

SAINT COLUMBAN CATHOLIC Church

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

ST. COLUMBAN PARISH

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Office Hours

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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. 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 details of your need.

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



March 27, 2022

4th Sunday of Lent

2nd Scrutiny for RCIA

Today's Readings (from Year A during the Scrutinies)

Entrance Antiphon: *Rejoice Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.*

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

Responsorial Psalm: *The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.*

2nd Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

Gospel Acclamation: *I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life.*

Gospel: John 9:1-41

Communion Antiphon: *The Lord anointed my eyes. I went, I washed, I saw, and I believed in God.*

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.



Fr. Thompson's Reflections

Pro Populo

While during Lent, I have been using the Eucharistic Prayer for Reconciliation, you may notice that on Sundays in other seasons of the year, I essentially invariably use the Roman Canon (or Eucharistic Prayer I), AKA the “long” Eucharistic prayer with additional bowing, signs of the Cross (alas, greatly—and shamefully—reduced from its authentic traditional form), long lists of saints, and explicit mentions of the Mass Intention (Living or dead). Because of this last feature of the Canon, you may notice on Sundays that I add the line “the people of this parish” during one of these moments—the Memorial for the Living. I realize that perhaps not everyone understands why I do this and what it means, or even precisely for whom I am praying.

Canon Law (the Church’s internal legal code) requires that priests who have *cure animarum* (the care of souls; so, pastors and equivalent) have an obligation to offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass—or cause it to be offered if they cannot do so personally—*pro populo* (for the/his people) on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. So, at least one Sunday Mass each weekend must have the Mass Intention be for the people of the parish generally: for their spiritual and material wellbeing and their conversion or deeper conversion to Christ. In this parish, we generally have all the weekend Masses *pro populo*, though technically I am only obliged to say one of them with that intention.

But who is this *populus* (the people) for whom the Sunday Mass is offered? This is really my point this week, as I think understanding that fact better might help us as a parish community and in our Christian mission to evangelize the world; “The people of this parish” is a broader group than you may think. First and foremost, it does not *per se* mean the congregation present at that given Mass, as if the Saturday Mass is for those people, the 8am is for St Peter Mission’s attendees only, and the 1030am is only for them. No, each Mass is for the whole of St Columban Parish, whether one attends Mass at the parish church—which almost always shares the name of the Parish—or its mission; we are all in the same parish, a parish that just happens to contain two churches. (Incidentally, this is also why you might notice that I tend to take a wholistic view of the parish in most things rather than treating it as two unrelated communities.)

However, it is even broader than understanding our identity as members of the parish rather than our specific Mass time or physical place of worship, “the people of the parish” actually includes everyone in our territory, Catholic or not. Every single soul, whether they know it or not, want it or not, are St Columban parishioners. So, when you hear me voice aloud that Mass is being offered “for the people of the parish” keep in mind it is more than those at Mass with you, even more than those who worship at the other church in the parish, or at a different Mass time, but even for those who are not (yet) Catholic or even Christian. Join your prayer to mine in that moment with proper understanding, therefore, and let that spill out into your actions at attitudes toward your neighbors—who, though not (yet) Catholic are still your fellow parishioners, and *maybe* it might even prompt you to invite your neighbors to come and see the blessings God has ready to give them.

In Christ,

Fr Thompson

Financial Stewardship

Weekly Offering

	St. Columban	St. Peter
Weekly Goal	\$5,762	\$712
March 13	\$2,560	\$385
Online Giving	\$1,132	
Ukraine	\$900	\$987

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As of: March 14, 2022

3 Year Goal for St. Columban: \$307,368
Total Pledged: \$117,529 38% of Goal

3 Year Goal for St. Peter: \$54,327
Total Pledged: \$26,997 50% of Goal



Lenten Challenge of the Week

Bless someone you don't know with an act of kindness this week.

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Faith Formation



Lent is a time of repentance, fasting and abstinence. For the duration of lent, you will find a prayer of repentance to help you prepare yourself to make an honest confession during lent.

O my God! Source of all mercy! I acknowledge Your sovereign power. While recalling the wasted years that have passed, I believe that You, Lord, can in an instant turn this loss to gain. Miserable as I am, yet I firmly believe that You can do all things. Please restore to me the time lost, giving me Your grace, both now and in the future, that I may appear before You in "wedding garments." Amen. -St Teresa of Avila

Faith Formation: Grades K-12

- K-5 Sundays from 9-10:15AM
- Confirmation Classes on Sundays from 11:45AM –1PM

Please see the parish website for a complete class schedule

CHILDREN'S PRAYERS

For the month of February, an average of 11 children in our Faith Formation program prayed 580 prayers every week. Keep up the stellar work faithful young prayer warriors!



