

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



September 6, 2020—23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. COLUMBAN PARISH

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360-458-3031

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Office: M-Th 9AM-12PM; 12:30-2PM

Sunday Mass: 10:30 AM

Saturday: 5 PM

Wednesday Mass: 9 AM

Anointing of the Sick: By Appt.

Confession: Friday 4:00—5:00 PM

Rosary begins 30 min.
before all Masses

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.*

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ST. PETER MISSION

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360-264-2124

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Office: Monday, Friday 10:30AM – 2PM

Sunday Mass: 8:00 AM

Confession: Sunday 7:30 -7:45AM

Anointing of the Sick: by Appt.

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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.

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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, Jess and Jessica Nash, Dawn Bauer, Jodi Smith, Don Troyer, and Jackie Gonzales and all those in harm's way.

Rest in Peace:

Financial Stewardship

St. Columban St. Peter

Weekly Goal	\$5,762	\$712
August 30	\$2,686	\$428

From a homily on Ezekiel by Saint Gregory the Great, Pope

For Christ's love I do not spare myself in speaking of him

Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel. Note that a man whom the Lord sends forth as a preacher is called a watchman. A watchman always stands on a height so that he can see from afar what is coming. Anyone appointed to be a watchman for the people must stand on a height for all his life to help them by his foresight.

How hard it is for me to say this, for by these very words I denounce myself. I cannot preach with any competence, and yet insofar as I do succeed, still I myself do not live my life according to my own preaching.

I do not deny my responsibility; I recognize that I am slothful and negligent, but perhaps the acknowledgment of my fault will win me pardon from my just judge. Indeed when I was in the monastery I could curb my idle talk and usually be absorbed in my prayers. Since I assumed the burden of pastoral care, my mind can no longer be collected; it is concerned with so many matters.

I am forced to consider the affairs of the Church and of the monasteries. I must weigh the lives and acts of individuals. I am responsible for the concerns of our citizens. I must worry about the invasions of roving bands of barbarians, and beware of the wolves who lie in wait for my flock. I must become an administrator lest the religious go in want. I must put up with certain robbers without losing patience and at times I must deal with them in all charity.

With my mind divided and torn to pieces by so many problems, how can I meditate or preach wholeheartedly without neglecting the ministry of proclaiming the Gospel? Moreover, in my position I must often communicate with worldly men. At times I let my tongue run, for if I am always severe in my judgments, the worldly will avoid me, and I can never attack them as I would. As a result I often listen patiently to chatter. And because I too am weak, I find myself drawn little by little into idle conversation, and I begin to talk freely about matters which once I would have avoided. What once I found tedious I now enjoy.

So who am I to be a watchman, for I do not stand on the mountain of action but lie down in the valley of weakness? Truly the all-powerful Creator and Redeemer of mankind can give me in spite of my weaknesses a higher life and effective speech; because I love him, I do not spare myself in speaking of him.

The Feast Day of St. Gregory the Great is September 3

Pax et bonum
Fr. Dean

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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 begin Sunday October 4th!



ALL students must pre-register this year.

Please contact Katie Hennigan for more information.

katie@saintcolumbanyelm.org

360-458-3031x3

R.C.I.A.

Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith or no someone who is?



Classes starting soon!

Please lease contact Katie Hennigan at the parish office for more information.

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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

If you are interested in baptizing your child and would like more information, please contact Katie Hennigan in the Parish Office.

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.

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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 has resumed. Attendance will be limited to 70 people and reservations must be made in advance.

To make a reservation, 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 leaving a voicemail does not confirm your reservation.

Weekend Mass:

Vigil 5PM
Sunday 8AM
10:30AM

Weekday Mass

Wednesdays at 9AM.

**This will also be by reservation only and reservations end Tuesdays at 2PM.*

Confession

Fridays 4-5PM
Sundays from 7:30—7:45AM

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.
- ◆ 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.



Women's Club

Coffee Hour and all other events suspended until further notice.



Dedication of the Grotto

**Saturday September 12th
10AM**

St. Peter Catholic Mission
149 Keithahn St S, Tenino,
WA

Bring your Rosary!

