

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)

DECEMBER 07, 2025

ST. COLUMBAN PARISH

ST. FRANCIS De SALES PARISH



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WEEKLY MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

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

Tuesdays and Thursdays: 8:00 a.m.

1st Saturday Devotion: Confession 7:00-7:30 a.m.
Rosary 7:35 a.m., Mass 8:00 a.m.

WEEKLY MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.

Sundays: 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Monday, Wednesday and Friday: 8:00 a.m.

1st Friday Devotion: Adoration 7:00 a.m., Mass 8:00 a.m.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

BAPTISMS

2nd Sunday of every month

Please contact a priest for an appointment

MARRIAGES

Please contact a priest for an appointment
six months in advance

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

also, by appointment

PARISH WEBSITE

www.stcolumbanparishcornwall.ca

ARCHDIOCESAN WEBSITE

www.ottawacornwall.ca

SHUT-INS and THOSE ENTERING HOSPITAL

Please talk to a priest or call the office if you have
someone at home who is unwell or is scheduled for
surgery and wishes to receive the Sacrament of the
Sick, or Communion.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

BAPTISMS

1st Sunday of every month

Please contact a priest for an appointment

MARRIAGES

Please contact a priest for an appointment
six months in advance

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays, 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

also, by appointment

PARISH WEBSITE

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ST. COLUMBAN PARISH and ST. FRANCIS De SALES PARISH

MASS SCHEDULE

St. Columban (SC) – St. Francis De Sales (SF)

Saturday, Dec 06th IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY - FIRST SATURDAY
ST. NICHOLAS (OM)

8:00 a.m. (SC) Conversion of Sinners by a Parishioner
 4:00 p.m. (SC) Patricia & Gerry Sauve by Angus Kelly
 Spec. Intention for Karen Rochon &
 Living & Deceased Family by Sheila McDougall
 5:00 p.m. (SF) Intentions of Parishioners

Sunday, Dec 07th SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:30 a.m. (SC) Intentions of Parishioners
 9:30 a.m. (SF) Hubert Cadieux (6th Anniversary) by Wife
 Arlene & Family
 Denise Levac by Germaine & Clare Leduc
 Fr. Laurier Rivet by Wayne & Muriel Flaro &
 Family
 10:30 a.m. (SC) SR. Joan Kalch Brenner RHSJ "60th Jubilee" by
 RHSJ Assoc. Cornwall
 Jimmy Poitras by Kelly & Raymond Poitras
 Joe Sullivan by the Fraser Family
 11:00 a.m. (SF) Roger Poitras by Wife Pauline & Family
 Kathryn Miller (5th Anniversary) by Husband
 Richard & Family
 Jackie O'Reilly by Francine Bouchard

Monday, Dec 08th IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (S)

8:00 a.m. (SF) Noella Paquin by the Lepage Family

Tuesday, Dec 09th ST. JUAN DIEGO (OM)

8:00 a.m. (SC) For a Personal Intention by Bernadette
 Blakely

Wednesday, Dec 10th OUR LADY OF LORETO (OM)

8:00 a.m. (SF) Peter McEvoy by the Family

Thursday, Dec 11th ST. DAMASUS (OM)

8:00 a.m. (SC) Joan Levy Earle by Sean & Sally

Friday, Dec 12th OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE (F)

8:00 a.m. (SF) Louis Tremblay by Sean & Sally

Saturday, Dec 13th ST. LUCY (M)

4:00 p.m. (SC) Gladys White by Daughter Doris Smith
 Patricia Roddy by Brian Lynch & Katie Burke

5:00 p.m. (SF) Marjorie Shields by Carol Papps
 David Dubreuil by the Dubreuil Family
 Therese Denault by Johanne Denault-Cardinal
 & Dilavio Family
 Lionel Trepanier by Marie Greffe

Sunday, Dec 14th THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:30 a.m. (SC) Intentions of Parishioners
 9:30 a.m. (SF) Intentions of Parishioners

10:30 a.m. (SC) Maria Rosa Vincelli by the Vincelli Family
 Belle & Archie Adams & Family by Patricia
 (Adams) Lougheed
 For Those Remembered in Memoriam by St.
 Columban's Patron's Foundation

11:00 a.m. (SF) Ross Frechette by Jeannette Belanger
 Ron Cloutier by "Les Girls"
 Audrey MacDonald by Craig Pitts

PLEASE NOTE

We need to close the Parish Financials books on December 29th. All money received after December 28th will be credited for 2026. If you wish for your donations to be included in your 2025 Income Tax Receipt, please ensure it is placed in the Sunday Collection of December 28, 2025. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS OFFICE HOURS

Parish Offices will be **closed** beginning December 22nd and will reopen on January 5th, 2026.

