

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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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

149 Keithahn St. S, Tenino, WA 98589

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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.



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Amen, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all the other contributors. For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood.

November 7, 2021

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Readings

Entrance Antiphon: *Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.*

1st Reading: 1 Kings 17:10-16

Responsorial Psalm: *Praise the Lord my soul!*

2nd Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28

Gospel Acclamation: *Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

Gospel: Mark 12:38-44

Communion Antiphon: *The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of bread.*

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

Flesh and Spirit

In the Bible, Saint Paul often contrasts the Flesh and the Spirit as opposing principles in our lives of faith. That is, the brokenness of our human nature, and the life of God in our souls. However, it is very important to remember always that the experience of disharmony, rupture, war within ourselves is not supposed to be there; it is the result of sin. I say that because we so often talk about and think about our bodies, minds, and souls as if they were separate things that—conjoined—constitute us as human beings, or that our soul is our “real self” and the body is just a “shell.” This is not so (indeed, this outlook is at the root of so many heresies). Even though there is disharmony within ourselves on account of sin and brokenness, we are still by nature whole and indivisible beings. The separation of soul from body is the theological definition of death, and while in the interim God will care for the souls of the departed, we cannot and will not be incorporeal in eternity. Rather, we expect the Resurrection of the body. Your body is you just as much (albeit in a different way) as your soul is you. The point of Paul’s opposition of Flesh and Spirit is not to oppose Body and Soul, but to condemn the wound of sin that causes us to be driven by selfishness and appetite, which tears down body and soul alike.

This mistake of thinking of your soul and body as separable components is called dualism. Thinking this way has had so many bad effects on our world and demonstrates what Saint Paul is talking about: the very feeling that body and soul are separate and ultimately different and opposed things is itself a sign of our brokenness.

Dualism, like so many bad ideas, just spawns more bad ideas as people try to dig themselves out of the hole of misery and confoundedness. From heretics in various ages claiming that you can physically do any number of wicked and depraved things so long as one remains "spiritually pure" and it is “just your body” doing it (Gnosticism), to the utter modern insanity and indescribable evil of transgenderism (especially when children are involved; it’s one thing not to seek healing for one’s own pathology, it is another to “affirm” an innocent who needs actual help). This is not to mention the much more common tacit dualism of people trying to drown out existential despair by self-indulgence and sin.

However, in its own way, it is also being Fleishy and dualistic to become puritanical, treating the body with hatred and contempt in the name of spirituality. Yes, we discipline our appetites, yes, we use penance and mortification as tools (alongside disciplines of prayer on the spiritual side of ourselves), but the sort of disdain for physical existence that some religious teachers promote is simply unhealthy and indeed dualism under a different guise.

Men are not angels, our bodies are essential and need to be loved and incorporated into any healthy spirituality.

In Christ,

Fr Thompson

Financial Stewardship

Weekly Offering

| | St. Columban | St. Peter |
|-------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Weekly Goal | \$5,762 | \$712 |
| October 23 | \$3,7681 | \$494 |

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**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

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

*Thank You to all who
turned in your pledge cards
and all your continued
support of our Parish and
Mission.*

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Faith Formation



CHILDREN'S PRAYERS

In our Faith Formation program, 10 children prayed 415 prayers.

Keep up the good work faithful young prayer warriors!

“We belong to God, and anyone who knows God listens to us, while anyone who does not belong to God refuses to hear us. This is how we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of deceit..

-1 John 4:6

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 103 of the Religious Education Building.

Topic This Week

Mary

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@saintcolumbanvelm.org

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

November 8 Rosary Prayer Group

7:00PM *Kimball's Ranch*

November 9 Daily Mass

9:00AM St. Columban

+In Memory of: Al Wilson RIP

10:00AM Daughters of Mary Mtg
Parish Hall

6:30PM Spanish Prayer Group
Parish Hall

November 10 Daily Mass

9:00AM St. Columban

+In Memory of: Judy Westran RIP

6:00PM Knights of Columbus Mtg.
Parish Hall

November 11 Daily Mass

9:00AM St. Columban

Bible Study
10:00AM St. Peter (Tenino)
6:30PM St. Columban
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November 12 Daily Mass

9:00AM St. Columban

November 13 Confession

3:30-4:30PM St. Columban

Vigil Mass
5:00PM St. Columban

November 14 33rd Sunday OT

ST. PETER MISSION TENINO

7:30-7:45AM Confession

8:00AM Mass

ST. COLUMBAN

9—10:15AM Religious Ed Classes

10:30AM Mass

11:45—1PM Confirmation Classes
Year II

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

Deborah Baker

+ All those in harm's way.

