

ST. COLUMBAN PARISH

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

MARCH 16, 2025



WEEKLY MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

Sundays: 7:30 a.m. and
10:30 a.m.

**Mondays, Wednesdays, and
Fridays - St. Francis:** 8:00 a.m.

Tuesdays and Thursdays -

St. Columban: 8:00 a.m.

1st Friday Devotion:

St. Francis De Sales Parish

Adoration 7:00 a.m.

Mass 8:00 a.m.

1st Saturday Devotion:

St. Columban's Parish

Confession 7:00-7:30 a.m.

Rosary 7:35 a.m., Mass 8:00 a.m.

36 Fourth St. West, Cornwall, ON K6J 2R6

PASTORAL MINISTERS

Rev. Fr. Daniel Van Delst, Parochial Administrator

Rev. Fr. Steven Gaudet, Associate Pastor

OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

Mrs. Kelly Poitras

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Evenings by appointment

BAPTISMS

Please give one month notice

MARRIAGES

Please give six months notice

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Also, by appointment

ST. COLUMBAN'S OFFICE PHONE

613-932-9616

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES OFFICE PHONE

613-932-0756

PARISH E-MAIL ADDRESS

stcolumban@ottawacornwall.ca

PARISH BULLETIN ACCESS

www.stcolumbanparishcornwall.ca

PARISH FOUNDATION

www.stcolumbans.com

ARCHDIOCESAN WEBSITE

www.ottawacornwall.ca

MASS SCHEDULE

Friday, March 14th

5:15 p.m. Beth Manley by Annie McDonald

6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross (following Mass)

Saturday, March 15th

2:30 - 3:30 p.m. Confessions

4:00 p.m. Kim Harps by Mary Emberg Josoin & Gerry Jodoin

Marina Lalonde by Allan & Denise

Sunday, March 16th

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

7:30 a.m. People of the Parish

10:30 a.m. Bernadette Kingston (1st Anniv. Of Death) by
the Kingston Family
James McLaverty by John & Janice Meyer &
Family

Monday, March 17th

ST. PATRICK (OM)

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

LENT - WEEK 2

Tuesday, March 18th

ST. CYRIL OF JERUSALEM (OM)

8:00 a.m. Catholic Women's League of Ottawa-Cornwall
Diocese by the Ontario CWL Provincial Council

Wednesday, March 19th

SAINT JOSEPH (S)

PRINCIPAL PATRON of CANADA

PATRON OF THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH

5:15 p.m. RHSJ Providence House, Kingston, by the RHSJ
Associates, Cornwall

Thursday, March 20th

8:00 a.m. Tom & Sue Blakely by Bernadette Blakely

Friday, March 21st

5:15 p.m. Peter McEvoy by Brian Lynch & Katie Burke

6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross (following Mass)

Saturday, March 22nd

2:30 - 3:30 p.m. Confessions

4:00 p.m. Gerard Piche by Alan & Rita Boyce

Sunday, March 23rd

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

7:30 a.m. People of the Parish

10:30 a.m. Claire McRae by Mary Grant

Cameron Martel by Bob & Anne Gauthier

Monday, March 24th

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

LENT - WEEK 3

POPE FRANCIS MARCH INTENTION

For families in crisis. Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

Parish Website: www.stcolumbanparishcornwall.ca

ST. COLUMBAN PARISH

IN OUR PARISH

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession." - GENESIS 15:7

Just as the Lord gave Abraham, Moses, and the Israelites a land to possess, He has also given each of us a home. Whether your home is grand or humble, it is a gift from God. Abraham prepared a great sacrifice to the Lord in gratitude for the home God gave him. How do you show your gratitude to God for the home He has given you? Do you make a sacrifice of any kind? Do you return any of your finances to God, investing in your eternal home just as you invest in your earthly home?

ST. COLUMBAN COLLECTION REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 23, 2025

Sunday Envelopes	3,261.00
Loose Collection	486.65
Initial Offering	5.00
Flowers	50.00
Weekly Total	\$ 3,802.65



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



YEAR OF THE JUBILEE 2025

We now have **Jubilee Prayer Cards**, with a prayer by Pope Francis on the back. Two different designs are available at the back and front of the Church. One is a picture of the 'Holy Door' which Pope Francis opened at the Vatican on December 24th to begin the Holy Year. The other is the 'Pilgrim of Hope' image, which depicts humanity coming from four corners of the Earth and clinging to the Cross. Choose one along with the *information folder* to help us understand better how to gain the graces and indulgences available to us during this Holy Year. Don't miss out!

2024 TAX RECEIPTS

The 2024 Tax Receipts for the Parish and the Foundation are available for pick up at the 4th street entrance of the Church. Please pick them up this weekend to help us save on mailing costs. Thank you, and God bless.