ST. COLUMBAN COLLECTION REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 23, 2025

Sunday Envelopes	4,355.00
Loose Collection	588.20
Weekly Total	\$ 4,943.20

ST. FRANCIS COLLECTION REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 23, 2025

Sunday Envelopes	4,216.00
Loose Collection	723.55
Weekly Total	\$ 4,939.55

STEWARDS OF OUR TREASURE

We are now in the Season of Giving. We invite Parishioners to consider a special gift to our parish, perhaps a donation in memory of a loved one or simply in gratitude for all the blessings we have received this past year. Thank you for your ongoing generosity. May God bless you, and may Mary protect you. Peace.

THE INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER

For Christians in areas of conflict – Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope.

SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTION (SC)

The living flame of the Sanctuary Lamp, signifying the Eucharistic Presence of our Lord Jesus Christ, is offered this week for An Outpouring of the Flame of Love.



CATHOLIC CALENDARS 2026

Personalized Catholic Calendars for 2026 are on sale for \$10 each at St. Columban's 4th St. entrance and St. Francis' main entrance. Pay at the Book Table box near the Confessional (St. Columban) or in baskets at St. Francis. Supplies are limited.

TODAY'S READINGS – NOVEMBER 30TH, 2025

1st Reading:	Isaiah 2.1-5
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 122.1-2, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9(R. see 1)	
R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.	
2nd Reading:	Romans 13.11-14
Gospel:	Matthew 24.37-44

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

"Missing Piece" Series

Week Two: How Do I Find Peace?

The holidays can be an occasion for conflict, or they can be an opportunity to build peace and connection with family members. In his letter to the Romans 15:4-9, Paul challenges us to think in harmony with others and to welcome one another. In this message, we will look at how we can apply both these instructions so we can be "peace makers" as Jesus taught us to do.

- Know? Peace is not just the absence of conflict or the presence of calm. It is the presence of God at work in us and through us. Scripture teaches that the Messiah came as the Prince of Peace, and as His followers, we are called to be peacemakers. St. Paul's letter to the Romans reminds us to pursue what makes for peace and to build one another up. This means bearing with the weaknesses of others, accepting people as Christ has accepted us, and choosing to welcome others with grace, even when it requires effort.
- Feel? This message invites us to feel both challenged and encouraged. We are reminded that conflict is inevitable, especially during a season that heightens stress and expectations, but we are not powerless. Instead of letting the moods or actions of others dictate our own, we can feel the strength and hope that come from following Christ's example. We are also invited to feel compassion for others, knowing that just as Christ bore our weaknesses, we are called to extend that same mercy to those around us.
- Next Steps? We are called to take concrete steps in peacemaking. This means bearing with others' faults rather than reacting to them, setting the tone in tense situations rather than mirroring them, and making the daily choice to accept and welcome people as Christ has welcomed us. In practice, it might be as simple as greeting someone warmly, showing patience with a difficult family member, or offering kindness to someone who is hard to love. These small acts of grace create space for peace to grow in our homes, our community, and our own hearts.



FLAME OF LOVE CENACLE / GROUP (SC)

Every Saturday, 1:30-2:30 pm., here in St. Columban Church. For those wanting a complete blessing, it is followed by Confession and Mass. **TO BLIND SATAN IN THE WORLD, AND OUR FAMILY.**

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve Vigil, Wednesday, December 24th

St. Columban 5:00 p.m. & 10:00 p.m.

St. Francis 5:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

Christmas Day, Thursday, December 25th

St. Columban 10:30 a.m.

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

New Year's Eve Vigil, Wednesday, December 31st

St. Columban 4:00 p.m.

New Year's Day, Thursday, January 1st

St. Francis 10:30 a.m.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES

December 16: 7 pm, at St. Peter's Parish

December 17: 1 pm, at Blessed Sacrament Parish

December 18, 7 pm, at St. Finnian's Parish

Note: We still have Confessions on Saturday afternoons and by appointment.

2026 PARISH ENVELOPE NUMBERS HAVE CHANGED

Envelopes are now available. Please ensure the number on the label matches the number in the box. Beginning January 1st, discard all 2025 envelopes and write your name on the 2026 envelopes for the entire month of January, as envelope numbers have changed.

SACRAMENTS OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

If you know anyone who is looking for Sacraments of Christian Initiation - Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist, please call the parish office.

REGISTRATION FORMS FOR SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION

Here are the links to the forms for parents/guardians who wish to register for First Confession:

St. Columban > <https://forms.gle/SZuWhKR8bh6Nz7JA6>

St. Francis > <https://forms.gle/Q8ZDDgkdvRvELBTH7>

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES CWL

Dear Parishioners, we will be organizing a "BAKELESS" bake sale again this year to raise funds for charities and our community. Soon, a flyer and a donation envelope will be inserted into the bulletin, explaining the concept. Your donations will make a difference in the lives of many people. We thank you and appreciate your generosity.