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Annual Catholic Appeal

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 August 23, 2020
\$25,268 85% of Goal

Goal for St. Peter: \$4, 651

Total Pledged as of August 23, 2020
\$6,229 133% of Goal

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A campaign for our
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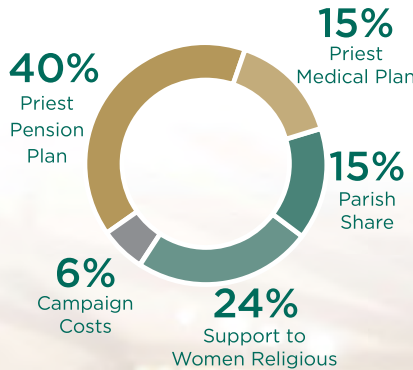
WHAT CAN I EXPECT WHEN THE CAMPAIGN IS TAKING PLACE AT MY PARISH?

Every parishioner will be given an opportunity to make a gift in support of the campaign. Parishioners will be contacted by their fellow parishioners serving as campaign volunteers, as well as through direct mail, and a final giving weekend appeal at the end of our campaign. During each Mass, parishioners can expect to hear announcements regarding the progress of the campaign and read bulletin announcements offering details on the goals of the campaign.

PRIESTS

Funds will be used to better meet our retirement obligations for current and future retired priests. The present pay-as-you-go model for the priest pension and medical plans was sustainable when there was a large number of active priests paying into the plan and a relatively small number receiving benefits. With the shortage of priests in active ministry, and a growing number of retired priests, the “pay-as-you-go” model will no longer be sustainable.

As a result, parishes are paying more and more into the plans through increased billings and the Annual Catholic Appeal each year. Through this campaign, the Archdiocese will eliminate the Annual Catholic Appeal’s portion of funds designated to priest pension and senior priest medical expenses. Further, the Archdiocese plans to significantly reduce parish billings for the priest pension plan and eliminate the annual increases.



SISTERS

Women religious have played a crucial role in the history of our Church’s mission in Western Washington. The positive impact and reach of their work cannot be overstated. They have answered the call to serve as Christ and for decades served with almost no compensation. This campaign will acknowledge and thank them for their sacrifice and ministry by splitting up the funds proportionately among the orders who have historically served our Archdiocese in order to assist them with their pension and medical needs.

PARISHES

Fifteen percent of the funds raised by parishes will be returned to them for specific needs such as reducing parish debt, completing capital improvements or growing parish endowments. After a parish reaches its set campaign goal, it will receive 85 percent of funds back.

COSTS

Six percent of the campaign funds will be marked for the costs of running the campaign. These costs include the design of all marketing material, printing, postage, professional assistance, grant writing, gift processing, and events.



SAINT COLUMBAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IS CALLED TO SERVE AS CHRIST



St. Columban intends to accomplish the following projects with its parish share:



PARISH OPERATING EXPENSES

In life, we are never certain of what lies ahead, but the uncertainty caused by the COVID-19 pandemic has been daunting. We can see the impact of the pandemic everywhere: thousands died in a matter of weeks; millions lost their jobs; our economy and way of life came to a screeching halt. It was like nothing we could have imagined.

Our parish is not immune to the effects of the social distancing restrictions and the downturn of the economy. To bolster our finances and help see us through any rough spells that may lie ahead, 15 percent of our Parish Share will be designated to operating expenses.

TECHNOLOGY UPGRADE - CAMERAS: \$20,000

Installing permanent cameras in the church and purchasing additional equipment to support live-streaming Mass will ensure that our homebound parishioners may continue to join us and remain connected to our community.

TECHNOLOGY UPGRADE - SOUND SYSTEM: \$20,000

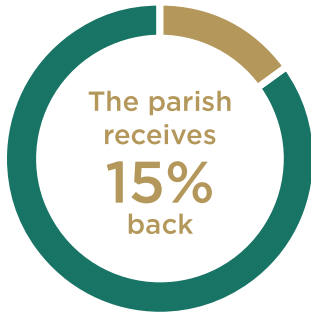
Upgrading our church sound system to enable us to connect directly to our streaming audio equipment will improve the sound quality of our live-streaming Masses to more effectively transmit the Word of God.