RCIA has ended for the 2021-2022 catechetical year. Please contact Katie Hennigan in the Faith Formation office to register for the 2022-2023 RCIA year beginning in September.

katie@saintcolumbanvelm.org
360-458-3031x3

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@saintcolumbanvelm.org

April 12 Monthly Meeting
10:00A Religious Ed Bldg

April 30 Spring Bazaar
9AM—2PM Parish Hall



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 17152

April 20 Council Meeting
6:00PM Parish Hall

April 30 Car Wash
Parking Lot



St. Vincent de Paul

April 21 Monthly Meeting
7:00PM Parish Hall



St. Peter's Circle

May 10 Monthly Meeting
9:30AM St. Peter Mission/Tenino



ALTAR SOCIETY

Cleaning the Church
Every Thursday after Daily Mass



Please contact the parish office for more information, the latest updates, and schedule changes. Unless otherwise noted, all events are considered to be held at St. Columban.

March 28 Rosary Prayer Group

7:00PM St. Columban

March 29 Daily Mass

9:00AM St. Columban

In Memory of: Muriel & George Rita—RIP

6:30PM Spanish Prayer Group
Parish Hall

March 30 Daily Mass

9:00AM St. Columban

In Memory of: Ron & Joannie Palmer—RIP

March 31 Daily Mass

9:00AM St. Columban

Bible Study

10:00AM St. Peter Mission (Tenino)

6:30PM St. Columban

RE Bldg. Rm. 103

April 1 Daily Mass

9:00AM St. Peter Mission

5:30PM Confession

6:00PM Stations of the Cross

at both locations

6:30PM Soup Supper

hosted by the Knights of Columbus

April 2 Confession

3:30PM St. Columban

5:00PM Vigil Mass

St. Columban

April 3 5th Sunday of Lent

ST. PETER MISSION TENINO

7:30-7:45AM Confession

8:00AM Mass

ST. COLUMBAN

9-10:15AM Religious Ed Classes

10:30AM Mass

3rd Scrutiny for RCIA

11:45-1PM Confirmation Class

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:

Jessica Nash

Maria Luisa Fregoso

Paul Hennigan

Pam Henslee

Mary Taylor

Lindy Parse

Brandi Chapman

Rose Montgomery

+ All those in harm's way.

+ For the people of the Ukraine

Rest In Peace

Noella Novarra, Dom Calata

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.

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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CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT WORKING ON THE MARGINS

- **LEARN** about those living in poverty.
- **ACT** and spread the word about poverty by sharing this flier.
- **CONNECT** with the work of CCHD by supporting the collection.
- **PRAY** for those who benefit from this collection.

We all depend on workers in America’s meat-processing plants and animal-feeding operations, who are essential to the food supply chain. Many of them are immigrants facing language barriers that leave them at a disadvantage when they advocate for safe working conditions, just wages, and fair treatment from employers. The Rural Community Workers Alliance (RCWA) in Missouri helps these essential workers by advocating on their behalf for safe working conditions and by promoting gatherings to address racial divisions in the community as a way to help immigrants and nonimmigrants discover similarities and share their experiences.

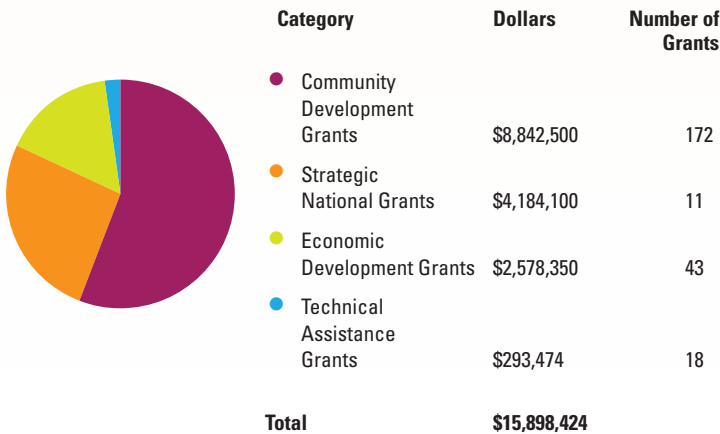
The COVID-19 pandemic revealed working conditions at a pork-processing plant that placed workers at risk of infection due to shoulder-to-shoulder work areas and a lack of protective gear. Workers brought their concerns to RCWA and ultimately filed a lawsuit demanding that the company follow health and safety guidelines established by the federal government. Even before the court ruled

on the lawsuit, the company took action to protect workers by installing protective barriers, sanitizing stations, providing masks, and conducting temperature checks. When you support CCHD’s mission of working on the margins, you help groups such as RCWA advocate for the health and safety of the essential workers that we all depend upon.

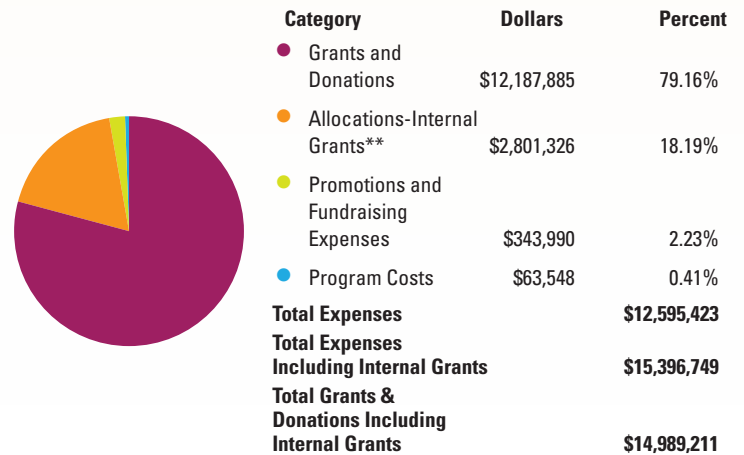
To learn more about the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, visit www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) allocates funds to community projects that promote the mission and vision of CCHD while adhering to the moral and social teachings of the Catholic Church. Please visit www.usccb.org/cchd to view funding criteria and see a detailed list of our most recent grants and annual report.