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

Rest In Peace

Brian Baker

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



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November 10 Council Meeting

6:00PM Parish Hall



St. Vincent de Paul

November 18 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/saintcolumbanvelm or visit our website saintcolumbanvelm.org

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Masses & Events for Advent, Christmas, & New Year's 2021

Weekday Mass Schedule

Rosary:

Tuesday-Friday 8:30AM @
St. Columban

Daily Mass:

Tuesday – Friday 9:00AM @
St. Columban

Scripture Study:

Every Thursday
9:30AM @ St. Peter
6:30PM @ St. Columban

Confession

St. Columban

Saturdays

3:30PM to 4:30PM

St. Peter

Sundays

7:30-7:45AM

Vespers

at St. Columban

Come pray the liturgy
of the hours with us
during Advent.

Fridays 6:30PM



1st Sunday of Advent – Nov. 28th

Readings for Year C Begin



2nd Sunday of Advent – Dec. 5th

Mass for the Immaculate Conception Dec. 8th

9AM @ St. Peter (Tenino)

7PM @ St. Columban



3rd Sunday of Advent – Dec. 12th

Gaudete Sunday



4th Sunday of Advent – Dec. 19th

Decorating the churches will happen after each
Mass

Christmas Eve

5PM Mass @ St. Peter (Tenino)

Celebrate with our brothers and sisters at St. Peter Mission in Tenino

7:30PM Children's Mass @ St. Columban

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

Incense will be used at this Mass.

Midnight Mass @ St. Columban

Come celebrate with us in candlelight and the sweet smell of incense.



Christmas Day *(Saturday)*

Mass 9:00AM @ St. Columban

There will be NO Saturday Vigil Mass at 5PM

Enjoy the time with family and friends



Sunday December 26th

The Holy Family; Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Mass 8:00AM @ St. Peter

Mass 10:30AM @ St. Columban



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

Adoration will be held from 11:00PM to Midnight

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

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Mass 9:00AM @ St. Columban

There will be the regularly scheduled Saturday Vigil Mass at 5PM

Please visit our parish website for more information saintcolumbanyelm.org

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

NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK

November 7-13, 2021



“God, what do you want me to do with my life for you?”

At our baptism, God called each one of us to a vocation to build the kingdom and grow in holiness, whether that is to Married Life, Diocesan Priesthood, Religious Life, or the Permanent Diaconate. Christian vocation is discovering how God invites each of us to live our life in response to his infinite, unconditional love. Christian vocation makes a gift of ones life to others.

If you have questions about your vocation, please contact Fr. Justin Ryan in the Office of Vocations at justin.ryan@seattlearch.org or (206) 507-4476. Visit us at www.seattlevocations.com for more information, or follow us on social media INSTAGRAM: @seattlevocations | FACEBOOK: /seattlevocations

VOCATIONS PRAYER

God our Father,
You call each of us
to use our gifts in the Body of Christ.

Inspire your people
with desire to know you,
the grace to understand your will,
and, with the strength of the Holy Spirit,
the courage to respond
with love and freedom.

Send workers into Your great harvest
so that the Gospel is preached,
the poor are served with love,
the suffering are comforted, and
Your people are strengthened by the sacraments.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

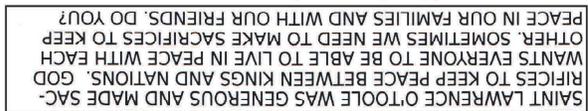
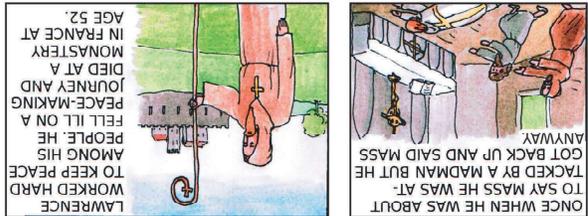


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Saint Lawrence O'Toole

November 14

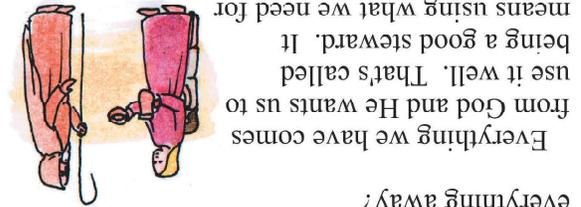


giving to god

In today's first reading we hear about a widow who was asked to give away all the food she had. In the Gospel Jesus points out a woman who put all her money into the Temple treasury.



