

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)

DECEMBER 21, 2025

ST. COLUMBAN PARISH

ST. FRANCIS De SALES PARISH



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### OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

Mrs. Kelly Poitras

#### 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.  
**1<sup>st</sup> 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.  
**1<sup>st</sup> 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

2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://www.stcolumbanparishcornwall.ca)

#### ARCHDIOCESAN WEBSITE

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#### 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

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month

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Saturdays, 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
also, by appointment

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# ST. COLUMBAN PARISH and ST. FRANCIS De SALES PARISH

<b>MASS SCHEDULE</b>		<b>Sunday, Dec 28th</b>	<b>THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH (F)</b>						
<b>St. Columban (SC) – St. Francis De Sales (SF)</b>									
<b>Saturday, Dec 20th</b>									
4:00 p.m. (SC)	Donald & Opal Parisien by daughters Joan, Sharon & Carol	7:30 a.m. (SC)	In Thanksgiving to St. Joseph for Favour Received by Doris						
	Staff Sgt. Bernard Kelly (RCMP) by Angus Kelly Shirley, Barry, Val, Gail, Ronnie & Joan by Patricia (Adams) Lougheed		Leonard, Allan & Roger Brabant by Darlene						
5:00 p.m. (SF)	Theodore & Mildred Lussier by Gary & Marlene McDougald	9:30 a.m. (SF)	Victor Proulx (3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniversary) by Marc & Karen Leduc						
	Joan Levy Earle by Keith & Monique Gray		Donald De Cuypere by Emma De Cuypere						
	Donald Lafrance by Paula & Leo Pitre		Suzanne Ladouceur by Francine Bouchard						
<b>Sunday, Dec 21st</b>		<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>							
7:30 a.m. (SC)	Intentions of Parishioners	10:30 a.m. (SC)	Intentions of Parishioners						
9:30 a.m. (SF)	Charles & Mary Thibodeau & Family by Marie & Yvon Labossiere	11:00 a.m. (SF)	Intentions of Parishioners						
	Michael Brand by Francine Bouchard								
	Charles Dufton by Mike & Yolande Bourget								
10:30 a.m. (SC)	Peter McEvoy (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary) by the Family								
	Carol Papps (85 <sup>th</sup> Birthday by Patricia (Adams) Lougheed								
	Jerry Szemborn by Liz & Andre Doyon								
11:00 a.m. (SF)	Intentions of Parishioners								
<b>Monday, Dec 22nd</b>									
8:00 a.m. (SF)	John Brown by Rob & Lisa McDonald								
<b>Tuesday, Dec 23rd</b>		<b>ST. JOHN OF KANTY (OM)</b>							
8:00 a.m. (SC)	Gerald DiCola by Wife Lise & Son Brian								
<b>Wednesday, Dec 24th</b>		<b>CHRISTMAS VIGIL – THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD</b>							
5:00 p.m. (SC)	Anunciacion Cespon by Lloyd & Darlene Tyo Duncan & Irene McLennan by Daughter Jean McLennan								
5:00 p.m. (SF)	George & Georgette Brand by the Brand Family								
	Msgr. Kevin Maloney by Pauline Bookhout								
	Noella Paquin by the Lepage Family								
7:30 p.m. (SF)	Terry McHale by Roy & Peggy McGrath								
	Westley Quenneville by Joan & Family								
	Jacqueline O'Reilly by Luc & Christine Lefebvre								
10:00 p.m. (SC)	Barbara & Iola Parisien by Joe Parisien & Family								
	Janet Surgeon by Sean & Sally								
<b>Thursday, Dec 25th</b>		<b>CHRISTMAS – THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD</b>							
10:30 a.m. (SC)	Intentions of Parishioners								
<b>Friday, Dec 26th</b>		<b>ST. STEPHEN (F)</b>							
8:00 a.m. (SF)	Marie Labossiere (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary) by the Family								
<b>Saturday, Dec 27th</b>		<b>ST. JOHN, APOSTLE (F)</b>							
4:00 p.m. (SC)	Alfie McDonald (3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniversary) by His Family								
	Iona Luscombe by Carol Papps								
	Dan Dobin by Mary & Gerry Jodoin								
5:00 p.m. (SF)	Elrene Gagnier by Ron								
	Jeannette Bironnette by CDSBEO								
	Betty Stringer by the Armstrong Family								
		<b>PLEASE NOTE</b>							
<p>We need to close the Parish Financials books on December 29<sup>th</sup>. All money received after December 28<sup>th</sup> 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.</p>									
<b>CHRISTMAS OFFICE HOURS</b>									
<p>Parish Offices will be <b>closed</b> beginning December 22<sup>nd</sup> and will reopen on January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026.</p>									
<b>STEWARDS OF OUR TREASURE</b>									
<p>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.</p>									
<b>SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTION (SC)</b>									
<p>The living flame of the Sanctuary Lamp, signifying the Eucharistic Presence of our Lord Jesus Christ, is offered this week for Fr. Thomas Villeneuve by his sister Theresa.</p>									
									
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<b>TODAY'S READINGS – DECEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2025</b>									
<p>1st Reading: <span style="float: right;">Isaiah 7:10-14</span></p> <p>Responsorial Psalm: Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 (R. 7c+10b)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">R. <i>May the Lord come in, he is king of glory.</i></p> <p>2nd Reading: <span style="float: right;">Romans 1:1-7</span></p> <p>Gospel: <span style="float: right;">Matthew 1:18-24</span></p>									

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

### "Missing Piece" Series

#### Week Four: Do You Feel God is Approachable?

We can have peace in our lives because God is with us in the person of Jesus Christ, who has saved us from our sins. God is always offering us his peace and extending his peace. His greatest peace offering was sending his Son into the world to save us from our sins. In this message, we will look at how accepting the presence and plan of God brings peace into our lives.

