

SAINT COLUMBAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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ST. COLUMBAN PARISH

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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:00PM

Sunday: 10:30AM

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

Rosary is said 30min prior to each Mass

Sacraments

Anointing of the Sick: Following First

Friday Devotions or by Appointment

Confession: Saturdays 3:30—4:30PM

First Friday Devotions: 6:30PM

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

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

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Mass Schedule

Sunday 8:00 AM

Rosary is said 30min prior to Mass

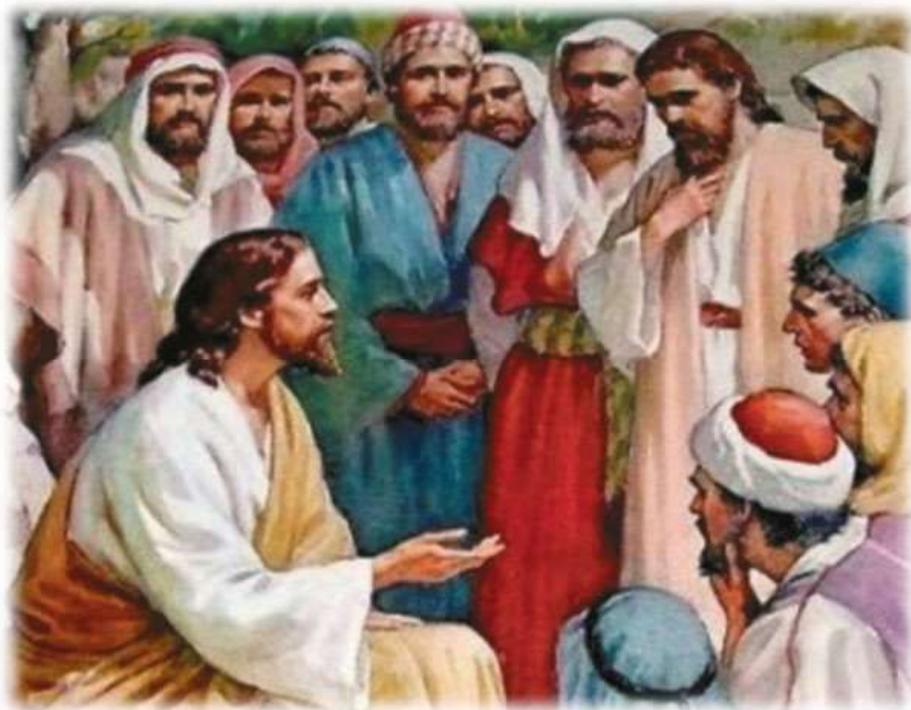
Sacraments

Confession: Sundays 7:30 -7:45AM

First Friday Devotions: 9:00AM

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

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



Whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many

October 17, 2021

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Readings

Entrance Antiphon: *To you I call for you will surely heed me. O God turn your ear to me, hear my words.*

1st Reading: Isaiah 53:10-11

Responsorial Psalm: *Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.*

2nd Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16

Gospel Acclamation: *The Son of Man came to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.*

Gospel: Mark 10:35-45

Communion Antiphon: *O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name through all the earth.*

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: Heroic Measures

Last week I wrote about the sin and tragedy of suicide, in particular with regard to the unspeakable horrors of euthanasia and “assisted suicide” that have infected our culture the man a few years ago in Seattle whose self-destruction was lionized in the news. Recall that the man was terminally ill and was seduced into the lie that it is better to die “on his own terms.” Fear of the loss of independence, fear of pain, and fear of “being a burden” can be a real source of temptation to many people who would ordinarily be (rightly) horrified by the notion of suicide or other sins against life (So similar to the evil threatening the other end of life... how many abortions involve women whose freedom was stolen by fear or coercion?). However, even the ill and suffering have dignity and their lives have value; even you and I when we come to our final sufferings will have dignity and our lives will have value. All human life has value and dignity from its first moments, to its natural end.

That said, this does not mean we need to seek out unnecessary suffering (of, course, what is unavoidable we offer up to Christ as a share in his Cross), to fight to the bitter end, or take heroic means to preserve life at all costs. The Church does in fact teach that while, all things being equal, we are morally obliged to offer to the ill and suffering ordinary care, extraordinary measures are not usually morally obligatory, and even some elements of ordinary care may be discontinued if they become burdensome, useless, or even harmful.

