

SAINT COLUMBAN CATHOLIC Church

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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. Columban Prayer Chain: Confidential and private prayer chain. Please contact the parish office to submit a request.

St. Vincent De Paul

Providing emergency assistance for those in need.

Help Line: 360-458-1904

Please leave your name, phone number, and

ST. PETER MISSION

149 Keithahn St. S, Tenino, WA 98589

For administrative assistance please contact St. Columban

Mass Schedule

Sunday 8:00AM

Rosary is said 30min prior to Mass

Sacraments

Confession: Sundays 7:30 -7:45AM

Daily Mass (First Fridays): 9:00AM

Anointing of the Sick: 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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For every tree is known by its own fruit.

February 27, 2022

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Readings

Entrance Antiphon: *The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom; he saved me because he delighted in me.*

1st Reading: Sirach 27:4-7

Responsorial Psalm: *Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.*

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:54-58

Gospel Acclamation: *Shine like lights in the world as you hold on to the word of life.*

Gospel: Luke 6:39-45

Communion Antiphon: *Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, says the Lord.*

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

Starting Lent

This week we enter the season of Lent. I want to highlight three things: Repentance, deepening devotion, and reflecting the season in the liturgy.

First and foremost, Lent is a season wherein we take stock of our progress in following the Lord Jesus Christ. In ancient times this was the season where those preparing for baptism underwent numerous ritual scrutinies (a version of which is still done for our catechumens on the 3rd, 4th, and 5th weeks of Lent) to make sure they were ready to become Christians, and Christians who had sinned notoriously/publicly took on intense penitence to prepare for Reconciliation on Holy Thursday. Indeed, solidarity with Catechumens and Penitents was the origin of taking on Lenten disciplines; additionally, many early Christians were themselves converts and had the additional motivation of recapturing the zeal they themselves had while going through catechumenal rites. In this vein of recapturing the zeal of discipleship, I recommend one thing above all other Lenten works: **Go to Confession!** I hope you all are frequently taking advantage of this amazing source of mercy (also remember that Confessions will be heard a little before and during Stations of the Cross each Friday of Lent). Now, maybe—like I do approximately weekly—you drive some distance to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance at another church, and that is fine; my concern is that you are going to Confession, not so much that you are going to me.

A second bit of Lenten advice is, yet again, for me to advocate the praying of the Liturgy of the Hours. I took on saying Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer the Lent of my senior year of high school. It changed my life. I know I keep beating this drum, but the praying of the psalms by Christians throughout the day across the world is the very heartbeat of the Church. Look up the smartphone apps: iBreviary or DivineOffice.

Third, I want to note two liturgical shifts we will experience during Lent. You will notice the music becoming simpler and the organ only being used to support singing (i.e. no instrumental interludes), this will ultimately culminate on Good Friday where the chants will be totally acapella; also, the altar servers will ring the hand bells at the same moments but with fewer pulses/rings during Lent. Do not overlook these, and other, Lenten simplifications. They are valuable precisely because they are strikingly different and add an extra level of sobriety to our Lenten Masses.

In Christ,

Fr Thompson

Financial Stewardship

Weekly Offering

	<u>St. Columban</u>	<u>St. Peter</u>
Weekly Goal	\$5,762	\$712
February 20	\$3,996	\$720
Online Giving:	\$785	\$416

Thank You for Your Generous Support!

**CALLED TO
SERVE *as* CHRIST**

As of: November 15, 2021

3 Year Goal for St. Columban: \$307,368
Total Pledged: \$116,169 38% of Goal

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



March 2, 2022

9:00AM—Mass at St. Peter Mission

7:00PM—Mass at St. Columban

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Faith Formation



CHILDREN'S PRAYERS

For the month of January, an average of 11 children in our Faith Formation program prayed 507 prayers every week. Keep up the good work faithful young prayer warriors!

Do your children know their basic prayers? Here are some to work on memorizing for February.

For older kids grades 2nd and up:

Act of Contrition-- My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy.

For younger kids (pre- First Communion): Hail Mary- Hail Mary, Full of grace, the Lord is with thee, blessed are thou among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death, Amen.

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

Mary Taylor

Lindy Parse

+ All those in harm's way.

+ For all those impacted by recent natural disasters.

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

Rest In Peace

Don Troyer, Lance Laakso

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.

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 6:30 in room 103 of the Religious Education building.

