

ST. COLUMBAN PARISH

ST. FRANCIS De SALES PARISH



**We are
one in
Christ**



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OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

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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-Thursday 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-Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

BAPTISMS

2nd Sunday of every month

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MARRIAGES

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

MASS SCHEDULE

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

Saturday, Mar 14th

4:00 p.m. (SC) Gerald DiCola by Wife Lise & Son Brian
 5:00 p.m. (SF) Katherine Crites by Diane & Family
 Leo Gregory by Muriel Gregory & Family

Sunday, Mar 15th FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

7:30 a.m. (SC) Intentions of Parishioners
 9:30 a.m. (SF) Joy Thompson by Lori McDermid & Elaine McDermid
 Garry McDougall by David & Lisa Herjavec
 10:30 a.m. (SC) Sylvia Etwell by Daughter Kelly Poitras & Family
 Bernadette Kingston (2nd Anniversary) by the Kingston Family
 11:00 a.m. (SF) Intentions of Parishioners

Monday, Mar 16th

8:00 a.m. (SF) Gilles Gagnier & Claire Secours by Moe & Lorraine Lemieux

Tuesday, Mar 17th ST. PATRICK (OM)

8:00 a.m. (SC) John Francis Maloney by Rick & Bernadette McRae

Wednesday, Mar 18th ST. CYRIL OF JERUSALEM (OM)

8:00 a.m. (SF) George Desjardins by Leonce

Thursday, Mar 19th ST. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (S)
 PRINCIPAL PATRON OF CANADA
 PATRON OF THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH

8:00 a.m. (SC) Carole & Jean Guy Lalonde by Margaret Fortier

Friday, Mar 20th

8:00 a.m. (SF) Donald Leger by Wayne & Elaine McDermid

Saturday, Mar 21st

4:00 p.m. (SC) Gerard Piche by Alan & Rita Boyce
 Gino Tosatto by The Family
 5:00 p.m. (SF) Intentions of Parishioners

Sunday, Mar 22nd FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

7:30 a.m. (SC) Intentions of Parishioners
 9:30 a.m. (SF) Garry McDougall by Trudy Cameron
 10:30 a.m. (SC) Joanne Bryan by St. Columban's Choir
 11:00 a.m. (SF) Annette Lauzon by Her Children
 Msgr. Kevin Maloney by a Parishioner

THE INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER

For disarmament and peace. Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

ST. VINCENT De PAUL'S LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

Please donate rice on March 14th and 15th and donate toiletries (soap, shampoo, conditioner) on March 21 and 22.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Healing is a vital part of the Christian life because everyone carries wounds in a broken world. While some wounds come from personal choices, many are not anyone's fault, and shame or self-blame can keep healing at a distance. In John 9, Jesus heals a man born blind in a personal and surprising way, showing both his power to restore and his desire to bring people into deeper faith. The healing is not only physical but becomes a pathway to relationship, moving from mere awareness of Jesus to belief and worship. True healing requires attentiveness to the Lord and active participation, cooperating with grace through concrete steps. God offers the gift of healing, and the invitation is to respond, to go, and to take the next faithful step.

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.

ACRAMENT 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.

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 the Holy Souls in Purgatory by a Parishioner.



UPDATE ON NEW BULLETIN FORMAT

Starting soon, the shared bulletin for St. Columban's and St. Francis de Sales will see a new look. Work is progressing on a new format that will provide a medium for sharing our faith, rooted in love. The new format will require a deadline for submitting notices to ensure sufficient lead time. The deadline for all upcoming weekend bulletins will be Tuesday at noon.

UPDATING YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

To ensure we have accurate details for our records, please inform us of any changes to your contact information by calling the parish office. Specifically, we need your current phone number, best email address, and mailing address. Thank you for your help in keeping our records current!

