St. Columbkille Church

_Uptergrove_
4993 Highway 12
Ramara, ON.
L3V 8E1
Phone: 705-325-1033

Mass:
Saturday, 7:00 pm
Sunday, 11:00 am

Parish: 1855;
Present Church, 1905

Mission Statement for Saint Columbkille Parish

We, the faith community of Saint Columbkille Catholic Church, in the Archdiocese of Toronto, are called through Baptism to celebrate the presence of Christ in word and Sacrament. In the spirit of faith, service and community, we strive to bring people closer together and closer to God.

Parish Team: refer to the Main Bulletin cover of Guardian Angels Orillia
Rectory Office: 115 West St. N., Orillia;
705-326-2849 x121
PARISH MINISTRIES and SERVICE GROUPS

Altar Servers:  Michelle Stong          705-325-0826
Bulletin:       Cathy Pickard          705-330-6758
C.W.L.:         Karen McIsaac          705-325-9904
Cemetery:       James F. Smith         705-326-2297
Custodian:      Gerald Healy           705-826-3956
Finance:        Marg Mulvihill         705-325-1715
Hall Rental:    Gerald Healy           705-826-3956
Liturgy:        Anne Buchanan          705-327-0266
Music:          Anne Buchanan          705-327-0266
Parish Council Chair: Cathy Pickard  705-330-6758
Sacraments:     Sherri-Anne Montgomery 705-329-4651

Scheduling: Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors
            Karen McIsaac          705-325-9904
St. Francis of Assisi Church
Washago
3315 Muskoka Street
Washago, ON

Mass: Sunday, 9:30 am

PARISH MINISTRIES and SERVICE GROUPS

Mass Servers: Frances McFall 705-689-6943
Capital Campaign: John Leskew 705-689-5278
Children’s Liturgy: Katrina Hunt 705-689-9494
Eucharistic Ministry: Jeanne McDonald 705-689-8681
Hall Rental: Bob Goodwin 705-689-5975
Ladies’ Group: Lucille Moore 705-689-8001
Lectors: Paulette Van Dyk 705-689-9103
Liturgy: Maureen Guarnaccio 705-689-9503
Ministry to the Sick: Pat Grisdale 705-326-3963
Sacraments: Tammy Wilson 705-689-5740
Reconciliation, First Communion, Confirmation
St. Joseph Cemetery: Maurice McMillan 705-689-5860

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Mass Intentions

Saturday † March 19
7:00 pm  St. Columbkille Mass: Michael Smith

St. Patrick’s Dance to follow, everyone welcome!

Palm Sunday † March 20
9:30 am  St. Francis of Assisi Mass: People Of The Church
11:00 am  St. Columbkille Mass: Michael Lee

Rite of Enrollment

Wednesday † March 23
9:00 am  Guardian Angels Mass: Neil Wanamaker

● Lenten Noon Hour Service

12:15 pm  (St. Paul’s-62 Peter Street North)
Guest Speaker-Rev. Dr. Ted Reeve (United)

† 7:00 pm  Reconciliation for All Churches at Guardian Angels Church

Let every heart prepare him room

Sacred Triduum†
Holy Thursday, March 24

7:00 pm  St. Columbkille Mass: Mary Francis Healy
7:00 pm  St. Francis of Assisi Mass: Agnes Frederick

† Good Friday, March 25
Divine Mercy Devotion begins

2:00 pm  St. Columbkille Stations of the Cross
3:00 pm  Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord in St. Columbkille Church
3:00 pm  Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord in St. Francis of Assisi Church
8:00 pm  Tenebrae at Guardian Angels Church
† Holy Saturday, March 26

NO MASS AT GUARDIAN ANGELS CHURCH

1:00 pm   Blessing of the Food in Guardian Angels Church
7:00 pm   Solemn Easter Vigil
           St. Columbkille Mass: Jeannette Trembley
7:00 pm   Solemn Easter Vigil
           St. Francis of Assisi Mass: Norma Iglar

EASTER SUNDAY † March 27

9:30 am   St. Francis of Assisi Mass: Young Yo-Han
11:00 am  St. Columbkille Mass: Joe & Marie Lee

Celebrate the resurrection of our Lord!

Happy EASTER
Please read the following about pending legislation on Euthanasia/Assisted Suicide in Canada and how we can offer truly loving and merciful alternatives.