RCIA topic for this week is:
Sacraments of Matrimony & Holy Orders

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@saintcolumbanym.org
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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
daughtersofmary@saintcolumbanym.org

March 8
10:00AM

Monthly Meeting
Parish Hall



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
COUNCIL 17152

March 16
6:00PM

Council Meeting
Parish Hall



St. Vincent de Paul

March 17
7:00PM

Monthly Meeting
Parish Hall



St. Peter's Circle

March 8
9:30AM

Monthly Meeting
St. Peter Mission/Tenino



ALTAR SOCIETY

Cleaning the Church
Every Thursday after Daily Mass

UPCOMING
EVENTS



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

February 28 Rosary Prayer Group

7:00PM St. Columban

March 1 Daily Mass

9:00AM St. Columban

6:30PM Spanish Prayer Group
Parish Hall

March 2 ASH WEDNESDAY

9:00AM St. Peter Mission (Tenino)

7:00PM St. Columban

March 3 Daily Mass

9:00AM St. Columban

Bible Study

10:00AM St. Peter Mission (Tenino)

6:30PM St. Columban
RE Bldg. Rm. 103

March 4 Daily Mass

9:00AM St. Peter Mission (Tenino)

NO FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS

5:30PM Confession

6:30PM Stations of the Cross

March 5 Confession

3:30-4:15PM St. Columban

5:00PM Vigil Mass

St. Columban

March 6 1st Sunday of Lent

ST. PETER MISSION TENINO

7:30-7:45AM Confession

8:00AM Mass

ST. COLUMBAN

9:00—10:15AM Religious Ed

10:30AM Mass

Rite of Sending/RCIA

11:45-1:00PM Confirmation Year 2

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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PRAYER

Friday Stations of the Cross

St. Columban

6:00PM in the Church

Good Friday: 3:00PM

St. Peter

6:00PM in the Church

Good Friday: 3:00PM

Tenebrae

Wednesday April 13th

7:00PM at St. Columban

Join us in this century old tradition of the Office of Readings by candlelight on the eve of the Triduum.

PENANCE

Confession

Fridays during Lent starting
March 4th @ St. Columban

5:30PM to 6:30PM

(During Stations of the Cross)

No Confession on Good Friday

Sundays @ St. Peter

7:30-7:45AM

ALMSGIVING

We are accepting donations to St. Vincent de Paul this year in absence of our customary Soup Suppers.

Lenten Events & Easter Masses 2022



ASH
WEDNESDAY

March 2nd

9AM Mass @ St. Peter Mission

7PM Mass @ St. Columban



Holy Week Schedule



Palm Sunday – April 10th

8AM Mass @ St. Peter's

10:30AM Mass @ St. Columban



Holy Thursday – April 14th

7PM Mass @ St. Columban

Adoration to follow in the Parish Hall



Good Friday – April 15th

7PM Service @ St. Columban

With Veneration of the Cross



Easter Vigil – April 16th

8PM Mass @ St. Columban

Initiation & Baptism for RCIA Candidates



Easter Sunday– April 17th

8AM Mass @ St. Peter

10:30AM Mass @ St. Columban

Please visit our parish website for more information
saintcolumbanyelm.org



Daughters of Mary

St. Columban Catholic Church Yelm, WA



BAZAAR

Saturday April 30, 2022
9AM- 2PM In the Parish Hall

Donations Needed

Plants & Starts – Any variety of vegetable or herb and of course flowers. Please be sure to label what they are. Please drop off no earlier than Friday April 29th in the Parish Hall.

Bake Sale Items – Non-refrigerated items only. Please make sure items are individually wrapped and marked if they contain any kind of nut or are if they are gluten free. Please drop off no earlier than Friday April 29th in the Parish Hall.

Book Sale Items – Gently used books, blank stationery and cards, etc. Please use the bin located in the narthex.

All donations will be considered to be free-will and will be used, re-purposed, or donated elsewhere after the bazaar at the discretion of the Daughters of Mary.

Volunteers Needed

Do you love books?

Do you love gardening?

WE NEED YOU!

We also need volunteers to help with set-up, take-down and to assist with the bake sale.

If you are able to donate or volunteer, please see Dawn Bauer or email daughtersofmary@saintcolumbanyelm.org.



