Christi simus, non nostri. + We belong to Christ, not ourselves.



June 28, 2020—13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Columban Parish

506 First St. S, Yelm, WA 98597 360-458-3031 <u>parishoffice@sc-sp.org</u> Office: M-Th 9AM-12PM; 12:30-2PM

Sunday Mass: 10:30 AM Saturday: 5 PM Daily Mass: Wednesdays 9 AM Anointing of the Sick: By Appt. Confession: Fridays 4:00—5:00 PM ALL PARISH EVENTS HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

The church may be opened upon request during office hours for those wishing to pray inside.

www.saintcolumbanyelm.org

ST. PETER MISSION

149 Keithahn St. S, Tenino, WA 98589 360-264-2124 <u>gaby@sc-sp.org</u> Office: Monday, Friday 10:30AM – 2PM

Sunday Mass: 8:00 AM Confession: Sundays 7:30-7:45AM Anointing of the Sick: by Appt. St Peter Advisory stpeteradvisory@sc-sp.org

DUE TO COVID19 RESTRICTIONS, ALL MASSES ARE BY RESERVATION ONLY AND WILL BE HELD ON THE ST. COLUMBAN CAMPUS

Mission Statement - We are a Catholic faith community that seeks to place God first, to know Him, and to grow in holiness together. We strive to live the Gospel through the Eucharist, in our teaching and way of life.

For emergency assistance contact Society of St. Vincent de Paul: 360-458-1904. Please leave your name, number, and details of your need.

SAINT COLUMBAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

WELCOME! Please contact the office to register as a parishioner, for questions about any announcement, how to prepare for a sacrament, schedule a funeral or Mass Intention or to update your contact information.

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Mass Intentions

Pray for all those affected by Covid-19 and for first responders and caregivers.

In Our Prayers

Loving God, we join with others of your people here asking you to hold in Your hands Mona Guffey, Joseph Waters, Oneida Blagg, Don Troyer, and Michael Mauss, and all those in harm's way.

Rest in Peace: Roger Johnson

Financial Stewardship

St. Columban St. Peter

Weekly Goal	\$5,762	\$712
June 14	\$1,555	\$380

From a sermon by Saint Augustine, Bishop

The voice of one crying in the wilderness

The Church observes the birth of John as a hallowed event. We have no such commemoration for any other fathers; but it is significant that we celebrate the birthdays of John and of Jesus. This day cannot be passed by. And even if my explanation does not match the dignity of the feast, you may still meditate on it with great depth and profit.

John is born of a woman too old for childbirth; Christ was born of a youthful virgin. The news of John's birth was met with incredulity, and his father was struck dumb. Christ's birth was believed, and he was conceived through faith.

Such is the topic, as I have presented it, for our inquiry and discussion. But as I said before, if I lack either the time or the ability to study the implications of so profound a mystery, he who speaks within you even when I am not here will teach you better; it is he whom you contemplate with devotion, whom you have welcomed into your hearts, whose temples you have become.

John, then, appears as the boundary between the two testaments, the old and the new. That he is a sort of boundary the Lord himself bears witness, when he speaks of *the law and the prophets up until John the Baptist*. Thus he represents times past and is the herald of the new era to come. As a representative of the past, he is born of aged parents; as herald of the new, he is declared to be a prophet while still in his mother's womb.

For when yet unborn, he leapt in his mother's womb at the arrival of blessed Mary. In that womb he had already been designated a prophet, even before he was born; it was revealed that he was to be Christ's precursor, before they ever saw one another. These are divine happenings, going beyond the limits of our human frailty. Eventually he is born, he receives his name, his father's tongue is loosened. See how these events reflect reality

Zechariah is silent and loses his voice until John, the precursor of the Lord, is born and restores his voice. The silence of Zechariah is nothing but the age of prophecy lying hidden, obscured, as it were, and concealed before the preaching of Christ. At John's arrival, it becomes clear when the one who was being prophesied is about to come. The release of Zechariah's voice at the birth of John is a parallel to the rending of the veil at Christ's crucifixion. If John were announcing his own coming, Zechariah's lips would not have been opened. The tongue is loosened because a voice is born. For when John was preaching the Lord's coming he was asked: Who are you? And he replied: I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness. The voice is John, but the Lord in the beginning was the Word. John was a voice that lasted only for a time; Christ, the Word in the beginning, is eternal.

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist is celebrated on June 24.

Pax et bonum Fr. Dean

Prayer Garden Update Order forms for the bricks are available on our parish website and also at the parish office.

