

SAINT COLUMBAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

ST. COLUMBAN PARISH

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Office Hours

Monday—Thursday 9:00AM –2:00PM

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FORMED

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.

See Calendar on Page 3 for current schedule and updates

St. Vincent De Paul

Providing emergency assistance for those in need.

Help Line: 360-458-1904

ST. PETER MISSION

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360-264-2124

Office Hours

Mondays & Fridays 10:30AM – 2PM

gaby@saintcolumbanyelm.org

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.



Bibleprayers.blogspot.com

Whoever causes one of these little ones to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were put around his neck and he were thrown into the sea.

September 26, 2021

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Readings

Entrance Antiphon: *All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement.*

1st Reading: Numbers 11: 25-29

Responsorial Psalm: *The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.*

2nd Reading: James 5: 1-6

Gospel Acclamation: *Your word, O Lord, is truth; consecrate us in truth.*

Gospel: Mark 9: 38-43, 45, 47-48

Communion Antiphon: *Be mindful of your word, O Lord, this has been my comfort.*

MASS ATTENDANCE

In obedience to the most recent guidelines from the Archdiocese, public Mass at our parish is held with the following safety measures in place.

- ◆ Masks are required at this time unless you have a medical exemption
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Hand Sanitizer is provided



Fr. Thompson's Reflections

Hard Moral Cases: *Guardrails*

I know that last week's message on moral act theory might have seemed a bit black-and-white, and perhaps some might have thought of complicated or heart-wrenching scenarios that might seem to elude easy moral evaluation. Nonetheless, if an act is evil—either of itself or due to circumstances or motives—it is evil no matter how we might feel about it or how compelling the story may be; one can never (directly, positively, willfully) do evil in order to bring about a good result.

That said, it is also true that most of our moral lives and decisions actually aren't right on the edge of good and evil, but behind prudential lines we, or society, or the Church have drawn. Like guardrails set back from the edge of a cliff, these prudential lines are there for our safety; they are established because experience has shown that it is particularly easy to fall over the edge if one ventures too close. This does not mean these lines are arbitrary or merely resting upon raw tyrannical authority; again, they are products of experience, wisdom, love for us, and concern for the good of one and all.

However, because moral guardrails are not actually the edge of the cliff, there is and can be space between the guardrail and the cliff if circumstances are such that one truly needs to venture there. While it would be immoral and reckless to cross the guardrail for petty or impulsive reasons, the Church is quite willing to consider the edge cases and split very fine lines to accompany and help those who find themselves in that liminal area between the moral guardrail and the cliff. If truly needed, the Church accompanies and considers finer and fine moral lines even to the very edge of the metaphorical cliff, even to the point of leaning out over the edge of the canyon. The catch in those cases, though, is that the moment the Church says lean back: **LEAN BACK**; she knows the ground very well, and knows the point past which balance will be lost or the ground is too unstable to keep one's footing, where one will fall if that last bit of closeness to the edge is risked.

While true of many moral scenarios, this kind of thing is most obvious in questions of medical ethics or dealing with complicated familial realities: When is a potentially fatal dose of opiates for a terminally ill patient needed for care and comfort, and when is it murder under the façade of euthanasia? How might an unmarried couple with kids conduct a common household for the sake of their kids, yet avoid temptation to sexual sin and/or giving scandal to their kids and community as they prepare to rectify their marital situation? What medical interventions to diagnose or treat infertility are acceptable, and where is the cliff edge of treating a child like a commodity (much less interventions that kill them by the dozens to bring one to birth, like IVF) or marital love as accidental to the process? Even the present conundrum of whether—or when—one may, or even must, receive medical interventions the origins of which are morally tainted (if remotely).

It may be complicated, it may be hard, but there is always a path through whatever moral quandary one may face in life. In the next few articles, I would like to reflect on some tough moral cases and present a Catholic perspective on them.

In Christ,

Fr Thompson

Financial Stewardship

Weekly Offering

| | St. Columban | St. Peter |
|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Weekly Goal | \$5,762 | \$712 |
| September 12 | \$4,236 | \$724 |

Thank You for Your Generous Support!