That is to say, providing (or receiving) food, water, shelter, clothing, compassion etc. (think of the corporal works of mercy) to a sick person is morally required. One may not withhold these things when they could be provided. Where this touches on end-of-life care is that those things cannot be withheld with the intention of hastening death; starving a person (or oneself) is not “letting him go” or “letting nature take its course” but is a species of murder (or suicide). Now, if these things became harmful or useless, they cease to be care. E.g. one would have to feed a coma patient who has no hope of recovery but who can process nutrients, but one must not force-feed a person whose gut can no longer process food (as now it is not nourishment, but useless or even harmful).

To a lesser, but still serious degree, this applies to ordinary medical care as well. One is obliged to care for one’s own health and so is morally obliged to avail oneself of medical interventions that are routine or ordinary; this is relative to technology, and what was once extraordinary or risky might be routine and safe now (even if uncomfortable). E.g. many surgeries that once were very dangerous and with a low chance of success might not even require general anesthesia anymore and might even be done laparoscopically; barring some additional factor making it useless, excessively burdensome, or harmful, one should go through such procedures, morally speaking.

In Christ,

Fr Thompson

Financial Stewardship

Weekly Offering

	St. Columban	St. Peter
Weekly Goal	\$5,762	\$712
October 4	\$3,254	\$1,930

Thank You for Your Generous Support!

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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

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TIME

Volunteering your Time

TALENT

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*Supporting the parish through
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Faith Formation

CHILDREN'S PRAYERS



Since we did not have class over the federal holiday weekend, there are no prayers to report. Keep up those prayers!

“I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter into the kingdom of heaven.” -Matthew 5:20

Faith Formation: Grades K-12

- K-5 Sundays from 9-10:15AM
- Confirmation Classes on Sundays from 12-1:15PM

Please see the parish website for a complete class schedule



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

Topic This Week *God the Father*

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.

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

October 18 Rosary Prayer Group

7:00PM *Kimball's Ranch*

October 19 Daily Mass

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

October 20 Daily Mass

9:00AM St. Columban

October 21 Daily Mass

9:00AM St. Columban

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

October 22 Daily Mass

9:00AM St. Columban

October 23 Confession

3:30-4:30PM St. Columban

5:00PM Vigil Mass
St. Columban

October 24 30th Sunday OT

ST. PETER MISSION TENINO

7:30-7:45AM Confession
8:00AM Mass

ST. COLUMBAN

9-10:15AM Religious Ed K-5
10:30AM Mass
12-1:00PM Confirmation Year 1
Classes

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 Baker Family

+ All those in harm's way.

+ For all those affected by the Corona-virus and for all first responders and caregivers.

Rest In Peace

Barry Bridges, Faye Thoma

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

November 9 Monthly Meeting
10:00AM Parish Hall

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 17152

November 10 Council Meeting
6:00PM Parish Hall



St. Vincent de Paul

October 19 Monthly Meeting
7:00PM Parish Hall



St. Peter's Circle

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



ALTAR SOCIETY

Cleaning the Church
Every Thursday after Daily Mass

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/saintcolumbanym or visit our website saintcolumbanym.org

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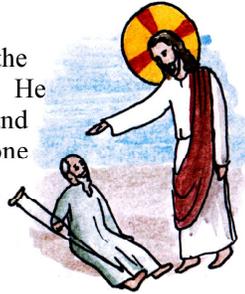
In today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells us that the people who are really great are those who serve. Here are some really great people:

Mary, the Mother of Jesus- God asked her to be the mother of His Son. Our Lady spent her whole life caring for Jesus, and now she watches over us and helps us. She is the greatest saint of all.



The pope has a very big job-looking after the whole Church. Did you know that the pope is called "The servant of the servants of God?" He is great because he is using his life to take care of God's people.

But who do you think is the best example of all? Jesus! He helped people all His life, and then He died so that everyone would have the chance to go to Heaven.