SAINT COLUMBAN PASTORAL COUNCIL Judith Cusick (Chairperson), Sheila Johnson, Jerome Didier, Joseph Judge parishoffice@sc-sp.org

SAINT PETER ADVISORY COMMISSION

Sherry Bachmann (Chairperson), Marilyn Ritter, Bernie Schwarz, Bob Bacon, Diane Weston, stpeteradvisory@sc-sp.org

For daily Mass readings and Event Calendar please see our Monthly Insert, found in the narthex and on our website.

Faith Formation

All Faith Formation classes will resume in September

Registration is available throughout the summer

Youth Ministry Grades 6 -12

Confirmation classes resume for all grades next school year, Fall 2020. *Contact Chad for more information.*

Thank you to all who took the time to attend our Drive-in Signature drive for I-1698. 40 signatures were collected!

Thank You

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SAINT PETER (Parental Guidance Recommended)

As a dedicated follower of Christ, Peter spreads the message of the Gospel across the land. As the tension between Christians and Romans grows throughout the film, Peter and Paul meet and join together in preaching about Christ.

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To save on printing, some extra bulletin content will now be exclusively found in the online edition of our bulletin, which is also emailed weekly to parishioners.

Sign up at

<u>flocknote.com/saintcolumbanyelm</u> or visit our website <u>saintcolumbanyelm.org</u>

All Masses will resume with modifications, see below for details

MASS RESERVATIONS

In accordance with the Governor's instructions and guidance from the Archdiocese, public Mass at our parish will resume on Father's Day Weekend (June 20-21). Mass will be limited to 50 people and reservations must be made in advance.

To make a reservation for Mass, please contact the Parish Office.

360-458-3031 ext. 5 Mon-Thurs from 9AM-2PM

Reservations end every Thursday at 2PM and please note that <u>leaving a voicemail does not</u> <u>confirm your reservation.</u>

Weekend Mass will be:

Saturday	5PM
Sunday	8AM (St. Peters)
	10:30AM

Daily Mass will resume every Wednesday at 9AM starting June 24th. This will also be by reservation only and reservations end Tuesdays at 2PM.

Confession will be every Friday from 4-5PM at St. Columban.

Important Things to Remember

- Masks will be required and only persons from within the same household will be seated together.
- Please arrive at least 20 minutes early for Mass. You will be checked in by a Greeter and then seated by an Usher.
- Communion will distributed after Mass as you leave. Masks and gloves must be removed before receiving.
- We recommend you bring your own missal with you for the readings as they will not be provided.

Knights of Columbus No events until further notice.



Coffee Hours-Women's Club No events until further notice.



Thank you to all who returned your pledges. The Catholic Appeal Campaign supports over 60 ministries and services in the Archdiocese. Once our goal is reached, every dollar and every prayer will be returned to the parish and mission for our special projects. *Please do not send blank envelopes as it delays the process.*

Goal for St. Columban: \$29, 466

 Total Pledged as of June 21, 2020

 \$20,428
 69% of Goal

Goal for St. Peter: \$4, 651

 Total Pledged as of June 21, 2020

 \$5,171
 111% of Goal

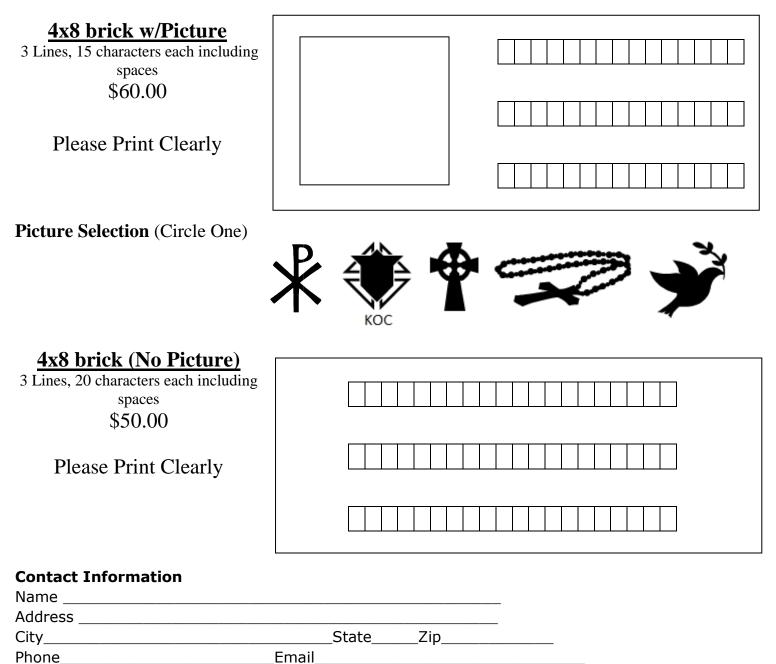
Feeling isolated? Not sure when parish life will resume? Stay connected and up to date with the St. Columban parish community by registering for **free** with Flocknote. If you have not already signed up, there are two options:

> Text to Join: text Columban to 84576 Visit our website and click the Flocknote button at the top right corner of the homepage.