**CALLED TO
SERVE *as* CHRIST**

As of: July 12, 2021

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

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

DONATE NOW **A FUTURE FULL OF HOPE** *Annual Catholic Appeal*

Goal for St. Columban: \$25,692

Total Pledged as of August 9, 2021
\$34,122 132% of Goal

Goal for St. Peter: \$ 3,984

Total Pledged as of August 9, 2021
\$7,608 190% of Goal

Thank you to all who have returned your pledges!

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Faith Formation



CHILDREN'S PRAYERS

A HUGE welcome back to Faith Formation! We sure missed you over the summer and am glad to have you all back in the classroom. Parents, please remind your children to complete their prayer charts. If they did not bring one home, have them ask for one from their teacher!

“Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.”
-Matthew 19:14

Faith Formation: Grades K-12

Religious Education classes have begun! It's not too late to register your children. To register, contact Katie in the Faith Formation office. 360-458-3031x3 katie@saintcolumbanyelm.org



Join us for RIA Tuesdays at 6:30PM in Room 104 of the Religious Education Building.

Topic This Week
Divine Revelation

RCIA is open to all adult learners including, but not limited to, those seeking sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation). Please contact Katie Hennigan in the Faith Formation office for additional information.
katie@saintcolumbanyelm.org
360-458-3031x3



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

September 27 Rosary Prayer Group
7:00PM *Kimball's Ranch*

September 28 Daily Mass
9:00AM St. Columban
6:00PM Spanish Prayer Group
Parish Hall
6:30PM RCIA
Religious Ed Bldg

September 29 Daily Mass
9:00AM St. Columban

September 30 Daily Mass
9:00AM St. Columban

In Our Prayers

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

- Joseph Waters
- Jessica Nash
- Maria Luisa Fregoso
- Paul Hennigan
- Pam Henslee
- Don Troyer
- Mary Taylor
- The Siegemund Family

+ All those in harm's way.

+ For all those affected by the Coronavirus and for all first responders and caregivers.

Rest In Peace:

Patricia Schiesz, Barry Bridges

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

To add a name please contact the parish office.

All submissions must have permission from the named individual or an authorized family member for privacy purposes.

PARISH MINISTRIES

For more information or to sign-up to volunteer with any of these ministries, please contact the parish office.



Daughters of Mary
St. Columban Catholic Church Yelm, WA

October 12 Monthly Meeting
10:00AM Parish Hall



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 17152

October 13 Council Meeting
6:00PM Parish Hall



St. Vincent de Paul

October 19 Monthly Meeting
7:00PM Parish Hall



St. Peter's Circle

October 12 Monthly Meeting
9:30AM St. Peter Mission/Tenino



ALTAR SOCIETY

Cleaning the Church
Every Thursday after Daily Mass

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

October 1 NO DAILY MASS
NO First Friday Devotions at St. Peter

First Friday Devotions
6:30PM St. Columban

October 2 Confession
3:30-4:30PM St. Columban

Vigil Mass
5:00PM St. Columban

October 3 26th Sunday OT

ST. PETER MISSION TENINO
7:30-7:45AM Confession
8:00AM Mass

ST. COLUMBAN
9:00AM Religious Education
Grades K-5
10:30AM Mass
12:00PM Confirmation I Classes
Grades 6-12

Job Opening

St. Columban Catholic Church in Yelm is seeking a part-time (12-15 hours per week) bookkeeper. Responsibilities include but not limited to overseeing weekly donation counting, entering data on proprietary system, posting to appropriate accounts, reconciling checking accounts, reporting to appropriate personnel. Work experience of 2-4 years as bookkeeper required. Final candidate will be required to pass a background check and take Safe Environment training. Interested applicants may submit a resume and application to frthompson@saintcolumbanyelm.org.

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FORMING DISCIPLES FOR LIFE & JUSTICE

OCTOBER 30, 2021
VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

Join us for the 2021 virtual Cornerstone Catholic Conference to learn more about our faith and becoming disciples for life and justice.

Directed by the five bishops of Washington state, this faith-filled event will be an engaging opportunity to deepen your commitment to the Gospel while mingling with Catholics from across the state. The conference will be held virtually on Saturday, October 30 via the OnAIR virtual event platform.

This year we increased accessibility, and **select keynote speakers and workshops will be offered directly in Spanish.**

As with previous years, you can expect all of the same inspiring keynotes and presenters, as well as networking opportunities with fellow attendees and exhibitors. All registered attendees will have access to the virtual platform during the event. **There is no registration fee** for the Cornerstone Catholic Conference. Attendees are invited to make a donation to help cover the costs of the event. Those making donations of \$75 or more will be given first access to recorded speakers after the conference has concluded. Recordings will be available to the public 60 days after the event on the WACatholics YouTube channel.