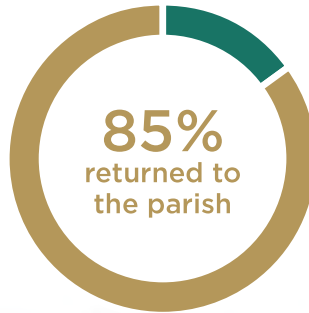
OUR PARISH CAMPAIGN GOAL: \$307,368

All gifts to the *Called to Serve as Christ* campaign will support pension and medical needs of priests and sisters. In addition, fifteen cents of every dollar collected by St. Columban will be used to address our needs. **When we exceed our campaign goal, eighty-five cents of each dollar raised will be returned to our parish.**

UP TO
100% OF GOAL



MORE THAN
100% OF GOAL



“The *Called to Serve as Christ* campaign is an opportunity for us as a parish to give back to the priests and religious in our local church who through their ministry shared with us their spiritual wisdom that continues to mold us into disciples of our Lord Jesus.”

REV. DEAN MBUZI
PASTOR

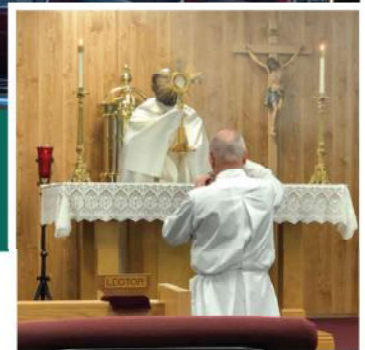


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— *A campaign for our priests, sisters and family of faith.* —

ST. PETER MISSION IS CALLED TO SERVE AS CHRIST



St. Peter Mission intends to accomplish the following projects with its parish share:

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CHURCH DOOR REPLACEMENT: \$8,000

The side exit doors to our church are rusted and deteriorating and need to be replaced to dignify our house of worship, a place where we gather as disciples and from where we are sent into the world to serve.

OUR PARISH CAMPAIGN GOAL: \$54,327

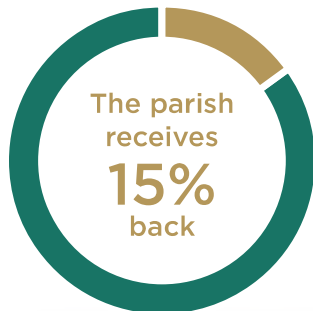
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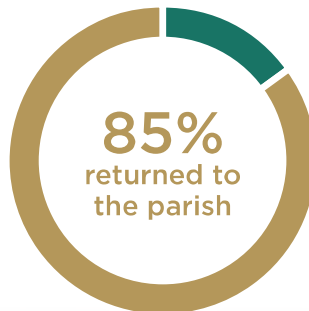
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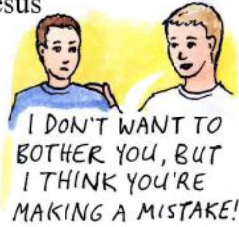
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— *A campaign for our priests, sisters and family of faith.* —

What should I do when somebody else sins?

In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells us that if someone sins against us we should quietly go and talk to them about it. Have you ever seen someone else do something bad? Did you talk to them about it?



When we talk to somebody about something bad they are doing we should do it with love. We aren't trying to make them feel bad; we're trying to help!

Has anyone ever told you when you were doing something wrong? Did you find it easy to listen to them? When we try to help people who do bad things, what God wants us to do is be kind to them and help them to turn away from their sins. It's hard to do, but it makes God so happy to see us helping people come back to Him!



Pray with others
Answer to word-find puzzle:
Answer to puzzle on front: yes

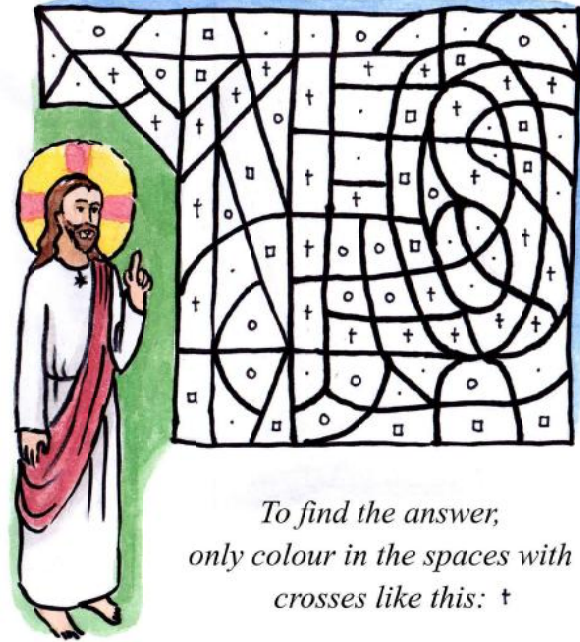
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The Kids' Bulletin