Statement from Cardinal Thomas Collins concerning Euthanasia/Assisted Suicide

“I will give no deadly medicine to anyone if asked, nor suggest any such counsel…” - The Hippocratic Oath

“You shall not kill.” Exodus 20:13

“Contemplating Suicide? We Can Help!” There was a time when such an advertisement pointed to a crisis line, where someone was standing by to counsel you and to offer hope in a situation of intolerable pain. We are in a very different time, now. In a few short months assisted suicide, its grim reality hidden behind blandly deceptive terms like “Medical Assistance in Dying”, will be declared an acceptable option in our country, enshrined in law. As the federal government prepares legislation to implement the Supreme Court’s decision, it is crucial to consider the effects of this fundamental change in our laws.

Death comes to us all, sometimes suddenly, and sometimes slowly. Although patients benefit from medication that controls pain, they are fully justified in refusing burdensome and disproportionate treatment that serves only to prolong the inevitable process of dying. But dying is simply not the same as being killed. We are grateful for physicians and nurses and others who offer medical assistance to patients who are dying, but it is never justified for them to kill a patient.

Physicians across our country who have devoted their lives to healing patients will soon be asked to do the exact opposite. They will not be asked to ease their suffering by providing them with treatment and loving care, but by putting them to death. In fact, killing a patient will no longer be considered a crime, but will actually be seen as a kind of health care, complete with legislation to regulate it.
On February 25, 2016, a parliamentary committee presented the lawmakers who will craft this disturbing legislation with 21 recommendations. They should shock us to the core, especially if we believe, complacently and incorrectly, that the change in the law will affect only a few people with grave physical illness, who have lived a long life, and are near death. In fact, the recommendations include:

1) A desire to allow, beginning in three years, access to euthanasia/assisted suicide for minors (those under 18).  The ability for those diagnosed with conditions like dementia to pre-schedule their deaths.  Insistence that those with psychiatric conditions be eligible for euthanasia/assisted suicide.  A requirement that any institution receiving public funding, including Catholic hospitals, long-term care facilities and hospices, provide euthanasia/assisted suicide, thus forcing them to repudiate the very principles that are the foundation of their immense service to us all.

2) A requirement that doctors who refuse to kill a patient must make sure that someone else does it. No other country in the world requires such a violation of conscience.

It is unjust to force people to act against their conscience in order to be allowed to practice as a physician or, in the case of a health care facility, in order to qualify for government funding. It is not tolerant of religious diversity. It is religious discrimination that punishes those who so faithfully serve everyone who comes to them, and have done so since before Canada existed but who, in good conscience, cannot perform some procedures, such as helping to kill their patients.

When the state goes beyond its legitimate but limited role, and suppresses conscience rights in this way, I am reminded of a man whose employer told him to do something against his conscience. He courageously replied: “You employ me; you don’t own me.”

End-of-life care (palliative care) is currently accessible to only 30% of Canadians. This is a tragedy, and unacceptable. Instead of providing ways to hasten death, we should be providing palliative care for every Canadian, greater support for those with mental illness, and help for those tempted to suicide.

Some people become convinced that, at a certain point, there is no longer any “value” in their life, since they cannot function as they once did. Their concern deserves our compassionate respect, but it is a shaky foundation for social policy. Our value as people comes not from what we can do, but from who we are. It comes from within, from our inherent dignity as human beings. Once we make people’s worthiness to live dependent on how well they function, our society has
crossed the boundary into dangerous territory in which people are treated as objects that can be discarded as useless.

Mindful of the inherent dignity of each person, it is time for families across the country to have a difficult but necessary conversation about the reality of death. We need to understand the destructive implications of these legal changes, and offer truly loving and merciful alternatives. And Christians should be guided by these words of Jesus, that for 2000 years have inspired heroic acts of loving service: “Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.” (Matthew 25:40)

Thomas Cardinal Collins Archbishop of Toronto March 1, 2016

Tell Legislators How You Feel

Those people who are concerned about this legislation are encouraged to visit CanadiansforConscience.ca and join the Coalition for HealthCARE and Conscience. The coalition is made up of numerous partners, including more than 5,000 Canadian doctors, and has been formed to educate and engage those who share our concerns.

