

Children adapt to change. They love the excitement of something new. The disciples found it hard to understand and accept things changing in front of their eyes. However, change and constant motion are part of the divine plan as we journey to God. Today, instead of digging in our heels to slow the change, try lightening your heart as a child and accept with joy, the changes you face.

# ST. COLUMBAN

## PARISH

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (A)**

**MARCH 08, 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

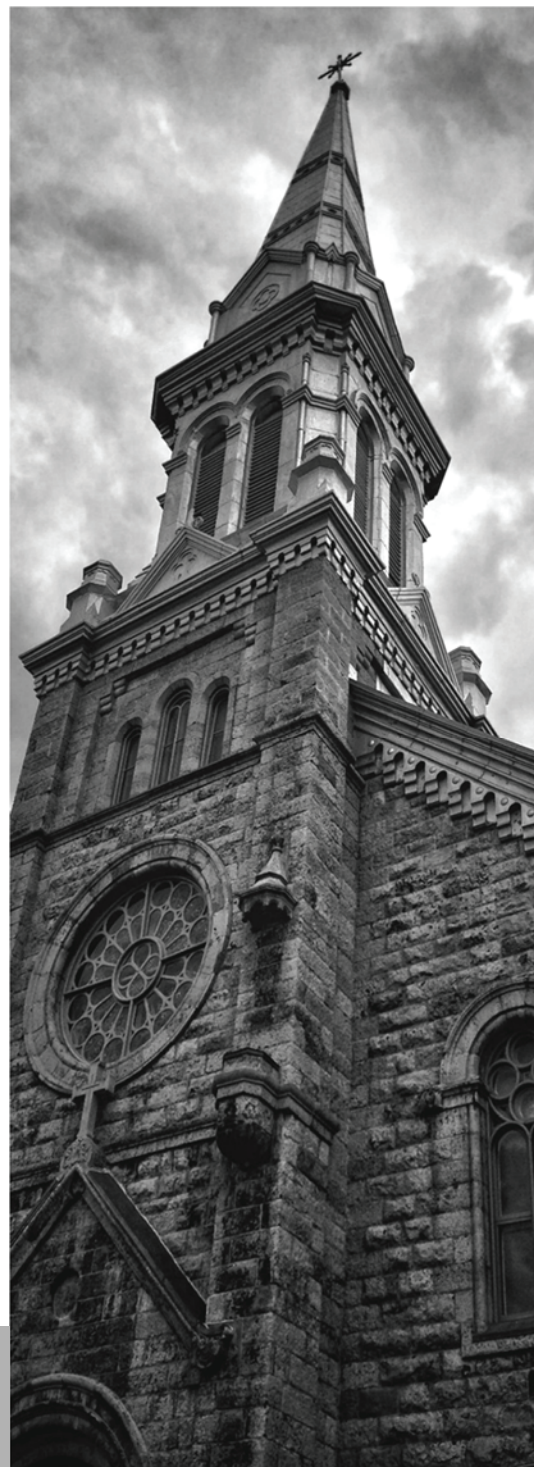
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# CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

# IN OUR PARISH

**Saturday, March 07th** ST. PERPETUA & ST. FELICITY (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. Rick Lalonde by Rick & Bernadette McRae  
**Daylight Savings Time Begins: Move your clocks forward 1 hr.**

**Sunday, March 08th** SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

7:30 a.m. Intentions of Parishioners  
 9:30 a.m. James McLaverty by John & Janice Meyer & Family  
 11:00 a.m. Janet Surgeson by David & Nancy Hill

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

7:30 a.m. **No Mass** LENT – WEEK 2

**Tuesday, March 10th**

7:30 a.m. Alma Danis by St. Columban's Catholic Women's League  
 12:10 p.m. Dorothy Miseferi by Desneiges Miseferi

**Wednesday, March 11th**

7:30 a.m. Marilyn Hamilton by Her Family  
 12:10 p.m. Nancy Collins by Marion Tobin

**Thursday, March 12th**

7:30 a.m. A Private Intention by a Parishioner  
 12:10 p.m. Peter McLelland by Angus Kelly

**Friday, March 13th**

7:30 a.m. Sheila Watson by Dianna & Donald Primeau  
 12:10 p.m. Edgar Chevrier by Yolande Robinson  
 5:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross

**Saturday, March 14th**

3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Confessions  
 5:30 p.m. Raymond & Andre Tardif by Bea Tardif

**Sunday, March 15th** THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

7:30 a.m. Intentions of Parishioners  
 9:30 a.m. Sylvia Etwell Shaver by Daughter Kelly Poitras & Family  
 11:00 a.m. Hamish MacDonald by Elizabeth & Jenny

**Monday, March 16th**

7:30 a.m. **No Mass** LENT – WEEK 3

## TODAY'S READINGS – MARCH 08<sup>TH</sup>, 2020

1st Reading: Genesis 12.1-4  
 2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 1.8b-10  
 Gospel: Matthew 17.1-9  
 Jesus' face shone like the sun.

