

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



## November 15, 2020—33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

### ST. COLUMBAN PARISH

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

Sunday Mass: 10:30 AM  
Saturday: 5:00 PM  
Wednesday Mass: 9:00 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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**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.

November 18—Nora Kimball RIP

## 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, Jodi Smith, Don Troyer, and Lindy Parse, Ray Wilson, Paul Hennigan, Grace Sudano, Frances & Richard Sheriff and all those in harm's way.

Rest in Peace: Louise Echtele, Linda Azarella

## Financial Stewardship

**St. Columban St. Peter**

Weekly Goal	\$5,762	\$712
Nov. 8th	\$2,461	\$982

### From a sermon by Saint Augustine, Bishop

*She who believed by faith, conceived by faith*

Stretching out his hand over his disciples, the Lord Christ declared: *Here are my mother and my brothers; anyone who does the will of my Father who sent me is my brother and sister and my mother.* I would urge you to ponder these words. Did the Virgin Mary, who believed by faith and conceived by faith, who was the chosen one from whom our Savior was born among men, who was created by Christ before Christ was created in her—did she not do the will of the Father? Indeed the blessed Mary certainly did the Father's will, and so it was for her a greater thing to have been Christ's disciple than to have been his mother, and she was more blessed in her discipleship than in her motherhood. Hers was the happiness of first bearing in her womb him whom she would obey as her master.

Now listen and see if the words of Scripture do not agree with what I have said. The Lord was passing by and crowds were following him. His miracles gave proof of divine power, and a woman cried out: *Happy is the womb that bore you, blessed is that womb!* But the Lord, not wishing people to seek happiness in a purely physical relationship, replied: *More blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it.* Mary heard God's word and kept it, and so she is blessed. She kept God's truth in her mind, a nobler thing than carrying his body in her womb. The truth and the body were both Christ: he was kept in Mary's mind insofar as he is truth, he was carried in her womb insofar as he is man; but what is kept in the mind is of a higher order than what is carried in the womb.

The Virgin Mary is both holy and blessed, and yet the Church is greater than she. Mary is a part of the Church, a member of the Church, a holy, an eminent—the most eminent—member, but still only a member of the entire body. The body undoubtedly is greater than she, one of its members. This body has the Lord for its head, and head and body together make up the whole Christ. In other words, our head is divine—our head is God.

Now, beloved, give me your whole attention, for you also are members of Christ; you also are the body of Christ. Consider how you yourselves can be among those of whom the Lord said: *Here are my mother and my brothers.* Do you wonder how you can be the mother of Christ? He himself said: *Whoever hears and fulfills the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and my sister and my mother.* As for our being the brothers and sisters of Christ, we can understand this because although there is only one inheritance and Christ is the only Son, his mercy would not allow him to remain alone. It was his wish that we too should be heirs of the Father, and co-heirs with himself.

Now having said that all of you are brothers of Christ, shall I not dare to call you his mother? Much less would I dare to deny his own words. Tell me how Mary became the mother of Christ, if it was not by giving birth to the members of Christ? You, to whom I am speaking, are the members of Christ. Of whom were you born? "Of Mother Church," I hear the reply of your hearts. You became sons of this mother at your baptism; you came to birth then as members of Christ. Now you in your turn must draw to the font of baptism as many as you possibly can. You became sons when you were born there yourselves, and now by bringing others to birth in the same way, you have it in your power to become the mothers of Christ.

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary is celebrated on November 21

Pax et bonum,  
Fr. Dean.

### SAINT COLUMBAN PASTORAL COUNCIL

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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 Adult Learners  
Welcome!

R.C.I.A.

November 17—Jesus & Discipleship

Tuesdays @ 6:30PM in the  
Religious Ed Bldg. Rm. 103

The 2020-21 Faith Formation year is well under way! Please contact Katie Hennigan in the Religious Education Office for registration information

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## CHILDREN'S PRAYERS

We took a break from 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade classes last weekend so there is no prayer count. Please take a moment to reflect on this passage and pray a Hail Mary so that it may be absorbed in your heart.

*"I will not leave your orphans;  
I will come to you."*

*-John 14:18*

## Sacrament of Baptism

All those who wish to baptize their child or be a godparent for a child to be baptized here at St. Columban must complete the Baptism Preparation before a baptism can be scheduled. Please contact Katie Hennigan in the Religious Education Office for more information.

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## All Masses will resume with modifications, see below for details

### MASS RESERVATIONS

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

- ♦ Masks will be required except for those with a medical exemption.
- ♦ 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.

*\*If you are unable to call during office hours, please leave your name, phone number, and how many will be in your party and we will call you back to confirm your reservation.*

### Important Things to Remember

- ♦ Only persons who are under the same reservation 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.

### **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)



### Women's Club

Coffee Hour and all other events suspended until further notice.



