

# SAINT COLUMBAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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### Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:00PM

Sunday: 10:30AM

Daily Mass: Tues—Fri 9AM \*except 1st Fridays

*Rosary is said 30min prior to each Mass*

### Sacraments

Anointing of the Sick: Following First Friday Devotions or by Appointment

Confession: Saturdays 3:30—4:30PM

First Friday Devotions: 6:30PM

*The church may be opened upon request during office hours for private prayer.*

### St. Vincent De Paul

*Providing emergency assistance for those in need.*

**Help Line:** 360-458-1904

Please leave your name, phone number, and details of your need.

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### Mass Schedule

Sunday 8:00 AM

*Rosary is said 30min prior to Mass*

### Sacraments

Confession: Sundays 7:30 -7:45AM

First Friday Devotions: 9:00AM

Anointing of the Sick: Following First Friday Devotions or by appointment

*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.*



*In Your Anger Do Not Sin*

**July 11, 2021**

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Today's Readings

**Preludes:** Adorate Devote, Totus Tuus

**Entrance Antiphon:** *As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.*

**1st Reading:** Amos 7: 12-15

**Responsorial Psalm:** *Lord, let us see your kindness and grant us your salvation.*

**2nd Reading :** Ephesians 1: 3-14

**Gospel:** Mark 6: 7-13

**Communion Preparation Hymn:** These Alone are Enough

**Communion Antiphon:** *Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood, remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.*

**Post Communion Reflection:** Jesu Dulcis Memoria

**Recessional Hymn:** Alleluia, Sing to Jesus

### MASS ATTENDANCE

In obedience to the COVID Safety Guidelines from the Archdiocese, public Mass at our parish is held with the following safety measures in place.

- ◆ Hand Sanitizer is provided
- ◆ Please wear your mask according to your ability
- ◆ Seating is on a first come first served basis, if you wish to remain distanced from others you may do so at your own discretion.



Fr. Thompson's  
Reflections

The Seven Deadly Sins: *Anger*

During the course of the riots and divisiveness of the last year or so, a priest I know mentioned that one particular riot coincided with a realization he had recently had about himself: that he needs to work harder on checking the impulse to anger, as he was noticing how anger had a subtle and insidious effect in his heart. The violence was a reminder to him of what happens when one is possessed by anger. I would add that the anger and disdain so woven into our public and private discourse is not to blame only for ideologies driving people to actual violence, but for the whole climate of anger we live in. One example: as soon as Congress reconvened after the disturbance at the Capitol in January, they went right back to blame and recrimination, but now blaming each other for what just happened as well! *No one learned a solitary thing...* but, we can only control ourselves and our behavior, so the place to start is our own hearts.

Anger, like any emotion, is not evil in itself and has a purpose: to stir us to action in the face of injustice and evil (E.g. when Jesus cleansed the Temple), but if misdirected—such as against something that is not actually unjust/evil or at persons rather than ideas or actions, and/or when manifested in wicked action of our own, festered into wrath, or indulged to an uncalled for degree, it is one of the Deadly Sins and can utterly consume one's soul.

I've found that the impulse to sinful anger a nagging temptation in myself, and I've noticed that being more intentional and precise in how I articulate thoughts, even (especially, in fact) in my internal monologue has been a great help. (Yes, I know that's a Jordan Peterson thing, so is fix yourself before daring to fix the world; I didn't mean it to be or at least didn't do it because of *12 Rules of Life*, although it is a very good book and so is the sequel).

In this, I have found the hasty use of adjectives and adverbs to be especially devious, particularly when they are conjecture over the intentions of others! They color and shift perception until the anger begins to fester, and then it becomes so much harder to reel in! I have to pause and remind myself, "no, I don't REALLY mean that," or "I am being unfair" or "I'm hating the person, not the idea."

Reigning in anger is a challenge, it is a deadly sin for a reason; being human is hard! We have to do it anyway (with the help of Grace).

In Christ,

Fr Thompson

**Financial Stewardship**

**Weekly Offering**

	St. <u>Columban</u>	St. <u>Peter</u>
Weekly Goal	\$5,762	\$712
June 27	\$1,872	\$527

**Called To Serve As Christ Campaign**

*As of: June 25, 2021*

3 Year Goal for St. Columban: \$307,368  
Total Pledged: \$115,409 37% of Goal  
Number of Families Participating: 49

3 Year Goal for St. Peter: \$54,327  
Total Pledged: \$26,897 50% of Goal  
Number of Families Participating: 17

**Goal for St. Columban: \$25,692**

Total Pledged as of June 29, 2021  
\$32,117 125% of Goal

**Goal for St. Peter: \$ 3,984**

Total Pledged as of June 29, 2021  
\$7,528 189% of Goal

*Thank you to all who have returned your pledges!*

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## Faith Formation



RCIA will resume in the fall for all inquirers. Registration remains open until classes resume. Please contact Katie Hennigan in the Faith Formation office for additional information.