Since the Cornerstone Catholic Conference will be held virtually this year, we encourage holding Cornerstone Watch Parties in homes and parishes across the state. Please see our [Watch Party Guidelines](#) to learn the step-by-step process for planning and hosting a Cornerstone Watch Party.

We invite you to make a donation to support the important work of [PREPARES](#) (Pregnancy and Parenting Support) across WA State during these difficult times. [PREPARES](#) is a nurturing response of the Catholic community, open to all, to provide meaningful, local and sustainable support to vulnerable Washington mothers, fathers, and families as they nurture their children through pregnancy and early childhood. The vision is that a vulnerable mom or family can come to any Catholic parish in the state and be served.

Register Today

<https://www.wacatholics.org/cornerstone-2021>

Guardian Angels

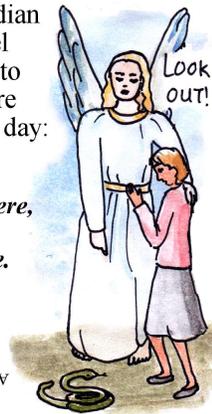


On October 2nd we celebrate the feast of the Guardian Angels. Did you know that God has an angel specially looking after you? God gave you a guardian angel to help guard you against temptation and danger.

Angels are pure spirits. Even though we draw them like people with wings, they don't have bodies, so they don't take up space. They can see and understand much more than we can, and they know God much better than we do, too. They are very powerful and can help us very much.

We should try to talk to our Guardian Angel every day. Thank your angel for looking after you, and ask him to keep protecting you from evil. Here is a good prayer you can say every day:

*Angel of God, my guardian dear,
to whom God's love commits me here,
Ever this day be at my side
to light, to guard, to rule and guide.
From sinful state O keep me free,
and at death's hour my helper be.
Amen.*

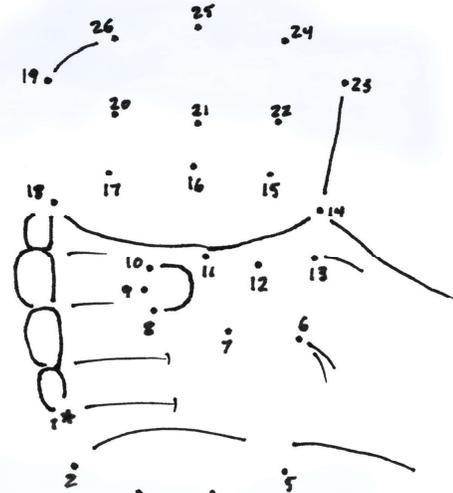


Answer to Word-Find: (It is better) to suffer than to sin.

www.thekidsbulletin.com

The Kids' Bulletin

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 26th, 2021



Mark 9:41

What is it?
Connect the dots to find out!
Jesus says in today's Gospel reading that anyone who gives one to someone for His sake will receive their just reward.

Saint Therese of Lisieux

"The Little Flower"
October 1

THERESE MARTIN WAS BORN TO A MIDDLE CLASS FAMILY IN FRANCE IN 1873. HER MOTHER DIED WHEN SHE WAS FOUR, SO SHE WAS RAISED BY HER FATHER AND SISTERS.

THERESE WAS SHY AND OVERSENSITIVE UNTIL SHE WAS FOURTEEN.

This is the last time we'll keep the presents a surprise.

Wow! I'm not crying! Jesus cured me!

THERESE DECIDED TO BECOME A CARMELITE NUN LIKE TWO OF HER SISTERS HAD.

I could serve God with them!

Your Holiness, I want to ask a favour!

BUT SHE WAS ONLY 15, SO SHE WASN'T ALLOWED UNTIL SHE ASKED THE POPE!

EVEN THOUGH SHE WAS YOUNG, THERESE WAS WISE AND DID EVERYTHING FOR GOD.

Jesus, I'll pretend I'm washing your clothes!

SHE WAS HUMBLE AND DID THE WORST JOBS AND ATE THE WORST FOOD FOR LOVE OF GOD.

That stinks! Get it out of here!

If only you knew how much she suffers!