2019-2020 GRANTS



2019 EXPENSES



**Internal grants include a distribution from the Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection for CCHD operations expenses and for USCCB Justice, Peace and Human Development’s Education and Outreach program that includes engaging Catholics in our faith-filled call to address the root causes of poverty.



Office of National Collections

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CAMPAÑA CATÓLICA PARA EL DESARROLLO HUMANO TRABAJANDO DESDE LA PERIFERIA

- **APRENDAN** acerca de aquellos que viven en la pobreza.
- **ACTÚEN** y diseminan información sobre la pobreza compartiendo este folleto.
- **CONÉCTENSE** con la labor de CCHD brindando su apoyo a la colecta.
- **OREN** por los beneficiarios de esta colecta.

Todos nosotros dependemos de los trabajadores de las plantas procesadoras de carne y de los procesos de alimentación de animales en los Estados Unidos, lo cual es esencial para la cadena de suministro de alimentos. Muchos de ellos son inmigrantes que enfrentan barreras idiomáticas que los ponen en desventaja cuando abogan por condiciones laborales seguras, por salarios justos y por un trato equitativo de parte de sus empleadores. La Alianza de Trabajadores de la Comunidad Rural, en inglés *Rural Community Workers Alliance (RCWA)*, en Missouri, ayuda a estos trabajadores esenciales abogando, a nombre de ellos, por unas condiciones laborales seguras y fomentando reuniones para abordar las divisiones raciales en la comunidad a fin de ayudar a los inmigrantes y no-inmigrantes a descubrir lo que tienen en común y a compartir sus experiencias.

La pandemia del COVID-19 puso al descubierto unas condiciones laborales en una planta procesadora de carne de cerdo que ponía a los trabajadores en riesgo de infección debido a laborar hombro con hombro en las zonas de trabajo y a la falta de un equipo de protección. Los trabajadores presentaron su preocupación a RCWA y, al final, presentaron una demanda exigiendo que la empresa cumpla con las normas de salud y seguridad establecidas

por el gobierno federal. Incluso antes de que el tribunal dictaminara sobre la demanda, la empresa tomó medidas para proteger a los trabajadores instalando barreras protectoras, desinfectando estaciones, proporcionando mascarillas y realizando controles de temperatura. Cuando ustedes apoyan la misión de CCHD de trabajar desde la periferia, ustedes ayudan a grupos como RCWA a abogar por la salud y la seguridad de esos trabajadores esenciales de los cuales todos dependemos.

Para informarse más acerca de esta colecta para la Campaña Católica para el Desarrollo Humano, visiten www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

La Campaña Católica para el Desarrollo Humano (CCHD) asigna fondos a proyectos comunitarios que promueven la misión y la visión de CCHD a la vez que se adhiere a las enseñanzas morales y sociales de la Iglesia Católica. Por favor, visiten www.usccb.org/cchd para ver los criterios para la adjudicación de fondos, para ver una lista detallada de nuestras más recientes donaciones y para nuestro informe anual.

SUBVENCIONES 2019-2020



GASTOS EN EL 2019



**Las subvenciones internas incluyen una distribución de la colecta de la Campaña Católica para el Desarrollo Humano para los gastos de operación de CCHD y para el Programa de educación y extensión de la USCCB para justicia, paz y desarrollo humano el cual incluye el compromiso de los católicos a nuestro llamado pleno de fe para abordar las causas raíz de la pobreza.



