

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.



March 6, 2022
1st Sunday of Lent

Today's Readings

Entrance Antiphon: *When he calls on me I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.*

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Responsorial Psalm: *Be with me Lord, when I am in trouble.*

2nd Reading: Romans 10:8-13

Gospel Acclamation: *One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.*

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

Communion Antiphon: *The Lord will conceal you with his pinions, and under his wings you will trust.*

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

History of Confession

On Ash Wednesday, I mentioned that Lent took its origins from the customary preparation of Catechumens for Baptism and Penitents for Reconciliation. I thought some might be interested to hear a bit more about the history of the Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation/Confession. I am glossing over many details, but this is a rough sketch:

In the earliest days of the Church, though we understood that Christ gave the Apostles the authority to forgive sins (who passed it down to bishops, who delegate it down to their priests), there was disagreement as to when and how to use this power for someone who has already been baptized. Initially, the thought was that Baptism was one's primary chance at repentance, and that if one was caught sinning gravely afterwards, he would be expelled from the community and given a heavy list of penances to help reform his life. If he was faithful to this penance, the bishop would pray over the sinner on his deathbed, asking that as the sinner encounters the mystery of death, God might forgive the sin of the repentant. At first, this deathbed prayer was without the Sacraments, but later the penitent would be given Viaticum; The bishop himself offering Holy Communion effected the end of the sinner's excommunication, and the contact with the all-pure Christ in Holy Communion effected the purification and forgiveness of the penitent's sin.

Later, penitents were reconciled not on their deathbeds, but after they had demonstrated sufficient conversion, in the process I mentioned on Ash Wednesday. A public grave sinner would be expelled from the community. If he wanted to repent, a priest would meet with him to assign penances (which could take years; also, if the sin was renouncing the Faith under persecution, the sinner had to first seek the endorsement of someone condemned to die for the Faith, or at least someone who had suffered and not apostatized). The sinner could then return to the church grounds but would be allowed only to kneel or lie prostrate outside the door, begging for the prayers of the faithful. As his repentance continued, his priest would allow him to listen to the Readings at Mass, but only in the vestibule and through the closed door of the church. Next, he would be allowed into the church, but would have to leave after the Homily. Finally, ashes would be imposed on him 40 days prior to Easter, and on Holy Thursday, the Bishop would welcome him back to Communion. At first, this was simply by administering Holy Communion to the repentant person (with the same logic as deathbed Communion), but later an explicit absolution was added to the Holy Thursday ceremony which begged God to rejoin the sinner to the Body of Christ not because the sinner deserves forgiveness but because the Body of Christ would be maimed without all its members. Note this was all done in public for publicly known heinous sins. I will talk about private penance next week.

In Christ,

Fr Thompson

Financial Stewardship

Weekly Offering

	St. <u>Columban</u>	St. <u>Peter</u>
Weekly Goal	\$5,762	\$712
February 20	\$2,887	\$530
Online Giving:	\$1,088	

Thank You for Your Generous Support!

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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



Lenten Challenge of the Week

Just as Jesus abstained from food while in the desert, pick a favorite food that you could give up this week.

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Faith Formation



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 good work faithful young prayer warriors!

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 loving and kind God, have mercy. Have pity upon me and take away the awful stain of my transgressions. Oh, wash me, cleanse me from this guilt. Let me be pure again. For I admit my shameful deed-it haunts me day and night. It is against you and you alone I sinned and did this terrible thing. You saw it all, and your sentence against me is just. Create in me a new, clean heart, O God, filled with clean thoughts and right desires. Don't toss me aside, banished forever from your presence. Don't take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me again the joy of your salvation, and make me willing to obey you.” (Psalm 51:1-12 TLB)

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

Tracy Slater

+ All those in harm's way.

+ For the people of the Ukraine

+ 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:
Eschatology

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
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@saintcolumbanym.org

March 8 Monthly Meeting

10:00AM Parish Hall



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 17152

March 16 Council Meeting

6:00PM Parish Hall



St. Vincent de Paul

March 17 Monthly Meeting

7:00PM Parish Hall



St. Peter's Circle

March 8 Monthly Meeting

9:30AM 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. Unless otherwise noted, all events are considered to be held at St. Columban.

March 7 Rosary Prayer Group

7:00PM St. Columban

March 8 Daily Mass

9:00AM St. Columban

6:30PM Spanish Prayer Group
Parish Hall

March 9 Daily Mass

9:00AM St. Columban

In Memory of: Michael Joseph Watters RIP

March 10 Daily Mass

9:00AM St. Columban

In Memory of: Cecilia Quintanilla RIP

Bible Study

10:00AM St. Peter Mission (Tenino)

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

March 11 Daily Mass

9:00AM St. Columban

5:30PM Confession
6:00PM Stations of the Cross
at both locations

March 12 Confession

3:30-4:15PM St. Columban

5:00PM Vigil Mass

St. Columban

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS

March 13 2nd Sunday of Lent

ST. PETER MISSION TENINO

7:30-7:45AM Confession

8:00AM Mass

ST. COLUMBAN

10:30AM Mass

11:45AM Coffee Hour

hosted by the Daughters of Mary

No Religious Ed or Confirmation Classes

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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*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!



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.

Lent

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JOURNEY
THAT
MOVES US
TOWARD
THE CROSS.



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Submitted the entire month of March**

*for 1-year of online membership, regular online dues are \$40/year thereafter.