BUT SOON ST. THERESE BECAME VERY SICK AND HAD TO STAY IN BED. SHE FELT THAT GOD HAD ABANDONED HER, BUT SHE KEPT HER FAITH. SHE DIED AT AGE 24.

BECAUSE SHE WAS A CLOISTERED NUN IN A CONVENT, SAINT THERESE KNEW THAT SHE COULD NOT DO ANY GREAT DEEDS FOR GOD. BUT SHE SAW ANOTHER WAY TO BECOME HOLY. BY THINKING OF HERSELF AS A LITTLE CHILD OF GOD AND DOING EVERY LITTLE THING FOR HIM, SHE BECAME A GREAT SAINT!

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"If it causes you to sin" Word-Find

T W O R M Q T O S
U B F C A U S E S
F E E T H E L L I
O T Y H A N D F N
O T E R E C I M O
T E R O T H N A T
H R F W A E T I N
G K I N G D O M T
O O R S L A M E I
D I E N T E R D N

See if you can find all the words from this part of today's Gospel passage that are in CAPITALS.

Use the left-over letters to fill in the blanks at the end.



...if your HAND causes you to SIN, cut it off; it is BETTER for you to enter life MAIMED than with two hands go INTO hell, to the unquenchable FIRE.

And if your FOOT causes you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life LAME than with two FEET to be THROWN into HELL.

And if your EYE CAUSES you to sin, pluck it out; it is better for you to ENTER the KINGDOM of GOD with one eye than with TWO eyes to be thrown into hell, where the WORM does not DIE and the fire is NOT QUENCHED.

It is better

Sept 26, 2021

WATCH THÉRÈSE

A pampered child from a middle-class 19th century French family, Therese Martin journeys to Rome to beg Pope Leo XIII for permission to enter the Carmelite monastery at the unheard-of age of 15. Once admitted she experiences the joys and rigors of monastic life, and makes the surprising yet simple discovery that holiness can be achieved by small acts of love and compassion – a spiritual path she calls her “Little Way.”

Therèse



LEARN ANGELS: BISHOP FULTON SHEEN



In this compilation of three episodes from his classic television program, "Life is Worth Living," Bishop Fulton Sheen delivers his thoughts on various elements of the Catholic Faith with his ever-present humor, animated presentation, and captivating mode of speaking. In the first segment, "Angels," Bishop Sheen explicates the nature of angels and the meaningful role they play in our world.

LISTEN

THE CASE FOR JESUS BY DR. BRANT PITRE

Dr. Brant Pitre, Scripture scholar and bestselling author, uses biblical and historical evidence to bolster the "case for Jesus" by exposing the problems with the many false theories that have been introduced over the past hundred years, resulting in widespread skepticism about the reliability of Christian Faith. He tackles head-on questions like: Were the four Gospels written anonymously? Did Jesus claim to be God? Did Jesus fulfill the Jewish prophecies of the Messiah? and many more.

THE CASE FOR JESUS

DR. BRANT PITRE



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At Home with Faith

Jesus calls us to set aside material things and open our hearts to God. Rather than constraining us, this “less is more” way of life creates space for joy and the Holy Spirit to enter.

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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 or download an app such as *Laudate* or *iBreviary* to access the Mass readings.

When Jesus warns: “If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed than with two hands to enter into Gehenna.” (Mark 9:34) Jesus speaks in love, knowing that setting aside our attachments frees us to pay attention to God.

Pope Francis echoes this in *Laudato Si'*, calling us to “a prophetic and contemplative lifestyle, one capable of deep enjoyment free of the obsession with consumption. We need to take up an ancient lesson . . . that ‘less is more’. A constant flood of new consumer goods can baffle the heart and prevent us from cherishing each thing and each moment.” (*Laudato Si'* 222) Let’s call our families to this “less is more” way of life.

Numbers 11:25-29

Would that all of the people of the Lord were prophets!

Psalm 19

The law of the Lord refreshes the soul.

James 5:1-6

Come now, you rich, weep over your impending miseries.

Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Better to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye.