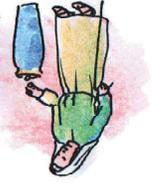
It pleases God when He sees us sharing what we have with the poor and the Church. But do you think He wants us to give everything away?



Everything we have comes from God and He wants us to use it well. That's called being a good steward. It means using what we need for ourselves, but making sure that we always give to the Church and those in need.

What would a bad steward do?

How can you be a good steward with your money?



Answers to True or False: 1. True. 2. False. 3. False. 4. True. 5. True. 6. True. 7. False.

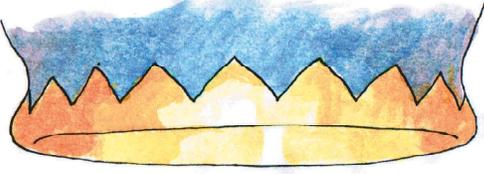
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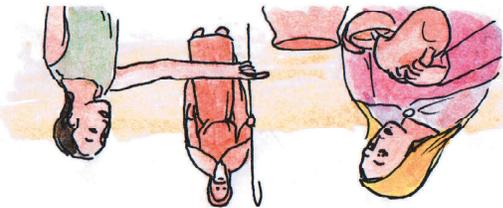
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
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Mark 12:38-44



In today's Gospel reading Jesus saw a poor woman putting everything she had into the Temple treasury. How much was it? Connect the dots to find out!



1. Elijah met a widow collecting sticks and asked her for a cup of water. True or False?
2. The woman did not want to get the water for Elijah. True or False?
3. The woman had a lot of food stored up. True or False?
4. Elijah told the woman to bake a little cake for him. True or False?
5. The woman was afraid that she would run out of flour and oil. True or False?
6. Elijah told the widow that God would not let the flour or oil get used up. True or False?
7. The widow ran out of food and could not feed her son. True or False?

How well do you know the story of Elijah and the widow? Which of these are true and which are false?

1 Kings 17:10-16

Elijah and the Poor Widow

Nov 7, 2021

WATCH

BLESSED DUNS SCOTUS: DEFENDER OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

The inspiring true story of the holy Franciscan priest and theologian who won a famous debate against the Dominicans in the thirteenth century, in which he defended Our Lady's great privilege of her Immaculate Conception. Filmed in beautiful ancient monastery locations in Europe, Scotus is revealed as a humble and courageous apostle of the Faith against the oppressive anti-Catholic government in power.



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FORMED NOW: CAN GOD HEAL HUMAN DIVISIONS?

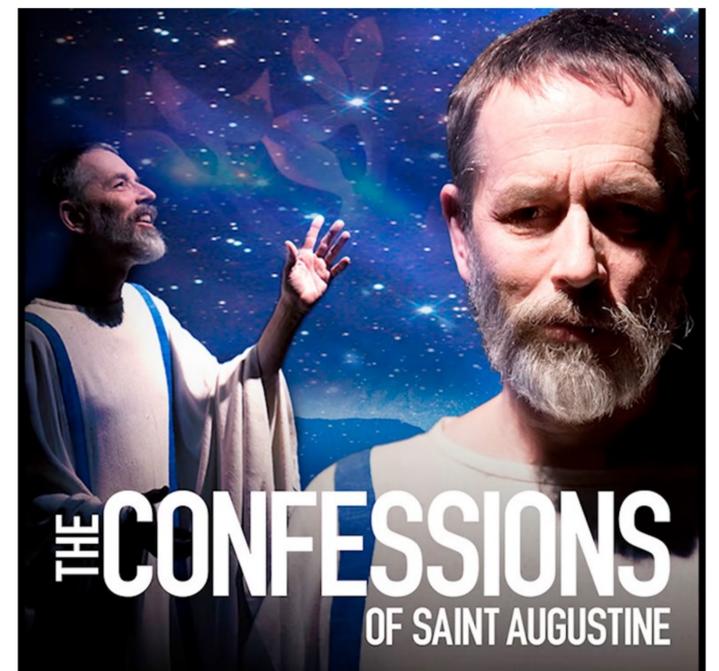


A tragic consequence of sin is human division, something we all face in one way or another. In this video, Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. John Sehorn discuss how we can invite Christ into those situations of brokenness.