TODAY'S READINGS – MARCH 15TH, 2026

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 16.1b, 6-7, 10-13
 Responsorial Psalm: Ps 23.1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (R. 1)
R. The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
 2nd Reading: Ephesians 5.8-14
 Gospel (longer): John 9.1-41

LABOURER'S BUILDING GOD'S CHURCH

As Catholics, we are called to serve and share our gifts to help build up God's Church. Pray and ask God where your talents will benefit the building up of His Kingdom. Our Parishes seek to fulfill our Lord's command. All Ministries are always seeking more help. If you are interested in volunteering, please call the parish office.

Will you serve?

Ministries

Altar Servers	Coffee Sundays
Adult Altar Servers	Eucharistic Ministers
Baptism Team	Hospitality – Greeters
Bulletin Stuffers	Knights of Columbus
Catholic Women's League	Lector
Children's Liturgy	Pastoral Care Outreach
Children's Initiation	Sacristan
Church Décor	Usher
Sunday Collection Counter	Prayer Warriors
Music – Choir, Instrumentalist	

HOLY WEEK MASSES SCHEDULE

March 28/29: Palm Sunday, regular Sunday Masses

April 2: Holy Thursday, 7 pm at St. Francis de Sales Parish

April 3: Good Friday

- 3 pm: at St. Francis de Sales Parish, and
- 3 pm: at St. Columban Parish

April 4: Easter Vigil, 8 pm at St. Columban Parish

- with Catechumens

April 5: Easter Sunday:

- 7:30 am (CANCELLED) Mass at St. Columban
- 9:30 am Mass at St. Francis de Sales
- 10:30 am Mass at St. Columban
- 11 am Mass at St. Francis de Sales

"For more information," please refer to the website:

<https://evangelium.ca/posts/lent-2026>

LENTEN CONFESSION DAYS

- March 24, 6:30 pm at St. Columban Parish
- March 25, 1 pm at Blessed Sacrament
- March 26, 7 pm at St. Finnan's Basilica

Come receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) and experience the beautiful mercy of God! There will be multiple priests to hear confessions.

We are all in need of the mercy of God. Sin is a conscious decision to stray from God's will, and it harms our relationship with him. But there is no sin so great that it would cause God to cease in his love for us. Think of Jesus bending to meet the eyes of the woman caught in adultery, saying, "Neither do I condemn you." (John 8:11). In such a way, God comes to meet us in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, bending to meet our eyes and say, "Neither do I condemn you. Go and sin no more."

To prepare to receive this beautiful sacrament, complete an Examination of Conscience, which helps you identify the sins you need to confess.

ALPHA SESSIONS. YOU'RE INVITED! (SF)

Unpack the Christian faith together. Meet new people and explore the Christian faith together. Alpha is for anyone who's curious. No judgment, no pressure. Each session unpacks a big question of life, faith, and purpose, and is designed to spark conversation. Start Date: Wednesday, February 25, 2026. Time: 6:30-8:00 pm. Hosted at St. Francis de Sales Parish, 434 Second St. W., in the Parish Hall (back entrance). Come along, see what you think. For more information, contact: Paul Baron, paulbaron1982@gmail.com (343-867-3212).

YOUTH LED STATIONS OF THE CROSS – LENT 2026

During Lent, we invite the youth of both our parishes (ages 12–17) to lead the Stations of the Cross every Friday at 6:30 PM at St. Francis de Sales Parish.

Altar servers will assist with serving, and other youth will take turns reading the Stations. This is a wonderful opportunity for our young people to deepen their faith, serve their parish community, and take an active role in the Church. Our youth are the future of our Church—let's encourage them to grow as leaders, disciples, and witnesses of Christ.

If your child is interested, please contact Carmel Prince - carmel.prince@hotmail.ca / 647-897-5299.

K OF C COUNCIL 11531 - GENERAL MEETING

General Meeting for all Members will be on Tuesday, March 17th, 2026, in the Parish Hall. Rosary at 6:30 pm, and the meeting begins at 7:00 pm. All members are invited and encouraged to attend.