"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6-7

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St. Columban Prayer Garden Personalized Brick Order Form



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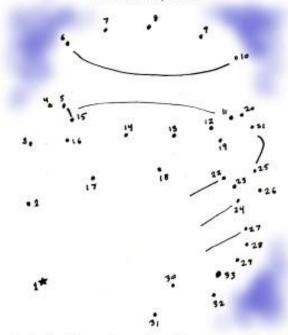
Please send this completed form, along with check or cash to:

St. Columban Catholic Church 506 1st St. S. Yelm, WA 98597

Cash payments must be made at the Parish Office and a receipt provided. Office Hours are M-Th from 9:00am-2:00pm.

The Kids' Bulletin

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time June 28th, 2020



In today's Gospel reading Jesus says that if you give one of these to a little one because they are His disciple you will be rewarded. What is it? Connect the dots to find out!

Saint Junipero Serra



Priorities

In today's Gospel reading Jesus says that if we love GOOD MORNING, anyone more that we love Him we



anyone more that we love Him we are not worthy of Him. What He means is that we need to keep God first in our lives. The two great commandments He gave us are 'Love the Lord work God with all your beart

the Lord your God with all your heart and mind and strength' and 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'

AFTER MASS

WE CAN VISIT

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How can we keep God first in our lives? We can start by talking to Him as soon as we start our day. We can tell Him we love Him and offer our day to Him! We also keep God first by following His lawsmaking sure we go to Mass at least every Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation, and going to Confession when we have a serious sin.

I'D LIKE TO PLAY BUT I HAVE TO LOOK AFTER NY BABY BROTHER.

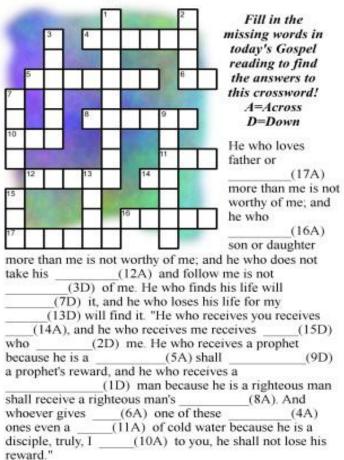


The next most important thing is loving others. God wants us to love and care for the people He has put into our lives. First we must care for our family that He has given us and then our friends and neighbours.

What is the most important thing for you to do today? How can you put God first every day this week?

Answers to Crossread. ACROSS. 4 little, 5 prophet, 6 to, 8 reveard, 10 au; 11 carp. 12 eross, 14 me, 16 lores, 17 mother. DOWN 1 inglusous, 2 sent, 3 worthy, 7 lose, 9 receive, 13 sales 15 him.

A Gospel Crossword



July 4 is Independence Day in the United States

Prayer for Our Government by Archbishop John Carroll (1791)

We pray, O almighty and eternal God, who through Jesus Christ has revealed thy glory to all nations, to preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church, being spread through the whole world, may continue with unchanging faith in the confession of your name.

We pray Thee, who alone are good and holy, to endow with heavenly knowledge, sincere zeal and sanctity of life, our chief bishop, the pope, the vicar of Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the government of his Church; our own bishop, all other bishops, prelates and pastors of the Church; and especially those who are appointed to exercise among us the functions of the holy ministry, and conduct your people into the ways of salvation.

We pray O God of might, wisdom and justice, through whom authority is rightly administered, laws are enacted, and judgment decreed, assist with your Holy Spirit of counsel and fortitude the president of these United States, that his administration may be conducted in righteous-

A Prayer for America by John Carroll, CatholicCompany.com Because Faith Matters

ness and be eminently useful to your people over whom he presides; by encouraging due respect for virtue and religion; by a faithful execution of the laws in justice and mercy; and by restraining vice and immorality.

Let the light of your divine wisdom direct the deliberations of Congress, and shine forth in all the proceedings and laws framed for our rule and government, so that they may tend to the preservation of peace, the promotion of national happiness, the increase of industry, sobriety and useful knowledge; and may perpetuate to us the blessing of equal liberty.