LISTEN

THE CONFESSIONS OF ST. AUGUSTINE

Actor Leonardo DeFilippis captures the poetry and passion of Saint Augustine of Hippo (AD 354-430) in a performance that is accessible and deeply moving. The play is astonishingly relevant for our own times. Augustine struggled with promiscuity, fathered a child out-of-wedlock and dabbled in a “new age” style cult. You’ll be amazed by his relentless pursuit of Truth and encouraged by the prayerful perseverance of his faithful mother, Saint Monica.



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Honor Your Elders

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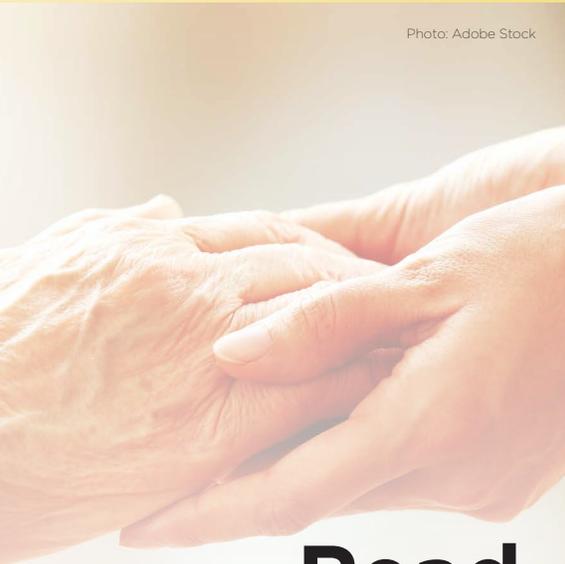
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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At Home with Faith

Our parents and grandparents have given us so much. If we connect our children with them, they can help give our children that most precious gift: faith.

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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.

It's tempting to pay more attention to those who have things we want: the rich, the young, the powerful. Yet, over and over again, Jesus directs our attention to those who are in need: the elderly, widows, the poor.

The widow who gave everything she had to the temple did the same thing that Jesus did: gave everything for true love. Joy comes not from what we have but what we give. Recognizing this, let's find joy in giving ourselves.

Let's listen to Jesus and Pope Francis and give our elders more of our attention. When we care for them and listen to them, we become closer to our Lord who loves them.

1 Kings 17:10-16

The flour and oil will not run dry.

Psalms 146

The Lord keeps faith forever.

Hebrews 9:24-28

Christ will return to bring salvation to those who wait for him.

Mark 12:41-44

This widow gave more because she gave all she had.

At Home with Faith

Talk

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

Help your child to connect with their grandparents:

- **Spend a Sunday afternoon with grandparents:** Take advantage of a Sunday afternoon to let your child visit with his or her grandparents. Maybe spend some time during the visit learning how to cook a favorite dish. Or, even better, ask their grandparents how they received the faith and passed it on to you.
- **Make a Zoom or a FaceTime call to grandparents:** When a visit is hard to do, a FaceTime or Zoom call can make a deeper connection than a phone call. Use it as an opportunity to share your child's art or show off a school project.
- **Send a card:** In a world full of text messages and emails, it can feel like an extra special treat to receive real mail from our loved ones. Pick up some stationary at a card store and spend 30 minutes with your child teaching them how to write and mail a letter. It will be a good experience for your child and a nice surprise for her or his grandparents!



"Very often it is grandparents who ensure that the most important values are passed down to their grandchildren, and 'many people can testify that they owe their initiation into the Christian life to their grandparents'. Their words, their affection or simply their presence help children to realize that history did not begin with them, that they are now part of an age-old pilgrimage and that they need to respect all that came before them. Those who would break all ties with the past will surely find it difficult to build stable relationships and to realize that reality is bigger than they are."

