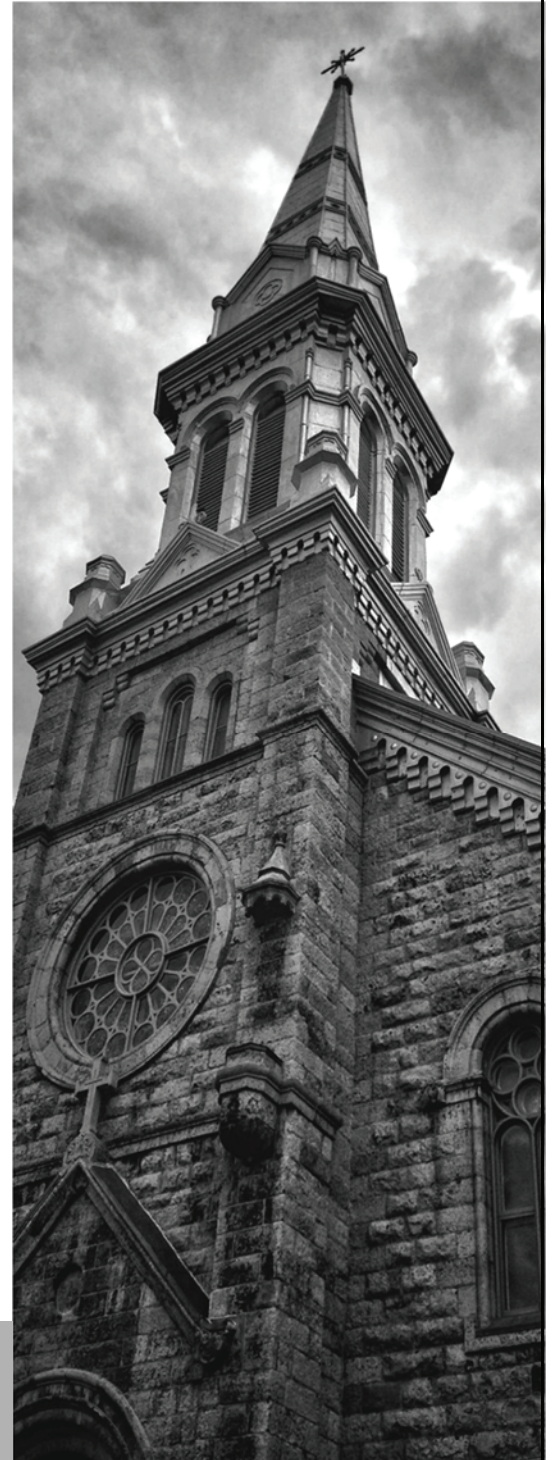
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# CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

# IN OUR PARISH

## Saturday, March 21st

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions  
5:30 p.m. Rick Lalonde by Art & Geraldine Lauzon

## Sunday, March 22nd FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

7:30 a.m. Intentions of Parishioners  
9:30 a.m. Claude Provost by Lisa & Kevin Amyotte  
11:00 a.m. Cecilia Larocque-Reid by Linda Brunette

## Monday, March 23rd ST. TURIBIUS OF MOGROVEJO (OM)

7:30 a.m. **No Mass** LENT – WEEK 4

## Tuesday, March 24th

7:30 a.m. For the Church in Nigeria by a Parishioner  
12:10 p.m. Rudolph & Carmella Wollenweber by Rudy & Karen

## Wednesday, March 25th THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD (S)

7:30 a.m. Special Intention for Elaine Lebrun by Bernadette Blakely  
12:10 p.m. In Thanksgiving for Favor Received by a Parishioner

## Thursday, March 26th

7:30 a.m. Peter & Theresa D’Cruz by the Estate  
12:10 p.m. Glenda Barkalow by Rudy & Karen

## Friday, March 27th

7:30 a.m. In Thanksgiving for Favor Received by a Parishioner  
12:10 p.m. Marlene Sauve by Karen Wollenweber  
5:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross

## Saturday, March 28th

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions  
5:30 p.m. Irene McLennan by Daughter Jean McLennan

## Sunday, March 29th FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

7:30 a.m. Intentions of Parishioners  
9:30 a.m. Martin Beaudette by Alice Beaudette  
11:00 a.m. Gerald Lajoie by Frank & Lynn Heatley

## Monday, March 30th

7:30 a.m. **No Mass** LENT – WEEK 5

## SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTION

The living flame of the Sanctuary Lamp, signifying the Eucharistic presence of our Lord Jesus Christ, is offered this week in Memory of Anthony Cinquina by Nita Cinquina.



## TODAY’S READINGS – MARCH 22<sup>ND</sup>, 2020

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 16.1b, 6-7, 10-13  
2nd Reading: Ephesians 5.8-14  
Gospel: John 9.1-41  
The man who was blind washed his eyes and came back able to see.

## HOLY THURSDAY - FOOT WASHING

Fr. Ernest invites those parishioners who would like to take part in the foot washing on Holy Thursday to see him or call the office to participate. The washing of the feet is a direct expression of our service to one another.

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## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

*“Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart.” 1 SAMUEL 16:7*  
How often do we invest our time, talent treasure in creating an appearance that does not matter at all to God? We strive to impress with our clothing, home, career, possessions, car and other marks of distinction. But none of these illusions of greatness will impress God. Instead, He will look into our hearts to see how much we loved Him, how much we loved others and how we showed that love by the way we used our time, talent and treasure here on earth.