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**

COUNCIL 17152
*St. Columban Catholic Church
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ST. PATRICK'S DINNER

SATURDAY MARCH 12, 2022

**6:00PM - IN THE PARISH
HALL**

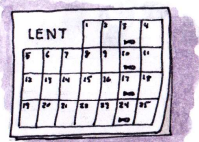
ADULTS & TEENS (12+)	10.00
KIDS (4-11)	6.00
TODDLERS (0-3)	FREE

TICKETS ON SALE AFTER EACH MASS

PICK UP YOURS TODAY!

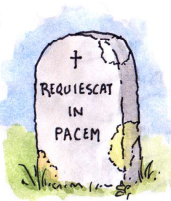
Ash Wednesday

This Wednesday is the first day of Lent, Ash Wednesday. Lent is a special time when we prepare ourselves for Good Friday and Easter Sunday.



If you go to Mass on Ash Wednesday, the priest will make a little cross on your forehead with ashes. The ashes remind us that people were made from the dust of the ground and that some day we will die and go back into the ground.

It is good for us to remember that we will die one day. It helps us realize that God put us here and that we need Him all the time. If we remember how much we need God then we will think of Him more and love Him more.



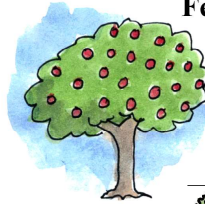
What is something you can do this Lent to remind yourself every day that you need God?

Answers to Psalm 92 Unscramble: grow, house, God, fruit, green, rock, love, might, palm, bear, good, fruit, bad, tree, bear, good, fruit.

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The Kids' Bulletin

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 27th, 2022

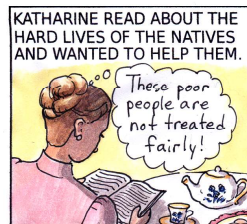
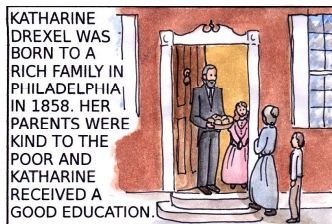


In today's Gospel reading Jesus told a parable about trees. What did He say? Use the code to find out!



A B D E F G I N O R S T U

Saint Katharine Drexel March 3



ST. KATHARINE GAVE UP A HUGE FORTUNE AND COMFORTABLE LIFE TO HELP THE LESS FORTUNATE IN HER COUNTRY. WOULD YOU DO THAT IF YOU HAD MILLIONS OF DOLLARS? OUR LORD SAYS IT IS HARD FOR THE RICH TO ENTER HEAVEN, BUT SAINT KATHARINE SHOWS THAT THEY CAN CHOOSE TO BE HOLY TOO.

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Psalm 92 Unscramble

Unscramble the missing words to complete today's Psalm!

It is good to give _____ (KNSHTA) to the Lord,
to sing praises to thy _____ (MNAE),
O Most High;
to declare thy steadfast _____ (OVLE) in the morning,
and thy faithfulness by _____ (HGNTI).
The righteous flourish like the _____ (LMAF) tree,
and _____ (ORGW) like a cedar in Lebanon.
They are planted in the _____ (UOESHI) of the Lord,
they flourish in the courts of our _____ (DGO).
They still bring forth _____ (UFIRT) in old age,
they are ever full of sap and _____ (ERGNE) to show that the Lord is upright,
he is my _____ (KCRO) and there is no unrighteousness in him.



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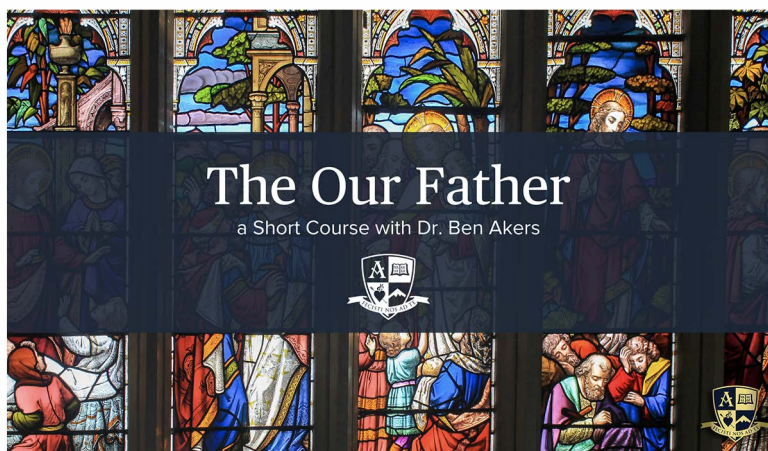
WATCH

FATHER MICHAEL MCGIVNEY: AN AMERICAN BLESSED

In May 2020, Pope Francis approved a miracle attributed to the intercession of Fr. Michael McGivney, paving the way for his beatification. This new documentary highlights Fr. McGivney's fraternal charity, evangelization, and empowerment of the laity.