Oficina de Colectas Nacionales

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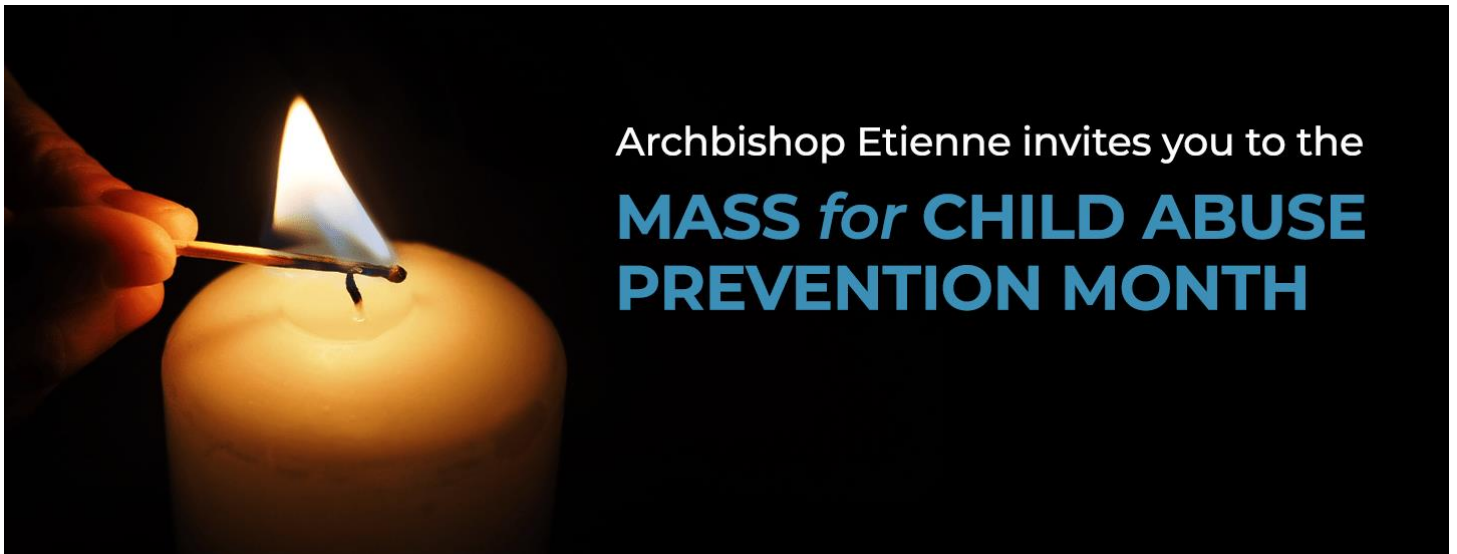
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Math Teacher



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Archbishop Etienne invites you to the
**MASS for CHILD ABUSE
PREVENTION MONTH**

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. During this month, all people are invited to increase our awareness, to educate ourselves and our communities, and to seek healing for those who have been so tragically impacted by the scourge of child abuse. As people of faith who respect the life and dignity of every human person, ensuring the safety of children is a God-given responsibility.

To mark the beginning of this month-long observance, Archbishop Etienne will celebrate Mass at St. James Cathedral on Monday, April 4 at 8:00am. During this Mass, we will acknowledge the sins and failings of the past, pray for all victim survivors of abuse, and strengthen our resolve that every home, school and parish will be a safe place for children.

Livestreamed on [Vimeo](#) and [Facebook](#) @archdioceseofseattle.

The Archdiocese of Seattle is committed to transparency regarding clergy abuse. To learn more, go to <https://protect-seattlearchdiocese.org/>

The Son who was Sorry



Today's Gospel reading tells us about God's forgiveness. We are like the son who ran away and wasted all his money whenever we don't use our gifts or talents to serve God or others.

God is like the father in this story. He lets the younger son do whatever he wants, but he loves him even when he chooses to be bad. All he wants is for his son to come home and be sorry. He is ready and waiting to forgive the prodigal son.

God is waiting to forgive us too, in the sacrament of Confession. He wants us to be sorry for our sins and tell Him we are sorry so He can take them away. Try to make sure you go to confession before Easter so your soul will be clean and ready for the great celebration!



Answer to Front Page: Father I have sinned. Answers to Cross-Word: ACROSS: 1. his 3. let 6. is 8. humble 9. praise 10. that 13. from 16. name 17. together 18. answered DOWN: 2. soul 4. times 5. glorify 7. set 10. taste 11. errors 12. see 14. on 15. make

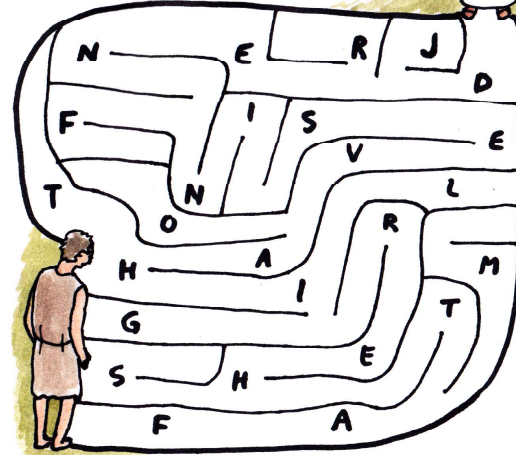
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The Kids' Bulletin

Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 27th, 2022

What did the son in today's Gospel reading say to show his father he was sorry?

Luke 15.1-3, 11-32



As you go through the maze, use only the letters in the right path to fill in the blanks:

_____, _____

Saint Vincent Ferrer

April 5

VINCENT WAS BORN TO NOBLE AND VIRTUOUS PARENTS IN SPAIN IN 1357. HE WAS GENEROUS TO THE POOR FROM A VERY YOUNG AGE.

Here, Vincent. You can give these to the poor.

BY THE TIME HE WAS 18 HE HAD FINISHED HIS STUDIES AND BECAME A DOMINICAN.

Dad, I want to be a priest!