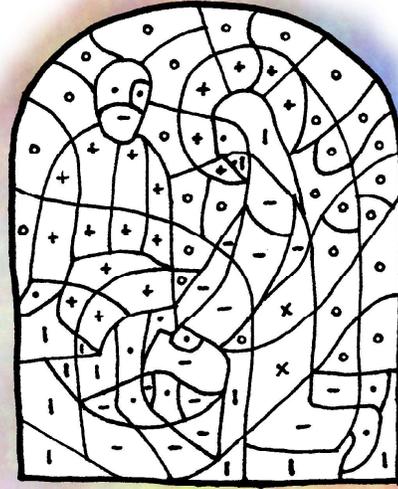


Answer to word-find:
Jesus died for our sins.

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The Kids' Bulletin

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 17th, 2021



Mark 10:35-45

Jesus said that whoever wishes to be the greatest must be the servant of all.

Colour in the picture to see who shows us how to serve best.

- Blue
- Skin Colour
- + Yellow
- ! Brown
- White
- x Red

Saint John Paul II

October 22

KAROL WOJTYLA WAS BORN IN POLAND IN 1920. BY THE TIME HE WAS 21, HIS PARENTS AND BROTHER HAD ALL DIED. DURING WORLD WAR II HE WENT TO A SECRET SEMINARY.

Shh! I think there's a spy!

HE WAS ORDAINED AND SENT TO ROME TO STUDY FURTHER, AND THEN HE BECAME A PROFESSOR.

FR. WOJTYLA LOVED TEACHING THE YOUNG PEOPLE. SOON HE WAS ORDAINED A BISHOP.

HE WAS AT THE SECOND VATICAN COUNCIL, AND A FEW YEARS LATER WAS MADE A CARDINAL.

IN 1978 HE BECAME POPE JOHN PAUL II. HE WENT TO MANY COUNTRIES TO EVANGELIZE AND MAKE PEACE.

IN 1981 THE POPE WAS SHOT BY AN ASSASSIN BUT HE SURVIVED. MANY PEOPLE WERE PRAYING TO OUR LADY.

POPE JOHN PAUL WORKED FOR MANY YEARS TRYING TO BRING PEACE AND HOPE TO THE WORLD. EVEN WHEN HE WAS OLD AND SUFFERED FROM PARKINSON'S DISEASE. HE DIED ON APRIL 2, 2005

SAINT JOHN PAUL GREW UP IN A TIME AND PLACE WHERE THERE WAS WAR ALL AROUND HIM. HE PRAYED AND WORKED TO BRING PEACE TO MANY NATIONS. WE SHOULD TRY TO BE PEACEFUL IN OUR FAMILIES AND SCHOOLS, AND PRAY FOR PEACE IN COUNTRIES WHERE PEOPLE ARE AT WAR.

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Isaiah 53

Word-Find



JUSTIFYJES
CRUSHLIFEI
AFFLICTION
UUFSDIEDFF
PLEASEDDFI
GLROROALER
INIURSYIRM
VENINSSGII
ESGUILTHNT
SSERVANTGY

Try to find in the puzzle the words written in CAPITALS in today's first reading.

Use the leftover letters to fill in the blanks at the end!

The Lord was PLEASED
to CRUSH him in INFIRMITY.

If he GIVES his life as an OFFERING for sin, he shall see his descendents in a long LIFE, and the will of the Lord will be accomplished through him.