### Knights of Columbus

November 28—Coats for Kids Distribution



**November 23**—Blessing of the St. Columban  
**5:00PM** Prayer Garden

**November 26**—Thanksgiving Day Mass  
**10:00AM** w/Blessing of Bread or Wine

**CALLED TO SERVE as CHRIST**  
*A campaign for our*  
**PRIESTS, SISTERS & FAMILY OF FAITH**

**3 Year Goal for St. Columban: \$307, 368**

As of: November 6, 2020

**Total Pledged: \$76,284 25% of Goal**

**Number of Families Participating: 292**  
**Potential Share: \$11,443**

**3 Year Goal for St. Peter: \$54, 327**

As of: November 6, 2020

**Total Pledged: \$13,632 25% of Goal**

**Number of Families Participating: 45**  
**Potential Share: \$2,045**

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# **St. Columban Winter Clothes Closet**

Opening December 1<sup>st</sup>!

## **Hours of Operation**

Tuesdays & Thursdays 6-8PM

**VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED**

Contact the Parish  
Office for more  
information

## **Now Accepting Donations Of**

*Please make sure items are of good re-useable quality (something you would wear)*

**Coats      Knit Caps      Gloves      Warm Socks      Scarves**  
**Raincoats      Rain boots      Men's Clothing**

Donation boxes in the Narthex

# Masses & Events for Advent, Christmas, & New Year's 2020

## Weekday Mass Schedule

### Rosary:

Wednesdays 8:30AM @ St. Columban

### Daily Mass:

Wednesdays 9:00AM @ St. Columban

### Scripture Study:

Every Thursday

9:30AM @ St. Peter

6:30PM @ St. Columban

## Confession

Fridays @ St. Columban

4:00PM to 5:00PM

Sundays @ St. Peter

7:30-7:45AM



**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent – Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>**

*Readings for Year B Begin*



**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent – Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>**



**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent – Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>**

*Gaudete Sunday*



**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent – Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>**

Decorating the churches will happen after each Mass

## Christmas Eve (Thursday) @ St. Columban

### Stations of the Crib 4:00PM

Come witness the events leading up to the birth of Christ led by our Faith Formation Students.

### Children's Mass 5:00PM

This Mass is tailored to be for children and is led by our Faith Formation students serving as the Readers for the Mass.

### Vigil Mass 8:00PM

Incense will be used during this Mass. If you are sensitive to Incense, please plan on attending the 5:00PM Mass instead.



## **Christmas Day** *(Friday)*

**Mass 8:00AM @ St. Peter**

**Mass 10:30AM @ St. Columban**



## **Sunday December 27<sup>th</sup>**

**The Holy Family; Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

**Vigil Mass (Saturday Dec. 26<sup>th</sup>) 5:00PM @ St. Columban**

**Mass 8:00AM @ St. Peter**

**Mass 10:30AM @ St. Columban**



## **New Year's Eve** *(Thursday)* **@ St. Columban**

Adoration will be held from 11:00PM to Midnight

## **New Year's Day** *(Friday)* – **January 1, 2021**

**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

**Mass 9:00AM @ St. Peter**

**Mass 7:00PM @ St. Columban**

Please visit our parish website for more information [saintcolumbanyelm.org](http://saintcolumbanyelm.org)

*May Your Christmas and New Year Be Full of  
God's Abundant Love and Blessings!*

# Stations of the Crib

**Who:** All Young People of St. Columban  
Ages 4 and older

**What:** Dramatization of the birth of  
Jesus

**Where:** St. Columban

**When:** Presentation-Prior to Christmas Eve Children's  
Mass

This is a simple and meaningful presentation with music and narration. A variety of roles are available for the youth of our parish.

Adult help is also needed.

**RSVP:** Call Katie (360) 458-3031x3 to participate or for  
more information.



## More about St. Columban

### From a General Audience of Pope Benedict XVI given on Wednesday, June 11, 2008 about Saint Columban

*(continued from last week)*

Columban lived at Luxeuil for almost 20 years. Here the Saint wrote for his followers the *Regula monachorum* - for a while more widespread in Europe than Benedict's Rule - which portrayed the ideal image of the monk. It is the only ancient Irish monastic rule in our possession today. Columban integrated it with the *Regula coenobialis*, a sort of penal code for the offences committed by monks, with punishments that are somewhat surprising to our modern sensibility and can only be explained by the mentality and environment of that time. With another famous work entitled: *De poenitentiarum misura taxanda*, also written at Luxeuil, Columban introduced Confession and private and frequent penance on the Continent. It was known as "tariffed" penance because of the proportion established between the gravity of the sin and the type of penance imposed by the confessor. These innovations roused the suspicion of local Bishops, a suspicion that became hostile when Columban had the courage to rebuke them openly for the practices of some of them. The controversy over the date of Easter was an opportunity to demonstrate their opposition: Ireland, in fact, followed the Eastern rather than the Roman tradition. The Irish monk was convoked in 603 to account to a Synod at Chalon-sur-Saône for his practices regarding penance and Easter. Instead of presenting himself before the Synod, he sent a letter in which he minimized the issue, inviting the Synod Fathers not only to discuss the problem of the date of Easter, in his opinion a negligible problem, "but also all the necessary canonical norms that - something more serious - are disregarded by many" (cf. *Epistula* II, 1). At the same time he wrote to Pope Boniface IV - just as several years earlier he had turned to Pope Gregory the Great (cf. *Epistula* I) - asking him to defend the Irish tradition (cf. *Epistula* III).