TODAY'S READINGS – MARCH 16TH, 2025

1st Reading:	Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18
Responsorial Psalm:	Ps 27.1, 7-8, 9, 13-14 (R .1a)
	<i>R , The Lord is my light and my salvation.</i>
2nd Reading:	Philippians 3.17 - 4.1
Gospel:	Luke 9.28b-36
	While Jesus prayed, the appearance of his face changed.

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IN OUR PARISH

LENT

- During Lent, the morning Masses will continue as usual, and there will be additional Masses in the evening:
 - Wednesday 5:15 p.m. at St. Columban
 - Thursday 7:00 p.m. at St. Francis de Sales (except March 20 – Praise and Worship)
 - Friday 5:15 p.m. at St. Columban
- Our Holy Thursday Eucharistic celebration will be held at St. Francis de Sales, and our Easter Vigil (Holy Saturday) will be celebrated at St. Columban.

PARISH MISSION

Fr. Robert Arsenault, CC, will give a parish mission at St. Francis de Sales Parish. He will give the homily at the weekend Masses of April 5 and 6. He will then give three talks:

- Sunday, April 6 at 7 pm
- Monday, April 7 at 7 pm
- Tuesday, April 8 at 7 pm

Then Wednesday, April 9, is the Day of Confessions from 1 pm to 8 pm, with many priests available throughout that time.

ST. COLUMBAN'S FOUNDATION SPAGHETTI FUNDRAISER

The Patrons of St. Columban Foundation invites you to a spaghetti dinner fundraiser for the restoration of our historic St. Columban's Church at the Knights of Columbus Council 755 at 205 Amelia St., Cornwall, on Sunday, March 30 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Tickets \$15 are available at St. Columban's parish office during office hours, from Foundation members, by calling Brian Lynch at 613-933-8353 and at the Knight of Columbus. Tickets will also be available after the masses on the weekends of March 15-16 and 22-23. Everyone is welcome.

ARCHBISHOP'S RECEPTION

On May 15th, 2025, our Archdiocese will gather to hear what God has done, what he is doing, and where he is leading us. Will you be there?

Mingle with others from Ottawa-Cornwall, hear live testimonies from people who encountered God, and be present for the official launch of our new Archdiocesan vision, presented by Archbishop Marcel Dampousse. Whether you are new to the Catholic Church or have been here your whole life, we want you with us. Come be empowered with the mission.

Hosted at the Infinity Convention Centre, doors open at 6 pm for a cocktail hour, followed by the main programming from 7 pm - 9 pm. Appetizers will be served. Tickets are \$65 and on sale now. Visit ottawacornwall.ca to purchase your tickets today.

CWL COLLECTING ITEMS FOR BALDWIN HOUSE

The **Catholic Women's League** is collecting items for the Baldwin House. There will be a pink box at the back of the church to put the items in. The following items are needed: shampoo, conditioner, deodorants, sanitary pads, tampons, and Walmart or Shoppers Drug Mart gift cards. For the gift cards, please put them in the collection basket in an envelope attention to Jean McDonnell, or hand them in directly to her.

IN ST. COLUMBAN PARISH AND THE DIOCESE

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.



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
CONSOLES A SOUL FAR BEYOND WHAT THE WORLD
CAN OFFER. (ST. ALPHONSUS LIGOURI)

MINI LENTEN RETREAT

Sunday, March 16, 2025 - 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the Agora Catholic Center. Guest Speaker Bishop Yvan Mathieu S.M. Join Bishop Yvan Mathieu as he helps us deepen our understanding of the Jubilee Year of Hope and its relationship to Laudato Si's message, calling us to stewardship of our common home. The retreat will include light refreshments.

SAINT FOR LENT

St. Casimir, though less known, is a fitting Lenten guide. As Lent begins in March, many focus on St. Joseph and St. Patrick. However, St. Casimir of Poland, renowned for his unwavering faith and courage, offers inspiration.

A prince and the son of King Casimir, St. Casimir lived a life of penance and strong Eucharistic devotion, treating each day as Lent. He was deeply devout at Mass and often prayed outside the church before dawn, waiting for it to open.

One touching story is his request to be buried with a hymn to Our Lady beneath his head. This hymn, his daily prayer, is now known as "St. Casimir's hymn." A line from this hymn encourages us: "Daily, daily sing to Mary, Sing, my soul, her praises due."

WOMEN'S MORNING OF REFLECTION

Please join us Saturday, April 5th, from 9:00 am - 12:00 at the Agora Catholic Centre on McConnell Ave., Cornwall, for Mass, confession, breakfast, a talk and the rosary. The talk is entitled "Pilgrims of Hope: A Practical and Spiritual Jubilee Reflection". Carmen and Roger Hurtubise will share their missionary experience, and Kiegan Irish will talk about the Jubilee Pilgrimage of Development and Peace. Please contact Heidi Krol at 613-347-7561 or Marilyn Light at 613-537-2021 for any inquiries. A free-will offering of \$5 is appreciated.