Amoris Laetitia (The Joy of Love) #192

This July, Pope Francis declared the first day for grandparents and the elderly. In part, this is about the Pope's concern for our elderly who deserve our love and care.

But that's not the only reason. Pope Francis knows that caring for the elderly opens our hearts to understand the past. Even more, caring for the elderly prepares us for our future. Our elders prepare us to understand who we are and who we will become. Our children can learn much from their grandparents if we provide them the opportunity.

Our elders prepare us to understand **who we are and who we will become.**

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>

The Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



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National Vocations Awareness Week

The Catholic Church in the United States will celebrate the 45th annual National Vocation Awareness Week from November 7-13, 2021. During this week, dioceses across the United States will hold events to foster an appreciation for vocations and pray specifically for those discerning a call to ordained ministry and consecrated life.

In his message for the 58th annual World Day of Prayer for Vocations, Pope Francis offered St. Joseph, the foster father of Jesus, as a model for vocational discernment. "Amid all these upheavals, [St. Joseph] found the courage to follow God's will. So too in a vocation: God's call always urges us to take a first step, to give ourselves, to press forward. There can be no faith without risk. Only by abandoning ourselves confidently to grace, setting aside our own programmes and comforts, can we truly say "yes" to God," he said, and exhorted the Church to look to St. Joseph as an "outstanding example of acceptance of God's plans."

Please ask Our Lord for more dedicated, holy priests, deacons, and consecrated men and women. May they be inspired by Jesus Christ, supported by our faith community, and respond generously to God's gift of vocation.

Prayer for Vocations

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2021

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents. Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury." - Mk 12:42-43

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 7, 2021

- Sunday:** 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44
- Monday:** Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10 [24b]/Lk 17:1-6
- Tuesday:** Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [5]/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22
- Wednesday:** Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7 [8a]/Lk 17:11-19
- Thursday:** Wis 7:22b—8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175 [89a]/Lk 17:20-25
- Friday:** Wis 13:1-9/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab [2a]/Lk 17:26-37
- Saturday:** Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43 [5a]/Lk 18:1-8
- Next Sunday:** Dn 12:1-3/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32

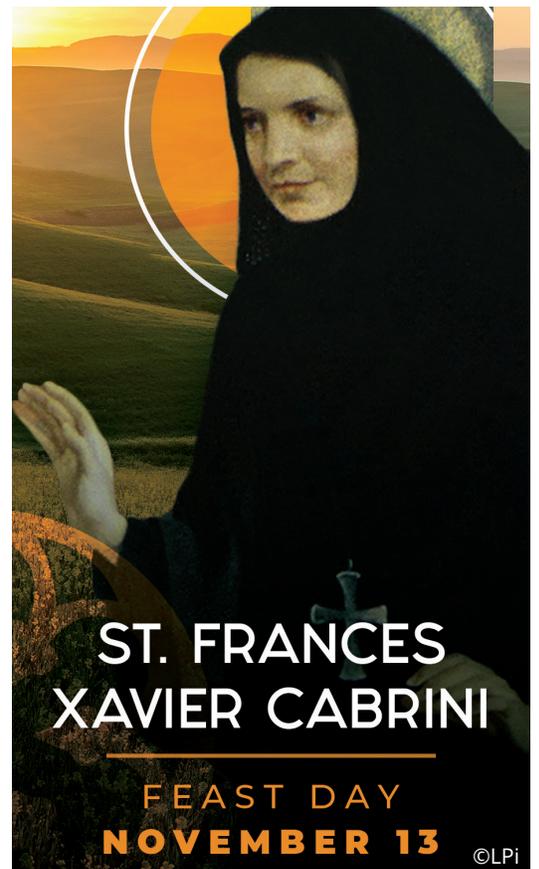
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 7, 2021

- Sunday:** 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time; National Vocation Awareness Week; Daylight Saving Time Ends
- Tuesday:** The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
- Wednesday:** St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church
- Thursday:** St. Martin of Tours, Bishop; Veterans Day
- Friday:** St. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr
- Saturday:** St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin
- Next Sunday:** 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