### Faith Formation: Grades K-12

Faith Formation classes have ended for the 2021-2022 school year and will resume in September. All current students will be automatically enrolled in the next grade.

Registration remains open for the summer.

Please contact Katie in the Faith Formation office for enrollment or more information.



### Saint of the Week

**St Bonaventure** (1218 - 1274) was born at Bagnoregio in Etruria became a Franciscan in 1243 and studied philosophy and theology at the University of Paris.

He became a famous teacher and philosopher, part of the extraordinary intellectual flowering of the 13th century. He was a friend and colleague of St Thomas Aquinas. Bonaventure wrote extensively on philosophy and theology, making a permanent mark on intellectual history; but he always insisted that the simple and uneducated could have a clearer knowledge of God than the wise.

### FORMED For Kids

Keeping Your Kids Connected to the Faith



### In Our Prayers

*Loving God, we join with others of your people here asking you to hold in Your hands all of homebound brothers and sister and those who have asked for our prayers.*

Joseph Waters

Jess & Jessica Nash

Maria Luisa Fregoso

Paul Hennigan

Pam Henslee

Teresa Gonzales

+ All those in harm's way.

+ For all those affected by COVID-19 and for all first responders and caregivers.

### Rest In Peace:

All the souls in purgatory, especially those who have no one to pray for them.

### Parish Ministries

Please contact the parish office for more information

### Women's Club

**July 13 Monthly Meeting**  
10:00AM Parish Hall

**July 18 Coffee Hour**  
11:45AM Parish Hall



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 17152

**July 21 Council Meeting**  
6:00PM Parish Hall



**August 21 Coats for Kids Car Show**  
9AM—1PM Parking Lot/Parish Hall  
*Come and Support our Knights!*



### St. Vincent de Paul

**July 15 Monthly Meeting**  
7:00PM Parish Hall



### ALTAR SOCIETY

**Cleaning the Church**  
Every Thursday 9:00AM  
*Volunteers Needed!*



*Please contact the parish office for more information, the latest updates, or schedule changes.*

**July 12 Rosary Prayer Group**  
7:00PM Kimball's Ranch

**July 13 Daily Mass**  
9:00AM St. Columban  
+ Memorial of: St. Henry  
10:00AM Women's Club Meeting  
Parish Hall  
6:00PM Spanish Prayer Group  
Parish Hall

**July 14 Daily Mass**  
9:00AM St. Columban  
+ Memorial of: St. Kateri Tekakwitha

**July 15 Daily Mass**  
9:00AM St. Columban  
+ Memorial of: St. Bonaventure

**Bible Study**  
10:00AM St. Peter (Tenino)  
6:30PM St. Columban  
RE Bldg Rm. 105

**July 16 Daily Mass**  
9:00AM St. Columban  
+ Memorial of: Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

**July 17 Confession**  
3:30-4:30PM St. Columban

**Vigil Mass**  
5:00PM St. Columban

**July 18 Sunday Mass**  
8:00AM St. Peter  
10:30AM St. Columban

### Bonus Bulletin Content!

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 [flocknote.com/saintcolumbanyelm](http://flocknote.com/saintcolumbanyelm) or visit our website [saintcolumbanyelm.org](http://saintcolumbanyelm.org)

