

It is easy to love those who love us in return. But what about those we find to be difficult to love? I invite you to quietly think about those persons in your lives. Then, without naming names, brainstorm ways to show Jesus' love to those who are difficult to love. Do your best to put at least one idea into action in the coming week.

ST. COLUMBAN

PARISH

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

MAY 09, 2021

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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

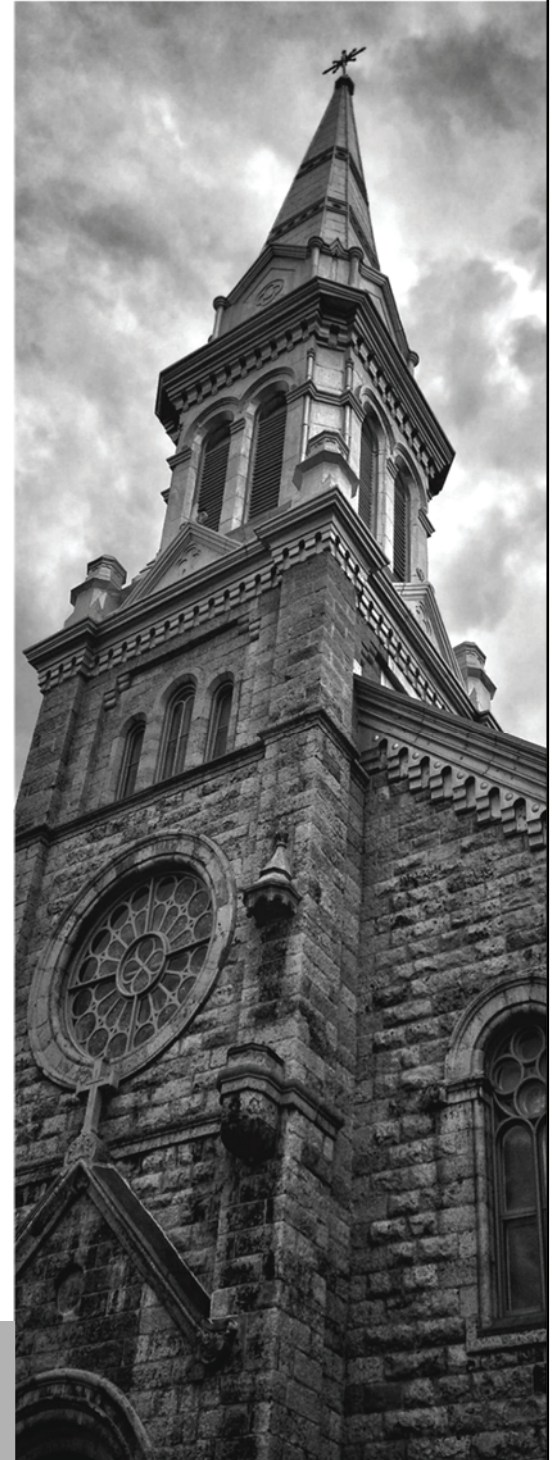
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ST. COLUMBAN PARISH

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

IN OUR PARISH

Saturday, May 08th BLESSED CATHERINE OF ST. AUGUSTINE (OM)

MOTHER'S DAY

5:30 p.m. For Healing of the Family by a Parishioner

Sunday, May 09th SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

7:30 a.m. Intention of Parishioners

9:30 a.m. Georgette Brand (1st Anniversary of Death) by the Brand Family

11:00 a.m. Armand & Germaine Lafrance by Gilles & Diane Lafrance

Monday, May 10th

7:30 a.m. **No Mass** EASTER SEASON – WEEK 6

Tuesday, May 11th

7:30 a.m. Marilyn Hamilton by Duncan Hamilton

Wednesday, May 12th ST. NEREUS and ST. ACHILLEUS (OM)

CANADA HEALTH DAY ST. PANCRAS (OM)

7:30 a.m. Rev. Dan Van Delst (20th Anniversary of Ordination) by His Prayer Partners

Thursday, May 13th OUR LADY OF FATIMA (OM)

7:30 a.m. Alice Lalonde by Cathy Miron

Friday, May 14th ST. MATTHIAS (F)