You can use this website to write directly to your Member of Parliament, respectfully expressing your concerns. Please urge your elected representative 1) to protect the vulnerable; and 2) to ensure that individuals and institutions can provide health care without having to compromise their moral convictions.
23. There is an aspect of mercy that goes beyond the confines of the Church. It relates us to Judaism and Islam, both of which consider mercy to be one of God’s most important attributes. Israel was the first to receive this revelation which continues in history as the source of an inexhaustible richness meant to be shared with all mankind. As we have seen, the pages of the Old Testament are steeped in mercy, because they narrate the works that the Lord performed in favour of his people at the most trying moments of their history. Among the privileged names that Islam attributes to the Creator are “Merciful and Kind”. This invocation is often on the lips of faithful Muslims who feel themselves accompanied and sustained by mercy in their daily weakness. They too believe that no one can place a limit on divine mercy because its doors are always open.

I trust that this Jubilee year celebrating the mercy of God will foster an encounter with these religions and with other noble religious traditions; may it open us to even more fervent dialogue so that we might know and understand one another better; may it eliminate every form of closed-mindedness and disrespect, and drive out every form of violence and discrimination.

*Small gestures of love, of tenderness, of care, make people feel that the Lord is with us. This is how the door of mercy opens.*

_Pope Francis_

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**Special Second Collections**

**Good Friday: 25 March**

On Good Friday, 25 March, there will be a Pontifical collection for the Holy Land in support of Christian Communities, the work of the Holy Land, the upkeep of the Holy Sites and the formation of future Priests.

**Church Projects: 26/27 March**

A second collection will be taken at all Easter Masses 26/27 March for the special projects at our Churches.

*St. Columbkille Church: Building Fund.*

*St. Francis of Assisi Church: Building Fund.*
St. Columbkille Parish

St. Columbkille First Communion Meetings
Sunday, March 20  10:00 am  Rite of Enrollment during 11:00 am Mass
Sunday, April 3  10:00 am
Saturday, April 16  10:00 am  Rehearsal

Note: All meetings will take place in the Church Hall.

First Communion Day: Sunday, April 17 at 11:00 am (arrive no later than 10:20 am).

Easter Flowers
We are again offering Parishioners a chance to sponsor Easter Flowers for the Sanctuary, there are Easter Flower envelopes at the Church Entrances.

Parish Council Meeting
St. Columbkille Parish Council will meet on Saturday, April 2 at 2:00 pm in the parish hall. Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting.
CWL
The next CWL meeting will be held on Monday, April 4 at 7:00 pm beginning with Mass. All parishioners are welcome to attend Mass.

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**Financial Update to Dec. 31, 2015**

**General Working Account**

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* Note: Invoices for oil had not been received for fuel used in the fall of 2015. Therefore, fuel charges will be reflected in the 2016 first quarter report.

**Repair and Renewal Account**

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**Property and Finance Report**

St. Columbkille parish has been granted permission from the Archdiocese of Toronto to start necessary renovations in the Parish Hall. The projected cost is approximately $46,000.00. This will include removal of the wood paneling, insulating, upgrading of electrical outlets, and other safety and cosmetic renovations. A more fire retardant material will be put on the walls. We thank all for their ongoing support of our “repair and renewal” fund and ask that your support is continued as we complete our renovation projects. The work is to begin soon. We ask for your patience and support for any inconveniences during this time.
St. Francis of Assisi Church

St. Francis of Assisi Church will host a **Roast Beef Dinner**

**When:** Saturday, April 23, 2016 at 6:00 pm.

**Cost:** $18.00 per person and $50.00 per family

Happy hour from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Roast Beef Dinner with all the trimmings.

For tickets contact **Pat Grisdale** at **705-326-3963**.

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**Preparation for Divine Mercy Sunday**

You are invited to prepare for the Feast of Divine Mercy Sunday which is celebrated this year on Sunday, April 3. Beginning on Good Friday and for each of the 9 days preceding Divine Mercy Sunday, you are invited to pray the Novena Chaplet. The culmination of the Feast will take place at the 11:00 am Mass at Guardian Angels on April 3. A complete cleansing of all sins and punishment due to sin can be obtained if the following conditions are observed:

● The Novena of Chaplets completed on April 3rd  
● Confession and Communion on that day or as close as possible to the Feast, with Communion accompanied by complete trust in Divine Mercy and an act of Mercy in Deed, Word and Prayer-forgiving and comforting, corporal works of mercy, prayers for mercy for the world.

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*Jesus’ passion invites our com-passion: our loving presence to his suffering. And Jesus’ passion, Luke tells us, makes way for the coming of the kingdom of God. Let us witness to the divine presence in our world through our compassion.*

*Excerpts from Living With Christ-Palm Sunday, March 20.*