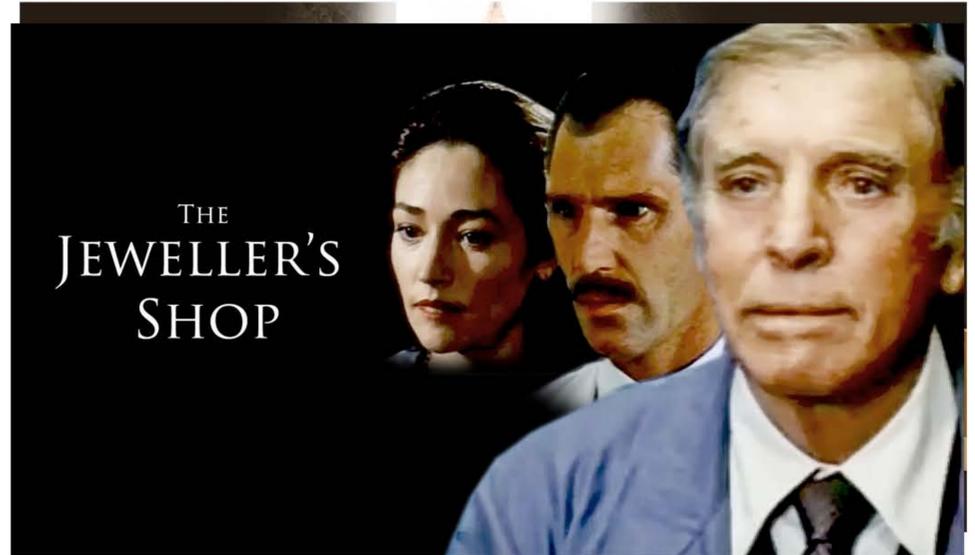
Because of his AFFLICTION he shall see the LIGHT in FULLNESS of DAYS; through his SUFFERING, my SERVANT shall JUSTIFY many, and their GUILT he shall bear.

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WATCH

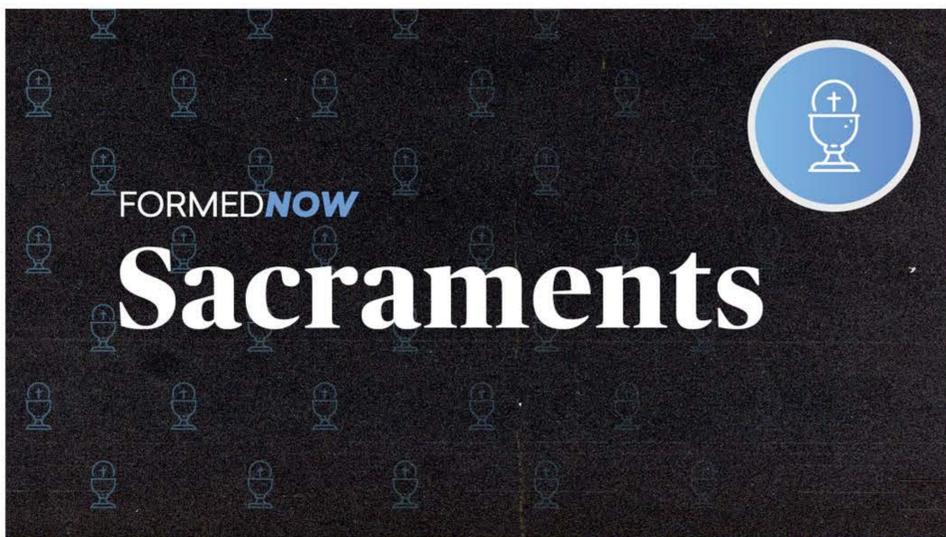
THE JEWELER'S SHOP: A MODERN MYSTERY BY POPE JOHN PAUL II

Based on Pope John Paul II's best-selling book, this film tells of the struggles and triumphs in the marriages of three couples. A mysterious Jeweller (Burt Lancaster) acts as a mystical advisor to the couples, encouraging them to keep love at the center of their lives. Beautifully filmed with an outstanding cast that includes Olivia Hussey and Ben Cross. John Paul II called it "the best possible film based on my play."



LEARN

FORMED NOW: ST. LUKE AND THE EUCHARIST



Join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. John Sehorn as they dive into the joy of the Eucharist found in the Gospel of St. Luke the Evangelist.

LISTEN

SAINT JOHN PAUL THE GREAT BY JASON EVERT

Discover the five great loves of Pope Saint John Paul II as Jason Evert, renowned Catholic speaker and author, shares remarkable stories about this saint's life from those who knew him, including bishops, students whom he taught, and Swiss Guards who interacted with him daily. Jason presents a wealth of insights about this holy man who promoted devotion to Divine Mercy and Marian consecration, helped defeat communism in Europe, wrote the Theology of the Body, and embraced young people like no other.