At Home with Faith

Talk

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

Discuss with your children ways to discover when less is more:

- **Tell your children what Jesus meant:** The challenging language in this Gospel reading “if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off” can frighten children. Explain that Jesus is talking about the ordering of our hearts. Our hand is a good thing given to us by God and it does not cause us to sin. Even so, Jesus uses it as an example that those desires in our heart that we cherish must be set aside if they lead us away from God. In this way, less can be more.
- **Describe a time you found that less was more:** Describe a time when you were happier after saying no a desire for something that was good, but not the highest good. Maybe you gave up an opportunity for an exciting project at work to be with your family. Maybe, as a manager, you acted to compensate your employees more generously even though it reduced immediate profits. Maybe you chose to give to your parish rather than buy something new.
- **Invite your children to think about how less can be more in your family:** See if your children come up with some good ideas about how less can be more. Maybe there is something that they wanted to buy but realized we didn’t need. Maybe they want to eliminate foods that are full of bad ingredients from their diet. Invite them to take the lead in helping your family discover how “less can be more.”



By setting aside our desires in favor of a just ordering of society that cares for the poor and God’s creation, **we free our hearts from attachments.**

For more on the Year of the Family, visit <https://archseattle.org/yof>

“Nor can we overlook the social degeneration brought about by sin, as, for example, when human beings tyrannize nature, selfishly and even brutally ravaging it. This leads to the desertification of the earth and those social and economic imbalances denounced by the prophets, beginning with Elijah and culminating in Jesus’ own words against injustice.

Amoris Laetitia (The Joy of Love) #26

Justice, a right ordering of creation, is good for our souls. Pope Francis’ call for an “integral ecology” in recent documents like *Fratelli Tutti* follows a theme established in the documents of the Second Vatican Council and in calls from St. John Paul II for a “human ecology” and from Pope Benedict XVI for the “ecology of man.”

By setting aside our desires in favor of a just ordering of society that cares for the poor and God’s creation, we free our hearts from attachments. Talk with your children about ways to order your family’s day to day life in a way that is more just so we can align ourselves with God’s plan for creation.

For more resources, visit us online at:

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

The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

In encountering the diversity of foreigners, migrants and refugees, and in the intercultural dialogue that can emerge from this encounter, we have an opportunity to grow as Church and to enrich one another.

—Pope Francis, World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2021

CNS photo/Paolo Galosi

World Day for Migrants and Refugees

Today we celebrate World Day for Migrants and Refugees!

We pray for migrants, refugees, and all other strangers in our midst, that they may find strength in our concern for justice and feel the warmth of our love.

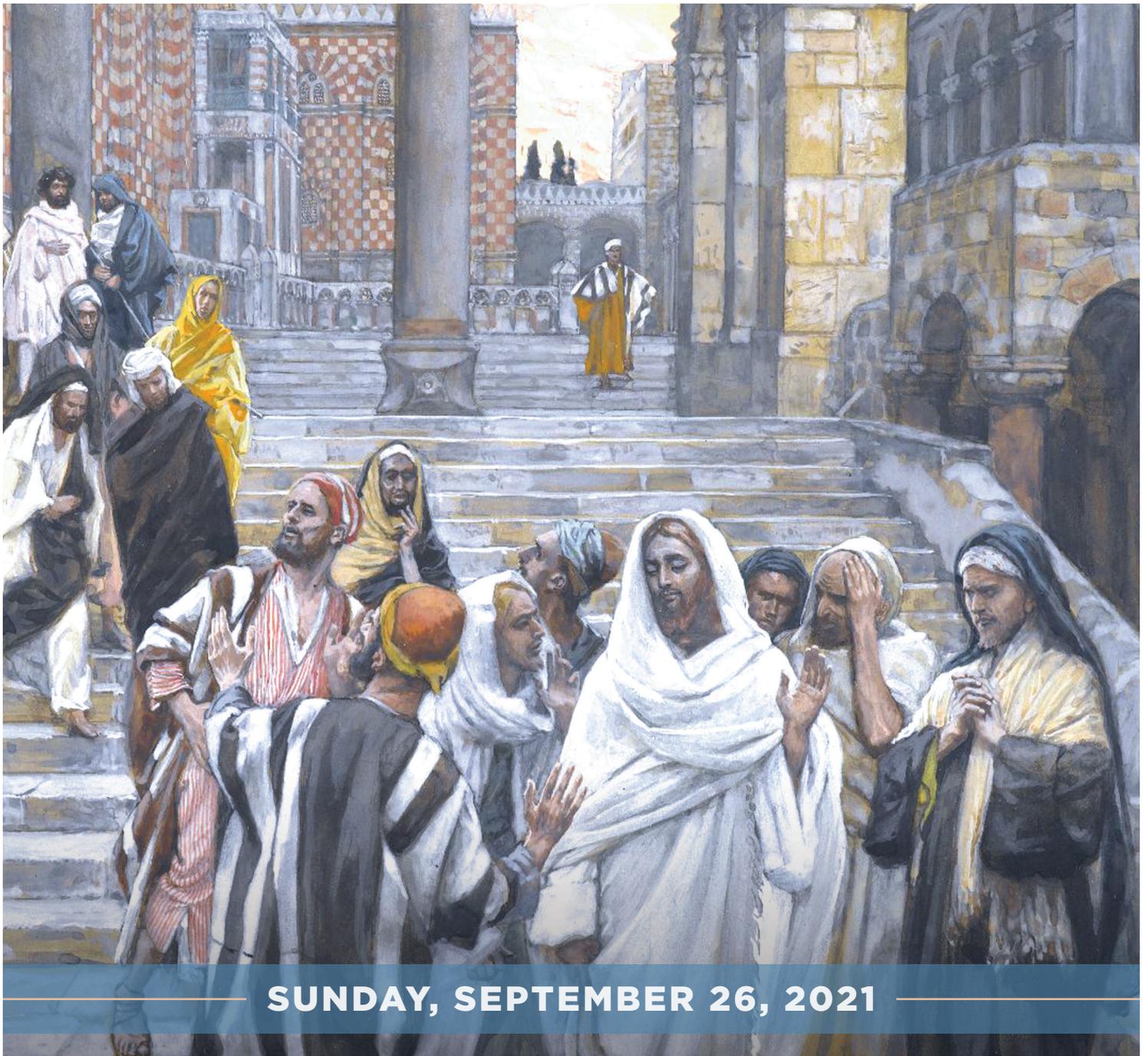
October is Respect Life Month!