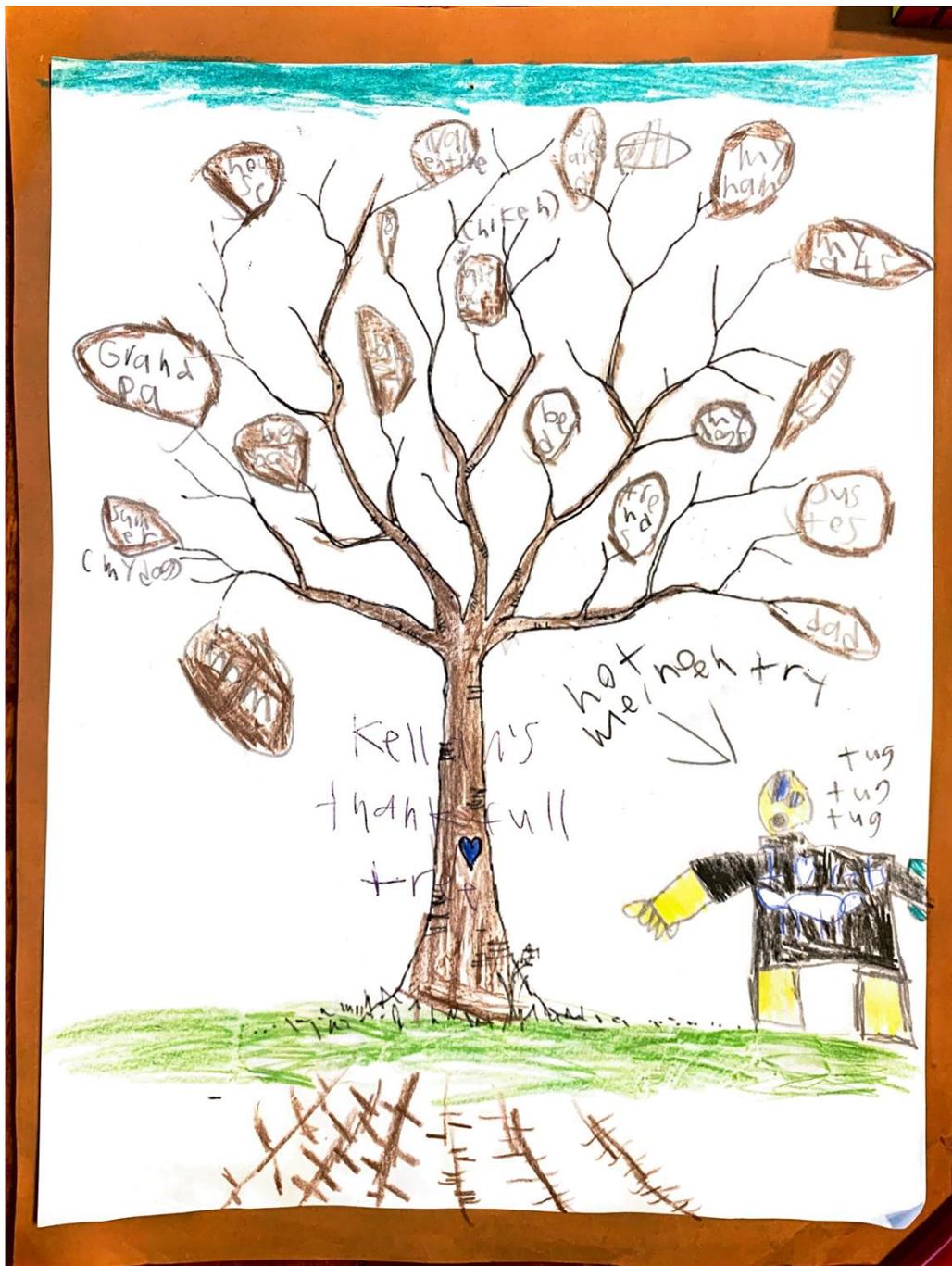
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# Finding God CONTEST

This Week's Winner Is:

Kellen Kresta – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

*Kellen's Thankful Tree*



# Jesus Sends Us Out to Teach

In this Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus sends the apostles out to teach and heal people in other towns. The apostles had never taught before, but Jesus was sending them out anyway!



God wants you to teach people about Him too. It doesn't matter if you've never done it before. Sometimes the best way to teach people about God is by being good, like He is, but sometimes you can tell people about Him too.



Jesus wants all Christians to be apostles and tell the world about Him. Some people, like priests and parents and teachers, teach people about Jesus as part of their job. Other people just tell about Jesus by being like Him. What would you like to do when you grow up? How will you be able to teach other people about God?

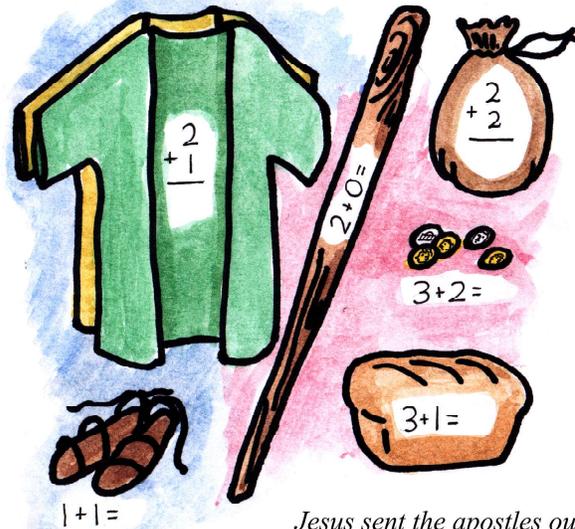
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 Across: 3. repent, 5. with, 7. authority, 10. he, 11. you, 12. them, 13. unclean, 14. leave, 17. demons, 18. by  
 Down: 1. feet, 2. stay, 4. two, 6. preached, 7. anointed, 8. healed, 9. twelve, 15. and, 16. in.