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The Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

OCTOBER 17, 2021

A Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life

Dearest St. Joseph,
at the word of an angel,
you lovingly took Mary into your home.
As God's humble servant, you guided
the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem,
welcomed Jesus as your own son
in the shelter of a manger,
and fled far from your homeland
for the safety of both Mother and Child.
We praise God that as their faithful protector,
you never hesitated to sacrifice
for those entrusted to you.
May your example inspire us also
to welcome, cherish, and safeguard
God's most precious gift of life.
Help us to faithfully commit ourselves
to the service and defense of human life
—especially where it is
vulnerable or threatened.
Obtain for us the grace
to do the will of God in all things.
Amen.



ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST

October 18

Early historians said this author of the third Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles was born to a pagan family in Antioch (Turkey) and converted to Christianity. According to Paul's letters and Acts, he was a doctor and Paul's companion during his later journeys and imprisonment in Rome. Luke's New Testament writings in Greek were for gentiles, extending to them the salvation promised to Israel. He is the patron of physicians and surgeons and, because of a legend that he painted a Marian icon, of painters.

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At Home with Faith

In a world full of power plays and intrigue, Jesus calls his disciples to be servant leaders — to set aside concerns about being first and focus on loving the people God has placed in their care.



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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.

Parents are all too familiar with the drama that plays out in this Sunday's Gospel when James and John ask for a place of honor above the other disciples. It looks like sibling rivalry.

Especially when they are young, brothers and sisters tend to jockey for position over resources, affection and just about anything else. The same thing can play out among groups of friends. Though these conflicts can seem inconsequential to adults, they matter deeply to children.

We can learn from Jesus' approach. Jesus calls the disciples to step out of the worldly practices of power plays and intrigue. Followers of Jesus are called to be servant leaders who seek first to care for the ones they love.

Isaiah 53:10-11

Through his suffering, he will justify many.

Psalm 33

Lord, let your mercy be upon us for we place our trust in you.

Hebrews 4:14-16

We have an advocate who can sympathize with us.

Mark 10:35-45

Whoever wishes to be first among you will be slave of all.

At Home with Faith

Talk

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

Teach your child how to be a servant leader when they experience conflict:

- **Listen for your child's vulnerability:** Beneath the surface of any conflict your child experiences will lurk some kind of vulnerability or fear. When your child tells you about a conflict, listen attentively. This means a lot to them. Be attentive to where your child feels vulnerable.
- **Reflect back what your child shared with you:** Ensure that your child knows that you understand their concern. It matters a lot that you are there with them in their vulnerability.
- **Share a story about a similar experience of vulnerability:** Tell your child a story about how you, or someone you respect, experienced a similar vulnerability and endured suffering in the form of fear or humiliation. I shared with my older daughter how having a little sister made me worry about losing my place in the family when my little sister showed up. I also remember learning that great teachers in the Church like St. Therese of Lisieux and St. John of the Cross endured serious criticism in their day.
- **Let your child know that God makes leaders from the vulnerable:** Let your child know that servant leadership means experiencing vulnerability. However, if we stay connected to Jesus and do the right and loving thing, even when it's hard, growth comes from that faithfulness. I am now grateful for having my sister in my life. St. Therese and St. John of the Cross grew enormously from their challenges. Servant leadership is hard, but worth the sacrifice.



“Relationships between brothers and sisters deepen with the passing of time, and ‘the bond of fraternity that forms in the family between children, if consolidated by an educational atmosphere of openness to others, is a great school of freedom and peace. In the family, we learn how to live as one. Perhaps we do not always think about this, but the family itself introduces fraternity into the world. From this initial experience of fraternity, nourished by affection and education at home, the style of fraternity radiates like a promise upon the whole of society.’”

Amoris Laetitia (The Joy of Love) #194

It's natural for siblings and friends to struggle with one another. They bring both joy and disruption into one another's lives. Conflicts among friends and siblings can be very frustrating and sometimes hurtful. They also provide opportunities for growth.

Encourage your child during these times of conflict. Let them know that, as difficult as this time might be, God is with them. And if your child acts as a servant leader in these moments, setting aside rivalry and fear, loving relationships will flow from their sacrifices.