Every October the Catholic Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month, and the first Sunday of October is observed as Respect Life Sunday. As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning to the end of their lives, and at every point in between. During the month of October, the Church asks us to reflect more deeply on the dignity of every human life.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

If you or someone you know is experiencing domestic violence, help is available. Call the 24/7 National Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-799-7233





SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



At that time, John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us." Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me." - Mk 9:38-39

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

- Sunday:** Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/Jas 5:1-6/
Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48
- Monday:** Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 [17]/Lk 9:46-50
- Tuesday:** Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [Zec 8:23]/Lk 9:51-56
- Wednesday:** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5 [1]/
Jn 1:47-51
- Thursday:** Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11[9ab]/Lk 10:1-12
- Friday:** Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 [9]/Lk 10:13-16
- Saturday:** Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37 [34]/Mt 18:1-5, 10
- Next Sunday:** Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [cf. 5]/Heb 2:9-11/
Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

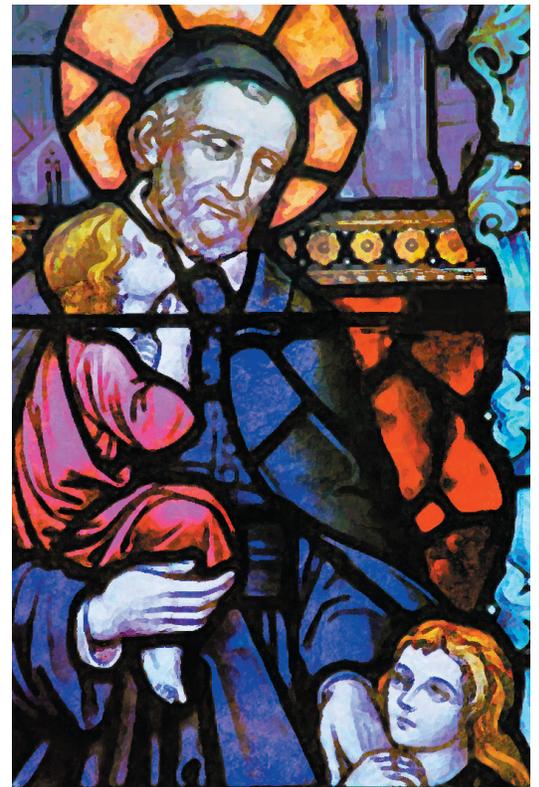
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