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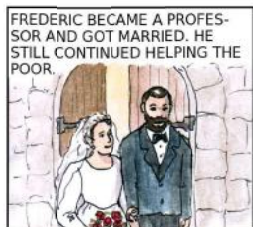
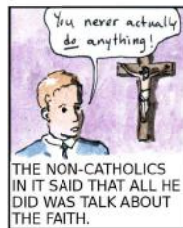
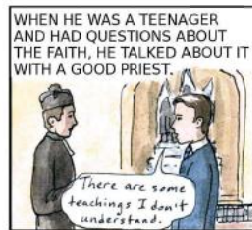
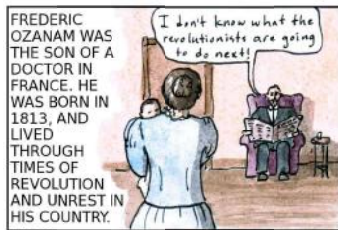
Sometimes we see other people doing things that we know are wrong.

When we see other people doing sins, does Jesus want us to talk to them about it?



To find the answer, only colour in the spaces with crosses like this: †

Blessed Frédéric Ozanam September 7



WE CAN LEARN FROM THE LIFE OF BLESSED FREDERIC THAT IT IS IMPORTANT TO DISCUSS THE FAITH WITH PEOPLE, BOTH THOSE WHO CAN HELP US AND THOSE WE CAN HELP. BUT WE ALSO LEARN THAT JUST TALKING ISN'T ENOUGH. WE HAVE TO ACT, TO BE CHARITABLE LIKE CHRIST WAS AS WELL.

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...Where two or three are gathered in my Name...

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HHEARTHSHT
REAGAINHEO
ERVRYWARG
EEEEESGLEE
PINENARLNT
RTLHOYATAH
ANYTHINGME
YOUFATHER
GATHEREDHE
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Here is the last part of today's Gospel reading. See if you can find all the words in CAPITALS in the puzzle. Use the left-over letters to fill in the blanks.

What is Our Lord asking us to do?

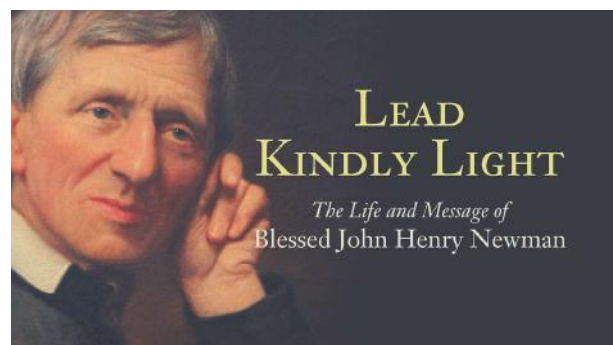
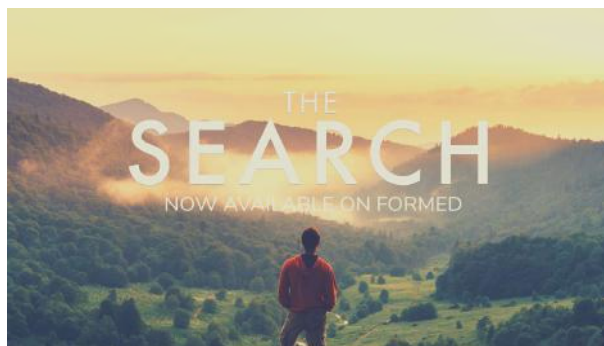
AGAIN, AMEN, I SAY to YOU, if two of you AGREE on EARTH about ANYTHING for WHICH they are to PRAY, it SHALL be GRANTED to them by my HEAVENLY FATHER. For WHERE TWO or THREE are GATHERED TOGETHER in my NAME, THERE am I in the MIDST of them.