Relationships between brothers and sisters **deepen with the passing of time.**

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

For more resources, visit us online at:

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



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2021

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.” - Mk 10:43-45

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 17, 2021

- Sunday:** Is 53:10-11/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [22]/Heb 4:14-16/
Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45
- Monday:** 2 Tm 4:10-17/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Lk 10:1-9
- Tuesday:** Rom 5:12, 15, 17-19, 20-21/Ps 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 17 [8 and 9]/
Lk 12:35-38
- Wednesday:** Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1-3, 4-6, 7-8 [8]/Lk 12:39-48
- Thursday:** Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5]/Lk 12:49-53
- Friday:** Rom 7:18-25/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94 [68]/Lk 12:54-59
- Saturday:** Rom 8:1-11/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Lk 13:1-9
- Next Sunday:** Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52

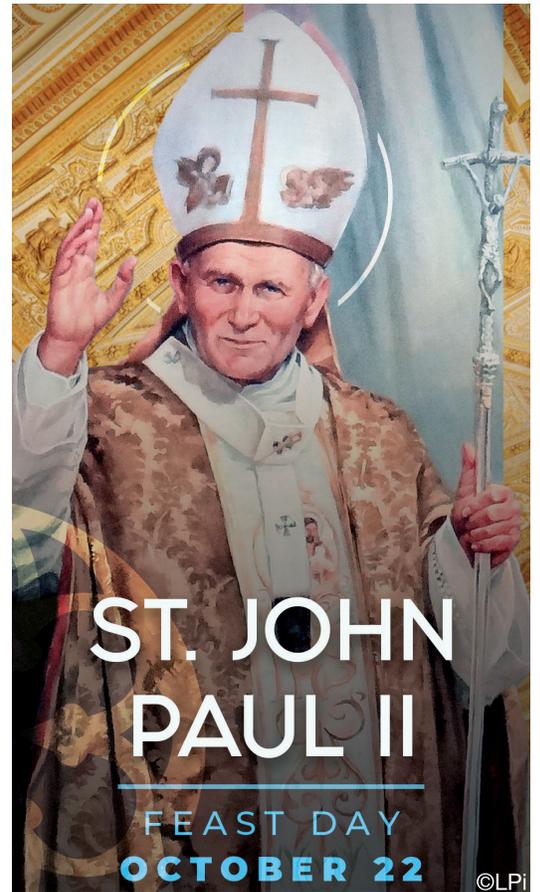
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 17, 2021

- Sunday:** 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** St. Luke, Evangelist
- Tuesday:** Sts. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues,
Priests, and Companions, Martyrs
- Wednesday:** St. Paul of the Cross, Priest
- Friday:** St. John Paul II, Pope
- Saturday:** St. John of Capistrano, Priest; BVM
- Next Sunday:** 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Mission Sunday

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

It's the positions of power and great authority that people often admire. We equate success with six figure incomes, high positions, management, and influence. We even go above and beyond to find favor with our bosses so that we can get a little extra recognition and maybe the next promotion when it comes up. This is the way of the world. Those who have their values set on earthly things are going to work by earthly rules. We forget that it doesn't work that way in the Kingdom of God. Success is measured not from the place of status, influence, or prestige but from the place of humility, service, and sacrifice. The authority that one hopes to achieve is not an authority over others but an authority that comes from wisdom and developing one's relationship with God. Jesus flips the tables on our priorities. Even the first disciples had a tough time understanding this. They really thought that they would somehow receive a privilege or bonus from being faithful. We often operate under that same illusion.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. John Paul II was born Karol Wojtyla in the small Polish town of Wadowice. During World War II, when the Nazis invaded Poland, Karol secretly studied for the priesthood in an underground seminary. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1946, appointed Archbishop of Krakow in 1964, and three years later he was made a cardinal. In 1978, he was elected the 264th pope, where he took the name John Paul II.

St. John Paul II made evangelization a key part of his papacy and made pastoral visits to all parts of the world. In 1981, he was shot twice in an assassination attempt. Following Jesus' example of compassion, he later met with his would-be assassin in his prison cell, where he forgave him for what he had done.

St. John Paul II was well-known to be an active sportsman throughout his life, hiking and skiing well into his 60s. In 1992, his health began to decline, and it was later discovered that he suffered from Parkinson's disease, a degenerative disorder of the central nervous system.