It all really boils down to a matter of the heart, and actions do speak louder than words. We cannot hide from the truth. A problem with religion is that it is possible for someone to make everything appear to be right when actually it is not. We can say all of the right prayers, perform all of the proscribed rituals, claim that we adhere to orthodox doctrines and still lead a distorted, empty and sometimes pitiful life. Only actions springing from true and deep sacrifice demonstrate true integrity. Without sacrifice, even the noblest looking actions can amount to nothing. It is no wonder, then, that the widow who contributed from her poverty received great admiration from Jesus. While it may not always appear to be the case, God has a special care and regard for those who depend upon him in times of trouble and want. Only the person who is truly poor is the only one who can see this. Because of a lack of trust, the one who has much is afraid to take a risk and sees only what they possess as their only security.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

You may recognize the name St. Frances Xavier Cabrini (1850 – 1917) as the first United States citizen to become a saint. Known for her deep trust in God, she was a courageous woman doing the work of Christ.

Her life of service began when she was first refused admission to the religious order which had educated her to be a teacher. Not one to take things face value, she instead focused her charitable work at the House of Providence Orphanage in Cadogno, Italy, and in 1877, professed vows there and took the religious habit.

When the bishop closed the orphanage in 1880, he named St. Frances Xavier Cabrini prioress of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart. However, she had a dream she was determined to fulfill. Since her early childhood, she had dreamed of being a missionary in China. Pope Leo XIII, however, urged her to see the need in the west. She traveled with six of her fellow religious sisters to New York City, where they worked with the thousands of Italian immigrants residing there.

Although she experienced many disappointments during this time, she persevered. When she arrived in New York, the house intended to be her first orphanage in the United States was not available. Rather than come back to Italy and the order she oversaw, she instead found a way to establish that orphanage elsewhere — plus a few more. Throughout her life, she is known for founding 67 institutions dedicated to caring for the poor, the abandoned, the uneducated, and the sick. She died of malaria in her own Columbus Hospital in Chicago in 1917.

WORSHIP & MEDITATION



FIRST READING

She left and did as Elijah had said.
She was able to eat for a year,
and he and her son as well;
the jar of flour did not go empty,
nor the jug of oil run dry,
as the LORD had foretold through Elijah.
(1 Kgs 17:15-16)



PSALM

Praise the Lord, my soul! (Ps 146)
or: Alleluia



SECOND READING

But now once for all he has appeared
at the end of the ages
to take away sin by his sacrifice. (Heb 9:26)



GOSPEL

"Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more
than all the other contributors to the treasury.
For they have all contributed from
their surplus wealth,
but she, from her poverty, has contributed
all she had,
her whole livelihood." (Mk 12:43-44)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

On December 10, 1979, a very petite holy woman known as Mother Teresa of Calcutta spoke these words in her Nobel Peace Prize Acceptance Speech, "But I am sure in the families and many of our homes, maybe we are not hungry for a piece of bread, but maybe there is somebody there in the family who is unwanted, unloved, uncared, forgotten, there isn't love. Love begins at home. And love to be true has to hurt. I never forget a little child who taught me a very beautiful lesson. They heard in Calcutta, the children, that Mother Teresa had no sugar for her children, and this little one, Hindu boy four years old, he went home and he told his parents: I will not eat sugar for three days, I will give my sugar to Mother Teresa. How much a little child can give. After three days they brought into our house, and there was this little one who could scarcely pronounce my name, he loved with great love, he loved until it hurt. And this is what I bring before you, to love one another until it hurts, but don't forget that there are many children, many children, many men and women who haven't got what you have. And remember to love them until it hurts."

Living authentically and walking with holiness always involves sacrifice. It has to hurt. Only actions springing from true and deep sacrifice demonstrate true integrity. Without sacrifice, even what is apparently a generous gesture can be nothing. It is no wonder that the widow who contributed from her poverty received great admiration from Jesus and the young child in our story above the interest of Mother Teresa. It is easy to make the houses of our lives look like they are in perfect order when in fact they are in shambles within. Religion can sometimes make this hypocritical masquerade easy to accomplish. We can find ourselves in all the right holy places, reciting all of the correct prayers, participating in community collections, and reciting the proper doctrines only to find ourselves empty, shallow, self-focused, and overly anxious about personal concerns.

