

We are each called to be like the servants in today's Gospel story—staying devoted to whatever tasks we've been given whether the master (the boss, the parent) is away or at home. Today, pray to be faithful to the tasks you have been given as a parent, a spouse, a coworker, a friend, and a disciple of Jesus.

# ST. COLUMBAN

## PARISH

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)**

**NOVEMBER 29, 2020**

### PASTORAL STAFF

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

<b>Saturday, November 28th</b>		<b>OUR LADY'S SATURDAY (OM)</b>
10:00 a.m.	Wedding Frank Verlinden & Anna Rowe	
5:30 p.m.	Aurele Provost by Maurice Provost and Family	
<b>Sunday, November 29th</b>		<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>
7:30 a.m.	Intentions of Parishioners	
9:30 a.m.	Gertrude Poitras by Son Raymond Poitras & Family	
11:00 a.m.	Julia Herjavec & Daughter Nada Basa by the Family	
<b>Monday, November 30th</b>		<b>ST. ANDREW (F)</b>
7:30 a.m.	<b>No Mass</b>	<b>ADVENT – WEEK 1</b>
<b>Tuesday, December 01st</b>		
7:30 a.m.	<b>No Mass</b>	
<b>Wednesday, December 2nd</b>		
7:30 a.m.	<b>No Mass</b>	
<b>Thursday, December 03rd</b>		<b>ST. FRANCIS XAVIER (M)</b>
7:30 a.m.	<b>No Mass</b>	
<b>Friday, December 04th</b>		<b>SACRED HEART of JESUS - FIRST FRI. ST. JOHN DAMASCENE (OM)</b>
7:30 a.m.	<b>No Mass</b>	
<b>Saturday, December 05th</b>		<b>IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY - FIRST SAT.</b>
8:00 a.m.	For the Healing & Conversion of Our Children & Grandchildren by a Parishioner	
5:30 p.m.	Lynn Tremblay (11 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Death) by Husband Ron & Family	
<b>Sunday, December 06th</b>		<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>
7:30 a.m.	Intentions of Parishioners	
9:30 a.m.	Brandon Cunningham by Marilyn Brown	
11:00 a.m.	Carmel Bourgon by Husband Urbain Bourgon & Family	
<b>Monday, December 07th</b>		<b>ST. AMBROSE (M)</b>
7:30 a.m.	<b>No Mass</b>	

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

### SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTION

The living flame of the Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for Special Intentions by a Parishioner.



### STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

*"Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time will come."* - MARK 13:33

*We all take things for granted. In particular, we take time for granted. We make our lives too busy. We plan our time, days, months even years in advance. Remember our time on earth is a gift. None of us knows how long we will be here. Start today and begin thanking God for each and every day. Take time in silence, every day, and listen to how God is calling you right now to help build His kingdom on earth.*

### TODAY'S READINGS – NOVEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup>, 2020

1st Reading: Isaiah 63.16b-17; 64.1, 3-8  
 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1.3-9  
 Gospel: Mark 13.33-37  
 Keep alert, for you do not know when the master of the house will come.

## IN OUR PARISH

### FR. ERNEST AWAY

Fr. Ernest is away November 8<sup>th</sup> – Dec 10<sup>th</sup> 2020 to attend to the burial of his Mom. All weekday masses will be cancelled during this time. Monsignor Harty and Fr. Donnelly will preside at the weekend masses.

### DEACON GUY'S REFLECTION

#### Stop – Look – Listen

We are all quite familiar with the concept that when you come to a traffic or railway intersection, you stop and take a moment to look around and listen.

As we begin Advent, which is the season for 'joyful waiting', a new Church year 'intersects' with the hustle and bustle of the end of the calendar year. The days are getting shorter & we start to feel that we have a little less energy, take advantage of that and 'Stop'.

### ADVENT EVENINGS OF REFLECTION

Join us for Advent Evenings of Reflection with Deacon Guy. Wednesday's at 7:00 p.m. on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> at St. Columban's Parish.

### OFFICE HOURS

Normal office hours are Monday – Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

### PLEASE NOTE

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

### ST. COLUMBAN OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Good afternoon St. Columban Family; I wanted to let you know that Fr. Ernest arrived safely in Nigeria to attend the burial of his Mom.

I also wanted you to know that the 2021 Offertory Envelopes are ready for pick up at the church this weekend. For those who ordered a 2021 Missal your envelopes are at the Rectory unless you have already picked up your missal.

If you would like to pick up your 2021 envelopes at the Rectory, please let me know and I will arrange to have them here.

Remember to submit your form for the St. Columban Patron's Foundation "Remembering Our Loved Ones at Christmas" donation. The deadline for submission is Dec 06, 2020.

Believe it or not, Advent is just a week away. Now is the time to start getting ready. One of the best ways to celebrate this season is with traditional items such as an Advent wreath and Advent calendar.

Be sure to visit the Catholic Information Centre to get yours.

