

# ST. COLUMBAN PARISH

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## PASTORAL MINISTERS

Rev. Fr. Daniel Van Delst, Parochial Administrator  
Rev. Fr. Steven Gaudet, Associate Pastor

OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR: Mrs. Kelly Poitras

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)

DECEMBER 15, 2024



# ADVENT

## ST. COLUMBAN PARISH

### IN OUR PARISH

#### STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God." *- PHILIPPIANS 4:6*

St. Paul reminds us that God is an abundant God – He is the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. Remember that we are created in God's image and likeness. We, too, are made to be generous with all of our gifts as well. Placing our trust in God frees us from being a slave to possessions. It allows us to gratefully and generously share ourselves and our goods with others.

#### ST. COLUMBAN COLLECTION REPORT FOR DECEMBER 01, 2024

Sunday Envelopes	3,392.25
Loose Collection	590.55
Weekly Total	\$ 3,982.80



NO SCENTS  
MAKES GOOD SENSE.  
LET'S KEEP THE AIR  
SPACE IN OUR CHURCH  
SCENT-FREE  
THANK YOU.



#### 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 Darleen Belanger.



#### POPE FRANCIS DECEMBER INTENTION

For Pilgrims Of Hope. Let us pray that the coming Church Jubilee Year 2025 strengthens us in our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in the midst of our lives, and transforming us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

#### CATHOLIC CALENDARS 2025

Calendars for 2025 are available at the 4<sup>th</sup> Street entrance for sale. Calendars are \$6.00; you can put the money in the Book Table box on the wall next to the Confessional. There is a limited number available for sale.

#### SUNDAY MISSALS 2024/2025

Sunday Missals for the 2024-2025 year are available at the 4<sup>th</sup> Street entrance for sale. Missals are \$5.00 and you can put the money in the Book Table box on the wall next to the Confessional. There is a limited number available for sale.

#### TODAY'S READINGS – DECEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2024

1st Reading:	Zephaniah 3.14-18a
Responsorial Psalm	Isaiah 12.2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 ( <i>R. 6</i> ) <i>R. Shout aloud and sing for joy: great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.</i>
2nd Reading:	Philippians 4.4-7
Gospel:	Luke 3.10-18 The crowds asked, "What should we do?"

### IN OUR PARISH

#### MASS SCHEDULE

##### Saturday, December 14th

##### ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS (M)

2:45 - 3:45 p.m. Confessions

4:00 p.m. Gabi Ethier by Karen McDermaid  
Daniel McPhail by Hilda & Keith Seguin

##### Sunday, December 15th

##### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:30 a.m. People of the Parish

10:30 a.m. Marion Tobin by Her Brother & Sisters  
Claire McRae by John & Janice Meyer

##### Monday, December 16th

##### ADVENT – WEEK 3

##### Tuesday, December 17th

8:00 a.m. Daniel McPhail by Beverley & Richard Lapointe  
Carol Ann Villemaire by Darlene

##### Wednesday, December 18th

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Francis

1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Confessions at St. Columban

##### Thursday, December 19th

8:00 a.m. Gilles Gagnier by Dad  
Repose of the Soul of Fr. Mike Shaw by Bernadette Blakely

##### Friday, December 20th

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Francis

##### Saturday, December 21st

##### ST. PETER CANISIUS (OM)

2:45 - 3:45 p.m. Confessions

4:00 p.m. Alex Dionne & Family by Catherine Dionne  
Charlotte Light by a Parishioner

##### Sunday, December 22nd

##### FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:30 a.m. People of the Parish

10:30 a.m. Msgr. Kevin Maloney by Rick & Bernadette  
McRae  
Daniel McPhail by the Flaro Family

##### Monday, December 23rd

##### ST. JOHN OF KANTY (OM)

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Francis

##### ADVENT – WEEK 4

#### PLEASE NOTE

The Parish Office will be closed on Wednesday, Dec 18<sup>th</sup>.