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Our next General Meeting will be a Christmas social event, a Potluck. Please come and bring a friend, if you like, at 12 noon on Tuesday, December 9th. Bring your favourite dish and your Christmas Spirit. We are also collecting non-perishable goods for the St. Vincent de Paul Society. They are in great need of food this season. This would also be a good opportunity to pay your 2026 membership dues of \$40. There will be games, activities and prizes. Hope to see you there.

UPDATE TO PARISH OFFICE HOURS

As part of our ongoing effort to align our parish ministries with the diocesan vision: Go Out, Go Deep, and Go Together, we are making a small adjustment to our office schedule. Beginning **December 1**, the parish office will be open **Monday to Thursday, with the same hours applying**. The office will be **closed on Fridays**, allowing our Parish Administrator to work from home on those days.

This change will help us focus more intentionally on ministry, outreach, and the needs of our parish community, while maintaining strong administrative support. Thank you for your understanding and for your continued support as we work together to build the parish for the next generation.

ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The St. Francis CWL would like to thank all parishioners who donated Jello to the Children's Christmas Fund. 320 boxes were collected.

CHRISTMAS SING-ALONG (SF)

Christmas Carols - Come join us for a joyful evening sing-along of your favourite Christmas carols. Highlights will be Silent Night by candlelight and the men singing O Holy Night. Thursday, December 11, 7:00-8:00 pm at St. Francis church. All are welcome.

HAT & MITTEN DRIVE (SF)

The St. Francis CWL, in partnership with St. Joseph's Secondary School, will be holding a hat and mitten! gloves drive starting October 19, 2025. Both children's and adult sizes will be required for this project. New or gently used items can be deposited in the basket at the back of the Church. At the end of the drive, the items will be distributed to those in need through various aid services in the city. Please be generous so that we can achieve our goal of distributing at least 500 sets of hats and mitts/gloves. Thank you.

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS SALE (SF)

The Knights of Columbus Msgr. Kevin J. Maloney, Council 11531 of the St. Francis de Sales Parish, will be selling "Keep Christ in Christmas" lawn signs and car magnets. The cost for the lawn sign is \$20.00, and the car magnet costs \$10.00. These will be sold at the upcoming Knights' events. For those interested, please contact the Parish office.

CATHOLIC INFORMATION CENTER - FOR ADVENT/CHRISTMAS

Catholic calendars, Advent wreaths, candles, Nativity Sets, Christmas gifts, cards, books, and Sunday missals are available. You can find us at 812 Pitt Street, Unit 1. For more information, please call 613-933-5099

PLEASE NOTE - OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

If you are registered at another parish and submit envelopes in the collection basket here, please note that your envelope will be returned to the parish of your registration.

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.



EUCARISTIC ADORATION IS AN INVALUABLE CONVERSATION WITH CHRIST, WHERE WE LEARN MORE DEEPLY OF THE MYSTERIES OF HIS DIVINE AND HUMAN LIFE. (ST PAUL II)

OUR LADY OF GRACE ADVENT PARISH MISSION (Mon. Dec 8th – Wed. Dec 10th)

Guest Speaker: Father Allan MacDonald, *Order of the Companions of the Cross*. *He will speak at weekend Masses (Saturday: 5:00 p.m., Sunday: 11:45 a.m.), and he will lead our Advent Parish Mission on Monday through Wednesday evenings at Our Lady of Grace Church, 8 College St, Ingleside, ON. K0C1M0. Mission Schedule: Monday~Tuesday~Wednesday:*

Confession: 6:00 – 6:50 PM 

Mass: 7:00 – 8:15 PM 

Confession: 8:20 – 9:00 PM 

Prepare your hearts for this powerful time of reflection, renewal, and grace as we journey together toward Christmas! For further information, contact: Deborah van der Heyden at 613-363-3471 or Flora Demouchel at 613-537-2925, or Debbievdh55@gmail.com.

ANGELS OF HOPE

Dear Parishioners: We would like to give you the opportunity again this year to share the Christmas spirit with children from our community. Angels of Hope is a project to provide Christmas gifts to children who are receiving counselling at the Children's Treatment Centre. If you would like to help, kindly pick up a name tag after Mass, which will include the age and sex of the child. For confidentiality reasons, we have used fictitious names for the children. Please DO NOT WRAP the gift, but place it in an appropriate GIFT BAG. We understand that it can be challenging to select a gift for a child you don't know; therefore, we suggest considering a gift card as an option if you wish. Please return the gift to the church by Sunday, December 14th. For further information, you may call the Centre at 613-933-4400. On behalf of the children served at the Children's Treatment Centre, we thank you for your kindness and your spirit of sharing.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (SC)

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available at St. Columban's Church on Saturdays, 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. and by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (SF)

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available at St. Francis de Sales Church on Saturdays from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and by appointment.