Near the end of his papacy, it became difficult for him to speak, and his poor health and physical suffering made public appearances difficult. Still, he continued his pastoral work. He died April 2, 2005, and he was declared blessed on May 1, 2011. He became a saint on April 27, 2014.

WORSHIP & MEDITATION



FIRST READING

If he gives his life as an offering for sin,
he shall see his descendants in a long life.
(Is 53:10)



PSALM

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our
trust in you. (Ps 33)



SECOND READING

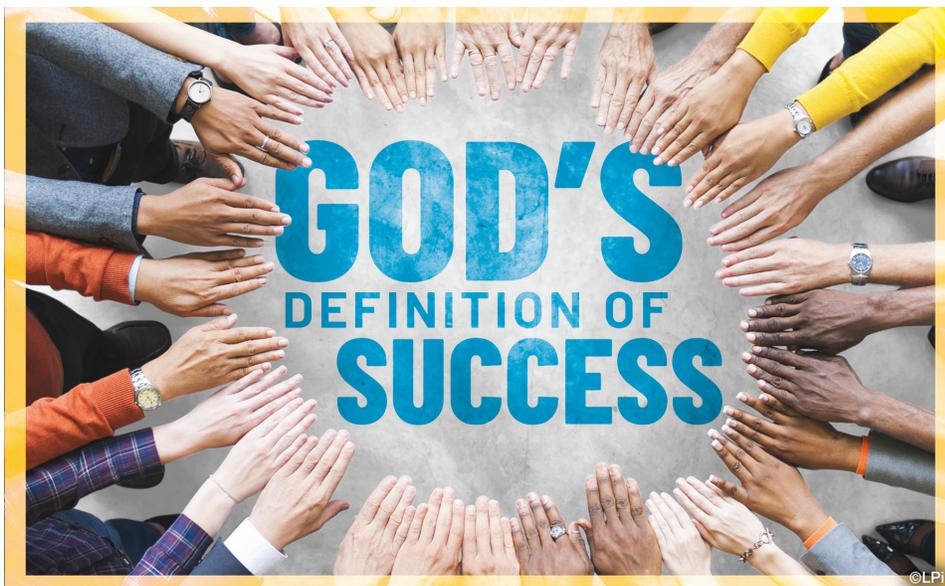
So let us confidently approach the throne of grace
to receive mercy and to find grace for timely
help. (Heb 4:16)



GOSPEL

“For the Son of Man did not come to be served
but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for
many.” (Mk 10:45)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

“What do you wish me to do for you?” Whether we realize it, this is a question God is always asking. It’s an important question because the answer we provide will reveal a great deal about where our hearts lie. Our requests of God can often appear very noble and altruistic. They consist of requests for healing for someone in need of prayers, successful resolution of a personal conflict, assistance in overcoming a disease and myriad other desires for both ourselves and others. We are especially concerned about those we love and can easily find ourselves bringing their struggles to God for a hearing in our prayer.

Is that really all that prayer is about? The woman in today’s Gospel, having been put in her place by Jesus, was only looking out for the wellbeing of her sons. She was doing what mothers do, protecting and securing the livelihood of her children. But she was sadly mistaken, her request was not granted. We all make this same misguided mistake from time to time. The goal of prayer is not to convince God of the worthiness of our agenda or to gain a hearing. Sometimes we believe that the more we multiply our prayers or discover the right combination of supplications that we will receive more of God’s attention. That’s not how it works. Even though God desires to hear, know, and be an intimate part of what is on our minds, it goes much deeper.

What we need from God is a relationship. It’s a relationship that guides and immerses us in the very stuff of life and in the direction of the Gospel. This relationship sees God’s kingdom and agenda, not our own, as what is most important. It builds the strength of character necessary to bring God’s Gospel into a world that may not receive it with open arms. It may cause us discomfort and suffering. We are asked to heroically journey with God through suffering, hardship, ridicule, and even death! Ultimately, our desire from God must become our desire for God. It is only when this happens that the powerful words “thy will be done” will be found with sincerity and humility on our lips. Whatever God wishes becomes what we wish as we see this glorious union of wills. Our humble lives will then become powerful witnesses, and what happens to us in God’s eternal kingdom the result of his mercy. We become true servants and find ourselves discovering God’s definition of success. That definition has nothing at all to do with status, income, or privilege.