Intransigent as he was in every moral matter, Columban then came into conflict with the royal house for having harshly reprimanded King Theuderic for his adulterous relations. This created a whole network of personal, religious and political intrigues and manoeuvres which, in 610, culminated in a Decree of expulsion banishing Columban and all the monks of Irish origin

from Luxeuil and condemning them to definitive exile. They were escorted to the sea and, at the expense of the court, boarded a ship bound for Ireland. However, not far from shore the ship ran aground and the captain, who saw this as a sign from Heaven, abandoned the voyage and, for fear of being cursed by God, brought the monks back to dry land. Instead of returning to Luxeuil, they decided to begin a new work of evangelization. Thus, they embarked on a Rhine boat and travelled up the river. After a first stop in Tuggen near Lake Zurich they went to the region of Bregenz, near Lake Constance, to evangelize the Alemanni.

*(To be continued)*

## PRAYER

### *A prayer attributed to Saint Columban:*

Lord, grant me, I pray thee in the name of Jesus Christ thy Son, my God, that love which knows no fall, so that my lamp may feel the kindling touch and know no quenching, may burn for me and for others may give light.

Do thou, Christ, deign to kindle our lamps, our Saviour most sweet to us, that they may shine continually in thy temple, and receive perpetual light from thee the Light perpetual, so that our darkness may be enlightened, and yet the world's darkness may be driven from us.

Thus do thou enrich my lantern with the light, I pray thee, Jesus mine, so that by its light there may be disclosed to me those holy places of the holy, which hold thee the eternal priest of the eternal things, entering there in the pillars of that great temple of thine, that constantly I may see, observe, desire thee only, and loving thee only may behold, and before thee my lamp may ever shine and burn.

Be it thine, I beg, most loving Saviour, to reveal thyself to us who beseech thee, so that knowing thee, we may love thee only, love thee alone, hold thee in our thoughts; and do thou deign so far to inspire us with thy love, as it befits thee to be loved and cherished as our God; that thy charity may possess all our inward parts, and thy love may own us all, and thine affection may fill all our senses, so that we may know no other love apart from thee who art eternal; that such affection may be in us impossible of quenching by the many waters of this air and land and sea, according to that saying "And many waters are not able to quench love", which in us also can be fulfilled even in part, by the gift of thee our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom is the glory unto ages of ages. Amen.



November 15, 2020



### MARY OF NAZARETH

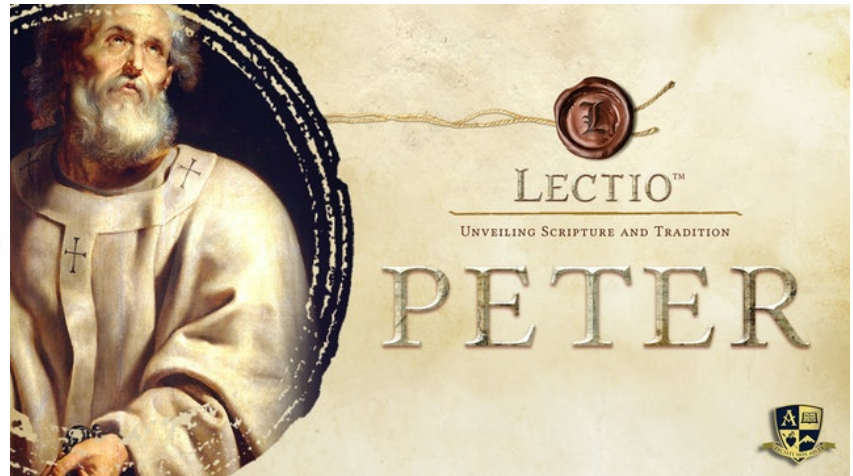
This film vividly captures Mary's profound faith and trust in God amidst the great mysteries that she lived as the Mother of the Messiah, as well as her compassion and concern for others and the deep love that she and Jesus shared for one another.