We pray for his excellency, the governor of this state, for the members of the assembly, for all judges, magistrates, and other officers who are appointed to guard our political welfare, that they may be enabled, by your powerful protection, to discharge the duties of their respective stations with honesty and ability.

We recommend likewise, to your unbounded mercy, all our brethren and fellow citizens throughout the United States, that they may be blessed in the knowledge and sanctified in the observance of your most holy law; that they may be preserved in union, and in that peace which the world cannot give; and after enjoying the blessings of this life, be admitted to those which are eternal.

Finally, we pray to you, O Lord of mercy, to remember the souls of your servants departed, who are gone before us with the sign of faith and repose in the sleep of peace; the souls of our parents, relatives and friends; of those who, when living, were members of this congregation, and particularly of such as are lately deceased; of all benefactors who, by their donations or legacies to this Church, witnessed their zeal for the decency of divine worship and proved their claim to our grateful and charitable remembrance. To these, O Lord, and to all that rest in Christ, grant, we beseech you, a place of refreshment, light and everlasting peace, through the same Jesus Christ, Our Lord and Savior.

Amen.

Our Lady, the Immaculate Conception, intercede for our nation!

Year OF THE Eucharist Archdiocese of Seattle

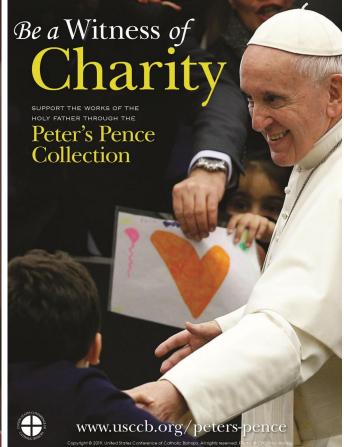
June 14, 2020 – June 6, 2021

We encourage you to join in the celebration of the Year of the Eucharist.

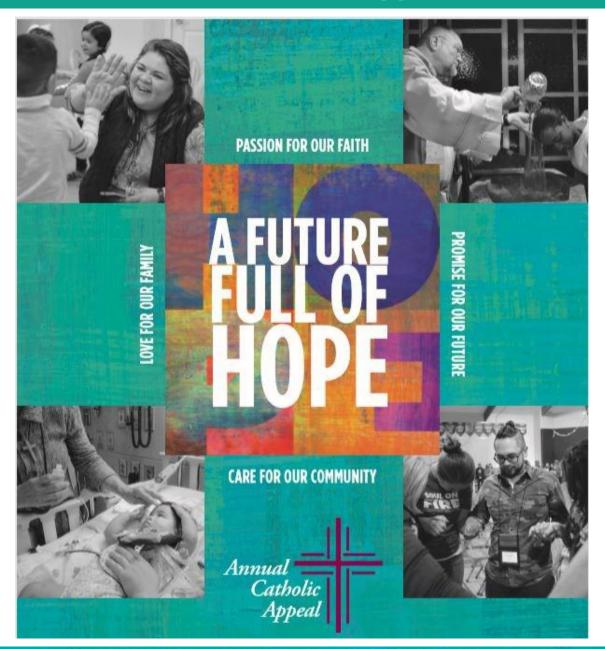
Read Archbishop's pastoral letter. Listen to what the Scriptures are saying to us. Spend time with the Blessed Sacrament. Join in the Year of the Eucharist at your parish!

#YearoftheEucharistSeattle

May those elected to public office at local, state, and national levels support and defend the dignity of all human life.



Annual Catholic Appeal



As Catholics we are called by our baptism to be missionary disciples, to "go into the world and proclaim the gospel to every creature." (Mk 16:15)

You can answer that special call through your generous giving to the Annual Catholic Appeal. As we kick off the Appeal in our parish this weekend, take some time now to decide how you will show your support, and what your gift will be this year.

If you are unable to contribute this year, please write "prayer" and return your envelope so we know you will be participating through prayer. Mediante nuestro bautismo, los católicos somos llamados a ser discípulos misioneros, a "ir al mundo y proclamar el Evangelio a toda criatura". (Mc 16:15)

Usted puede responder a esa llamada especial a través de su generoso donativo a la Petición Católica Anual. En este fin de semana en el que iniciamos la petición en nuestra parroquia, tómese un tiempo para decidir cómo va a mostrar su apoyo, y cuál será su donación este año.

www.seattlearchdiocese.org/donate

Sign up your hot rod, cool coupe, or rad ride!

Join us for our **2nd ever**

Annual Car Show - Saturday August 22, 9am–2pm

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This show is open to all years, makes and models.