#### PARISH FINANCIALS / INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

The Parish closes its Financial Books on Dec 30<sup>th</sup>. All monies received after Dec 30th, 2024, will be credited for 2025. **If you want donations included on your 2024 tax receipt, the Parish must receive them before noon on Dec 30<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.**

#### CHANGE TO OFFICE HOURS

Beginning in January 2025, St. Columban's Office will be open Monday to Friday from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

# IN ST. COLUMBAN PARISH AND THE DIOCESE

## ST. COLUMBAN MASS SCHEDULE CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Vigil	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, December 24 <sup>th</sup>	12:00 a.m. (midnight)
Christmas Day	10:30 a.m.
Wednesday, December 25 <sup>th</sup>	

## NEW YEAR'S - MASSES

New Year's Eve Vigil	4:00 p.m.
Tuesday, December 31 <sup>st</sup>	
New Year's Day	10:30 a.m.
Wednesday, January 1 <sup>st</sup>	

## ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES

7 p.m., Tuesday, December 17 – Blessed Sacrament  
1 p.m., Wednesday, December 18 – St. Columban  
7 p.m., Thursday, December 19 – St. Finnian's

## 2025 PARISH ENVELOPES

Envelopes are available at the 4<sup>th</sup> Street entrance. **Please, ensure the number on the label matches the number in the box.** Beginning January 1<sup>st</sup> please discard all 2024 envelopes and write your name on the 2025 envelopes for the entire month of January.

## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE THANK YOU

The Catholic Women's League would like to thank everyone for supporting our annual Christmas Tea and Bake Sale. Our new venue had a great crowd, with fellowship and lucky draws. The winners of the Christmas Baskets were Helen Proulx, Wendy Shane and Ida Kos. The winner of the quilted placemats was C. McDonald. Thank you to Debbie Zabloski for donating the placements, and everyone who attended, donated their time, gifts and baked goods. We appreciate you.

## DIOCESAN CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OUTREACH PROGRAM

The Diocesan Catholic Women's League President Melina Norbert has started an outreach program for the homeless. She is asking for clean milk bags to make mats for the homeless in our area. Please save your exterior large milk bags and drop them off at the back of the church in the box provided, marked for Darlene. Thank you for helping with this on-going community outreach.

## ALL BISHOPS NEED OUR PRAYERS

God, eternal Shepherd, You tend your Church in many ways and rule us with love. You have chosen your servants to shepherd us, your flock. Give them a spirit of courage and right judgment, a spirit of knowledge and love. By governing with fidelity those entrusted to their care, may they build your Church as a sign of salvation for the world. Amen  
PLEASE SAY DAILY FOR ALL BISHOPS!!

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY PROGRAM

A New Year of Children's Liturgy starts on Sunday, October 06<sup>th</sup> at the 10:30 a.m. Mass for children in JK to Grade 2 ~ Ages 3-8. For more information, please get in touch with Joe Kupina at 343-370-0212.



## RETIREMENT

Helen James has decided to retire from her position as Secretary at St. Francis de Sales Parish, effective December 31, 2024. On behalf of the parishioners and priests that Helen has assisted, we express our profound gratitude to Helen for the years of dedicated service she has given to St. Francis de Sales Parish. We wish Helen well in her retirement.

The Parish Finance Councils of both St. Francis de Sales and St. Columban parishes discussed plans to address this change. Kelly Poitras, the Office Administrator of St. Columban, was approached, and she has accepted to perform the duties at both parishes. She will work hours at both parish offices, with the initial plan being to work mornings at St. Francis de Sales and afternoons at St. Columban.

## TIME with JESUS!

St. Julien's Chapel offers a prayerful, peaceful time with our Lord Jesus. Open 24 hours a day, visitors must register and obtain an entry fob. To register and receive a fob, please contact St.Julienschapel@hotmail.com or leave a phone message at 613-938-8371. Someone will be in touch within a few days.