LITURGICAL LIFE

RESPONDING *to the Call*

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

What's in it for me?

I think we've all been guilty of looking at a situation and wondering what's in it for us. It doesn't matter if it's a particular work assignment, someone at the parish asking for help with the mission trip bake sale, or your spouse asking if you'll take over the grocery shopping this week. Often, our first reaction to one of these requests is a heavy sigh and the thought: "If I do this, what will I get?"

Sometimes it surprises us to realize that the Apostles were no different. We tend to idolize these contemporaries of Christ as giants who walked with the Savior. But in reality, these individuals were merely human beings struggling to commit to the task of everyday stewardship.

In the Gospels, we see glimpses of them longing for praise and affirmation. We see them jockeying for positions of power within the group of twelve. We see them expect earthly rewards like honor and admiration. We see them acting a lot like us.

But in the end, we see them transformed by the grace of God. Like all the saints, their holiness stems from their commitment to their call. They stumble through, and as they stumble, they keep trusting God. They keep turning to Him. They keep asking for help. They don't give up just because they keep failing at it.

We are defined by what we give when we have no hope of being reimbursed, rewarded, or recognized. The Apostles understood this, eventually, and they gave accordingly. Most of them gave their very lives.

Remember, they're just like us. If they can do it, we can too.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained:

Question:

Are Catholics allowed to visit psychics? Why or why not?

Answer:

It's part of human nature to experience some sense of unease and fear about the future. This can lead some people to seek out the services of psychics or consult horoscopes or turn to other occult practices or resources (e.g. Ouija boards or tarot cards). The Catechism of the Catholic Church is very clear that Catholics should avoid such practices: "Consulting horoscopes, astrology, palm reading, interpretation of omens and lots, the phenomena of clairvoyance, and recourse to mediums all conceal a desire for power over time, history, and, in the last analysis, other human beings, as well as a wish to conciliate hidden powers. They contradict the honor, respect, and loving fear that we owe to God alone" (no. 2116). Despite the uncertainties we might feel, we are called to have faith and trust in God, confident of God's desire for what is best for us. This means that we are called to surrender, to pray and to reflect on how we can best move into the future in hope, knowing that God is with us.

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“The cup that I drink,
you will drink, and
with the baptism with
which I am baptized,
you will be baptized;
but to sit at my right
or at my left is not
mine to give but is for
those for whom it has
been prepared.”

- Mk 10:39b-40

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QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

Isaiah speaks of our redemption through the suffering of the Lord's servant. When have you experienced God's presence in your suffering?

Second Reading

Hebrews tells us that Jesus is able to sympathize with our weaknesses because he, too, “has been tested in every way.” What are some ways that you are tested in life?

Gospel Reading

Jesus uses the request of James and John as a teachable moment for his disciples on the importance of humility and service to others. What other qualities do you think are necessary for true discipleship?



29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





*“But it shall not
be so among you.
Rather, whoever
wishes to be great
among you will
be your servant;
whoever wishes to
be first among you
will be the slave
of all. For the Son
of Man did not
come to be served
but to serve and
to give his life as a
ransom for many.”*

- Mk 10:43-45

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KIDS CORNER

READ THE GOSPEL AND COMPLETE A PUZZLE!

Find and circle these words from
today's Gospel:

JESUS
DISCIPLES
PEOPLE

LEADERS
POWER
GREAT

SERVANT
FIRST
RESCUE

SHARING THE GOSPEL

Do you ever catch yourself being bossy? That is a mistake grown-ups make, too. It is no fun to work or play with bossy people. They don't honor God when they order people around. In today's Gospel, Jesus told his friends to be kind, not bossy. God wants us to help and serve other people.

PRAYER

Dear God, when I want to get my own way, help me to stop. Show me ways I can help other people instead.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Invite a friend over to visit, and think of ways to serve her. Hang up her jacket, offer her something to eat, and ask her what she would like to do. Share your best toys with her, and let her have the first turn.

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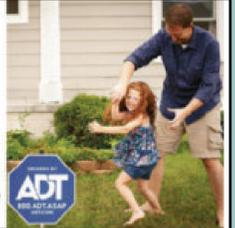


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