Registration Fee is \$20 per vehicle, Lot opens at 8:30am, awards at 1:30pm

Trophies awarded for:

- Awesome 7 (participants' vote)
- People's Choice

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- Knights' Choice
- Father's Favorite

All proceeds benefit our Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids coat drive that help give kids in our community new winter jackets on black Friday in November.

POC: Mr. Darren Johnson 253-709-4588 or darrenejohnson61@gmail.com



By your Knights of Columbus St. Columban Council #17152

Grounded in Love of God June 28, 2020 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Jesus calls us to love him more than any other created thing.

If we do, our relationships with our family and friends will be stronger.



Read

Take time to read and reflect on the Scriptures for this day.

Don't have access to a Bible?

Visit <u>www.usccb.org/bible/readings</u> or download an app such as *Laudate* or *iBreviary* to access the Mass readings. "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me. Whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me." (Mt 10:37)

Why did Jesus say this? What's wrong with loving our parents and children?

Because Jesus is God, our love for him strengthens our ability to love others, just as our love for our parents deepens our relationship with our siblings rather than detracts from it. The better we love him, the better we can love our family.

Being a good parent means occasionally living through times when our children are mad at us. Our love for Jesus can help us stay the course and do the right thing during those times.

2 Kings 4:8-11; 14-16a

This time next year, you will be holding a baby son

Psalm 89

Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord

Romans 6:3-4; 8-11

You must be dead to sin and alive in Christ

Matthew 10:37-42

Whoever loses his life for my sake will find it

At Home with Faith

Talk

Here are some reflection questions to help you have **Great Conversations** with the whole family.

- Listen to the Gospel reading while at Mass and ask your children if they heard how Jesus said, "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me." Ask them what they think about that. See if they are having a hard time understanding it.
- Tell your child a story about when you had to put your relationship with God ahead of your feelings for a person that you really cared about. It can be a story about when you had to say no to him because it was good for him — but only if that was far enough in the past that your child can see that you were acting in his best interest.
- Encourage your child to think about times when following God might mean acting in a way that might not please her friends. Encourage her to think about how sometimes this will make her a better friend in the long run.



One of the most difficult things for parents is having to discipline our children or thwart their desires.

Just about every parent has endured his or her children's anger. In our deep frustration, we may even find ourselves asking, "Is this issue worth the fight?"

In those moments when tensions are high and emotions are strong, our judgment can be weak. That's when our relationship with Jesus can ground us. If we pray regularly, pay attention to what we hear each week at Mass and think about what our faith teaches, we can ask, **"What does God want me to do right now?"** Reflecting on this question will give us the courage we need to stay the course if we are doing the right thing, and the wisdom to know when we need to compromise.

No matter what, our job as parents will lead us to some kind of sacrifice. When the going gets tough, it helps to remember that Jesus told us we would have to take up our cross and follow him. We can make that sacrifice with confidence in his promise that "whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." (Mt 10:39)

For more resources, including previous issues of At Home with Faith, visit us online at:

https://marriagefamilylife.seattlearchdiocese.org/athomewithfaith



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Archdiocese of Seattle Bishops Welcome Supreme Court Ruling on DACA

June 18, 2020 – It is with joyful hearts that we offer this statement regarding the Supreme Court's ruling to uphold the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program. The Catholic Church welcomes the Supreme Court's ruling as it supports our efforts to promote and protect the life and dignity of all people regardless of status.

DACA recipients are all around us and are valued members of our community. There are approximately 700,000 individuals living in the U.S. who currently have DACA status. They are in the pews next to us. They are working in our parishes and schools. They are parents raising children. They are university students. They are taxpayers and consumers who contribute billions of dollars to the economy every year. Thousands are young adults who are actively involved in various professional careers and living the American dream of building a better world for themselves and others. Thousands are working in the medical field, actively fighting the COVID-19 pandemic and caring for the sick.

The Catholic Church believes in the inherent human dignity of every person from conception until natural death and the Gospel imperative to protect the most vulnerable, including children. DACA recipients were brought to the United States as children and should be allowed to continue to manifest their God-given potential in the only country they have known as their home.

Today's ruling upholds the value and worth of all DACA recipients and their families. It honors their immense contribution to our society. It protects them from losing their local vocations, livelihoods, family connections, and community networks, including faith communities.

As a Church committed to the value of life, we fully support today's ruling. We further call upon government officials and all people of good will to support the passage of legislation that would protect DACA recipients from future attempts to remove them. We also call upon these same officials to pursue much-needed immigration reform to correct the many injustices and inequities that continue to be a part of our current system.