Father Michael McGivney
An American Blessed



The Our Father

a Short Course with Dr. Ben Akers

JESUS: THE MODEL AND MASTER OF PRAYER

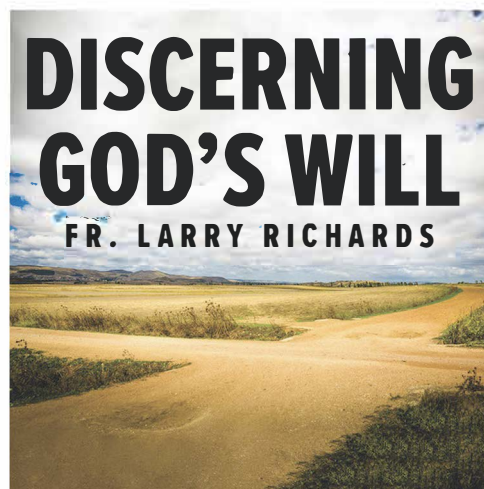
In this episode of his course on the Our Father, Dr. Ben Akers teaches us what we can learn from the perfect model and master of prayer: Jesus himself.

LEARN

LISTEN

DISCERNING GOD'S WILL BY FR. LARRY RICHARDS

Discovering the will of God can be an intimidating challenge in the spiritual life. Join Fr. Larry Richards as he guides us in this task through practical advice and personal stories!



DISCERNING GOD'S WILL FR. LARRY RICHARDS

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At Home with Faith

God made us for goodness and life. We fear sin and death because we know in our hearts that God made us for something better. Let us turn to God now, that we may find goodness and life in him.

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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.

Our faith consistently links two of the things we fear the most: sin and death. Why? Because God designed us, from the beginning, to receive life from him. Sin separates us from God, and when this happens, we struggle to receive the goodness and life that come from him. Jesus is God's way of offering us the goodness and life we need.

Lent, which starts this Wednesday, provides us the opportunity to return our attention to Jesus. During this time, we look to him for help against sin and death.

Sirach 27:4-7

As fruit shows the goodness of the tree, our trials show us our worth.

Psalms 92

The just shall flourish like a tree that gives fruit even in old age.

1 Corinthians 15:54-58

Jesus gives us victory over sin and death.

Luke 6:39-45

Like trees, known by the fruit they bear, we are known by what we do.

At Home with Faith

Talk

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

Encourage your child to think of something they might want to give up this Lent:

- **Think about something that you might find helpful to let go:** For centuries, Christians have made a practice of setting aside attachment to material things as a Lenten discipline. Think of something that you might want to set aside, not because it is bad, but because you want to be more focused on God. A great example of this is a commitment to drive to work in silence or to give up a favorite dessert for Lent. Make sure it's a commitment you can keep.
- **Share your own Lenten practice with your child:** Let your child know what you are doing for Lent and why. Give them space to think about whether or not they want to follow your example.
- **Encourage your child to pick a Lenten discipline that will be practical:** If your child wants to keep their own Lenten discipline, encourage them to find something that will be practical and meaningful. You want them to see the connection with their faith. You also want them to be able to keep it through Lent.



“It consoles us to know that those who die do not completely pass away, and faith assures us that the risen Lord will never abandon us. Thus we can ‘prevent death from poisoning life, from rendering vain our love, from pushing us into the darkest chasm.’ . . . With Christ, after death, there awaits us ‘what God has prepared for those who love him’ (1 Cor 2:9). The Preface of the Liturgy of the Dead puts it nicely: ‘Although the certainty of death saddens us, we are consoled by the promise of future immortality. For the life of those who believe in you, Lord, is not ended but changed.’”

Amoris Laetitia (The Joy of Love) #256

One look at a crucifix confirms that our faith takes the threat of death seriously. During Lent we are not afraid to pay attention to sin and death because we have confidence in Jesus. He confronts the things we fear most. He also calls us to follow him through and beyond our fears – to new hope, and new life.