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# The Kids' Bulletin

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 July 11th, 2021



Jesus sent the apostles out two at a time to teach the people about Him and heal the sick and cast out demons. What did He tell them to take with them?

Add up the numbers. The ones that equal 2 are the things that Jesus told the apostles to take.

Mark 6:7-13

# Saint Vladimir July 15

VLADIMIR WAS BORN IN RUSSIA IN THE LATE 900'S. HIS GRANDMOTHER WAS A CHRISTIAN BUT HIS FATHER WAS PAGAN, SO HE WAS ALSO RAISED PAGAN.

FOR MANY YEARS HE FOUGHT TO GAIN LAND FROM HIS BROTHERS, AND HE HAD SEVERAL WIVES. Prepare the men. We will take the south land tomorrow.

BUT HE SENT MEN TO FIND OUT ABOUT THE DIFFERENT RELIGIONS, AND THEY FOUND CHRISTIANITY WAS THE BEST. The colours...

He may only marry her if he becomes Christian. HE ASKED TO MARRY THE SISTER OF THE CHRISTIAN EMPEROR AND BE HIS ALLY.

HE AGREED AND WAS BAPTIZED. HE SENT AWAY ALL HIS OTHER WIVES.

THEN HE HAD ALL THE PAGAN IDOLS DESTROYED AND ENCOURAGED ALL HIS PEOPLE TO BECOME CHRISTIAN. See? These "gods" can't even resist!

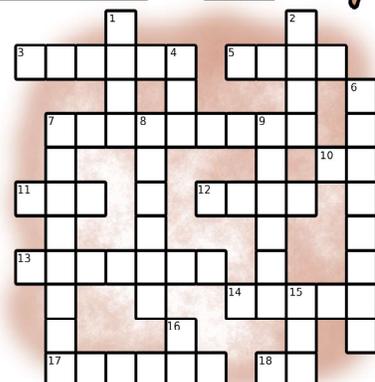
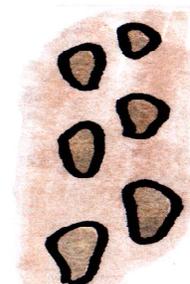
Now I know that there is nothing more important than the True Faith. VLADIMIR DIVIDED HIS LAND AND GAVE IT TO HIS OLDER SONS. HIS TWO SONS FROM HIS CHRISTIAN WIFE, ANNA, BECAME MARTYRS.

VLADIMIR DIED WHEN HE WAS OLD. HE HAD SPENT MUCH OF HIS LIFE FIGHTING TO GAIN HONOUR FOR HIMSELF, BUT WHEN HE FOUND THE TRUE FAITH HE JOINED IT. HE HAD MANY CHURCHES AND MONASTERIES BUILT. WHEN A PERSON WHO HAS LED A BAD LIFE CHANGES THEY CAN HELP BRING OTHERS TO GOD.

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# Jesus Sends the Apostles Two by Two Cross-Word

And he called to him the \_\_\_\_\_ 9D and began to send them out two \_\_\_\_\_ 18A two, and gave them \_\_\_\_\_ 7A over the \_\_\_\_\_ 13A spirits. He charged \_\_\_\_\_ 12A to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money \_\_\_\_\_ 16D their belts; and to wear sandals and not put on \_\_\_\_\_ 4D tunics. And \_\_\_\_\_ 10A said to them, "Where you enter a house \_\_\_\_\_ 2D there until you leave the place. And if \_\_\_\_\_ 15D place will not receive \_\_\_\_\_ 11A and they refuse to hear you, when you \_\_\_\_\_ 14A, shake off the dust that is on your \_\_\_\_\_ 1D for a testimony against them." So they went out and \_\_\_\_\_ 6D that men should \_\_\_\_\_ 3A. And they cast out many \_\_\_\_\_ 17A, and \_\_\_\_\_ 7D \_\_\_\_\_ 5A oil many that were sick and \_\_\_\_\_ 8D them.