WATCH

LEARN

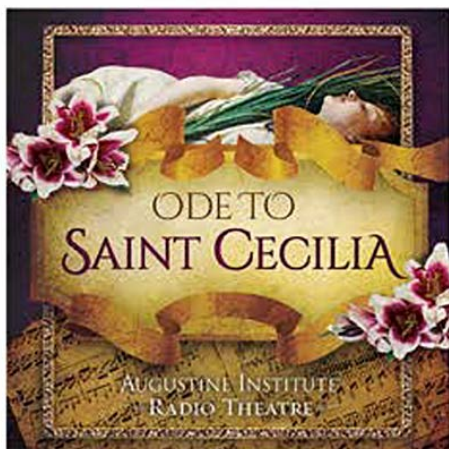
### LECTIO: PETER - SESSION 5: PETER AND THE KEYS

This week is the Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul. Learn more about Peter's role in the Church and the imagery behind Jesus' famous words to Peter.



### ODE TO SAINT CECILIA

In this Augustine Institute audio drama, *Ode to Saint Cecilia* tells the dramatic story of a modest young woman from Rome whose life transcends time to influence poets, composers, sculptors, and painters.



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# At Home with Faith

**God has blessed our children with talents: special powers they can use for good.** Our job is to help our children discover and develop these gifts from God.



In our Gospel reading, Jesus uses the parable of the talents to help us think about the end of our lives, when we meet God and look back at what we did with the gifts he gave us. Did we use them for good?

It's very healthy, psychologically and spiritually, to see our capabilities like intelligence, strength, and creativity as gifts that God loans us for a time. Rather than taking these gifts for granted and comparing ourselves to others, Jesus directs our focus to how we develop the gifts he has given us.

## 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.

**Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31**

Praise for the woman who does good.

**Psalms 128:1-2, 2, 4-5**

Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

**1 Thessalonians 5: 1-6**

Stay alert, children of the light!

**Matthew 25:14-30**

Use the gifts God has given you.

# At Home with Faith

## Talk

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

Four ways to help our children find their talents:

- **Pray for discernment.** As parents, we might tend to look for the gifts we want our children to have rather than see the gifts that God gave them. Before we coach our children in identifying their talents, ask the Holy Spirit for help in discerning these God-given gifts in our children.
- **Watch your child at work and play.** Observe your children at work and play. What sorts of skills seem to come naturally to them? What kind of things do they enjoy doing? Watch especially carefully for times that your child positively impacts other people's lives by the use of their gift.
- **Tell your child what you saw, and be specific.** Share your observations with your child. The more specific, the better. It would be good to tell your child, "You are great at encouraging others." It would be even better to say, "Did you notice how sad your sister was after school today? When you talked with her, you really listened to how she was feeling and what you said to her made her feel so much better. You really have a gift for encouraging people."
- **Tell them to ask God to help them develop their talent.** Encourage your child to ask for God's help in noticing and developing their talents.



**In his letters to the Corinthians and Ephesians, St. Paul tells us how the Holy Spirit gives each of us gifts at our baptism to use for the common good.** Building upon what Jesus taught, he emphasizes that we are given these gifts to use for the good of others.

As parents, one of the best things we can do for our children is to help them discover and develop the special gifts that God has given them. Signs of special talents provided by God include:

- 1) The talent serves the good of creation.** A gift from God improves the world around us.
- 2) Your child enjoys putting the gift to use and feels energized by the good it did.** It feels great to use our God-given gifts!
- 3) Others notice the gift as a blessing.** If a child is gifted in writing, others will enjoy her writing. If a child is gifted at building, others will find the things he built useful.

Watch your children at play and at work, and look for signs of special talents God has granted them. Encourage them to ask God in prayer how to develop and use these gifts.

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

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

## INTERCEDE



## PRAY

*Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be*

## REFLECT

To a woman facing an unexpected pregnancy in difficult circumstances, adoption is sometimes felt to be worse than aborting her child. In reality, placing a child for adoption is a loving, generous, and sacrificial option that demonstrates a woman's profound, long-term motherly care. In considering and choosing whether to place her child for adoption, a mother seeks what is *best* for her child, making a selfless act of love. Still, a woman considering adoption may experience a number of conflicting emotions. It is essential that she be supported throughout and after the process, whether she decides to place her child with another loving family or to raise her child herself.

By grace, we are made children of God through adoption and can call him, "Abba, Father!" (*Rom. 8:15*). This spiritual adoption also makes us brothers and sisters in the Lord. In this month that we celebrate all the saints, let us call on the intercession of our brothers and sisters in heaven. Through our united prayers, may expectant mothers making an adoption plan receive support and care of the Christian community as they make a loving choice for their child.

## ACT *(choose one)*

- Offer this [Prayer for Pregnant Mothers](#), praying especially for this month's intention.
- Abstain from meat or another enjoyment for one day this week.
- Offer some other sacrifice or prayer that you feel called to do for this month's intention.

## ONE STEP FURTHER

Learn more about how you can support women by reading "[Accompanying Expectant Mothers Considering Adoption](#)."

## DID YOU KNOW?

On November 1st the Church celebrates the Solemnity of All Saints. Nationally, November is also recognized as National Adoption Month. The USCCB offers a novena seeking the intercession of the foster father of Jesus. Consider praying the [St. Joseph Adoption Novena](#).