During Lent we are not afraid to pay attention to sin and death because **we have confidence in Jesus.**

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, FEBRUARY 27, 2022

8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks." - Lk 6:43, 45

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 27, 2022

- Sunday:** Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45
- Monday:** 1 Pt 1:3-9/Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9 and 10c/Mk 10:17-27
- Tuesday:** 1 Pt 1:10-16/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Mk 10:28-31
- Wednesday:** Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
- Thursday:** Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25
- Friday:** Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15
- Saturday:** Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32
- Next Sunday:** Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 [cf. 15b]/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

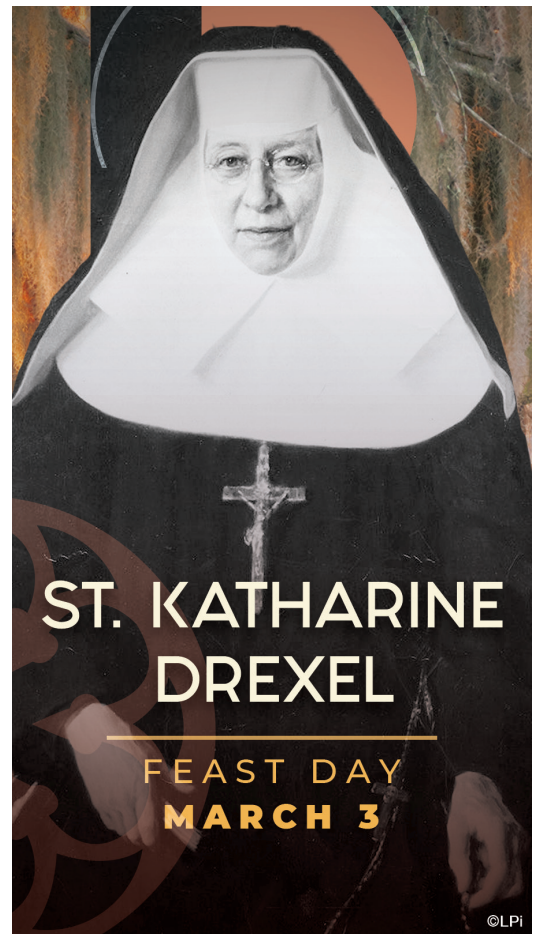
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 27, 2022

- Sunday:** 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Wednesday:** Ash Wednesday
- Thursday:** St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin
- Friday:** St. Casimir
- Next Sunday:** 1st Sunday of Lent

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

"From the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks." What we say reveals so much about who we are. It discloses what is really going on within us: our integrity, priorities, depth of conscience, level of compassion and understanding of mercy. People whose speech is judgmental or overly critical usually reveal an interior life that is angry, unsettled, defensive, and shallow. Our speech communicates our sense of right and wrong, the strength of our relationship with God and how we feel about our fellow human beings. We are also quick to point out the faults of others, concentrating on their shortcomings and wrongdoings before our own. Only God fully understands what is going on inside the human heart. Only God can see the depth of a human soul. Perhaps it would do us well to consider what may be happening inside our brothers and sisters and temper our critical speech of what we see occurring outside. Looking within will also help us identify our own sins and weakness so that we can be better positioned to offer the type of wisdom and compassionate guidance that can really be of help to our friends.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

With a family like hers, it's no wonder that St. Katharine Drexel (November 26, 1858 – March 3, 1955) grew up to become one of the first American-born saints.

Born in Philadelphia in 1858, her mother passed away when she was only five weeks old. Her father, a renowned banker, remarried a wonderful woman, and together they raised St. Katherine Drexel and her two sisters in a life of privilege. Both financially and spiritually well-endowed, the Drexels were devout Catholics and set an excellent example of true Christian servitude with prayer and care for the poor.

After her father's death, St. Katharine Drexel gave up her inheritance and instead devoted her life to the material and spiritual well-being of black and native Americans. Mother Drexel, as she would become known as, established the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament for Indians and Colored, and together they opened a boarding school in Santa Fe, the first of 50 missions for Native Americans in 16 states.

At 77, she suffered a heart attack and was forced to retire from active ministry. She spent the next 20 years of her life in quiet yet intense prayer. She died at the age of 96 and was canonized in 2000 by Pope John Paul II.