+ Daniel Muggenlog

Most Rev. Daniel H. Mueggenborg Auxiliary Bishop of Seattle

Most Rev. Paul D. Etienne, DD, STL Archbishop of Seattle

Most Rev. Eusebio Elizondo, M.Sp.S. Auxiliary Bishop of Seattle



Obispos de la Arquidiócesis de Seattle acogen dictámen de la Corte Suprema sobre DACA

18 de junio de 2020 - Es con el corazón rebozando de alegría que ofrecemos esta declaración con respecto al dictamen de la Corte Suprema de continuar el programa de Acción Diferida para los Llegados en la Infancia. La Iglesia acoge el dictamen de la Corte Suprema ya que éste apoya nuestros esfuerzos de promover y proteger la vida y dignidad para todas las personas sin importar su estatus.

Los beneficiarios de DACA están a nuestro alrededor y son valiosos miembros de nuestra comunidad. Hay aproximadamente 700.000 personas en EE.UU. actualmente protegidas por el programa DACA. Son personas que se sientan al lado nuestro en los bancos de la iglesia; personas que trabajan en nuestras parroquias y escuelas. Son contribuyentes y consumidores que aportan billones de dólares a la economía cada año. Miles de ellos son jóvenes adultos activos en varias carreras profesionales y que viven el sueño americano de construir un mundo mejor para ellos mismos y para los demás. Muchos de ellos están actualmente trabajando en el campo de la medicina, luchando activamente contra la pandemia del COVID-19 y cuidando de los enfermos.

La Iglesia Católica cree en la dignidad humana inherente en cada persona y en el imperativo del Evangelio de proteger a los más vulnerables, incluyendo a los niños. Los beneficiarios de DACA fueron traídos a los Estados Unidos cuando eran niños y se les debe permitir que continúen manifestando su potencial dado por Dios en el único país que conocen como su hogar.

El dictamen de hoy reconoce el valor de los beneficiarios de DACA y de sus familias. Honra su inmensa contribución a nuestra sociedad, y les permite vivir aquí sus vocaciones, ganar su sustento, mantener sus relaciones familiares y sociales, así como también continuar siendo miembros de sus comunidades de fe.

Como una Iglesia comprometida con la virtud de la vida, apoyamos completamente el dictamen de hoy. Más aún, instamos a todos los oficiales del gobierno y a todas las personas de buena voluntad a apoyar la aprobación de la legislación que protegerá a los beneficiarios de DACA de futuros intentos de remoción. Además, hacemos un llamado a estos mismos oficiales para que busquen una muy necesaria reforma de inmigración para corregir las muchas injusticias e inequidades que continúan formando parte del sistema actual.

+ Daniel Muggenlog

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The Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Religious Freedom Week continues through June 29!



Pray that God would give us the grace to remember the dignity of all and invite others to do the same.

Reflect: As Catholics, our strong tradition of social teaching compels us to be actively engaged in the building up of our communities. This is achieved by being involved in the political process—and yet today, many shy away from such involvement because our national and local conversations are filled with vitriol

and harsh language, often directed at people themselves. When personal attacks replace honest debate, no one wins. This kind of attack, no matter the reason, only serves to further divide our communities. What is needed is good, honest, civil dialogue. This means that we must treat everyone as worthy of being at the table, worthy of our respect, and worthy of being heard. In short, it means treating everyone as our neighbor.

Act: Interested in learning more about civil dialogue or about how your community can engage in civil dialogue more often? Join USCCB's Civilize It Campaign to help promote dignity beyond the debate. Visit civilizeit.org for more information, to take the pledge, or plan an opportunity for civil dialogue in your community.

Learn more at www.usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek!

Happy Independence Day!

God, source of all freedom, this day is bright with the memory of those who declared that life and liberty are your gift to every human being. Help us to continue a good work begun long ago. Make our vision clear and our will strong: that only in human solidarity will

we find liberty,

and justice only in the honor that belongs to every life on earth. Turn our hearts toward the family of nations: to understand the ways of others, to offer friendship, and to find safety only in the common good of all. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **R/.** Amen.

Take Action!