*Image: A mosaic of Our Lady of Guadalupe decorates a side altar in the Church of Santa Maria della Famiglia at the Vatican. Dec. 15. (CNS photo/Paul Haring.)*

# Use Your Talents!

God has given each of us talents, or things that we're good at. In today's parable, Jesus tells about a master who gave three of his servants large amounts of money, which were also called talents. Two of the men used the talents and earned more, but one just hid his talent and didn't use it at all. When the master returned he rewarded the men who had used theirs, but punished the man who hadn't.



Some people have many talents and can do lots of good things. Other people can only do a few things well. But no matter what you can do, God wants you to do your best.



What are some things you're good at? What are some things you are not very good at? Rather than think about the things we can't do, we should be happy to do the things we can, and do them for God! Some people are good at drawing or writing. They can make people happy and teach people about God by drawing pictures or writing stories or letters. Some people are good at talking to people and making friends. They can show God's love and make people happy. Some people have a talent of being patient with others, and show Jesus' love that way. What are your talents? How can you use them to bring people closer to God?

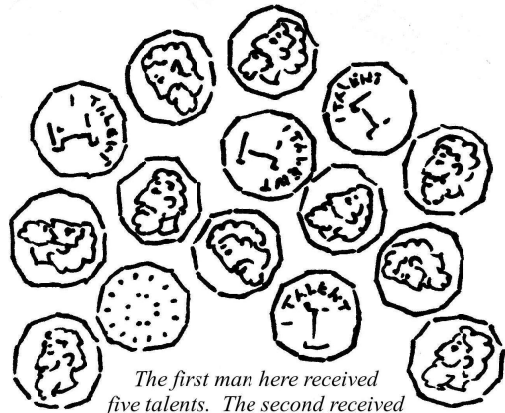


Answers to front page: The first man had ten, the second had four and the third man one.  
Answer to picture puzzle: Top, left to right: 2, Middle: 4, 1, Bottom: 3, 5.

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# The Kids' Bulletin

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The first man here received five talents. The second received two and the third man one. When the master returned, how many did each man have? Colour them this way to find out:



Colour the coins with faces gold.



Colour the coins with letters silver.



Colour the coin with dots bronze.

## Saint Elizabeth of Hungary November 17

ELIZABETH WAS THE DAUGHTER OF THE KING AND QUEEN OF HUNGARY IN THE EARLY 1200'S. SHE GREW UP LOVING GOD AND DOING LITTLE PENANCES.

HER PARENTS ARRANGED FOR HER TO MARRY THE DUKE OF THURINGIA IN GERMANY. HE WAS A GOOD HUSBAND.

THEY BOTH LOVED GOD AND WERE GENEROUS TO THE POOR AND SICK.

I have been asked to join the Crusade.

THEY HAD THREE CHILDREN, BUT HER HUSBAND HAD TO LEAVE ON A CRUSADE

HE DIED ON THE WAY FROM DISEASE. POOR ELIZABETH WAS A WIDOW AT THE AGE OF 21.

The world with all its joys is dead to me!

SHE STARTED HOSPITALS, BUT HER HUSBAND'S RELATIVES WERE CRUEL TO HER AND REFUSED TO GIVE HER ENOUGH MONEY.

This is hardly enough to live on!

I'm not feeling well...

SO ELIZABETH JOINED THE FRANCISCAN ORDER AND SPENT THE REST OF HER SHORT LIFE IN PRAYER AND CARE FOR THE POOR. SHE DIED AT THE AGE OF 24.

SAINT ELIZABETH DID NOT LET BEING RICH AND IMPORTANT IN THE WORLD GET IN THE WAY OF LOVING GOD AND OTHERS. SHE USED HER MONEY AND TIME TO CARE FOR THE POOR AND SICK, AND WHEN SHE HAD NO MONEY SHE STILL CARED FOR THEM. CAN YOU PRAY FOR THE POOR AND SICK PEOPLE TODAY?

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## Using the Master's Talents - sort out the pictures -

How well do you know the parable from today's Gospel?  
Put the numbers 1 to 6 in the boxes in the correct order of the story.

But you didn't use what I gave you! Your talent will be given to the servant with ten.



I've made five more.

I made two more.

I hid mine. Here it is.

I'm going away. Please look after these for me.

I have returned! Call the servants.

You two have done well. Come with me.

# The Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

NOVEMBER 15, 2020

## Today is World Day of the Poor

This year's theme is "Stretch forth your hand to the poor." We especially pray for all those who have been impacted by the Coronavirus and encourage a spirit of fraternity amongst our community.