## THE ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Written by St. Alphonsus de Liguori.

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen

## REQUESTING PARISHIONER ASSISTANCE

The Catholic Women’s League had planned to clean our beautiful Church on Tuesday March 31, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. This event has been cancelled until further notice.

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATION!!

### FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PATRONS OF ST.COLUMBAN FOUNDATION

The Foundation’s mandate is to raise funds to restore and preserve the historic church of St. Columban in Cornwall. The parish has mounted an ambitious plan to restore the exterior of the church and will proceed with continued maintenance.

In 2019 the Foundation fundraising, with your help and support, totalled \$36,212.18. In 2019 the Foundation funded \$26,235.20 to the Parish for the speaker system and the steeple cross investigation and removal. We are committed to assist the Parish Finance Council with the restoration of the steeple and installation of the cross, as well as additional funding for essential capital repairs at the church in 2020. Administrative and fundraising costs for 2019 were \$4,098.20.

We ask for your continued support for the Foundation in 2020 so that together we can meet our ongoing commitment to help restore and maintain our beautiful parish home. Should you have any questions, please call Albert Laing, Foundation Treasurer at 613-932-7302.

*Thank you for your continued support of this future projects.*

## 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

## POPE FRANCIS MARCH INTENTIONS

### Catholics in China

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

## 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.

## ST. RAPHAELS RUINS PLAQUE

As in the past 12 years The Friends of the Ruins, St. Raphaels plan to unveil a plaque of individuals who wish to be memorialized by a friend or family. If you are interested in placing the name of a loved one on this plaque please call 613-347-2352 or 613-347-2293. Deadline is June 12th, 2020.

## ST JULIEN'S CHAPEL

Until further notice the Chapel is open 24/7. We will leave it to the individuals to decide whether or not to come. Our fob entry system will allow an adorer to leave if not replaced (after closing the doors of the wooden enclosure). The next person to enter can open the enclosure doors. If people with a committed hour opt to stay home we invite them to pray during that hour where they are. Please use common sense, if you don't feel well or are concerned about getting sick, please stay home. If you come, wash your hands as you come in and when you leave.



Blessings to you all. The Chapel team.

## RAFFLE AT BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

The parish is holding a fundraising raffle to purchase an industrial lift for the parish hall. Will be drawn Easter Sunday. Tickets are \$20 each. Get your tickets at the Diocesan Centre. Call Ruth at (613) 933-1138 extension 22 or drop in at 220 Montreal Road between 8:30 and 4:30 Monday to Friday. You can also reserve them by email at [diocese@alexandria-cornwall.ca](mailto:diocese@alexandria-cornwall.ca). Tickets are also available at the parish at 321 Tollgate Road East but only on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Contact Denise at (613) 932-2996 or by email at [info@blessedsacramentchurch.ca](mailto:info@blessedsacramentchurch.ca). As of March 16, 2020 the draw will still take place on Easter Sunday.

## MASS INTENTIONS RESCHEDULED

Mass intentions for Masses that have been cancelled will be rescheduled for a later date.

## EVENTS THAT ARE CANCELLED

- The English retreat at Blessed Sacrament (March 22-24)
- The English retreat at St. Finnan's Parish (March 19, 26 and April 2)
- The English retreat at St. Raphael's Church (March 21)
- Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Supper (Precious Blood Church) (April 5)
- Evening of Intercessory Prayer (St. Columban's Church) (April 2)
- Stations of the Cross (St. Columban's Church) (Fridays at 5:30 pm)
- Joy of the Lord Prayer Meetings (Mondays at St. Columban's Parish)
- New Evangelization Summit (April 25)
- Pro-Life Spaghetti Supper (March 22)
- Knights of Columbus Bingos (St. Andrew's)
- St-Martin-de Tours evening of live music / Soirée de musique animée (March 21 mars)

## EVENTS THAT HAVE BEEN POSTPONED

- Patrons of St. Columban Foundation Chicken Dinner (March 29)
- St. Finnan's Lenten Video Series – The Wild Goose (Mondays)
- What Catholics Believe with Fr. Kevin (Wednesdays)

## EVENTS AND PLACES ARE OPEN/ON

- Daily Mass in our parishes as per the respective weekday schedules
- St. Julien's Chapel (24/7)
- Be a Man sessions at Blessed Sacrament - March 21st at 9 am

## STATUS UNKNOWN AT THIS TIME

- Sunday Masses for the weekend of March 21-22
- Chrism Mass on April 06 at St. Finnan's Cathedral
- Diocesan Day of Confessions on April 01 at St. Francis de Sales Parish
- Good Friday Fish & Chips at Knights of Columbus 755
- Summer Youth Conference – University of Ontario UOIT Oshawa running July 3-5, 2020
- Women's Morning of Reflection, Saturday April 4 at the Agora Centre

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Christ Is Everything  
for Us  
"Let us work for the good of all, and  
especially for the family of the faith" (Citation 6, 26)

## ST. COLUMBAN COLLECTION REPORT FOR MARCH 08, 2020

Sunday Envelopes	3,275.25
Loose Collection	367.45
Total	\$ 3,642.70



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