Ask your U.S. Senator to Support S. 874, the Dream Act of 2019. Urge them to stand in support of young adult immigrants by supporting legislative protection for DACA recipients. To do so, visit *www.JusticeForImmigrants.org/take-action*





SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2020

13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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"Whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple--amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward." - Mt 10:42

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 28, 2020

SUN 6/28	2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19 [2a]/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42
MON 6/29	Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [5b]/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19
TUE 6/30	Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12/Ps 5:4b-6a, 6b-7, 8 [9a]/Mt 8:23-27
WED 7/1	Am 5:14-15, 21-24/Ps 50:7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13, 16bc-17 [23b]/Mt 8:28-34
THR 7/2	Am 7:10-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10cd]/Mt 9:1-8
FRI 7/3	Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 20:24-29
<mark>SAT</mark> 7/4	Am 9:11-15/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 9b]/Mt 9:14-17
SUN 7/5	Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14 [cf. 1]/Rom 8:9, 11-13/ Mt 11:25-30

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 28, 2020

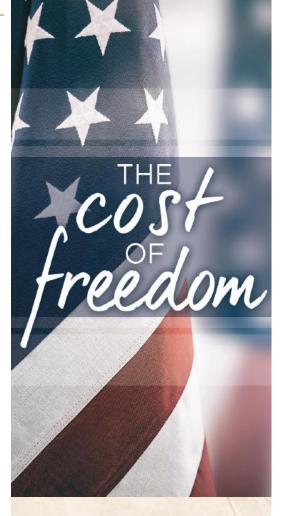
Sunday:	13 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles
Tuesday:	The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church
Wednesday:	St. Junípero Serra, Priest
Friday:	St. Thomas, Apostle
Saturday:	Independence Day
Next Sunday:	14 th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Independence Day

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

"Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?" What do you understand these words to mean? Many see these words as an indication of what may come in eternal life. In actuality, they have more to do with our lives here and now. We are called to die to ourselves and offer our lives as gifts given generously to others. It is not about us. We are asked to serve God and not continue in our service of sin. Life is about learning to do what we really do not want to do because it brings us deeper into the mystery of God, ourselves, and others. Learning how to accept and live with the "small deaths" and sacrifices we encounter teaches us how to live with and approach our final death. We can do so with a heart that has been touched by and is open to mercy or one that is self-focused and closed.





Frayer is the bridge between

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FIRST READING Elisha promised, "This time next year you will be fondling a baby son." (2 Kg 4:16a)



PSALM For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord. (Ps 89)



SECOND READING

Consequently, you too must think of yourselves as dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus. (Rom 611)



GOSPEL

"Whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me." (Mt 10:38)

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WORSHIP & MEDITATION

HEARTS OVERFLOWING WITH JOY

GOSPEL MEDITATION Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When we were baptized, we were baptized into Christ's death. Take a moment to ponder these profound words. We were baptized into death. In every sense of the word, we are asked to die. This is not just about our final death but about daily deaths due to inconvenience, discomfort, pain, loss, or others' needs. This is an incredible epiphany given the way we very often approach our lives. We do everything to avoid death, let alone encounter it! Many avoid pain, discomfort, inconvenience, uneasiness, change, interference, and suffering of any kind. We put a lot of energy into finding the easiest and least inconvenient way through many things. Even holding the door open for a stranger or saying hello to someone in the store can be major undertakings.

We are called to die. One of the biggest wake-up calls we can have is realizing that life is not about us! There are millions of other people sharing life on this planet with whom I have a relationship. Does my life celebrate those relationships? The most distracting question we can ask is, "What do I want to do?" The more focused, faith-filled question is, "What do I need to do?" What I need to do may not be what I want to do. However, asking this question more frequently will teach us how to more purposefully and intentionally live so we can be a life giving vessel for others. When we learn to live more sacrificially, to put the needs of others before our own, and to not always seek our own self-interest, we become aware of what baptism into Christ's death is really all about. These are the roots of virtue and the seedbed for justice, tolerance, solidarity, love, and peace.

Learning how to accept all the "small deaths" and sacrifices life calls us to teaches us how to approach our final death. All deaths ask us to empty ourselves into something or someone else. Whether we empty ourselves into the heart and soul of another human being or empty ourselves into God at the moment of our final death, new life is always received and nurtured. A heart that exclusively seeks its own interest is a heart that is closed to love. A heart that pours itself out to others and is content with being emptied is a heart that has been touched by and open to mercy. It is a heart that overflows with joy.

LITURGICAL LIFE



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

God is Love

I was recently at a Catholic conference and had a conversation with someone living in the thick of Hollywood culture. He was Catholic and spoke of how hard it was to live out his faith amid tremendous temptation and negativity toward religion. He spoke about how going to daily Mass helped to keep him centered and stay strong in his faith. He was a great witness to living out one's faith in the face of disbelief.

One thing that he told me stood out above all the rest. He spoke of his engagement to his fiancé and how important it was to him that God was a major part of their relationship and their lives as individuals as well. He told me he said something to her like, "If you don't love Jesus more than you love me, this is never going to work." What an amazing and truly moving witness!