July 11, 2021

### WATCH

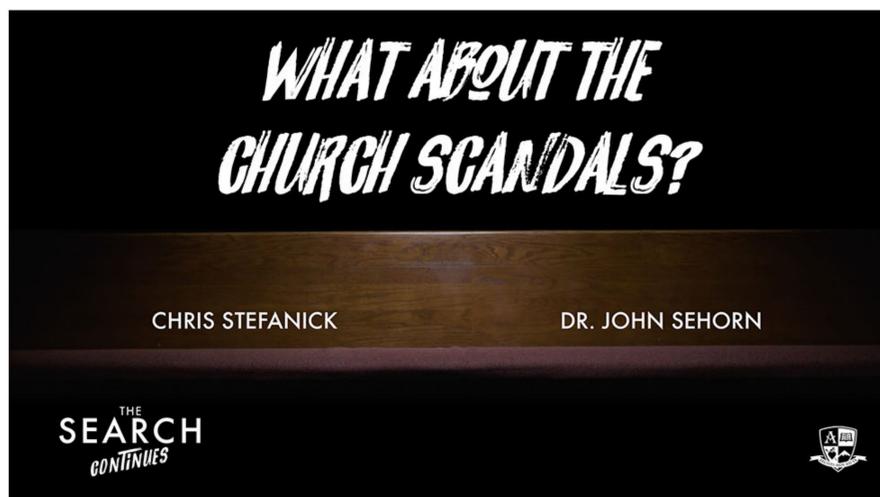
#### THE AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE SHOW WITH DR. TIM GRAY - DR. MICHAEL BARBER

How do we respond when we are asked, “Are you saved?” In this episode of the Augustine Institute Show, Drs. Tim Gray and Michael Barber discuss what salvation means, and how faith and works aid us in our journey. To learn more, check out Dr. Barber’s book, *Salvation: What Every Catholic Should Know!*



### LEARN

#### THE SEARCH CONTINUES: WHAT ABOUT CHURCH SCANDALS?



In some way or another, we have all been affected by Church scandals. In this episode of *The Search Continues*, Chris Stefanick and Dr. John Sehorn discuss how we are to respond to these evils. In doing so, they remind us to fight for the Church and perpetually call her members to live up to their callings.

### LISTEN

#### TRUTH TO INSPIRE: ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA

St. Kateri Tekakwitha, otherwise known as the “Lily of the Mohawks,” became our first Native American Saint after her canonization in 2012. During her life, young Kateri suffered much ridicule due to her counter-cultural decision to remain a virgin out of love for Christ. As we celebrate Kateri’s feast day today, enjoy this short audio book that describes Kateri’s journey to Our Lord within the context of her native tribe.

#### St. Kateri Tekakwitha Lily of the Mohawks



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**Enter Mission Territory!**

July 11, 2021

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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# At Home with Faith

**We live in mission territory.** In other words, we live in a culture where not everyone knows the good news of Jesus. That means we need to courageously share the Gospel with our family with warmth and love.

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## Read

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

**Don't have access to a Bible?**

Visit [www.usccb.org/bible/readings](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings) or download an app such as *Laudate* or *iBreviary* to access the Mass readings.

Jesus is very intentional about the way in which he sends the disciples on mission. First, he sends them two by two. Sharing the Gospel demands a kind of community that sustains that mission. The family and the parish can and should provide us communities that sustain and encourage us in our faith.

Secondly, Jesus tells the disciples to trust in God's providence. They cannot delay until they have everything they feel they need. We need to take this kind of risk too, sharing our love of God with our children even when we don't feel ready.

Lastly, Jesus prepares them for difficulty. Rather than worrying about how loved ones will react, we share the faith with hope and love.

**Amos 7:12-15**

The Lord said to me, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."

**Psalms 85**

Kindness and truth shall meet; justice and peace shall kiss.

**Ephesians 1:3-14**

In Jesus you have heard the word of truth.

**Mark 6: 7-13**

Go out two by two, take nothing for the journey but a walking stick.

# At Home with Faith

## Talk

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

Adopt a missionary attitude in your own home:

- **Accept we are in mission territory.** Pope Francis tells us that warm, friendly families do the best job of communicating the faith. This means that, like missionaries, we cannot react with frustration when our children don't know the faith or accept it readily. We still need to speak, but we have to do it the right way.
- **Smile.** A smile communicates warmth, and warmth is very important if we want to communicate a message (especially a challenging one) effectively. Before telling your child "I know you would rather stay home, but we are going to Mass," make sure you are able to smile while saying it.
- **Stay strong.** Communicate that you expect your children to honor the demands of our faith with conviction. You may have to tell them "Sorry, you can't have your phone in your bedroom overnight." Your children may not like that you are making demands of them, but they will respect you, especially if you communicate with warmth and empathy.



Families who challenge their children to live the moral demands of the Gospel while communicating those demands with warmth and affection are the families most effective at **passing on the faith.**

**"The work of handing on the faith to children, in the sense of facilitating its expression and growth, helps the whole family in its evangelizing mission. It naturally begins to spread the faith to all around them, even outside the family circle. Children who grow up in missionary families often become missionaries themselves; growing up in warm friendly families, they learn to relate to the world in this way without giving up their faith or their convictions."**

### **Amoris Laetitia (The Joy of Love) #287**

In *Handing Down the Faith: How Parents Pass Their Religion Down to the Next Generation*, sociologist Christian Smith documents the effectiveness of Pope Francis' guidance that parents speak and act with warmth while holding firm to our faith and convictions. Families who challenge their children to live the moral demands of the Gospel while communicating those demands with warmth and affection are the families most effective at passing on the faith.

