



St. Columbkille Cathedral

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Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Tuesday: 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Friday: 9:00 am to 12:00 noon

Cathedral Staff

Secretary: Mrs. Lydia Demeter-Lewis, Secretary
Secretary: Mrs. Christine Patriquin, Secretary
Caretaker: Mr. David St-Jean
Bookkeeper: Mrs. Mary Van Gool

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 4, 2026

Entrance Antiphon: Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

Communion Antiphon: The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



St. Denis was born in the 3rd century. He was sent with 6 other bishops to Gaul to convert the people to Christianity. Little is known of St. Denis' life, but he was the bishop of Paris and was beheaded between 250 and 270 AD. Legend says that, after decapitation, he picked up his head and continued preaching. Thus, he is depicted carrying his own head. He is invoked for those who suffer from headaches. He is the patron saint of France and of Paris.

Pope's Prayer Intention for October 2026: For mental health ministry – Let us pray for that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults: Would you like to become a Catholic? Continues this week, Wednesday evening at 7:00 pm. Parishioners are also invited to attend these sessions to learn more about the faith. This year there will be different presenters from among the priests and others.

St. Columba Cemetery Collection: Beginning this year, we will have an annual collection for the needs of our cemetery. All five parishes that use St. Columba Cemetery will take up this collection. If you are able to donate to this collection, it will be of great help to the many financial challenges that face our cemetery. The envelopes are in your offertory boxes. In addition, there are envelopes available at the entrances to the cathedral.

Altar Boys needed!!! To carry out the liturgical rites, the Church has always had altar boys who assisted at the altar. The thought then and now is that such a service will bring out any vocational calling to the priesthood. The Cathedral parish is in desperate need of more altar boys. Having made First Communion, I invite any boys in the congregation to come and serve on the altar. Please let me know, or Felix, or the parish office.

Good News: In the past decades that have seen a decline in Mass attendance and religious faith, the Church is witnessing a resurgence in Faith practice throughout the world as is evidenced by the significant rise in conversions to the Faith. Here are some encouraging numbers for our own Cathedral parish with our attendance records so far this year by month:

	2025	2026
Jan	1,279	1,330
Feb	1,094	1,332
Mar	1,432	1,802
Apr	1,619	1,883
May	1,336	1,940
Jun	1,704	1,584
Jul	1,157	1,462
Aug	1,071	2,092
Sep	1,277	1,716
	11,969	15,141



The CWL is setting up a Lending Library for the parish, in the Religious Store. If you have any gently used religious books for adults or children you would like to donate, please drop them off at the store after **10:30 mass on Sunday** or by contacting Bernadette at 613-635-1292 or bernadettechaput@gmail.com. Thank you for your continued support of our CWL.

Rosary Rally: A public rosary to pray for Canada through the intercession of Mary is scheduled to take place at the Pembroke Riverwalk Amphitheatre on **Saturday, October 10 at 12 noon**. This event is done in partnership with Canada Needs Our Lady. Please bring your rosary, family members, and friends. Any questions, contact Sean at: avemaria2638@gmail.com

Knights of Columbus Council Meeting: The Knights of Columbus, Bishop N. Z. Lorrain Council, will hold their regular monthly meeting on **Tuesday, October 13, at 7:00 PM** at the Knights of Columbus Hall (170 Ellis Ave.). All members are encouraged to attend. New members and interested men of the parish are always welcome!

Marriage Preparation Program: The Fall Diocesan Marriage Preparation Program is coming up on Saturday, October 17th and Saturday, October 31st 2026 at Our Lady of Sorrows in Petawawa. Register online at <https://www.jotform.com/yvettebourque/marriageprep>. E-transfers of \$150/couple can be made to donnabiggs@pembrokediocese.com, or mail cheques to Diocese of Pembroke, 284 Trafalgar Road, Pembroke, ON K8A 5A8. **Deadline to register is October 15th**. For inquiries, please contact Patrick Sullivan at family@pembrokediocese.com or call 613 732-7933 ext. 208. Space is limited. Don't delay!

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Life Chain – Pembroke: Life Chain is a powerful, peaceful street witness and prayer vigil held every year across North America. We stand silently and prayerfully on the sidewalk. Signs provided. Bring your whole family! Life Chain goes rain or shine. Lawn chairs, umbrellas and strollers are welcome. Meet at the Festival Hall parking lot at **1:45pm on Sunday October 4th** to collect your sign and greet fellow pro-lifers. Please join us in standing for life! Sponsored by Renfrew County Right to Life: www.facebook.com/RCRTL

Renfrew County Right to Life presents their annual **Celebrate Life! Banquet** on **Thursday November 5** in Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall at 5 PM for the Meet & Greet and 6 PM Dinner. Come and enjoy a delicious dinner catered by Bread of Life, and special music by Braelynn & Brynnlee Ashick and OLSW College. Our featured speakers will be Angelina Steenstra and Julia Szumoski from Silent No More Awareness. In memory of Becky Chaput, we would ask you to bring something to help fill a basket for First Step Options. Please reserve your seat by mailing your payment of \$40 per person (students \$30) to: c/o 284 Trafalgar Rd, Pembroke, ON K8A 5A8. For more info, please call Barb Austen at 613-735-6265 or visit www.facebook.com/RCRTL.

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS

SUNDAY ENVELOPES	\$ 3,336.50
LOOSE OFFERINGS	\$ 657.05
SUNDAY SOCIAL	\$ 134.00
NEW HYMNALS	\$ 60.00
ST. COLUMBA CEMETERY	\$ 5,110.00
NEEDS OF CANADIAN CHURCH	\$ 1,005.25

Thank you for your kindness to the Cathedral Parish.

MASS ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

7:00 pm	84
10:30 am	225
5:15 pm	109

LECTORS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

7:00 pm	Timothy Girard
10:30 am	Lance Patriquin
5:15 pm	Bill Fillmore

SUNDAY SOCIAL

Sunday, October 11 – No Social – Thanksgiving Weekend

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Masses for the week of Oct. 6 – Oct. 11

Tuesday, Oct 6			Ferial
7:00 pm	Cathedral	No Mass	
Wednesday, Oct 7			Requiem Mass
11:00 am	Cathedral	† Reta McBean	
Thursday, Oct 8			Ferial – Mass with Cathedral School
10:00 am	Cathedral	† Genda Scott <i>req. by Les & Family</i>	
Friday, Oct 9			St. Denis and Companions
11:00 am	Cathedral	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
12:10 pm	Cathedral	Ints. of Stacey Kennedy <i>req. by her mother Brenda McFarlane</i>	
Masses for the Sunday Obligation – 28 th Sunday in Ordinary Time			
Saturday Oct 10			
7:00 pm	Cathedral	† Thomas Godin <i>req. by his wife Ethel</i>	
Sunday, Oct 11			
10:30 am	Cathedral	† Dec. Mem. of the Blaskie & Senacka Family <i>req. by The Blaskie Family</i>	
5:15 pm	Cathedral	Missa Pro Populo	