7:30 p.m. Shirley Hogan by Evelyn Froats

Saturday, May 15th

5:30 p.m. Irene Jodoin by Daughters Lorna, Mary, Iris and Barbara

Sunday, May 16th THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

The Pope's Pastoral Works, World Communications Day
Collection for the Pope's Pastoral Works

7:30 a.m. In Thanksgiving by a Parishioner

9:30 a.m. Intention of Parishioners

11:00 a.m. Gerald DiCola by Sandra Tosatto

Monday, May 17th

7:30 a.m. **No Mass** EASTER SEASON – WEEK 7

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

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STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"This is my commandment: love one another as I love you.

No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends".

- JOHN 15:12-13

Do you love Jesus? Do you consider Him your friend? Jesus says that if we love Him we would be willing to offer whatever we have to Him, not because we want praise and glory, but simply because we love Him. Does your giving seem mechanical out of obligation or do you share freely out of love?

PLEASE NOTE

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

TODAY'S READINGS – MAY 09TH, 2021

1st Reading: Acts 10.25-26, 34-35, 44-48

2nd Reading: 1 John 4.7-10

Gospel: John 15.9-17

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ARCHBISHOP'S MESSAGE

Let us implore the protection of Mary

In this month of May, traditionally dedicated in honour of the Virgin Mary, let us invoke the maternal protection of the Mother of God and Mother of the Church. Let us unite with the Holy Father's wish to make May a month dedicated to a "Marathon" of prayer to invoke the end of the pandemic, which has been affecting the world for over a year, and the resumption of social and professional activities. Thirty Marian shrines around the world have been designated to help us pray. Here in Canada, we will turn to the Shrine of Our Lady of the Cape in Trois-Rivieres, Quebec. More details will follow to unite us in faith and thus encourage us to implore the protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary, who, throughout our history, has come to the rescue of Her children. I therefore invite the parishes, movements, and catholic associations of our diocese to encourage their faithful to a Marian devotion during the month of May. Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us. Saint Joseph, pray for us.

Archbishop Marcel Dampousse

PLEASE NOTE

The Parish Office will be closed Monday May 10th, 2021.



SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTION

The living flame of the Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for an Outpouring of the Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary on the whole world by Darlene Brabant.



DEACON GUY REFLECTION

As we Journey through life it is important to refocus ourselves away from the darkness, towards the light of Christ. This weeks Gospel offers a simple way to check the progress along out spiritual path. What is the state of your Joy & Peace? DG

Deacon Guy's website is thedeaconguy.ca

POPE FRANCIS MAY INTENTIONS

Universal intention - The world of finance

Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

THANK YOU

Fr. Ernest and the Pastoral Council wish to thank Jean McDonell for her dedicated service as the Parish Leadership Team Convenor for Liturgy & Holiness. Thank you and God Bless!

WELCOME

Fr. Ernest and the Pastoral Council extend a warm welcome to Tammy Cote, who has graciously agreed to serve as the new Parish Leadership Team Convenor for Liturgy & Holiness.

IN OUR PARISH AND DIOCESE

MESSAGE FROM PATRONS OF ST. COLUMBAN FOUNDATION

Dear parishioners, on behalf of the Patrons of St. Columban Foundation, I wish to update you on the work of the Foundation and the LIFT UP THE CROSS project.

During the past 15 years, through your generosity, the Patrons of St. Columban Foundation have raised over \$820,000 for the stabilization and restoration of our historic St. Columban's Church. This includes \$51,132, which was raised last year. Much work has been done on essential capital repairs in recent years, but there is still more work to be done.

This year, our top priority is the LIFT UP THE CROSS project to raise the necessary funds to restore the church steeple and install a new cross. The present estimate for this project is \$130,000. We need your continued financial support to complete this project. All the funds that we receive this year from the Foundation Sunday collection, our annual concert in October, the Christmas Remembrances booklet and any bequests will be allocated to the LIFT UP THE CROSS project.