HE STUDIED THE BIBLE WITH GREAT DEVOTION.

Vincent understands philosophy and can explain it well...

SOON HE WAS ASKED TO TEACH.

VINCENT BEGAN TO PREACH ALL OVER WESTERN EUROPE.

THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE REPENTED AND WERE CONVERTED.

I should go to confession. Yes... God will forgive me. I want to be better!

I will offer up sleeping on the floor for peace in the Church.

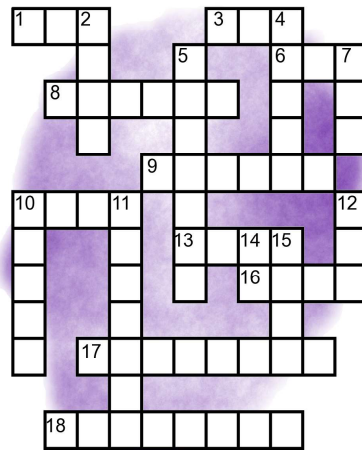
VINCENT WORKED HARD TO END THE DIVISION IN THE CHURCH AT THAT TIME. HE DIED AT AGE 69 IN BRITTANY.

SAINT VINCENT ONCE WROTE THAT TO STUDY WELL MEANS CONSULTING GOD MORE THAN BOOKS. TO KNOW WHAT IS REALLY IMPORTANT WE SHOULD READ AND KNOW AND LOVE THE BIBLE, SINCE IT TEACHES US ABOUT GOD. TRY TO READ A BIT OF THE BIBLE EVERY DAY!

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Psalm 34 Cross-Word Puzzle

Use these words to fill in the blanks for the crossword puzzle:



- FROM
- TERRORS
- PRAISE
- SET
- GLORIFY
- LET
- HIS
- ANSWERED
- NAME
- ON
- SEE
- TASTE
- THAT
- HUMBLE
- ITS
- TIMES
- SOUL
- MAKE
- TOGETHER

10D and 12D 10A the Lord is good.
I will bless the Lord at all 4D,
His 9A is always 14D my lips;
In the Lord my 2D shall 15D 6A boast.
The 8A shall hear and be glad.

5D the Lord with me.
17A 3A us praise
1A 16A.
I sought the Lord
and he 18A me,
13A all my 11D he 7D me free.



March 27, 2022

WATCH

TRIDUUM: A SPIRITUAL PILGRIMAGE

In Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage, the viewer is brought deeper into the story, landscape, and reality of Holy Week. It draws those with open hearts and minds toward a deeper understanding of Christ's victory while offering rich meditations for the pilgrimage of daily life.



FORMED LIVE! Jesus' Descent into Hell

Holy Saturday
April 11th, 2020

FORMED NOW! HOLY SATURDAY— JESUS' DESCENT INTO HELL

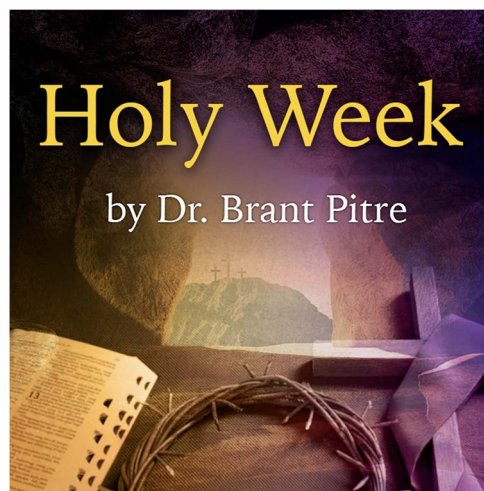
What do we mean when we profess that Jesus descended into Hell? Join Drs. Tim Gray and Michael Barber as they discuss this mysterious event of Holy Saturday.

LEARN

LISTEN

HOLY WEEK BY DR. BRANT PITRE

Join Dr. Brant Pitre, author and Scripture scholar, as he walks us through the events of Holy Week. Pitre's insights and clarity allow the listener to enter into a deeper appreciation of the most important events of Christ's earthly ministry.



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Without Hesitation, Reservation
or Limitation

March 27, 2022
Fourth Sunday of Lent

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At Home with Faith

God calls us to love each other without limits, not out of obligation, but out of abundance – because he himself loves us without limits, just as the Prodigal Son’s father loved both his children.



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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.

I will always remember Fr. Michael Sweeney, during a mission he led at All Saints in Puyallup reflecting on the parable of the Prodigal Son. The sons in the story both try to relate to the father through an exchange:

The younger: Give me what is mine.

The older: I have always served you.

But the father doesn't work that way. He gives love without hesitation, reservation, or limitation. He runs to his younger son. He goes out to his older son.

Accepting that our Heavenly Father loves us simply because we are his children frees us from judging ourselves as his servants. It then prepares us to offer the same kind of love to our children without hesitation, reservation, or limitation.

Joshua 5:9a, 10-12

Today, I have removed the reproach of Egypt from you.

Psalms 34

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord!

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Whoever is in Christ is a new creation.

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

We must rejoice because your brother has come to life again!