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September 2020 Liturgical Calendar

- 9/5 Saint Teresa of Calcutta**
Movie: Mother Teresa
- 9/8 Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
Movie: Mary of Nazareth
Movie: Mary: Handmaid of the Lord
- 9/15 Our Lady of Sorrows**
Movie: Sorrowful Mysteries
Audio: Drawing Strength from Our Lady of Sorrows
- 9/17 Saint Hildegard of Bingen**
Movie: Hildegard's Gift
Book: The Young People's Book of Saints
- 9/19 Saint John Henry Newman**
Study: Lead Kindly Light
Movie: One Step Is Enough
Audio: The Logic of Being Catholic
- 9/23 Saint Padre Pio**
Movie: Padre Pio: Miracle Man
Movie: Padre Pio: Between Heaven and Earth
Audio: Holiness Is Always in Season
- 9/29 Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael – Archangels**
Movie: Defeating the Devil
Movie: Power and Dominions
Program: YDisciple: Hot Topics, Session 5: This Present Darkness
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Saint Teresa of Kolkata

DATES: 1910–1997

FEAST DAY: SEPTEMBER 7

Raised in a deeply Catholic family in Albania, Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu joined the Sisters of Loreto in 1928 and took the name Teresa. The community sent her to Kolkata, India, where she taught children for two decades. In 1946 Teresa heard God's call to quench the thirst of Jesus by caring for the poorest of the poor. She left the Sisters of Loreto to rescue the sick and destitute in the slums of Kolkata -- one at a time. Many volunteers soon joined her and she formed them into her religious order, the Missionaries of Charity. Teresa's manifest goodness and her unique media savvy attracted global attention, drawing many people to God. Many regard her as the greatest Catholic evangelist of the 20th century. She was beatified in 2003 and canonized in 2016.



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The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

SEPT 6, 2020

Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD;
let us acclaim the rock of our salvation.

—PS 95: 1-2

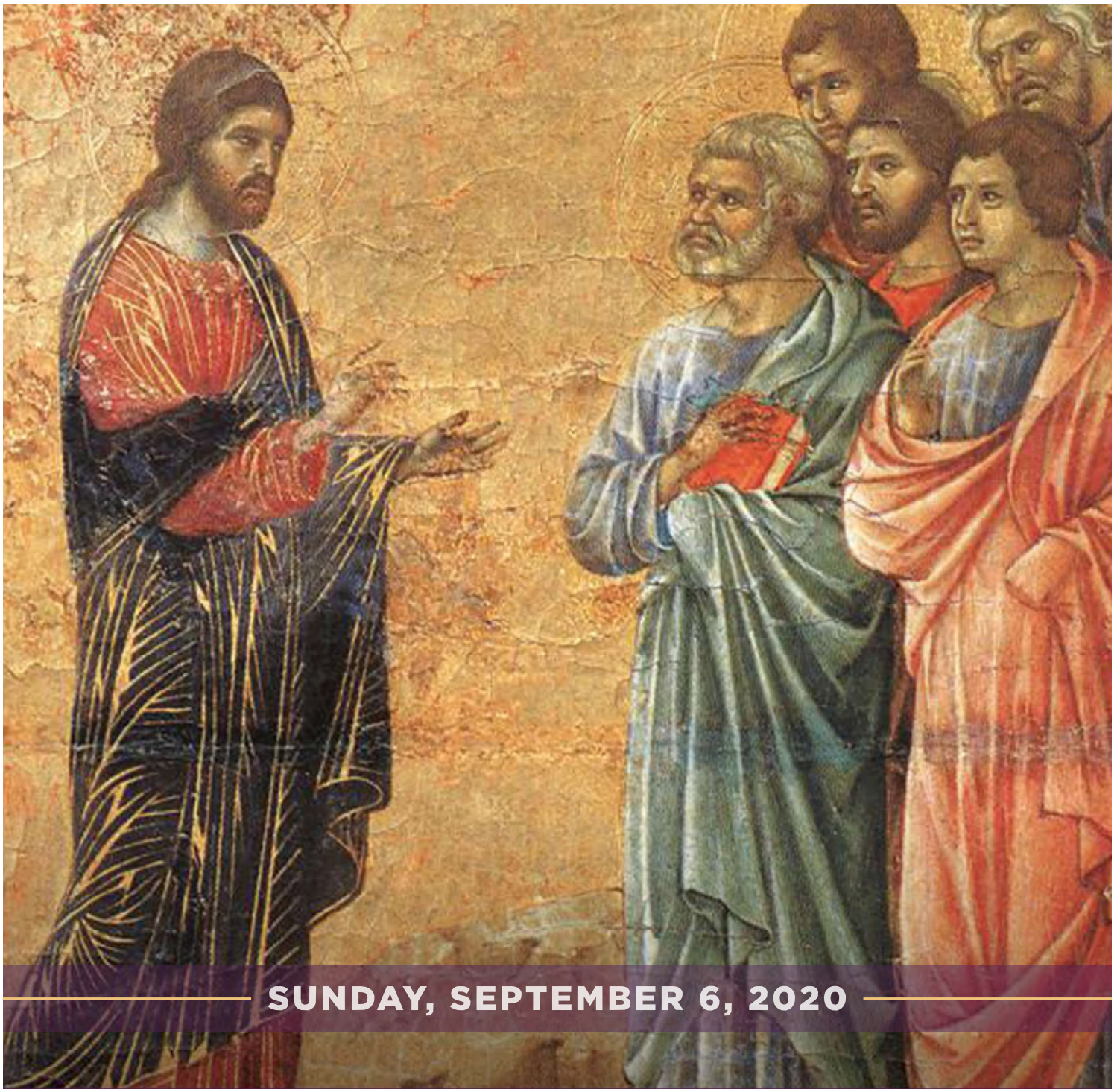
Monday, September 7th is Labor Day!