MSGR. KEVIN J. MALONEY COUNCIL 11531 - PARISH BREAKFAST

Sunday, March 22nd, 2026, 8:30 am - 12:30 pm in the St. Francis de Sales Parish Hall. Cost: Adults \$10.00, children under 12 years old \$4.00.

VIOLIN AND PIANO CONCERT

The Parish Pastoral Council, along with the Patrons of St. Columban Foundation, are delighted to announce a violin and piano concert at St. Columban church on Saturday, March 21, featuring Anna Mariya and Mariusz Monczak. This Lenten performance will feature a selection of classical and modern works dedicated to the memory of St. John Paul II, interspersed with brief Scripture verses and reflections from his writings. The event will begin at 6:30 pm, and admission is by free-will offering, with proceeds shared between the artists and the parish. We look forward to a beautiful evening of music and meditation. Peace

FLAME OF LOVE CENACLE / GROUP (SC)

Every Saturday, 1:00-2:30 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.**

ST. COLUMBAN FOUNDATION SPAGHETTI FUNDRAISER (SC)

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 15 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 Knights of Columbus on Amelia Street. Everyone is welcome.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY – NOTRE-DAME CEMETERY (SOUTH STORMONT)

Notre-Dame Cemetery in South Stormont is currently seeking a **full-time Office Administrator** to join our team. This position involves meeting with families, coordinating bookings, assisting with plot and niche sales, and providing general administrative support for cemetery operations.

Candidates with a **strong office administrative background, excellent attention to detail, and strong interpersonal skills** may be a great fit for this role.

If you are interested in applying, please send your **résumé and cover letter** to tracy.cameron@ottawacornwall.ca.

NEW TO THE PARISH

If you are new and would like parish envelopes, please fill out a registration form at the main entrance. You can also call the office during regular business hours.

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.

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.

“I CAN ONLY IMAGINE 2” AT THE PORT THEATRE

Don't miss the powerful follow-up to the beloved hit I Can Only Imagine! Experience the inspiring story, unforgettable music, and moments that will move your heart. March 6th – March 19th Nightly at 7:15 PM, Matinees: March 10th & 11th at 1:30 PM. No Show Saturday, March 14th at 7:15 PM. All Seats Just \$7.50 | \$5.00 Tuesdays – Bring a Friend!

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 great way to spend Lent! Walking it with Jesus! BY BEING FAITHFUL TO A HOLY HOUR, AND LETTING NOTHING INTERFERE WITH IT, WE USE IT AS A SIGN AND SYMBOL OF OUR VICTIMHOOD WITH CHRIST. (Blessed Fulton Sheen)

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS (SC)

The Easter Triduum is approaching, and preparations are underway at St. Columban's Church. As part of our annual celebrations, we are seeking volunteers to help decorate the church. This is a wonderful opportunity for both new and returning volunteers to contribute to our community and help create a welcoming environment for this important occasion.

Details for Volunteers:

- **Date, Time & Place:** Volunteers are invited to come to St. Columban Church after 8:00 a.m. Mass on Tuesday, March 31, beginning at 9:00 a.m.
- **Who Can Join:** All volunteers, whether you are new or have helped previously, are encouraged to participate. Everyone's help is appreciated as we prepare for this special time.

We are grateful for the continued support of our community members. If you are available, please consider joining us in making this Easter Triduum memorable.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

Development and Peace is based on five values: dignity, participation, solidarity, the preferential option for the poor, and integrity.

To put everything in perspective, our presence around the world from September 1, 2024, to August 31, 2025:

- ❖ \$19.8 million was invested
- ❖ 34 countries in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, Latin America and the Middle East
- ❖ 59 community development and humanitarian projects
- ❖ 7 million people reached by our overseas projects and programs

Your dollar makes a difference:

- 78% goes to international programs
- 14% goes to programs in Canada
- 8% goes to Governance and general activities

The Share Lent parish collection is on **March 21st/22nd**. You can also donate online at devp.org/give or by setting up a monthly donation to reduce administrative costs.