The one who learns to discover their inner poverty, their spiritual poverty, is the only one who can truly place him or herself at the mercy of God. It is only when we allow ourselves to be empty that we realize Who we actually need to fill us. This is the real meaning of trust. Many of us are afraid to take the plunge. We allow ourselves to detach from only so much, always keeping a watchful eye on the protection of our securities. We understand the value of poverty, but we do not want to become too poor. As long as we are able to recognize this tension, our reluctance to let go and our struggle, we can continue our journey of humbly learning how to love so deeply that it hurts. God understands and waits.

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RESPONDING *to the Call*

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

The Look

Have you ever made the mistake of telling your spouse that you're out of something — only to see them respond with The Look? Then you realize it: of course, he or she knows you're out of butter. They knew it before a butter shortage was even a blip on your radar.

We might go to the fridge and lament the complete lack of ketchup. Then someone moves a couple items and show us the ketchup that so savagely eluded us just moments before.

Sometimes, we all have “the look” when dealing with God. We tell Him our stores are empty. “I’m out, God! I can’t do any more! Can’t give any more. Can’t take any more. It’s all gone.” But we forget: God is the keeper of our stores. He is the one who fills them, and the one who watches as they empty.

See, we don’t know how much we are capable of loving. We don’t know how much we are capable of serving. We don’t know how much we are capable of hoping. We see everything with spouse eyes. Only our Creator truly knows the limits of His creation.

Do you ever make the mistake of telling God “I’m done”? Be careful the next time you do. Chances are, He’s far from finished working.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained:

Question:

Can you explain what we mean by a vocation or calling? I have heard this term used in many different contexts and am not sure what it means. Does it apply to religious life?

Answer:

A vocation or calling refers to a spiritual experience whereby a person senses within oneself the closeness of God and what he is asking in one’s life. It is a realization of what one’s part in God’s plan could be. Vocation comes in all kinds of ways. Some are as dramatic as St. Paul’s, being knocked off his horse, blinded, and hearing God’s voice. Others are less dramatic, often occurring over time through little events and personal interests. Others happen in a hurry, accompanied by great spiritual insight or conversion. We often think that this applies to religious vocation, but in fact, every Christian has a vocation, a calling to serve others in and through the church. Whether married or single, religious or lay, we are all called to live out our baptismal commitment to preach and teach the Gospel message. Each of us has our role to play in God’s plan, and we become coworkers with God in the work of redemption. With a little confidence, a willing spirit and God’s grace, we can and will respond to his unique call.

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Many rich people put in large sums. Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood."

- Mk 12:41c, 43-44

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QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

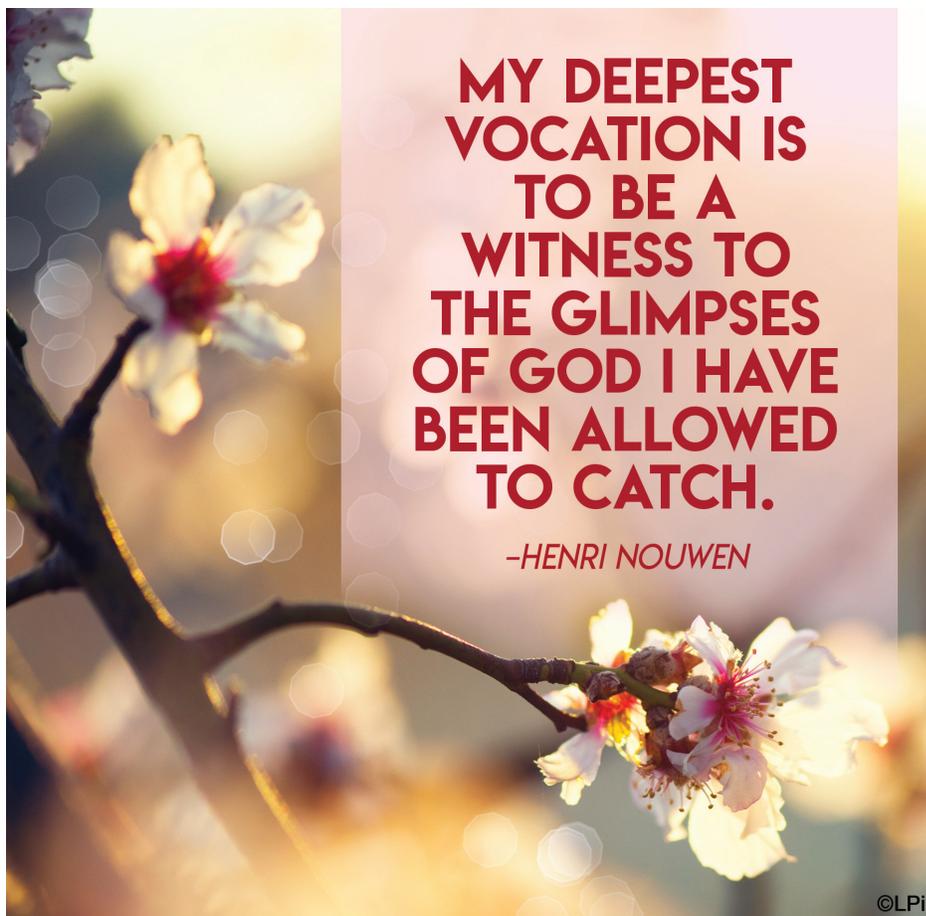
In the story of the initial encounter between Elijah and the widow, we see the widow rewarded for her courage and faith. When has your faith resulted in a positive outcome?