This Labor Day, we pray for the men and women whose jobs have been impacted by the Coronavirus pandemic. We pray for their continued perseverance and determination as they continue to seek ways in which to participate in God's creative work.

Thursday, September 11th is Patriot Day.

We remember all those who lost their lives in the 2001 attacks. We pray for all victims of violence and terrorism around the world, and for their families, that they may find comfort and peace.





SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2020

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother." - Mt 18:15

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 6, 2020

- SUN 9/6** Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20
- MON 9/7** 1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12 [9]/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12 [9]/Lk 6:6-11
- TUE 9/8** Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c [Is 61:10]/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
- WED 9/9** 1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17 [11]/Lk 6:20-26
- THR 9/10** 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24 [24b]/Lk 6:27-38
- FRI 9/11** 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12 [2]/Lk 6:39-42
- SAT 9/12** 1 Cor 10:14-22/Ps 116:12-13, 17-18 [17]/Lk 6:43-49
- SUN 9/13** Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8]/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

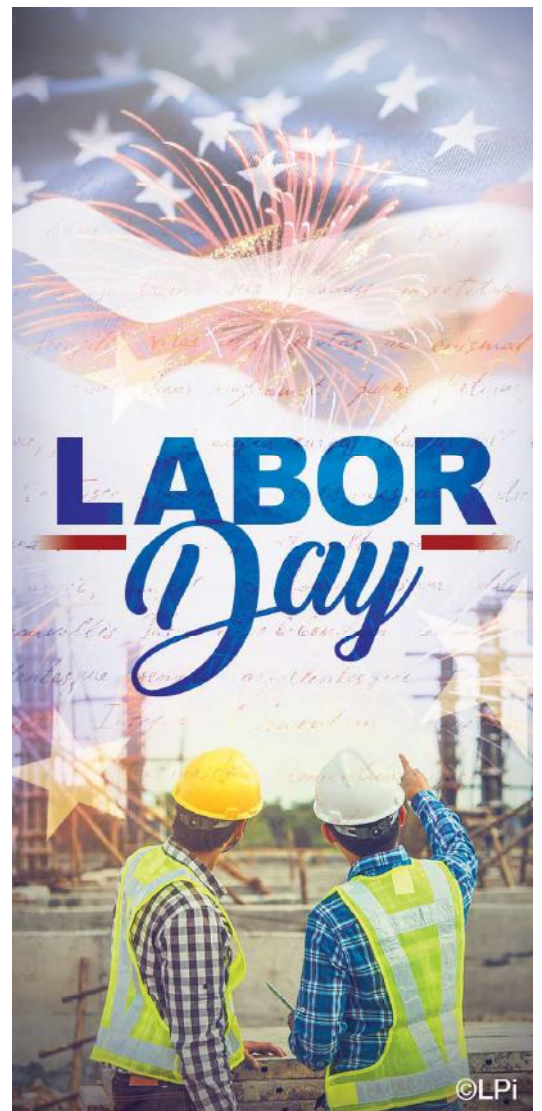
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 6, 2020

- Sunday:** 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** Labor Day
- Tuesday:** The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Wednesday:** St. Peter Claver, Priest
- Friday:** Patriot Day
- Saturday:** The Most Holy Name of Mary
- Next Sunday:** 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents' Day

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

It is not easy to confront someone who has wronged or hurt us. But it is absolutely necessary to do so in order for reconciliation to occur. We are taught to mind our own business and keep our thoughts to ourselves. When we have been hurt or wronged and we do not acknowledge and give voice to it, those feelings of hurt remain in our hearts and can eventually turn into anger. Verbalizing our feelings can diffuse them, and communicating how we actually feel brings honesty to our relationships. This is the only way that the path of love can remain open and that integrity and mutual respect can be maintained. It is no wonder that Jesus absolutely insisted upon healthy and compassionate confrontation. People don't always realize that they are doing harm. Bringing this to light is not only good for the one who is hurt but for the one who caused the pain. The new insight and revelation may prevent the action from being repeated again.