## Saint of the Week

### Saint Elizabeth of Hungary

Feast Day—November 17

Elizabeth's short life was nonetheless full; she had a happy marriage and children, was a secular Franciscan, and was so devoted to the poor and sick that she gave away royal robes and founded hospitals. The daughter of a Hungarian king, Elizabeth married a nobleman of Thuringia, Louis, at age 14. He complained about the expense of her many charities until he witnessed a miracle involving Elizabeth, bread and roses. After he died during a Crusade, she became a Third Order Franciscan at Marburg, Germany, where she founded a hospital to care for the sick. Elizabeth, who was declared a saint in 1235, is the patron of bakers, young brides, widows, those falsely accused, countesses and secular Franciscans.



# November Indulgences for *The Holy Souls in Purgatory*

*This year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Plenary Indulgences for the deceased faithful will be extended throughout the entire month of November, with adaptation of works and conditions to guarantee the safety of the faithful.*

All the baptized faithful in the state of grace can seek to obtain a plenary indulgence **for a soul in Purgatory**. We would certainly want people to help us through their prayers if we go to Purgatory.

And if we help get someone to Heaven, you can be sure that they will help us and pray for us before the Throne of God.

**What is an indulgence?:** "Indulgences are a part of the Church's teaching on the forgiveness of sins.

Through the Sacrament of Baptism, we receive forgiveness for our sins, and all punishment is remitted.

Through the Sacrament of Penance, sins are also forgiven, and the eternal penalty that is due to sin—namely, damnation, the eternal loss of the presence of God—is taken away. However, consequences still remain that the sinner must bear. This is what is traditionally called the temporal punishment for sin. This consequence of sin disrupts our relationship with God, with the Church and with others. Those who have received forgiveness for their sins may still have an obligation to undergo a process of purification to *restore these disrupted relationships*.

The necessary and painful process that brings this reconciliation and purification can take place in this life or in Purgatory, because whatever part of the process remains unfinished at death must be completed in Purgatory" (*Indulgences and our Spiritual Life*). An indulgence (full or partial) is what we receive when the Church lessens the temporal (lasting only for a short time) penalties to which we may be subject even though our sins have been forgiven.

**Plenary Indulgence available throughout November 2020** (partial any at other time):

◆ **Devoutly visit** a cemetery and **pray for the dead**, even if the prayer is only mental

◆ Say one **Our Father** and one **Hail Mary** for the intentions of the Pope and **worthily receive Holy Communion** (ideally both on the same day but may precede or follow by several days)

◆ Make a **Sacramental Confession** within 20 days of (before or after) your visit

◆ **A partial indulgence**, applicable only to the **Souls in Purgatory**, can be obtained when the "**Eternal Rest...**" is prayed especially during the month of November.

## **THE GENERAL CONDITIONS REQUIRED FOR GAINING A PLENARY INDULGENCE:**

◆ All **attachment to sin** (i.e. any sin which the soul is *not willing to renounce, a refusal to amend the situation*), even venial sin, must be absent. This does not mean we do not sin through human weakness or repeat sins before overcoming them. If one's disposition is less than perfect or if some of the above conditions are not fulfilled, the indulgence becomes partial.

◆ You must remember that you can acquire **only one plenary indulgence a day**, but many partial indulgences can be acquired each day.

◆ **The above indulgences** are applicable **only** to the **Souls in Purgatory**.

◆ Several Plenary Indulgences may be gained on the basis of a single Sacramental Confession; only one may be gained, however, on the basis of a single Eucharistic Communion and prayer for the Pope's intentions.

***"Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen."***



**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2020**

# 33<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“Well done, my good and faithful servant.” – Mt 25:21



# WEEKLY PRAYER

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 15, 2020

- SUN 11/15** Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21
- MON 11/16** Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Rev 2:17]/Lk 18:35-43
- TUE 11/17** Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 [Rev 3:21]/Lk 19:1-10
- WED 11/18** Rv 4:1-11/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [1b]/Lk 19:11-28
- THR 11/19** Rv 5:1-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [Rev 5:10]/Lk 19:41-44
- FRI 11/20** Rv 10:8-11/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131 [103a]/Lk 19:45-48
- SAT 11/21** Rv 11:4-12/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10 [1b]/Lk 20:27-40
- SUN 11/22** Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 [1]/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46

## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 15, 2020

- Sunday:** 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude, Virgin
- Tuesday:** St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious
- Wednesday:** The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin
- Saturday:** The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Next Sunday:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

## LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week

God has entrusted his possessions to us. God's possessions are not earthly, physical things like ours: a home, bank account, personal items, and so forth. God's possessions are far greater and deeper. God's greatest possession is His very Self and it is precisely this pearl of great price that He bestows freely upon us. What are we going to do with it? Nourishing the fruits of wisdom is of the first order in determining how we are going to use what God have given. Understanding that His gift has not been given purely for our self-benefit is another. Wisdom asks us to broaden our horizons to embrace all avenues of human life, including the needs of the poor, the marginalized, and the needy. Manifested primarily in the virtues of faith, hope, and love, what God has entrusted to us can multiply exponentially if we invest His gift wisely and reap the greatest benefits. While it requires a great deal of focus and persistent hard work, we will experience tremendous joy when we realize just how much confidence God has in us. Not acting on something out of fear or lack of trust serves no purpose and is of no use to either God or ourselves.