## 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.

## 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 Rick Lalonde by Joe Parisien.



## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

*"Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father's house to a land that I will show you."* GENESIS 12:1

God calls all of us to leave behind our old ways and to follow Him, placing our complete trust in Him. Some of the old ways that we may have to struggle to leave behind might be materialism, selfishness and greed. Yet God promises to show us a new land and a better way to live. Remember what St. Teresa of Calcutta said "God does not call us to be successful, God calls us to be faithful."

## LENT - STATIONS of the CROSS & MASSES

Our Friday evening Stations of the Cross began on Tuesday March 03, 2020, and will end on Friday April 03, 2020.

## 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.

## 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.

## REQUESTING PARISHIONER ASSISTANCE

The Catholic Women's League invites all those parishioners willing to assist them in cleaning our beautiful Church on Tuesday March 31, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. Followed by refreshments in the Activity Center. Bring a bucket & clean cloths.

## THANK YOU FROM THE PATRONS OF ST. COLUMBAN FOUNDATION

The Patrons of St. Columban Foundation wishes to thank everyone who contributed to the success of the Foundation's concert on February 23 at St. Columban's. The concert raised \$5,448 for the work on the church steeple cross. Special thanks to tenor Richard Valdez and pianist Joanne Moorcroft for their wonderful, moving concert, M.C. David Anderson, the 11 concert sponsors, Jane Anderson who prepared the program, Sandra O'Neil-Bourgon who organized the refreshments and everyone who attended the concert.

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## IN OUR PARISH AND DIOCESE

### JOINT AGM OF ST.COLUMBAN & PATRON'S OF ST. COLUMBAN FOUNDATION

The joint Annual General Meeting of St. Columban's Finance Council and the Patron's of St. Columban Foundation will be held on Wednesday, Mar. 11, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the room above the sacristy. All parishioners are welcome to attend to learn more details about our finances.

### 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.

### ST. PATRICK'S TEA

St. Columban's Catholic Women's League invite all parishioners to attend their St. Patrick's Day Tea and Bake sale on Tuesday Mar 17, from 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. at the Parish Activity Centre (second floor Agape) Donation \$8.00 - proceeds to charity. Again we are looking for donations for the bake table and tea table. Items may be dropped off on Monday March 16<sup>th</sup> between 1:00 - 3:00 pm or Tuesday March 17<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 -10:00 am to the Parish Activity Center room (upstairs Agape Bldg).

### PATRONS OF ST. COLUMBAN FOUNDATION CHICKEN DINNER

The Patrons of St. Columban Foundation invites you to a chicken dinner fundraiser for the restoration of our historic St. Columban Church at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 297, 415 Second St., West, Cornwall from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Sunday March 29. Tickets \$15 are available after masses the weekend of March 14-15, 21-22. Tickets are also available at St. Columban parish office during office hours, from Foundation members, by calling Brian Lynch at 613-933-8353 and at the Legion. Everyone is welcome.

### 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 23, 2020

Sunday Envelopes	2,910.50
Loose Collection	428.45
Donations and Gifts	50.00
Total	\$ 3,388.95

### ENGLISH LENTEN MISSION

At Blessed Sacrament Parish, Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> to Tuesday March 24<sup>th</sup>. Time 7:00pm, Directed by Msgr. Ernest Leger.

### 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@sjccc.ca](mailto:chelps@sjccc.ca)

### 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. 1<sup>st</sup> Prize \$2,500, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize \$1,000 and 10 consolation prizes of \$100 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).

### NEW LIFE RETREAT

St. Mary's Church Ottawa, March 20 -23, 2020. You are invited to attend this retreat which is a response to the call to the New Evangelization. Talks are given on various means of growth including prayer, scripture, the sacraments, Christian community and carrying the cross. Please call Odette Regimbal for further information at 613-224-5723. Brochures are available on the heaters around our parish church and information has been posted on our bulletin boards.

### UPDATE ON CROSS & STEEPLE REPAIR

Please take a moment to view two pictures posted on the bulletin boards which show the condition of the support column that the cross was attached to. As you can see, water has penetrated this for many years and caused severe rot. The engineering firm has affirmed the depth of the rot and are presently developing a method to reinforce the top portion of the steeple to support the cross.

### WHAT CATHOLIC'S BELIEVE

St. Francis de Sales Parish Hall, continues Wednesday, March 11, 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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