*Harden
not your
hearts.*

— PSALM 95 —

WORSHIP & MEDITATION



FIRST READING

If you warn the wicked,
trying to turn him from his way,
and he refuses to turn from his way,
he shall die for his guilt,
but you shall save yourself. (Ez 33:9)



PSALM

If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts. (Ps 95)



SECOND READING

Whatever other commandment there may be,
are summed up in this saying, namely,
"You shall love your neighbor as yourself."
(Rom 13:9a)



GOSPEL

"If two of you agree on earth
about anything for which they are to pray,
it shall be granted to them by my
heavenly Father." (Mt 18:19)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

It's all about reconciliation and conversion, not punishment. Relationships are not static adventures but wonderful gifts that continue to develop, grow, change, and mature. We are meant to be social beings, so isolating ourselves from others is rarely helpful. But, because human beings are on the one hand tremendously gifted, talented, and blessed creations, they are on the other also flawed, broken, and sinful. We all need to humbly admit that we are works in progress and not only capable of enriching each other's lives but causing deep hurts and wounds as well. Hence, we always need to be reconciled. We are always growing, changing, and expanding our knowledge of who we are and how we are meant to share life together.

Because reconciliation and conversion are always part of the mix of life, honesty is crucial. Without honesty, we can easily find ourselves living a lie and causing more harm than good. Being able to freely share our feelings, especially those involving pain and hurt, is a charism necessary to pursue and an art to learn. When we are wronged or wrong someone else, we do not enjoy the confrontation that can and needs to come. We are taught to keep our feelings to ourselves, especially when they are negative, and we tend to avoid difficult conversations. Hence, we never really learn how to confront another, successfully resolve conflict, find reconciliation, and welcome conversion. When we hurt or wrong someone, it does not mean that we are a bad or sinful person who deserves only punishment and excommunication. Quite the opposite! We are simply a human person who can make poor choices and sin and can be forgiven. We can restore and deepen the relationship that has been affected and find our way home again.

Jesus clearly wants to avoid shame because it has no purpose in achieving reconciliation and conversion. All broken relationships deserve a chance at reconciliation. Every person has room for growth and a need for conversion. We have to learn to be okay with honesty and not be afraid to hear and process what someone needs to say, even if it is difficult for us to hear. Severing a relationship, both personally or with the church community as a whole, ought to definitely be a last resort and only pursued when all else has failed.

LITURGICAL LIFE

RESPONDING *to the Call*

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

The Blessing of the Community

I have been blessed to be a member of my parish community for 28 years. For much of that time I was serving as a member of the parish staff, but it was still the community that I call home. I have been fortunate to be able to remain in that parish even as my life has encountered new chapters and callings. I am so grateful to God that I have been able to grow, be nourished, and find companionship in a parish for this long of a time.

It is a natural tendency for human beings to desire belonging to something bigger than themselves. Not everyone is fortunate enough to find the community, big or small, that fulfills that need. Unfortunately, that means that many communities suffer from not having the benefit of the gifts, skills, and talents that any member can offer. Communities are in many ways living organisms that move and breathe based upon the individuals who form that body. A community is truly the sum of its parts.

Your parish community reflects you and everyone else in that community. The more each member gives to the community, the stronger that community finds itself. If you hold back, your community suffers, and you gain little. I know firsthand what being a part of a community can mean to a person. I would be no one at all – and you would not be reading this – if it weren't for the life I have had in my parish community.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Catholic Life Explained:

Choosing Organ Donation

Question:

Are Catholics allowed to donate their organs?

Answer:

Yes, Catholics are allowed to donate their organs. In fact, the Catechism of the Catholic Church praises this practice when it notes that, “Organ donation after death is a noble and meritorious act and is to be encouraged as an expression of generous solidarity” (no. 2296).