33 Days of Eucharistic Glory | Every Monday at 8:45 am | St. Francis de Sales. **Beginning March 10th**, following morning Mass.

33 Days of Eucharistic Glory | Every Wednesday at 7 pm | St. Francis de Sales. **Beginning March 12th**.

Whoever cares for the poor lends to the Lord, who will pay back the sum in full. - Proverbs 19:17

LENT

FASTING & ABSTINENCE DURING LENT: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting *and* abstinence. All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence. Everyone 14 years of age and older is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all the Fridays in Lent, and Good Friday. Everyone 18 or older and under 60 years of age is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. You are fasting if you only have one full meal daily, and two other combined meals do not equal a full meal. Eating between meals on fast days is not permitted. When health or ability to work is seriously affected, the regulations do not apply.

SUGGESTIONS FOR LENT: Lent is a sacred penitential season with the intention of drawing closer to God. It begins Ash Wednesday. This year, consider doing something special to make it more meaningful. Here are some suggestions from which to choose. Some you may already be doing. If so, then consider adding another practice just for Lent!

- Pray the Rosary daily. Individually or as a couple/family.
- Go to daily Mass. During Lent, the morning Masses will continue as usual, and there will be additional Masses in the evening: Wednesday's 5:15 pm at St. Columban, Thursday's 7:00 pm at St. Francis de Sales (except March 20 – Praise and Worship) and Friday's 5:15 pm at St. Columban.
- Do a daily Holy Hour.
- Participate in the Stations of the Cross
- Reconciliation Service on Saturdays from 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm.
- Read the Bible daily for 15 minutes. Begin with the Gospels.
- Abstain from meat on Fridays. And maybe add Wednesdays, too!
- Choose small sacrifices at meals, such as drinking water instead of juice, skipping dessert with coffee or tea, or abstaining from snacks between meals.
- Restrict your time on social media. Cut it by at least half, if not more.
- Dedicate time to silence by turning off music, podcasts, and television and using that time for reflection or prayer.
- Spend time helping others through charitable acts or community service.
- Put aside some money each day to donate to a charity.

These practices can help deepen your faith and prepare you spiritually for Easter.

PRAISE & WORSHIP

Join us in singing praise to our God! We are not a choir. Everyone sings along & everyone is welcome. 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm Thursday March 20th at St. Francis de Sales Parish, 434 Second St. West, Cornwall. Elevator access from the back parking lot.

SACRAMENTS

If you have a child who does not attend a Catholic School and requires the Sacrament of Confirmation, 1st Reconciliation or 1st Communion, please call or email the Office.

IN ST. COLUMBAN PARISH AND THE DIOCESE

CHILDREN'S LITURGY PROGRAM

The Children's Liturgy takes place at the Sunday, 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.



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.

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.

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.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

We are all invited to the celebration of the Hour of Divine Mercy on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 27th, from 3 to 4 P.M. at Blessed Sacrament Parish.

To ensure that the faithful observe this day with desired piety and devotion, St. Pope John Paul II established a Plenary Indulgence to receive complete forgiveness and punishment (as Jesus said) "So that they might, in turn, show pardon to their brothers and sisters."

We are all encouraged to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) before Divine Mercy Sunday, or you may do so within 20 days after and receive Holy Communion. We are also to pray for the intentions of the Holy Father and take part in prayers and devotions in honour of Divine Mercy in any Church or Chapel. (Conditions for the reception of the Plenary Indulgence).

PARISH'S VOCATIONS MINISTRY

"We are all called by God to follow the Gospel in unique ways—whether in married life, single life, or through a deeper commitment as priests or in consecrated life. Our parish is dedicated to supporting these journeys by establishing a Vocations Ministry. In the coming months, we'll share initiatives to raise awareness and encourage discernment." Blessings, Tyrone L.

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

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.

FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

ALMSGIVING IN LENT

Almsgiving is the act of giving to those in need, whether through money, goods, or acts of charity. During Lent, it is a key way to live out our faith by imitating Christ's generosity and love. Alongside prayer and fasting, almsgiving helps us detach from material things, care for the poor, and grow closer to God. Locally, there are many ways to practice almsgiving this Lent.

SUPPORT MARY'S MEALS

Pancake Breakfast: Sunday, March 23 | 9:30 to 12:30 at St. Mary's Hall | Williamstown

SUPPORT LIFE

Pro Life Cornwall Spaghetti Supper: Sunday, March 23 | 4:30 pm to 7 pm at Agora Catholic Centre (Cornwall)

SUPPORT DEVELOPMENT & PEACE

Share Lent Sunday: Sunday, April 6 | All parishes