Like the disciples, we are never assured of how people will respond to the Gospel. Nonetheless, we follow Jesus' command to share the good news of faith with hope and love.

**For more resources, visit us online at:**

<https://marriagefamilylife.seattlarchdiocese.org/athomewithfaith>

# The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

JULY 11, 2021

## Stop Your Taxes from Paying for Abortion!

Congress is trying to force Americans to pay for abortion.

*For decades, Congress has protected your money from paying for abortion. Now, some powerful government officials are trying to change that.*

Stop your  
**tax dollars** from  
going to **abortion.**

**NoTaxpayerAbortion.com**

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## HOW

The Hyde Amendment and similar laws have protected taxpayers from funding elective abortion for 45 years. Now, powerful members of Congress want to take away these laws that both Democrats and Republicans have supported for nearly half a century.

## WHAT HAPPENS WITHOUT THESE PROTECTIONS?

Billions of taxpayer dollars could be used to pay for abortion.

## TAKE ACTION

Sign the petition to Congress at [NoTaxpayerAbortion.com](https://NoTaxpayerAbortion.com)!



**SUNDAY, JULY 11, 2021**

# 15<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. The Twelve drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them. - Mk 6:7, 13

# WEEKLY PRAYER

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 11, 2021

- Sunday:** Am 7:12-15/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/  
Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13
- Monday:** Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8 [8a]/Mt 10:34—11:1
- Tuesday:** Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34 [cf. 33]/Mt 11:20-24
- Wednesday:** Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7 [8a]/Mt 11:25-27
- Thursday:** Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27 [8a]/Mt 11:28-30
- Friday:** Ex 11:10—12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18 [13]/  
Mt 12:1-8
- Saturday:** Ex 12:37-42/Ps 136:1 and 23-24, 10-12, 13-15/Mt 12:14-21
- Next Sunday:** Jer 23:1-6/Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 [1]/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34

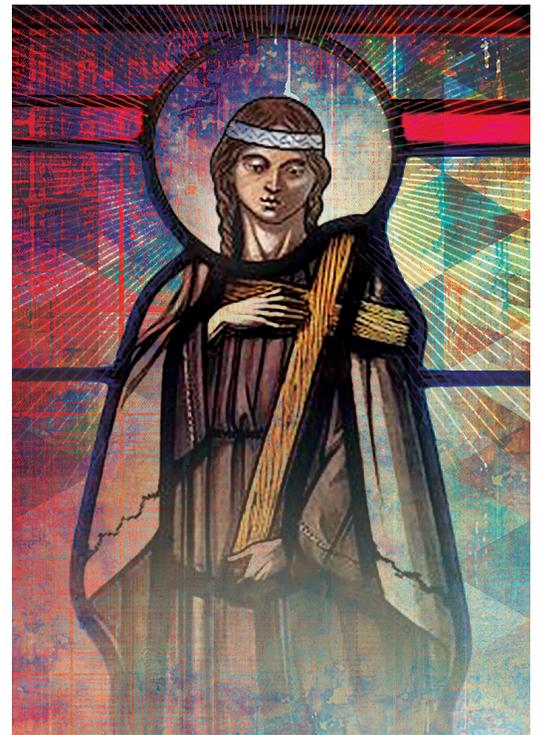
## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 11, 2021

- Sunday:** 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Tuesday:** St. Henry
- Wednesday:** St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin
- Thursday:** St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Friday:** Our Lady of Mount Carmel
- Saturday:** BVM
- Next Sunday:** 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## LIVE THE LITURGY

### Inspiration for the week

God calls us to bring His Word to all corners of the earth. What does that mean for you and me? We are just simple and humble folks trying to find our way through the Gospel and our world. After all, we are not professional preachers but gentle servants. Jesus summons us to take his message on the road and bring it from the pew to the pavement. We cannot keep the joy of the Gospel to ourselves but must bring it into every aspect of our lives: our families, our schools, our work, our corporations, our politics, our social circles, and our philosophies. We cannot just accept the wisdom of the world as true and conduct our lives as if the Good News is a separate matter. They are one. Jesus never asked his friends to go and construct buildings where people could come to hear the truth. He asked them to go to their homes and meet them one on one, face to face. When the rubber meets the road and the message is challenging, rejection is quite possible. That's the litmus test for whether we're really doing what we have been asked.



ST. KATERI  
TEKAKWITHA

JULY 14

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Hear, O  
Lord, have  
mercy on me;  
Lord be  
my helper.