- Sunday:** 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** St. Vincent de Paul, Priest
- Tuesday:** St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs
- Wednesday:** Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels
- Thursday:** St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church
- Friday:** St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
- Saturday:** The Holy Guardian Angels
- Next Sunday:** 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

Who are the little ones? They are the many and varied faces of people who see hope in Jesus' message about the Kingdom of God. They have come to believe that there is a different world to be had: a place where everyone has a home, all have an equal opportunity to share in God's bountiful gifts and blessings, where justice reigns, truth presides, and peace fills hearts. The little ones are those who may have left their former views behind, perhaps even their former lives to follow Jesus and believe in the Beatitudes as God's world vision. They are the poor, the marginalized, the women and men at the well, the Zacchaeus' looking for Jesus from a tree, the blind who want to see, and the lame who want to walk. They are the lepers who have been told that they are unclean, and the ones who have learned that suffering and death are nothing to fear. These are all of the little ones. Jesus gathers and protects them as a shepherd guards his sheep. Whoever causes one of these little ones to sin deserves the greatest wrath. Be more concerned about what people are doing than where they came from.



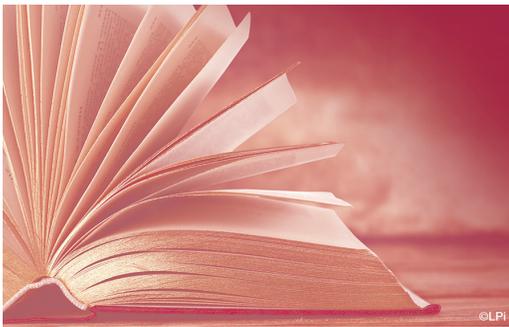
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DE PAUL
SOCIETY**

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*I will
praise
your name
forever
and ever.*

— PSALM 145:2 —

WORSHIP & MEDITATION



FIRST READING

But Moses answered him,
"Are you jealous for my sake?
Would that all the people of the LORD were
prophets!" (Nm 11:29)



PSALM

The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.
(Ps 19)



SECOND READING

Your wealth has rotted away, your clothes have
become moth-eaten,
your gold and silver have corroded,
and that corrosion will be a testimony
against you;
it will devour your flesh like fire." (Jas 5:3)



GOSPEL

"If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off.
It is better for you to enter into life maimed
than with two hands to go into Gehenna,
into the unquenchable fire." (Mk 9:43)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

What are the little ones? They are the poor, the marginalized, the women and men at the well, the Zacchaeus' looking for Jesus from a tree, those mired in sin, the blind who want to see, and the lame who want to walk. They are the lepers and the different ones who have been told that they are unclean, and the ones who suffer from abuse and grave injustices and oppression. They are children who want nothing more than to be loved and enjoy celebrating their innocence. These are all the little ones and they are all vulnerable. Life already brings them burdens, we don't need to add to them.

St. Oscar Romero said, "When the church hears the cry of the oppressed it cannot but denounce the social structures that give rise to and perpetuate the misery from which the cry arises." Why are so many people still so gravely hurting? We have the resources and the means to make things better. We choose not to. There are still those things called greed, pride, lust, apathy, jealousy, gluttony, and anger that prevent us from seeing each other and people to be loved and not objects to be used. Is this how God intended things to be?

God loves what is good and upright. It doesn't matter who did it or where it came from. In God's eyes, the end result is always faith, hope, and love. Those will always unite a person with God. We fill our lives with many things that are not good either for ourselves or for others. All of us have to work to discover what it is, exactly, that leads to the world's brokenness. There are people, systems, and ideologies in place that foster oppression and injustice rather than equity and fairness. Sadly, our complacency can be the greatest evil. Turning a blind eye, ignoring the truth, and believing that we are helpless to fix so great a problem, does little to move us closer to the kingdom of God. As members of the Body of Christ, we cannot condone anything that keeps people in misery.

As it is said, charity begins at home. Perhaps a good place to start is with our own households and making sure their foundations are properly laid.

LITURGICAL LIFE

RESPONDING *to the Call*

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

Breaking the Stewardship Mold

Have you noticed how we always tend to pigeonhole one another — and ourselves? “I could never serve on the Parish Council. That’s for Rick and Ellen and that whole group of people who have done it for years.” “Greg takes care of faith formation in the parish — he always has. He doesn’t need my help.” “I can’t afford to give the big bucks like those families who sit up front can. My offering wouldn’t matter even if I did increase it.”