Songs and books are written about the intense longing one human being can have for another. We can describe another as meaning everything to us. We speak of wanting to offer our complete selves to our beloved. However, true love is about more than wanting to be with that person. It is about wanting that person to know a love even greater than theirs: the love of God. No love can last without God. My Hollywood friend knew this to be the case. He showed his true love for his wife-to-be by sharing more than himself — he shared the very One who created love.

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained: Calling Priests Father

Question:

Why do Catholics call priests Father?

Answer:

One of the common objections evangelical Christians have to Catholics is our practice of calling priests by the title Father. They will often cite a passage in Matthew's Gospel in which Jesus tells his followers: "Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven" (23:19). It seems pretty straightforward, but when we put this verse in context, we see that Jesus is speaking out against religious leaders who had forgotten what their proper role was and who were bad examples through their own hypocrisy and elitist attitudes.

In other Gospels, we find Jesus himself using the title father for different characters, such as in the Parable of Lazarus and the Rich Man (Luke 16:19-31]) and the Parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32). If we put the verse from Matthew into the full scope of Jesus' teachings, he isn't saying that we can't use words like "father," "rabbi," or "master." Rather, he is telling us that we should be mindful of the full meaning of those titles and not to misuse them.

To call a priest "Father" is more than a sign of respect for the office of the priesthood. It goes all the way back to the way St. Paul understood his own work as a missionary and evangelizer. Paul wrote, "I am writing you in this way not to shame you but to admonish you as my beloved children ... It was I who begot you in Christ Jesus through my preaching of the Gospel. I beg you, then, be imitators of me. This is why I have sent you Timothy, my beloved and faithful son in the Lord" (1 Corinthians 4:14-17).

Yes, we have God alone as our heavenly Father, but there are also those here with us who nurture and nourish our faith through their teaching and care. This is why the title of Father has been applied to the church's pastors in different ways since the earliest days of the Church, including monks and nuns using the title "abbot" and "abbess" (from abba) for their spiritual leaders and Christians around the world recognizing the "Holy Father" or "pope" (from papa) as the head of the family that is the Church. The title Father is a reminder that priests have a special responsibility to care for, protect, feed, listen to, and nourish those who have been entrusted to them, all after the example of our Father in heaven who never ceases to give us what we truly need.

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"Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me."

- Mt 10:37-38

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LITURGICAL LIFE

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

We hear how the prophet Elisha and his servant Gehazi repaid the Shunammite woman for her generous hospitality. When have you shown excessive generosity to another?

Second Reading

Paul taught the Roman Christians that through Baptism, believers fully participate in the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ. How should this reality impact one's day-to-day living?

Gospel Reading

Jesus continues to teach his followers the challenges of discipleship. What do you find most challenging in following Christ?



13th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2020 | 13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

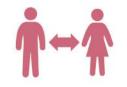
3 EASY STEPS

To Keeping Yourself & Others Healthy!

We are cautioned to be especially careful during the Coronavirus outbreak. Here are some simple ways to keep sickness away.







Wash Your Hands

Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds using soap and water. If you can't wash your hands, use hand sanitizer frequently.

Don't Touch Your Face

Especially around the eyes, nose and mouth. If you must sneeze, use a tissue or your arm.

Keep Your Distance

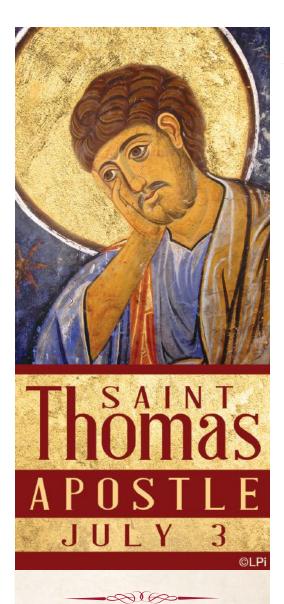
Practice social distancing during this epidemic and stay away from large groups. Instead, call, email or check up on family and friends using social media.



"Whoever gives" only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple--amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward."

- Mt 10:42

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THROUGHOUT THE WORLD



Compassionate and Loving Father,

In the face of confusion and concern impart to us the calm of Your presence.

In You allow us to find hope and healing.

Be with those who serve the sick and give them Your caring hands.

Be with those who lead and give them Your spirit of wisdom.

Be with those who have fallen ill and give them Your comforting heart.

Wrap Your arms around our world and hold us in Your love.

Allow us at this time of trial to then serve as instruments of that love to all we meet.

> We ask this in Your Name. Amen



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