- Know? Peace is at the heart of Advent, and all that we have reflected on (God's vision of peace, our call to be peacemakers, and the gift of peace in our hearts) flows from one essential truth: peace with God. Through Jesus, whose very name means "God saves," our sins are forgiven, giving us a fresh start. He is Emmanuel, God with us and for us, who draws near instead of keeping His distance. And like Joseph, we are invited to cooperate with God's plan, trusting that He has chosen us to play a part in His saving work.
- Feel? This message invites us to feel reassured and hopeful. God is not distant, angry, or uninterested in us. He has already acted to wipe away our sins, come close to us in love, and draw us into His purposes. No matter our past or our flaws, we can feel confidence and joy knowing that God's desire is peace with us and for us.
- Next Steps? We are challenged to respond like Joseph by saying yes to God's plan and cooperating with His will. That begins with accepting His forgiveness and presence in our own lives. It continues by embracing even small opportunities to be part of His mission, such as inviting others to encounter Christ at Christmas. This week, the most practical step we can take is to extend an invitation, whether in person, with a paper card, or online, so that others may experience the peace of Christ this Christmas.



## MERRY CHRISTMAS, FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Merry Christmas from Fr. John and Fr. Jonathan!

Thank you to all who took part in our "Missing Piece" Series, and in finding our peace with God in Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Christmas invites us to pause from the busyness of the season and receive God's greatest gift—peace through Jesus Christ. True peace is not the absence of problems but the presence of God, who is both greater than our struggles and close to us in love. In the humility of the manger, we see that Christ came for all people, offering a peace the world cannot give and cannot take away. This Christmas, we are invited to welcome Him as Savior and accept His gift of lasting peace.

- Know? Christmas is about the arrival of peace through Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the world. True peace is not found in quiet moments, favourable circumstances, or the absence of problems. It is found in the presence of God. In the birth of Christ, we see both the transcendence of God, who is bigger than all our struggles, and the closeness of God, who comes near to us in humility as a child in a manger.
- Feel? This message invites us to feel relief, hope, and reassurance. Even if we come into Christmas weary, anxious, or unsettled, we are reminded that God is bigger than our fears, griefs, and conflicts, and at the same time, He is near and cares deeply about us. We are encouraged to feel awe at God's greatness and comfort in His nearness, leading us to rest in the peace only He can give.
- Next Steps? We are called to accept God's gift of peace in the person of Jesus Christ. That begins with opening our hearts in prayer and personally inviting Christ to be present in our lives. It continues as we walk with others in faith, through the Church, small groups, or friendships that keep us rooted in God's presence. This Christmas, the invitation is simple: ask for His peace, welcome Him as Saviour, and carry His presence into daily life.

## 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.

## 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.

## ROAST BEEF DINNER AND PARISH BREAKFAST (SF)

We want to inform our valued patrons that there will be no Roast Beef Dinner or Parish Breakfast events in December. We look forward to welcoming you to our upcoming events in the new year! Thank you for your continued support.

## 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.

## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE THANK YOU

The **Catholic Women's League** would like to thank everyone for their support of our annual Christmas Tea & Bake Sale. The winners of the baskets were Ronald Proulx, Evelyn Froats, Desneiges Miseferi, Judy Lauzon, and Brian Lynch. Thanks to the Catholic Women's League members, who donated so generously to fill the baskets. Thanks to everyone who attended, donated their time, gifts, and baked goods. We appreciate you.

## THANK YOU FROM THE PATRONS OF ST. COLUMBAN FOUNDATION (SC)

The Patrons of St. Columban Foundation wish to thank everyone who contributed to the Foundation's Remembering our Loved Ones at Christmas booklet during November and December. The Remembrances Booklet raised \$12,430 for the capital repairs to our historic St. Columban's Church.

## 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 MOVIE – DAVID – PORT THEATRE

Official release from Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> to Jan 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm. No shows Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>. Adults: \$7.50 Kids: \$5.00. Port Theatre, 132 Montreal Road.

## 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.



**THE BLESSED VIRGIN IS EAGER TO MAKE JESUS; IN THE EUCHARIST, KNOWN TO ALL AND TO GROUP THEM INTO A EUCHARISTIC GUARD OF HONOR, A COURT OF DEVOTED ADORERS! (St. Peter Julian Eymard)**

## 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.

## 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.

## WOMEN'S MORNING OF REFLECTION

Please join us Saturday, January 3rd, from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm at the Agora Centre, located on McConnell Avenue in Cornwall, for Mass, confession, breakfast, a talk, and the rosary. Our speaker is Br. Daniel Krol, a Legionary seminarian and the son of Heidi. His talk is entitled "Mary Hope of Mankind." A free will offering of \$5 is appreciated. For any inquiries, please contact Heidi Krol at 613-362-5292 or Marilynn Light at 613-537-2021.

## 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

## 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.