— PSALM 30:11 —

# WORSHIP & MEDITATION

## A MESSAGE OF JOY & HOPE



### FIRST READING

The LORD took me from following the flock,  
and said to me,  
“Go, prophesy to my people Israel.” (Am 12:15)



### PSALM

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your  
salvation. (Ps 85)



### SECOND READING

Blessed be the God and Father of our  
Lord Jesus Christ,  
who has blessed us in Christ  
with every spiritual blessing in the heavens,  
as he chose us in him, before the foundation  
of the world,  
to be holy and without blemish before him.  
(Eph 1:3-4)



### GOSPEL

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to  
send them out two by two  
and gave them authority over unclean spirits.  
(Mk 6:7)

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### GOSPEL MEDITATION

#### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Maybe the work is best left to the professionals. That’s how many people view the preaching of the Gospel. That’s the stuff priests, religious, deacons, lay ministers, and other professional Church people do. It has little to do with me. Well, that’s not really true. The fact of the matter is that preaching the Gospel has everything to do with you, with all of us who are baptized members of the Body of Christ. Nobody gets off the hook from that job. The question is, however, how do we do it? Well, there’s a safe way, which many choose, to preach the Gospel — and the risky way. The safe way pretty much keeps the Gospel in church and around like-minded people. I say my prayers, go to Mass, contribute to the food pantry, tithe, and attend Bible Study. That pretty much covers the bases, right? Wrong.

The risky way is the more challenging way and for many, the “road less traveled.” Imagine those first disciples going out and into people’s homes. They must have had some amazing conversations with folks about God’s kingdom, changing their hearts, forgiving sins, and looking at the world differently. They must have met people who were hurting, exiled from their communities, neglected, lost, or living self-insulated lives in a society that served the rich and neglected the poor. While there were many who welcomed what they had to say and the conversations they had, there were others who no doubt rejected them and literally tossed them out on their ears! The Gospel, while being a message of joy and hope, is not always received well by those who are very comfortable keeping things as they are.

The risky way involves example and conversation. We have to take the Gospel from church and carry it with us wherever we go. What kinds of conversations do we have with others? We interact with those closest to us, in our work, social circles, institutions, corporations, in politics, and beyond. Our conversations with others reveal a great deal about how we see things and what we consider important. If we are really interested in seeing God’s vision for the world succeed, then we will talk about it. It will become a part of our everyday conversation and find its way into our interactions with others. How will we preserve the dignity of human life and encourage others to have a relationship with God? We must be the example, live value centered, virtuous lives, stand against injustice, combating racism, and learn ways to resolve conflicts without violence.

If we are going to succeed going forward, we have to find a way to bring our prayer centered lives into the marketplace. Our conversations have to change. Not everyone wants to hear what the Gospel has to say. That’s a risk God asks us to take.



# LITURGICAL LIFE

## RESPONDING *to the Call*

### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

#### Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

##### What We Carry from Town to Town

In my experience, there are two kinds of people: the folks who kick off their shoes the second they walk through the door, and the ones who don't.

People can feel strongly about this on both sides. The main thrust of the Shoes-Off Brigade seems to be this: we track a lot of weird stuff on the soles of our feet. Little reminders of all the places we've been — whether it's a private home or a public bathroom — cling to our shoes long after we leave.

This same theory applies to our spiritual lives. As human beings and as disciples, we visit a lot of figurative towns and pick up a lot of figurative dust. Sinfulness. Shame. Defeat. Anger. Fear. Doubt. No matter how hard we try to keep free of it, these things have a way of attaching themselves to us, sometimes without us even noticing. We need to take a good look at what unhelpful and unconstructive baggage from our past we're tracking into our present and future encounters.

What is the "town" God is asking you to visit today in His name? Is it a tough conversation with a friend, a brief witness to a stranger in the checkout line, a call to be present to someone in your family? Before you go, remember, shake off the dust. Don't let a past disappointment constrain you. Don't allow yesterday's failures or burdens to keep you from the joy of today's witness, whatever form it might take.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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### WHY DO WE DO THAT?

#### Catholic Life Explained:

##### Question:

What kind of religious practices should we begin, once we marry, to help us practice our faith each day?

##### Answer:

Your spiritual life as a couple is important. The sacrament of Marriage is a gift and a grace, but living it well isn't always easy! It requires intentionality and perseverance. Growing your spiritual life as a couple also requires a plan. Life can be incredibly busy. There's never "enough time" for everything we want to do. But we can live by our priorities. If we don't prioritize prayer, we'll find it slowly disappear from our lives.