Thinking like this is a good indication that we aren’t in conversation with God about what His will is for our lives. If we have already decided what we are and are not meant to do, we aren’t likely to pray over it, to discern it.

We have to be open to the spirit of the Lord wherever it leads us, regardless of what we or others have come to expect from us. We human beings come to believe that we are such good judges of what others can offer — or what we ourselves can offer. But God has plans for us to which we aren’t privy. God calls everyone to serve Him in the way that pleases Him best, and only He can decide what that is. Everyday Stewardship demands a continual accounting of who we can be, what we can offer — even if it’s outside our comfort zone, even if it’s something that never occurred to us before.

There’s only one Person who can tell us what God wants from us. Do we even think to ask Him?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Catholic Life Explained:

Question:

What do Catholics believe about the resurrection of the dead?

Answer:

Every Sunday, we proclaim in the Creed that we believe “in the resurrection of the body.” Does that mean Christ’s resurrection or our own? Both! Jesus’ resurrection is part of the work of salvation, but it’s also a sign of what’s to come. While death separates our bodies and our souls, this was not the intention of God when He first created us. It’s an effect of original sin. At the end of time, our bodies and our souls will be reunited.

Scientifically, we may have questions about this, since bodies decompose over the course of centuries. Or what about the saints, whose relics are spread around the earth? How the resurrection will happen is a mystery. But we know that our resurrected body will be our body. If we are in heaven, our body will be in a glorified state. Some theologians speculate what this glorification will be like based on Jesus’ resurrected body. Will we be able to walk through walls? Will we eat, since Jesus broke bread with his disciples? We don’t really know the answers to these questions. We do know, however, that we will be free from the effects of the fall (such as sickness and pain) and physical defects that occurred in life. Christ redeems us as whole persons, body and soul!

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Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. For whoever is not against us is for us. Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward."

- Mk 9:39a, 40-41

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QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

Early in their Exodus journey, Moses taught the young Joshua an important lesson on avoiding jealousy and trusting the Lord's providence. How do you avoid the trap of jealousy and envy?

Second Reading

James speaks of the trappings and dangers of excessive wealth. What do you think should be the believer's proper disposition toward money?

Gospel Reading

Jesus warns his disciples against the danger of causing other believers to sin. What do you think would motivate a Christian to do this?



26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





GIVE JOY
TO MY
heart.

PSALM 19

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At that time, John said to Jesus, “Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us.” Jesus replied, “Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me.”

- Mk 9:38-39

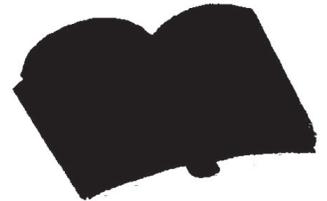
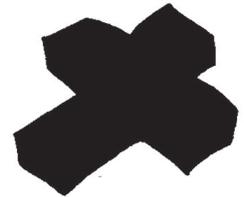
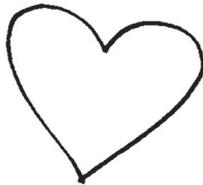
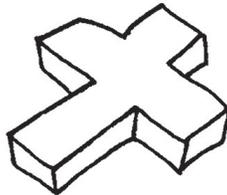
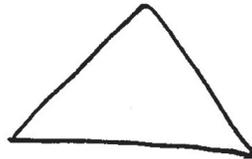
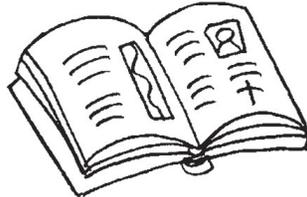
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KIDS CORNER

READ THE GOSPEL AND COMPLETE A PUZZLE!

PUZZLE

Match each shape to the right shadow.



SHARING THE GOSPEL

If a girl is doing good things and helps you to do good things for God, she is a good friend. If a boy reminds you of how much God loves you, he is a good friend. If a child really is being helpful, don't push him or her away because he or she is not part of your family or church. God is very happy when you accept others even when they are not like you.

PRAYER

Lord, help me understand that everyone is part of your family.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

I will invite a friend to come to church with me and my family.

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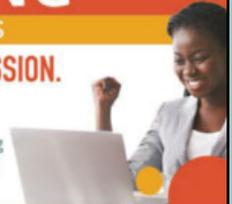
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