Second Reading

The reading from Hebrews focuses on Jesus' sacrificial death on earth, his intercession for us from heaven, and his eventual return at the end of time. Who do you know needs to hear this succinct summary of our faith in Christ?

Gospel Reading

In the Gospel reading we hear Jesus criticize the scribes for their hypocrisy and praise the widow for her generosity. How do you ensure your actions and faith are authentic?



**MY DEEPEST
VOCATION IS
TO BE A
WITNESS TO
THE GLIMPSES
OF GOD I HAVE
BEEN ALLOWED
TO CATCH.**

-HENRI NOUWEN

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PRAISE THE LORD!

P S A L M 1 4 6



A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents. Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, “Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury.”
- Mk 12:42-43

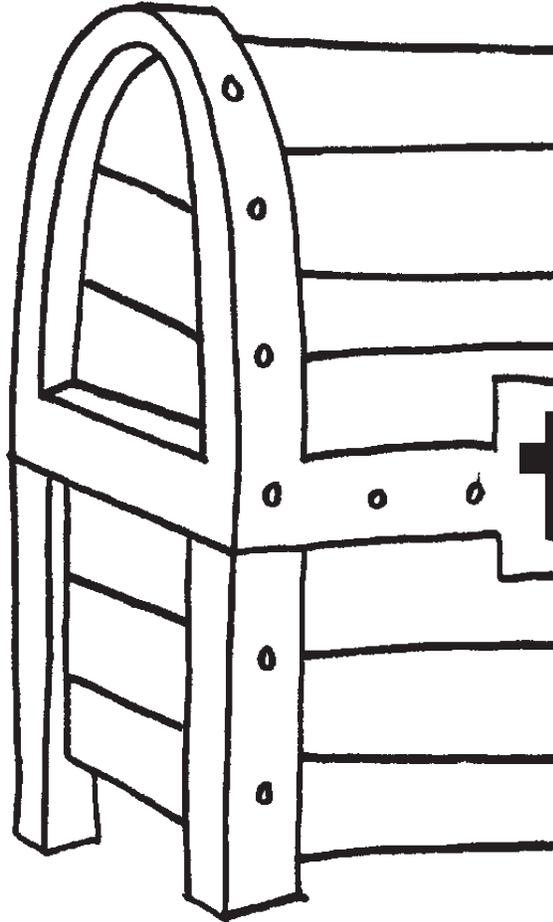
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KIDS CORNER

READ THE GOSPEL AND COMPLETE A PUZZLE!

Complete the picture.



SHARING THE GOSPEL

God wants us to be humble, and he wants us to share our blessings. So many people Jesus met were proud, and they thought they deserved special treatment. Other people were rich, but they took what they wanted first and gave God what was left. The poor widow in today's Gospel got it right. She quietly gave to God all she had.

PRAYER

Dear God, help me to quietly give you the best of all that you have given me.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

If you have a piggy bank, take money out and give it to God next Sunday. Shhhh! Remember to give it to God quietly.





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