At Home with Faith

Talk

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

For more Lenten resources, including weekly reflections by Archbishop Etienne, visit archseattle.org/lent.

Let your child know that God loves him or her without hesitation, reservation, or limitation:

- **Thank God for loving you without limitation:** In order to properly tell the story of the Prodigal Son, it makes sense for us to start thanking God for loving us unreservedly. Even though we are parents, our first and deepest identity is that we are beloved daughters and sons of God.
- **Read Luke 15:11-32 with your family:** Create a quiet time and place in your home, maybe just before or after dinner, or possibly just before bedtime. Then take out your Bible and read the story of the Prodigal Son with your family. Take your time with it. It's a great story that carries a great deal of meaning.
- **Answer questions if your children raise them:** The parable carries enough power on its own that we need not feel pressure to add to it. If our children have questions, it makes sense to answer them if we can. Hopefully, our answers will help them know that God loves them without hesitation, reservation or limitation and so do we.



“[In order to forgive] we ourselves [must] have had the experience of being forgiven by God, justified by his grace and not by our own merits. We have known a love that is prior to any of our own efforts, a love that constantly opens doors, promotes and encourages. If we accept that God’s love is unconditional, that the Father’s love cannot be bought or sold, then we will become capable of showing boundless love and forgiving others even if they have wronged us.”

Amoris Laetitia (The Joy of Love) #108

As the saying goes, “You can’t give what you don’t have.” Before we can be good at forgiving our family, we need to accept that we have been forgiven ourselves. Lent is not a time of self-condemnation. Rather, it is a time of forgiveness. A time when we come to realize that, like the Father in the story of the Prodigal Son, our Father loves without limits and forgives without reservation.

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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, MARCH 27, 2022

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT



"His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'Let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again.'"
- Lk 15:21-22a, 23b-24a

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 27, 2022

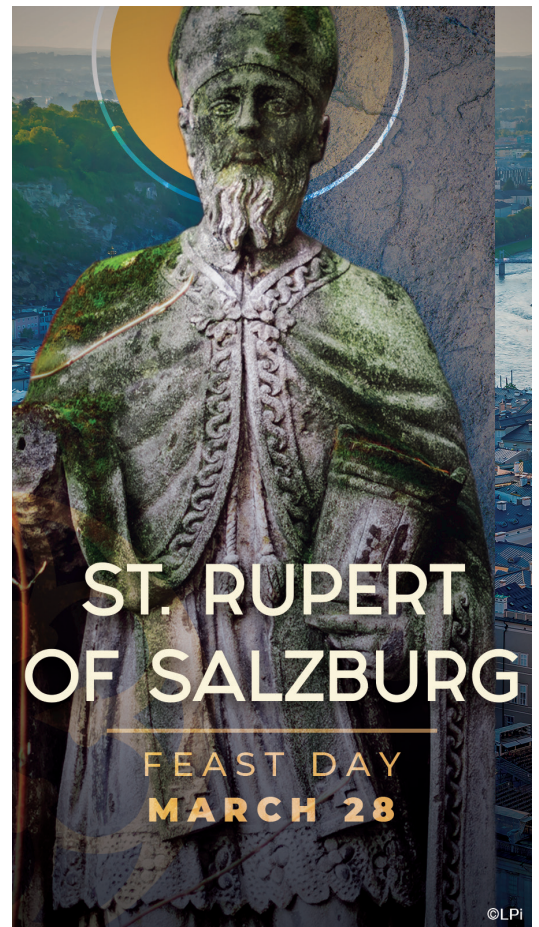
- Sunday:** Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [9a]/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
- Monday:** Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54
- Tuesday:** Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16
- Wednesday:** Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30
- Thursday:** Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47
- Friday:** Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
- Saturday:** Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53
- Next Sunday:** Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 27, 2022

- Sunday:** 4th Sunday of Lent
- Friday:** April Fools' Day
- Saturday:** St. Francis of Paola, Hermit
- Next Sunday:** 5th Sunday of Lent

LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week

Have you ever given thought to the fact that you are an “ambassador for Christ?” An ambassador is an accredited diplomat and official representative. We are asked to be ambassadors for Christ and his message of reconciliation. Within each one of us is a prodigal son who realizes the need to return home, an elder brother who struggles with entitlement and self-pity, and a forgiving father who simply wants to celebrate love. Realizing that all of these things are operative in our hearts, we can bring credibility to God’s ministry of reconciliation. Genuine witnesses are those who not only recognize their need for wholeness, mercy, and forgiveness but also their tendency to be over self-focused and stubborn. Then, discovering freedom from all that binds them, they can then extend the love they have received to others. These ambassadors embody unity, mercy, and reconciliation and can look on others with deep compassion because they know what it is to walk in their shoes. Can God count on you to deliver this message?



SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Rupert of Salzburg is also known as the “Apostle of Bavaria and Austria.” Although mostly legend, it is believed that he was born sometime around 660 in Gaul, which is now part of France. It is possible that he is a descendant of the Merovingian royal line. Not much is known about the saint’s early life.

