

ST. COLUMBAN PARISH

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

MARCH 23, 2025



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

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.

MASS SCHEDULE

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

Tuesday, March 25th

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD (S)

8:00 a.m. Sharon McPhail by Brian McPhail

Wednesday, March 26th

5:15 p.m. Maria Harrison by Carol Papps

Thursday, March 27th

8:00 a.m. Alma Gaudet by Paul & Sharon Gaudet

Friday, March 28th

5:15 p.m. Gerald DiCola by Wife Lise & Son Brian

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

Saturday, March 29th

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

4:00 p.m. Gino Tosatto by Reid MacDougall

Marian Kelly by Angus Kelly

Sunday, March 30th

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

7:30 a.m. People of the Parish

10:30 a.m. Angelo Rubino by His Family

Linda Splaine by Hugh & Stephanie Jolly

Monday, March 31st

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

LENT - WEEK 4

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
 - 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.

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.

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

Parish Website: www.stcolumbanparishcornwall.ca

ST. COLUMBAN PARISH

IN OUR PARISH

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"He said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none.'"

.- LUKE 13:7

We can all be like the barren fig tree at times. Do you cling to what you have, or do you generously share with others? How will you respond when God asks you what you have done with all the gifts He has given you? Remember, not only are we called to be generous; we are called to develop and nurture our gifts; and return them with increase. We are called to be generous with all gifts; especially the one that means the most to you.

ST. COLUMBAN COLLECTION REPORT FOR MARCH 02, 2025

Sunday Envelopes	3,586.00
Loose Collection	605.30
New Year's	80.00
Flowers	85.00
Weekly Total	\$ 4,356.30

FOR MARCH 09, 2025

Sunday Envelopes	2,591.00
Loose Collection	482.30
New Year's	50.00
Flowers	120.00
Weekly Total	\$ 3,243.30



**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!

TODAY'S READINGS – MARCH 23RD, 2025

1st Reading:	Exodus 3.1-8a, 13-15
Responsorial Psalm:	Ps 103.1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8+11 (R .8a) <i>R , The Lord is merciful and gracious.</i>
2nd Reading:	1 Corinthians 10.1-6, 10-12
Gospel:	Luke 13.1-9 Unless you turn back to God, you will perish as they did.

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IN OUR PARISH

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:

1. Sunday, April 6 at 7 pm
2. Monday, April 7 at 7 pm
3. 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.

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.

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

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)

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**.

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 several Masses said for their intentions. You can call (613-932-9616) or visit the office during regular business hours (Monday – Friday, 1 PM - 4 PM).

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.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE MEETING

Our next St. Columban Catholic Women's League general meeting is on Tuesday, April 1st, 7:00 pm at St. Francis de Sales Hall, 434 Second St. West. Please enter the hall from the back of the building. All the women of the parish are welcome.

JOIN THE 2025 NEIGHBOURHOOD PICNIC PLANNING COMMITTEE!

We are looking for approximately six dedicated volunteers to help plan this year's Neighbourhood Picnic! If you have a strong commitment to community and are willing to contribute your time and expertise, we'd love to have you on board.

We are looking for committee members to take on tasks suited to their ability and availability. Some examples:

- Liaising with neighbourhood schools;
- Coordinating with St. Columban's and St. Francis de Sales parishes to recruit event volunteers;
- Reaching out to local businesses for donations;
- Organizing volunteers to distribute invitations;
- And more!

Meetings will be bi-weekly leading up to the picnic and weekly in the final weeks before the event.

If you're interested in joining, please contact the parish office and leave your name and number and we will be in contact with you. Thank you, David DeSouza

THE SANCTUARY LAMP

The sanctuary lamp is a special lamp kept close to the Tabernacle. The sanctuary lamp remains alight to indicate and honour the presence of Christ.

The living flame of the sanctuary lamp signifies the Eucharistic presence of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Sponsorship of the Sanctuary Lamp is available for a week-long period. The stipend is \$20.00 per week, and the intention will be listed in the bulletin.



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE THANK YOU

The Catholic Women's League would like to thank everyone for their support for our annual St. Patrick Tea & Bake Sale. The winners of the baskets were Suzanne Carr, Desneiges Miseferi, and David Hill. The winner of the cake was Jean McLennan. Thank you everyone who attended, donated their time, gifts, and baked goods. We appreciate you.

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.

SUPPORT ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Donate rice and/or canned vegetables - Weekend of **March 22/23**. Bring the items to your parish.

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.

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

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

St. Vincent de Paul is located at St. Francis de Sales Parish. They provide assistance to those in need by distributing food items donated by the public. The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is a registered charitable organization that is recognized by the Archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall. They are run entirely by volunteers, if you wish to volunteer, call **613-932-9345**.