A HOLY HOUR WILL GIVE YOU STRENGTH DURING LIFE AND MORE CONSOLATION AT THE HOUR OF YOUR DEATH AND ETERNITY. (ST ALPHONSUS LIGOURI)

## WISH YOU KNEW WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Do you feel you never hear about events until it's too late? We have the answer – the Faith Alive E-Newsletter. Faith Alive arrives in your inbox every Tuesday with up-to-date details about Catholic events happening at this end of the archdiocese. In addition, this free e-newsletter includes info, articles and videos to help you grow in your faith. Sign up today at [www.faithalive.ca](http://www.faithalive.ca)

## CATHOLIC INFORMATION CENTRE

For your Advent/Christmas needs, we now have Advent calendars, Advent wreaths and candles, Nativity sets, Christmas cards, books, giftware. ARE YOU HAVING DIFFICULTY FINDING US AT OUR NEW LOCATION? If you google "Catholic Information Centre" you can see the front of our Store (Unit 1-812 Pitt St.) and photos of many of the items we carry. We're also on Facebook. Or call us at 613-933-5099. Mon. to Fri. - 10 am to 4 pm | Sat. 9 am to noon.

## ON-LINE ACCESS TO PARISH BULLETINS

As of May 12, 2024, the St. Columban's Parish Bulletin is available from the Parish Website at address: [www.stcolumbanparishcornwall.ca](http://www.stcolumbanparishcornwall.ca).



On the main page of our Parish Website, you will see a button labelled "Parish Bulletins" that when pressed, will display a list of all bulletins dating back to May 12, 2024.

Keep Christ in Christmas



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## PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

O Jesus, our great High Priest, hear my humble prayers on behalf of your priests. Give them deep faith, a bright and firm hope and a burning love that will increase in their priestly life. In their loneliness, comfort them. In their sorrows, strengthen them. In their frustrations, point out to them that the Church needs them; souls need them; they are needed for the work of redemption. Amen.

## SALON FUNÉRAIRE

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218 Montreal Rd.  
Cornwall

## SACRAMENT OF THE SICK



If you are scheduled at the hospital for surgery and would like the Sacrament of the Sick before entering the hospital, please see Fr. Dan or Fr. Steven at the beginning of Mass or call the office.

## NEW TO THE PARISH

If you are new and would like parish envelopes, please fill out a registration form at the 4th St. main entrance. You can also call the office (613-932-9616) during regular business hours.

## LOW GLUTEN HOSTS

We offer low-gluten hosts for those who have Celiac or cannot have gluten. Please let the presiding priest know before the start of Mass.

## COMMUNION IN PEW

For those who have mobility issues and need communion brought to the pew, please notify the presiding priest or one of the Eucharistic Ministers before the start of Mass.

## CUSHIONS FOR PEWS

Please note: For those needing a little softness on the pew, cushions are available at the front and rear of the church. Please return the cushion at the end of Mass.

## WILLS AND BEQUESTS

Please call or e-mail the parish office, and we can assist you with your charitable gift. Parish Secretary 613-932-9616 or email [stcolumban@ottawacornwall.ca](mailto:stcolumban@ottawacornwall.ca)

## PLEASE NOTE - OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

For those registered at another parish and submit envelopes in the collection basket here, your envelope is returned to the parish of registration.

## PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Loving Father, You call each of us by name and ask us to follow you. Bless your church by raising up dedicated and generous people from our families and friends who will serve your people as priests, sisters, brothers and permanent deacons. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

## SOUTH BRANCH CREMATORIUM

Please request local cremation at the South Branch Crematorium located at Notre Dame Catholic Cemetery. For more information or to prepay for cremation, contact Notre-Dame Cemetery at 613-933-4331.

## NEW YEARS EVE BALL

Knights of Columbus 755 New Year's Eve Ball. 205 Amelia St. Tuesday December 31, 2024 8:00 PM – 1:00 AM. \$35.00 per person. Hot and cold Midnight buffet. Door prizes and spot dances. Music by Greg Fedor. For tickets, call (613) 932-7600.

## THIS IS MY CHURCH (SOURCE UNKNOWN)

This is my church. It is composed of people just like me. It will be friendly if I am. It will do great work if I work. It will make generous gifts to many causes if I am generous. It will bring others into worship and fellowship if I invite and bring them. It will be a church of loyalty and love, of faith and service. If I, who make it what it is, am filled with these; therefore, with God's help, I dedicate myself to the task of being all the things I want my church to be. Amen