WORSHIP & MEDITATION



FIRST READING

Praise no one before he speaks,
for it is then that people are tested.
(Sir 27:7)



PSALM

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.
(Ps 92)



SECOND READING

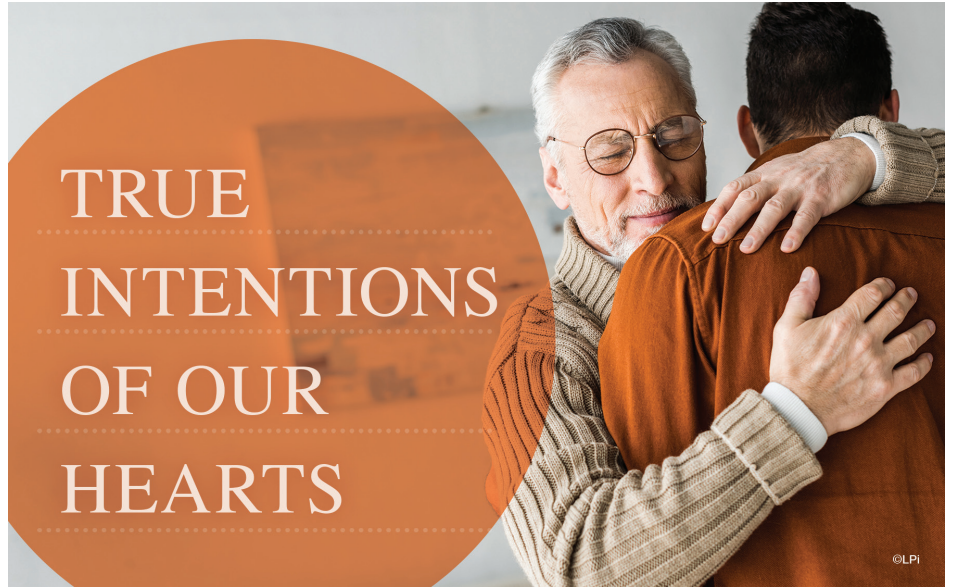
But thanks be to God who gives
us the victory
through our Lord Jesus Christ.
(1 Cor 15:57)



GOSPEL

"A good person out of the store of
goodness in his heart produces good,
but an evil person out of a store of evil
produces evil;
for from the fullness of the heart the
mouth speaks." (Lk 6:45)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

What we say and how we say it reveals the true intentions of our hearts. The content and manner of our speech is a window into the recesses of our souls. Our consciences, attitudes, sentiments, weaknesses, and motives are displayed. As much as we think we can hide the truth of our lives from others, we cannot. Who we really are is not only expressed on our lips but is written on our faces. Jesus says precisely this, "For every tree is known by its own fruit." What does the fruit of our lives say about us?

Because we like to play the game of hide and seek with ourselves, in pretending that we are hiding we deflect attention others may give to us by becoming more critical of others. After all, the more time one can spend analyzing others' behavior the less time one has to look at his or herself. Often, the behaviors we abhor most in others are the very ones we are guilty of ourselves. We just don't know it yet. The more we put ourselves in the role of a judge, the more satisfaction and control we seem to achieve. Yet, what about ourselves? In focusing our attention on the beams in others' eyes, the aridity and barrenness of our lives goes unchecked. St. Ambrose reminds us that "no one heals himself by wounding another." Bringing our brothers and sisters down by being overly critical, serves no positive purpose.

But the one who knows how easy it is to fall into sin and weakness and how quickly errors in judgment can be made, knows the depth of true compassion, mercy, and kindness. Having recognized our own poor choices, misguided opinions, negative emotions, and ability to do horrendous things, we can be more sympathetic and understanding of where others may be. We are designed to be mentors and guides to one another. In walking the journey together, we can help each other become the best we can be. Humility is the order of the day and the primary virtue that prevents us from being hypocrites.

LITURGICAL LIFE

RESPONDING *to the Call*

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

Planted in the House of the Lord

Grocery delivery apps are all the rage these days, and I can't deny the convenience of tapping your finger a few times and seeing your week's shopping dropped on the doorstep. But there is one aspect of this trend that seems to make a lot of shoppers nervous — fruits and vegetables.

A lot of us have strong opinions on our fresh produce and aren't ready to delegate this highly subjective selection process to a total stranger. My father was a produce manager and I remember as a child learning about the complexities of choosing correctly. Getting a bad bag of under ripe tomatoes after shopping on an app could easily sour one on the whole idea.

Forrest Gump said life is like a box of chocolates. I say, we're all like grab-bags of produce dumped on someone's doorstep — but if we're Christians who live our faith publicly, we're stamped with the name of God. If your thumb is green enough, you know that you can tell a lot about a gardener from the produce he grows. We who are planted in the house of the Lord — what do we reveal about our Gardener?