Where  
*charity*  
is not found,  
God cannot dwell.

— ST. ALBERT THE GREAT —

# WORSHIP & MEDITATION



## FIRST READING

Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting;  
the woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.

Give her a reward for her labors,  
and let her works praise her at the city gates.

(Prv 31:30-31)



## PSALM

Blessed are those who fear the Lord. (Ps 128)



## SECOND READING

For all of you are children of the light  
and children of the day.

We are not of the night or of darkness.

Therefore, let us not sleep as the rest do,  
but let us stay alert and sober. (1 Thes 5:5-6)

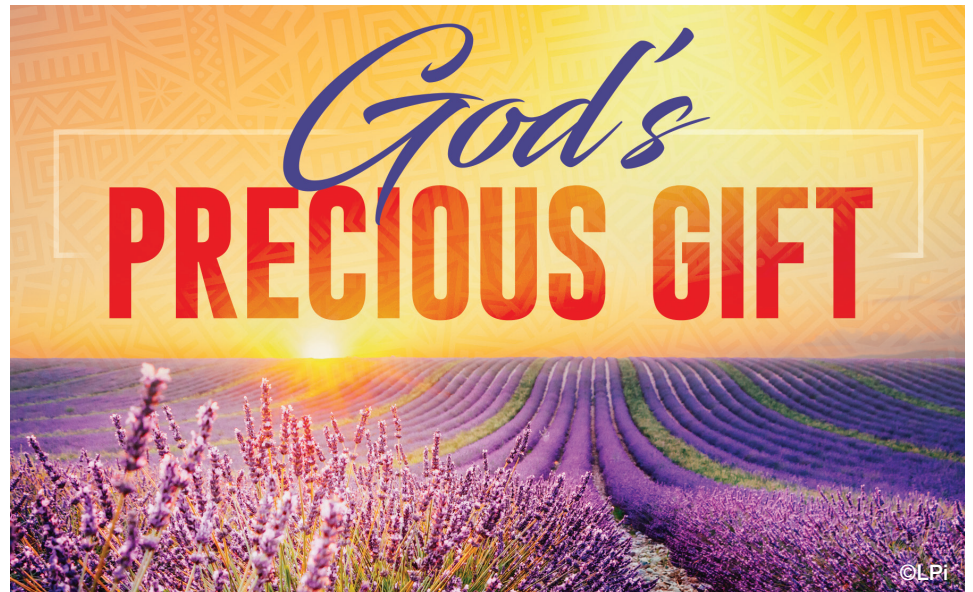


## GOSPEL

"His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and  
faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small  
matters, I will give you great responsibilities.

Come, share your master's joy.'" (Mt 25:21)

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

God gives us the gift of His very self and asks us to invest it. Investing God's greatest gift of Himself wisely, allows God's kingdom to grow and flourish. God trusts us with this pearl of great price in hopes that it will produce abundant fruit. While God's gift of self is realized in the gifts of faith, hope, and love, they are not meant to be solely for personal benefit. They are intended to be shared and are at the heart of Jesus' blueprint for happiness, the Beatitudes.

When we properly invest God's greatest gift, His most treasured possession, we invest in the wellbeing of all of our brothers and sisters and the world in which we live. We take up most seriously our call to be stewards and properly manage, not only our own affairs, but the affairs of those around and before us. God has put tremendous confidence in us. Do we have that same confidence in God?

We often go the extra mile and put in the additional effort when it comes to those concerns closest to us: our families, friends, careers, home and securities. But when it comes to things that are not as close to us, we can become lax and less conscientious. Tending to God's treasure requires a great deal of focus and persistent hard work. It demands that I see the bigger picture, God's picture, in which self-sacrifice is a given as we labor for the establishment of God's kingdom, God's vision. Fear and a lack of trust can loom large, however. We are afraid of letting go of what is "mine" and apprehensive of jeopardizing what we have in order to venture into something bigger and more promising.

Fear and a lack of trust serve no purpose in God's kingdom. They benefit neither the person nor God. What is required is a courageous resolve that produces the fortitude necessary to stay the course and do what God is asking. Doing all in our power to cultivate the seeds of faith, hope, and love in our world, working diligently to put all of our relationships in proper order, becoming attentive to systems and ideologies that hurt and oppress people, being mindful of injustice, and laboring on behalf of the poor and the needy are at the core of what each of us is asked to do. It is how we invest God's most precious gift wisely. If persistent, alert and attentive, then life will gradually improve around us, there will be greater peace and we will experience joy.