If you're not already praying individually, that's a good place to start. If your schedules are similar, take some quiet time at the same time to help hold each other accountable. Praying together is also important! You could start by looking at the religious practices of your family and of families around you that you respect. Talk with your spouse about the ones who make the deepest impression on you or were most meaningful when you were young. Think about what you want your future children to experience. Making faith a commitment now will mean it is engrained habit when you grow your family. Ultimately, these faith practices should help us grow in our love for God and for one another.

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Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. The Twelve drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

- Mk 6:7, 13

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## QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

**Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture**

### First Reading

The priest Amaziah was threatened by the visions of the Lord received by Amos that warned of Israel's destruction. Amos' defense is that he was chosen by God to prophesy. When has your faith been a threat to others?

### Second Reading

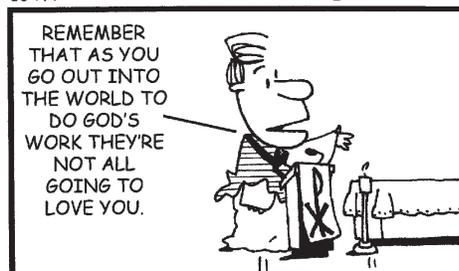
Paul speaks of the abundance of blessings we receive from God as believers in Jesus Christ. Paul asserts these blessings make us "holy and without blemish" before God. To whom in your life should you share this message of hope and redemption?

### Gospel Reading

During his public ministry, Jesus commissioned the Twelve Apostles to evangelize by preaching repentance and healing the sick and demon possessed. What do you see as effective tools for evangelization today?



15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



# LET US SEE YOUR KINDNESS.

psalm 85



*Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave. Whatever place does not welcome you or listen to you, leave there and shake the dust off your feet in testimony against them.”*  
- Mk 6:7, 10-11

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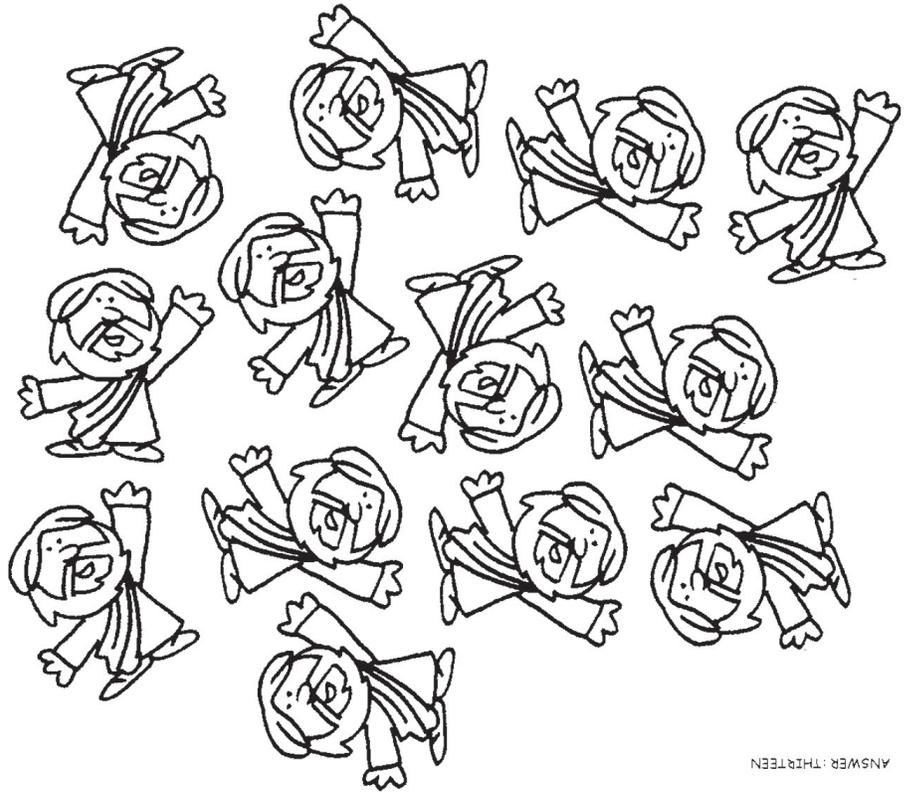
# KIDS CORNER

## READ THE GOSPEL AND COMPLETE A PUZZLE!



## PUZZLE

You can count on Jesus for sure, but can you count how many are shown here?



ANSWER: THIRTEEN

### SHARING THE GOSPEL

Jesus sent his disciples out in pairs. He gave them control over evil spirits. Through baptism you have control over evil spirits. Jesus is your partner. When you are thinking about taking a toy that is not yours, you can say, "No." When you want to hit someone, you can say, "No." When you would like to break the rules at school, you can say, "No. I choose to walk with Jesus."

### PRAYER

Lord, give me strength to say, "Yes. I'll obey your commandments."

### MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Ask God to bless your family so that they will be able to obey God's commandments.



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