Regards, Kelly, Office Administrator

### VOTIVE CANDLES FOR ADVENT

As we prepare to enter the season of Advent, consider lighting a 7-day votive candle in your home.

The cost is \$5.00 each, so having a candle burning throughout Advent will only cost \$20.

It is the same process as lighting a candle expect you would take the candle home and return the empty glass once it is empty.

Deacon Guy will be available to bless the candles. Peace,  
**Deacon Guy.**

## IN OUR PARISH AND DIOCESE

### PLEASE NOTE – Parish Office Closed

The Parish Office will be closed Dec 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 - Jan 06<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Fr. Ernest returns Dec 10<sup>th</sup> from attending the burial of his Mom but will be in quarantine for 14 days. The Office Administrator will be off on vacation during this time and then off for the Christmas statutory holidays. If there is an emergency, you can call the Rectory during regular office hours. Fr. Ernest will be available by phone.



### MIDNIGHT MASS CHRISTMAS EVE

If Father Ernest's return flight is delayed, the Midnight Mass will be cancelled. Confirmation as to whether it is cancelled or will continue as scheduled will be announced at all the Masses on December 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> and Dec 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>.

### CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS FUND

The **Catholic Women's League** has the yearly responsibility of supplying packages of Jello for the Children's Christmas Fund Baskets. This year we've been requested to collect 25 hundred boxes. We will be collecting the Jello until the end of November. Store brands are much cheaper and just as acceptable, if any parishioner wishes to help us in this endeavour Jello boxes can be dropped off in the baskets provided at the entrances to the Church. If you wish to send a cheque in lieu of boxes of Jello you can make your cheque payable to "St. Columban's Catholic Women's League" and drop it in the collection basket at the mass you attend or drop it off at the Rectory during regular business hours. Thank you for your participation in providing for our local families in need.

### BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

In the tradition of our Church NOVEMBER IS THE 'MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS' a time to pray and give thanks for those we love but see no longer. This year due to Covid-19 restrictions our Book of Remembrance will not be available to inscribe the names of your departed loved ones. St. Paul reminds us: "It is a good and wholesome thing to pray for the dead."

#### St. Columban - Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Vigil - Thursday December 24<sup>th</sup> - 5:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m.  
& 12 Midnight

Christmas Day - Friday December 25<sup>th</sup> - 10:30 a.m.

#### St. Columban - New Year's Mass Schedule

New Year's Eve - Thursday December 31<sup>st</sup> - 5:00 p.m.

New Year's Day - Friday January 1<sup>st</sup> - 10:30 a.m.

### ST. COLUMBAN COLLECTION REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 15, 2020

Sunday Envelopes	3,142.00
Loose Collection	258.30
Total	\$ 3,400.30

### SAINT OF THE WEEK

#### St. Francis Xavier – Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020

He was a companion of Ignatius of Loyola and one of the first seven Jesuits who took vows of poverty and chastity. He led an extensive mission into Asia and was influential in evangelization work. He also was the first Christian missionary to venture into Japan, struggling to learn the local languages and in the face of opposition, he had less success than he had enjoyed in India. Xavier was about to extend his missionary preaching to China when he died.

He was beatified by Pope Paul V on 25 October 1619 and canonized by Pope Gregory XV on 12 March 1622. Known as the "Apostle of the Indies" and "Apostle of Japan", he is considered to be one of the greatest missionaries since Paul the Apostle. (edit from Wikipedia)

### POPE FRANCIS NOVEMBER INTENTIONS

#### Artificial Intelligence

We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.

### 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.

### RELIGIOUS CALENDARS FOR 2021

Sadly, we are not able to carry anything on our Book table at the Parish yet, but you can purchase the **Calendars** (\$5.00) at the Catholic Bookstore. They also have the **Advent candles**, **wreaths**, and **Nativity sets** available. (613-933-5099)

### PLEASE NOTE

On First Friday of the Month, December 4<sup>th</sup>, there will be no Adoration, and Confessions are by appointment only until further notice.

### REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES AT CHRISTMAS

The Patrons of St. Columban Foundation ask for your assistance once again this year to keep the repairs to our historic church building on schedule. You can help by making a donation to the Foundation this Christmas "In Memory of a Loved One".

Remembrances will be published in a special insert to our Parish Bulletin the weekend of December 19-20, 2020.

For your donation, you may use the forms and the envelopes provided at the church side entrances as you leave the church. Cheques should be made payable to the Patrons of St. Columban Foundation.

Please submit in the collection basket by Sunday December 6 to allow for printing. Thank you for your continued support of the work of the Patrons of St. Columban Foundation.

### MORNING MASSES

For those who wish to attend morning mass at another parish while Fr. Ernest is away. Here are the Mass times for:

Blessed Sacrament	Mon - Thurs. 9:00 a.m.
St. Francis	Mon, Wed - Fri. 8:00 a.m.
St. Peter's	Wed. 9:00 a.m. (must call first)



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