# LITURGICAL LIFE

## RESPONDING *to the Call*

### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

#### Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

##### Buried in Your Backyard

I remember watching a television show about a high school that dug up a time capsule that students had buried 25 years earlier. They had buried it with the purpose of showing others many years later the trends of the day and how student life was at that time. It was a fun exercise and everyone — the current students as well as those now grown — laughed at the clothing styles, corny photos, and lack of technology from years ago.

I wonder how the former students felt about how they had grown in those 25 years. How many of them realized their high school dreams? Did they find their purpose in this world and feel fulfilled in life? Did they use the talents and gifts God gave them to really make a difference in the world?

We have all been given talents and gifts by God to be cultivated and offered back to Him and those around us for His glory. As time has passed, hopefully we have taken seriously our stewardship of these gifts. But sometimes out of fear, misunderstanding, or even apathy, we have taken one or more of our gifts and buried them, hiding them away from others and stifling all growth. This is no way to honor God and certainly not a path to fulfillment in life. If we have anything buried in our backyard, we might do well to dig it back up, clean it up, and begin building upon it. Like a time capsule, those things will not be buried forever. One day the giver of that gift will ask what you have done with it. When that day comes, I pray you don't need to find a shovel.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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### WHY DO WE DO THAT?

#### Catholic Life Explained:

##### Question:

The Bible says that Jesus condemned gambling, but I notice that so many parishes have them at festivals and other events. What's correct?

##### Answer:

Although Jesus speaks of our relationship with material wealth and the very human struggle with greed, the gospels do not include any specific instructions related to gambling. At the same time, the Church is very sensitive to the needs of those who might struggle with an addiction to gambling, and pastoral care should always be offered to those who struggle with this reality in their life.

While it is true that many parish or school communities include gambling or games of chance in festivals and fundraisers (e.g. bingo, roulette, ring tossing, dunking booths, etc.), there is nothing inherently wrong these sorts of events, given they are played fairly and within the limits of reason are not morally objectionable. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us: "Games of chance (card games, etc.) or wagers are not in themselves contrary to justice. They become morally unacceptable when they deprive someone of what is necessary to provide for his needs and those of others" (no. 2413).

As in all things, moderation and a sense of healthy limits should be applied to gambling and games of chance. For those who find themselves living with addiction to gambling, help is available in various 12-step and addiction recovery programs.

family and friends the opportunity to honor the remains of the one they have lost with dignity, reverence, and care.

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**“After a long time the master of those servants came back and settled accounts with them. The one who had received five talents came forward bringing the additional five. He said, ‘Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more.’”**

**– Mt 25:19-20**

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## QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

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

### First Reading

Our Jewish sage describes a model household that is governed by a wife's wisdom. What do you find appealing in this portrayal?

### Second Reading

Paul speaks of the unknown day upon which Christ will return as coming “like a thief in the night” and as the inescapable “labor pains” of a woman about to give birth. Why do you think Paul uses such jarring imagery?

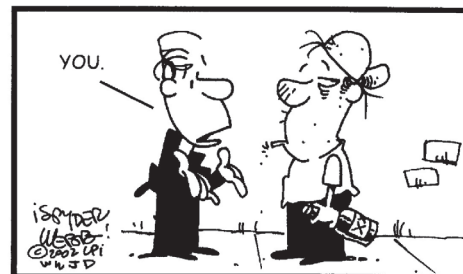
### Gospel Reading

In his parable of the talents, Jesus teaches about the importance of using our God-given gifts faithfully and prudently. What would be a natural gift you have used well in your life?

**GOD SAVED US  
AND CALLED US**  
*to live a holy life.*

**2 TIMOTHY 1:9**

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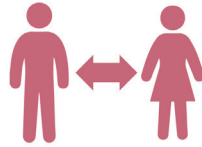


# LITURGICAL LIFE

## 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.



*“Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master’s joy.’”*

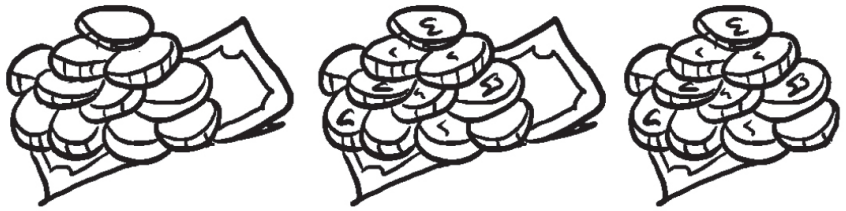
- Mt 25:20b-21

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# KIDS CORNER

## READ THE GOSPEL AND COMPLETE A PUZZLE!

Find the two that are the same



### SHARING THE GOSPEL

You can choose to waste your time, your money and your special talents. You can be selfish with them, too. Or, you can use those gifts from God to spread good news about Jesus. When you choose to use your gifts for God, and he will fill your heart with joy.

### PRAYER

God, help me to use my time, my money and my special talents for you.

### MISSION FOR THE WEEK

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