We do know that Rupert was first appointed as Bishop of Worms in present-day Germany and despite many good works there, the pagan population eventually beat him and forced him from the city. Rupert retired to Rome for a time until Duke Theodo of Bavaria asked him to come to help establish the Church more firmly in Bavaria. Rupert agreed and brought with him a group of priests. Rupert traveled the region, effecting conversions, miracles, healing.

Eventually Rupert chose to settle at Juvavum an old Roman city mostly in ruins. He renamed the city Salzburg or “Salt Castle,” and established there a great cathedral and monastery under the Rule of St. Benedict. His niece became abbess of the Benedictine convent he founded nearby. Rupert was the first bishop of Salzburg, serving also as abbot of the monastery.

St. Rupert is usually portrayed carrying a vessel of salt, as he helped establish the salt mining industry for which he named the city. It is said that Rupert died on Easter Sunday though sources disagree on the year, which could have been around 710 or possibly as late as 718.

WORSHIP & MEDITATION



FIRST READING

While the Israelites were encamped at Gilgal on the plains of Jericho, they celebrated the Passover. (Jos 5:10)



PSALM

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord. (Ps 34)



SECOND READING

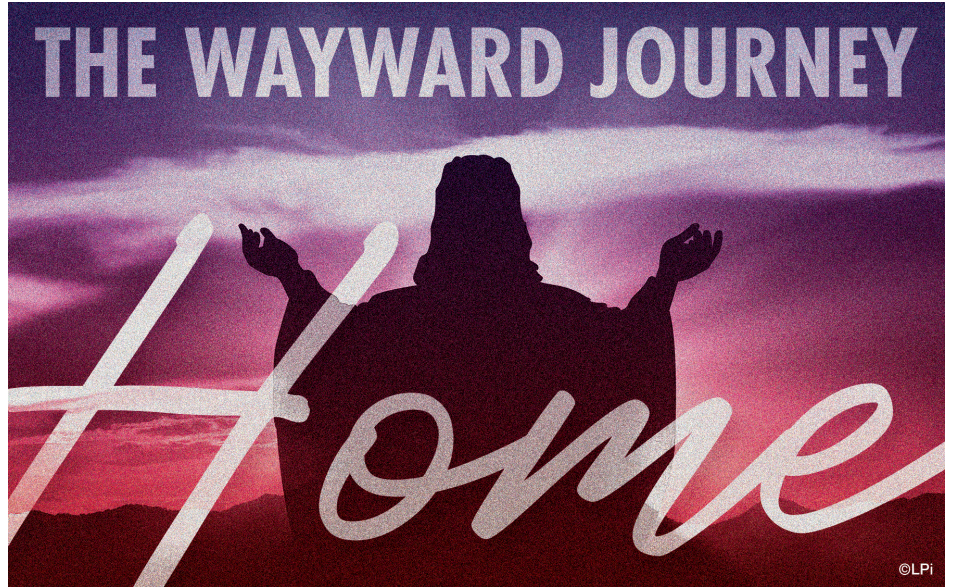
And all this is from God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ and given us the ministry of reconciliation. (2 Cor 5:18)



GOSPEL

“But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.” (Lk 15:32)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

God's love story reveals itself in our stories, experiences, and aspirations. We are all prodigal sons and daughters. There are many times in our lives when we would “sell our souls” in order to pursue our passions. We pursued what we wanted without regard for others or God. We have sowed our oats, thrown ourselves into careless pleasures, spent what we know we ought to have saved, turned our backs on those we love and abused gifts we have been given. We even hit bottom and realized the silliness and self-destruction of it all. We needed to come home. We knew we erred and needed a gentle presence to show us God's unconditional love. This wayward journey home changed us.

As much as we need to be welcomed, we are also the one who needs to do the welcoming and mercy giving. Those we love need our guidance, but they don't always take it. We know that what they are doing is off the mark, self-destructive and wrong. We have to let them go and let it happen, even though they might get hurt. As we wait and hope, they choose to make their way back to us. They don't need us to judge them. They have done enough of that to themselves. We immediately embrace them and are just happy they're home. God uses us to help heal them. Knowing how much we craved understanding and forgiveness ourselves, we can now freely give it away. God uses what he has taught us to teach others.

We are also the entitled ones. At least we “think” we are entitled. After all, we work hard for what we have. We cannot get our heads around the idea that someone can get something that I really deserve! If I do what I'm supposed to do, I ought to be rewarded for that, right? If I do something wrong, I ought to pay the consequences. This is justice, isn't it? This is not God's justice. God is all about love, mercy, compassion, and forgiveness. God's justice is love freely given without merit. We carry the stories of the prodigal son, the unconditional forgiving father, and the entitled angry brother with us. When we make friends with all three, humbly telling those stories to others makes us Christ's ambassadors.

LITURGICAL LIFE

RESPONDING *to the Call*

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

The Face on God's Brochure

When a church is raising funds for a new building or a diocese is launching a stewardship appeal, there is usually someone — or several someone's — who serves as the face of the campaign. Maybe it's a married couple, or a family, or a group of folks who have been particularly active in the community and can speak to the worthiness of whatever endeavor is being undertaken.