We are also contacting potential major donors, individuals, businesses, organizations and those who wish to donate in memory of a family member to donate at the following levels: \$1,000, \$2,500, \$5,000, 10,000, \$25,000. Major donors will be recognized in the parish bulletin and on a donor wall plaque in the church. Donors can also donate on a weekly or monthly basis to reach their total donation.

This year, our Foundation Sunday weekend collection was to take place at the masses on May 8-9. However, with the latest provincial lockdown restricting attendance at mass to 10 persons, most parishioners will not be able to attend mass and make their donation with the special May 9 blue Foundation envelope in their box of envelopes. Nevertheless, you can still donate to the Foundation at this time by mailing your Foundation envelope to Patrons of St. Columban Foundation at 36 4th St., West, Cornwall, ON. K6J 2R6 or by dropping it off in the parish office mailbox. If you do not have a Foundation envelope, indicate on your envelope Foundation Donation. Cheques should be made payable to Patrons of St. Columban Foundation. The Foundation will issue income tax receipts.

When we donate to the Foundation, we honour the memory of our ancestors who built this magnificent, soaring church 125 years ago and the memory of those who have maintained and restored it ever since, including the 1944 earthquake and the major fires in 1992 and 2002. Thank you for your past support to maintain and preserve St. Columban's Church, our beautiful parish home, for generations to come. If you have any questions, I can be reached at 613-933-8353 or brijo@pppoe.ca. Stay well. Best regards, Brian Lynch, President, Patrons of St. Columban Foundation

LIVING WITH CHRIST MONTHLY MISSALS

Missals for May 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.

ST. COLUMBAN COLLECTION REPORT FOR APRIL 25, 2021

Sunday Envelopes	1,850.00
Loose Collection	67.00
Total	\$ 1,917.00

MASS ATTENDANCE DURING NEW STAY-AT-HOME ORDER – STARTING APRIL 19, 2021

The Provincial Government has extended the stay-at-home order until May 20, 2021. The new changes will affect Mass attendance in that we are only allowed ten (10) people per Mass and this includes Deacon Guy and Fr. Ernest. We will do our best to ensure that those who have a mass intention scheduled will be given priority to attend that particular Mass. We encourage those who wish to attend Mass to please call or email the office to get on the list for the Mass you attend. Schedules will be done on a rotational basis.

SAFETY PROTOCOL

Please do not congregate at the doors of the church or in the parking lot. We asked you to go directly to your car without visiting with your fellow parishioners. Wear your face covering to cover the nose, mouth and chin and maintain a 6ft distance when entering or exiting the church. Sanitize your hands and sign the contact tracing sheet and go directly to a pew marked with the green tape and once seated, do not change pews. When exiting, leave the kneeler in the down position, maintain the 6ft rule and go directly to your cars.

PARISH OFFICE

The parish office is closed to the public and working on a curbside model of service.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Pancras - May 12

It is believed that Pancras was a Syrian orphan brought to Rome by his uncle, where both were converted to Christianity. At the age of 14, Pancras was beheaded during the Diocletian persecution of Christians about 304. Pancras is a patron saint of children and adolescents. Living with Christ

CATHOLIC EDUCATION AND MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

Catholic Education Week 2021 began on Sunday, May 2, 2021, but the recognition of the special Year of Laudato Si' runs through May 24, 2021, announced by Pope Francis on May 24, 2020, the fifth anniversary of his papal encyclical "On Caring for Our Common Home." This year's Catholic Education Week theme, "Nurturing Hope", consisted of a series of events to celebrate the ongoing gift of publicly funded Catholic education.

The challenges to personal and spiritual well-being posed by the uncertainty and physical isolation of the current global crisis make the timing and the concerns of Mental Health Week, which takes place during the same week as Catholic Education Week, even more relevant.

Publicly funded Catholic education has existed in Ontario since 1841, and its graduates have served Ontario and Canada very well. The current generation of students in our publicly funded Catholic schools will serve with the same spirit and generosity as their previous generations. Please pray for all the Teachers and Students as they cope with a difficult school year.

MASS INTENTIONS

The Church offers us an excellent 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 particular prayer intention (for example, peace in the world). We welcome all those who would like to have a Mass, or several Masses said for their intentions. Call the office at 613-932-9616.



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