What do our actions show of His teachings? What do our words reflect of His voice? What does our strength reveal of the soil from which we sprang and the life-giving waters that nourished us?

When we open ourselves up to those we encounter, let's make a special effort to show the care we have had — lest our peers come away from the experience thinking God doesn't know how to garden, when in reality, it's us who don't always know how to grow.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Catholic Life Explained:

Question:

Are near-death experiences real?

Answer:

There is a lot of curiosity and fascination with the idea of an afterlife and communicating with those who have died. In movies, television shows, and numerous books, people make claims about their ability to communicate with the dead, or having had a near-death experience. There is no objective way to verify any of this. While details about people and events can be surprisingly accurate, it is just circumstantial evidence that might be explained in other ways. On the other hand, when people have unusual experiences, sometimes called near-death or out-of-body, it is real to them. They react with the emotions and thoughts that one would expect. At times, they report details they could not have known any other way, such as bits of conversation, or meeting people they had never known in this life. So certainly, to the person, they experience something. We believe in a life after death, we believe in the communion of saints. These things are not a contradiction to faith, but we should not base our faith on them, nor change our beliefs. They are unexplained and will likely remain so.

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"How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me remove that splinter in your eye,' when you do not even notice the wooden beam in your own eye? You hypocrite! Remove the wooden beam from your eye first; then you will see clearly to remove the splinter in your brother's eye."

- Lk 6:42

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LITURGICAL LIFE

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

Sirach teaches that much is revealed about someone in how they speak. How conscious are you about weighing your words with others?

Second Reading

Paul speaks of Jesus' resurrection taking away the "sting" and "victory" of death itself. In what ways have you experienced this reality in the death of loved ones in your life?

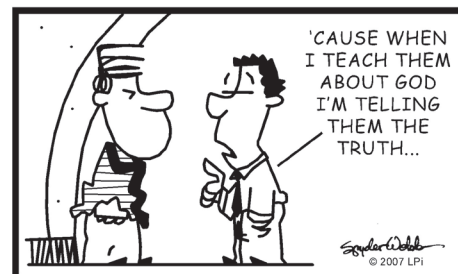
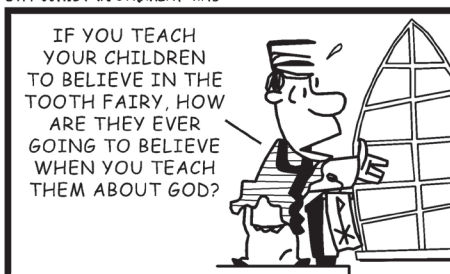
Gospel Reading

Jesus challenges his disciples to exercise humility towards others and to bear good fruit with their lives. Can you cite examples of how you follow these commands of Jesus in your own life?

**PRAYER
CHANGES
EVERYTHING**

**HOW CAN WE
PRAY FOR
YOU TODAY?**

8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





LORD, I GIVE THANKS.

Psalm 92

*“A good tree
does not bear
rotten fruit, nor
does a rotten
tree bear good
fruit. A good
person out of
the store of
goodness in his
heart produces
good, but an
evil person out
of a store of evil
produces evil;
for from the
fullness of the
heart the mouth
speaks.”*

- Lk 6:43, 45

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READ THE GOSPEL AND COMPLETE A PUZZLE!

SHARING THE GOSPEL

Let's pretend we're looking through a "blind" eye with a log stuck in it. You see how good you are compared to everybody else. You see other people stuck in sin, and you avoid them or hurt them with your words. Now let's take that log out and look through a good eye. You see your own sins, and you know you need God's kindness and forgiveness. You see other people stuck in sin, and you show God's kindness and forgiveness to them.

PRAYER

God, keep my eyes open to see my sins and your kindness. Give me a good heart.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

When you catch someone in sin (stealing, lying, using hurtful words) be kind. Remember your own sins, and show God's forgiveness.

KIDS CORNER

Unscramble the words from today's Gospel:

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heart
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FOR THE
SON OF MAN
CAME TO SEEK
AND TO SAVE
THE LOST.

LUKE 19:10





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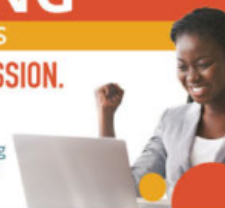
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