Oftentimes, for better or worse, we fill that role for God. We are the face on the front of His promotional brochure. If we call ourselves Christians, that means that people will meet Christ through us. That's what being an Everyday Steward is — a steward, everyday; someone who conducts his Master's business when the Master is not seen.

It can be intimidating because we have so much baggage and no capabilities of our own. But then we remember that we are offered reconciliation through Christ — that "the old things have passed away, (and) new things have come" (2 Corinthians 5:17). We remember that we are the prodigal sons, and the fattened calf has been slaughtered on our behalf.

But it's a role that requires commitment. The story of the prodigal son is only compelling and only means something because the son, presumably, embraced his reconciliation to his father. He didn't go on to abandon him again.

So let us think to ourselves each day, "Whoever I encounter will meet Christ's ambassador. I was dead and have come to life again. How can I speak to the worthiness of that reconciliation? How can I make others desire it?"

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained:

Question:

I have seen the title of Vicar General and Chancellor used in our Catholic newspaper. Who are they and what do they do?

Answer:

A bishop is in charge of a diocese and appoints people to help with its administration. Two of those positions are the Vicar General and the Chancellor. Both play a role in the life of a diocese, despite the many jokes priests may tell at their expense! A chancellor is the archivist of a diocese, charged with task of keeping the records of the diocese. Often a bishop may add other responsibilities and the chancellor may end up being like the executive director of the diocesan office. The chancellor does not need to be a priest.

The vicar general is a priest, appointed by the bishop and acts in the name of the bishop in administering the diocese. He has an advanced degree in canon law or theology. He also has executive authority within the diocese. This means that he is involved in the day-to-day pastoral and temporal administration of the diocese. Canon law does not allow a bishop to appoint a relative to the position, nor the priest in charge of the sacrament of penance. In both cases, the purpose of the law is to avoid conflicts of interest.

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“He said to him, ‘My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.’” - Lk 15:31-32

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QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

After the Israelites settled into the land of Canaan (the Promised Land), no longer was there any need for the “manna” from heaven. As the season of Lent continues, what have you been able to let go of?

Second Reading

Paul emphasized to the Corinthians the importance of reconciliation with God. Why do you think reconciliation is so key to our relationship with God?

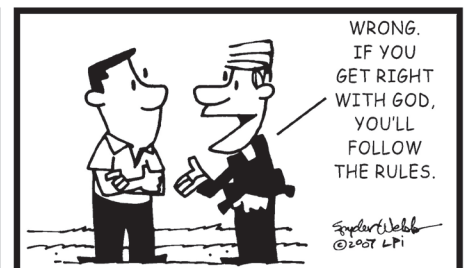
Gospel Reading

In Jesus' parable of the lost (prodigal) son, which character do you most resonate with, and why?



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4TH SUNDAY OF LENT





Taste and see
of His goodness.

PSALM 34

“His son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.’ But his father ordered his servants, ‘let us celebrate with a feast because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again.’”

*- Lk 15:21-22a,
23b-24a*

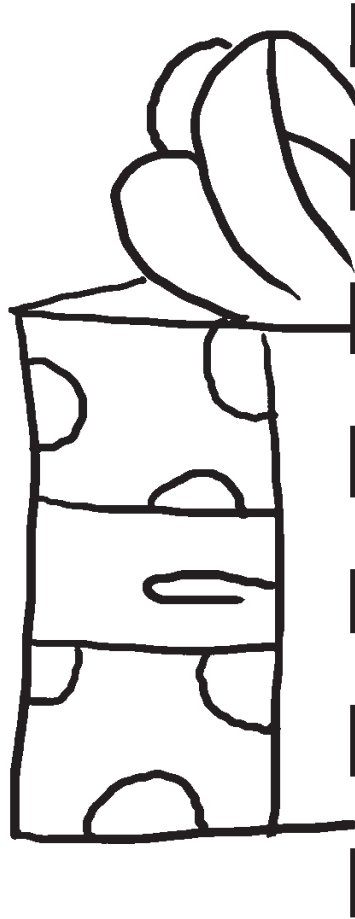
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KIDS CORNER

READ THE GOSPEL AND COMPLETE A PUZZLE!

Complete the picture.



SHARING THE GOSPEL

Everything you have is a gift from God -- your body, your mind, your food, your clothes -- everything!

Sometimes people become proud, and they think they have earned God's gifts. Sometimes people run away from God, and they waste God's gifts. Just remember, it is never too late to run back to God. Every good gift comes from God.

PRAYER

Dear God, help me to be truly thankful for all the gifts you have given me.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Name three good things God has given you. Say "thank you" to God for those gifts in a prayer.

**HUMBLE
YOURSELVES,**
THEREFORE, UNDER GOD'S
MIGHTY HAND, THAT HE MAY
lift you up in due time.

1 PETER 5:6

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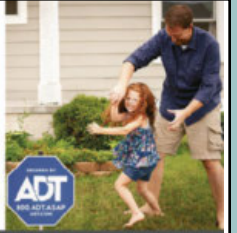


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