The Church has a series of guidelines for health care providers called The Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Services. This document helps us see organ donation as an act of charity, but it also reminds us that we have to be sure that donations of organs by living donors do not “sacrifice or seriously impair any essential bodily function and the anticipated benefit to the recipient is proportionate to the harm to the donor” (no. 30); trained medical professionals can help to make this assessment. In the case of organ donation at the end of life, we must be sure of the intentions of the donor or of their proxy are always respected, and that the dignity of the human body is always respected.

In the end, we can look to Pope Saint John Paul II and his encyclical *Evangelium Vitae*, where he noted that organ donation is a beautiful act of expressing the culture of life, when “performed in an ethically acceptable manner, with a view to offering a chance of health or even of life itself to the sick who sometimes have no other hope” (no. 86).

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“Again, amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”

– Mt 18:19-20

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QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

The prophet Ezekiel is presented as the Lord's "sentinel," announcing both God's salvation and judgment. How would you react to such a divine command?

Second Reading

Paul argues that "love is the fulfillment of the Law." What does this mean to you as a Christian?

Gospel Reading

Jesus challenges his disciples to confront sin directly, even when it occurs with those closest to you. Why do you think Jesus encouraged this approach?



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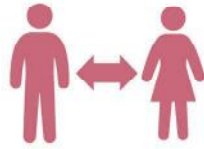


LITURGICAL LIFE

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.

“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that ‘every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses.’”

- Mt 18:15-16



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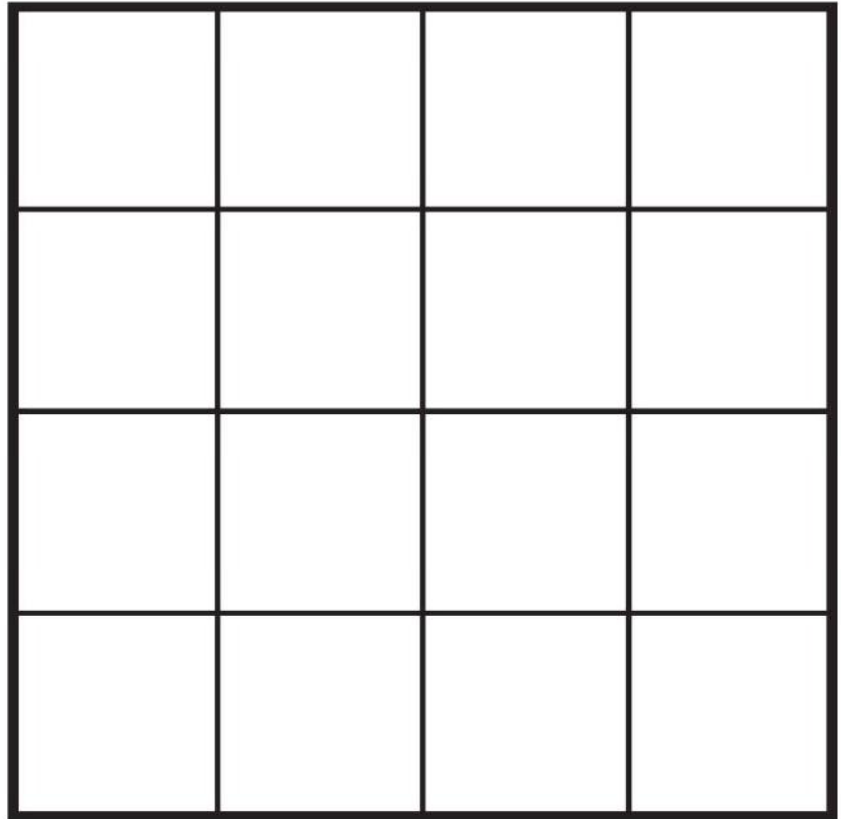
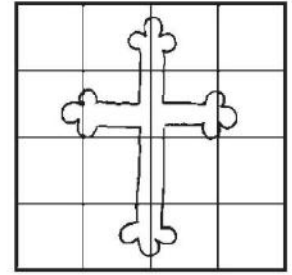
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READ THE GOSPEL AND COMPLETE A PUZZLE!

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square by square.



SHARING THE GOSPEL

Where two or three of you are gathered together in the name of Jesus, he is there with you. When you and your family ask God's blessings on you and the food you eat, Jesus is sitting there with you. "Bless this food, O Lord, we pray. Keep our souls near you today." Because two of you on earth asked for God's blessing, it will be given to you by God in heaven.

PRAYER

Holy Spirit, heal my body
and protect my soul.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

I will ask God to bless
my family and keep us
close to Him.



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