Visit kofc.org/joinus

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Please contact District Deputy Darren Johnson @ 253-709-4588 for more information

Lent:

Getting ready for Jesus' death and resurrection

Lent is the special time when we prepare for the celebration of Jesus' passion, death and resurrection. We get our souls ready by doing prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

Prayer is talking with God. We need to talk with God even more than we need to talk to our family and friends. Lent is a good time to get into a habit of talking with God every day.



Fasting is eating less than you normally would. It's a good idea to give up a little something you like for Lent. Giving things up helps us remember we need God, not just food.



Almsgiving means giving to those who are in need. It helps us to be generous like God. Maybe you have a bit of money you can give to the poor or to the Church.



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

www.thekidsbulletin.com

The Kids' Bulletin

First Sunday of Lent
March 6th, 2022



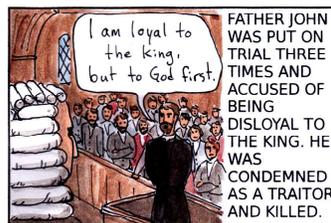
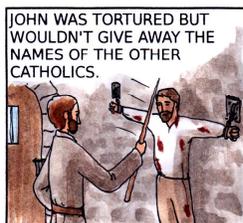
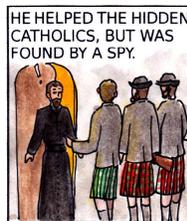
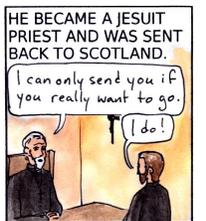
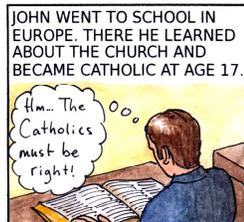
Luke 4:1-13

Jesus spent 40 days in the desert preparing for His work. During Lent we spend 40 days getting ready to celebrate Jesus' death and resurrection.

Can you find your way into the desert to be with Jesus?

Saint John Ogilvie

March 10



SAINT JOHN OGILVIE SPENT MUCH OF HIS LIFE STUDYING TO LEARN THE TRUTH ABOUT GOD. ONCE HE KNEW WHAT WAS RIGHT HE KNEW HE HAD TO SHARE IT WITH OTHERS, SO HE BECAME A MISSIONARY IN HIS OWN COUNTRY. CAN YOU BE DARING ENOUGH TO TELL THE TRUTH NO MATTER WHAT?

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Jesus Was Tempted by the Devil: True or False?

How well do you know the story from today's Gospel reading?

1. Jesus went to the desert and didn't eat anything for 40 days. True or False?
2. Jesus was never tempted by the devil. True or False?
3. Jesus wasn't hungry, even after 40 days with no food. True or False?
4. The devil said that all the kingdoms of the world belonged to him. True or False?
5. Jesus said that He would only worship the devil if he gave Him all the power first. True or False?
6. Jesus wouldn't throw Himself off the Temple because He said it was "putting God to the test." True or False?
7. The devil kept bothering Jesus, even when he ran out of things to tempt him about. True or False?

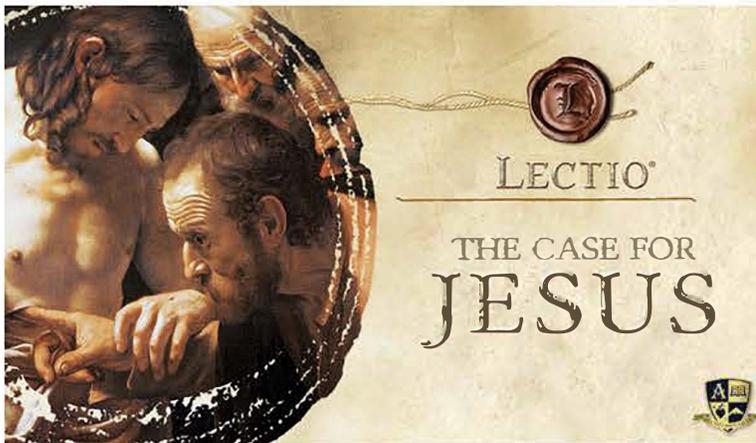
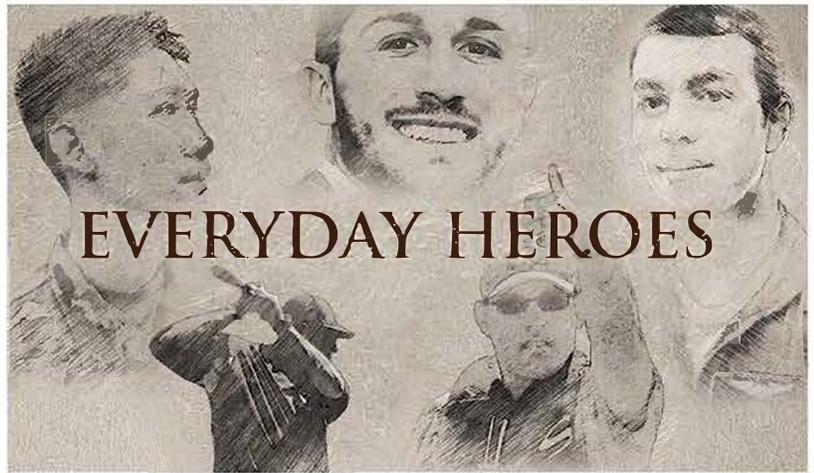


March 6, 2022

WATCH

EVERYDAY HEROES

Heroism isn't restricted to decorated soldiers or persecuted saints. It's something achievable for all of us even in our ordinary lives. In this documentary, see how the Knights of Columbus have embodied this everyday heroism!



LECTIO: THE CASE FOR JESUS

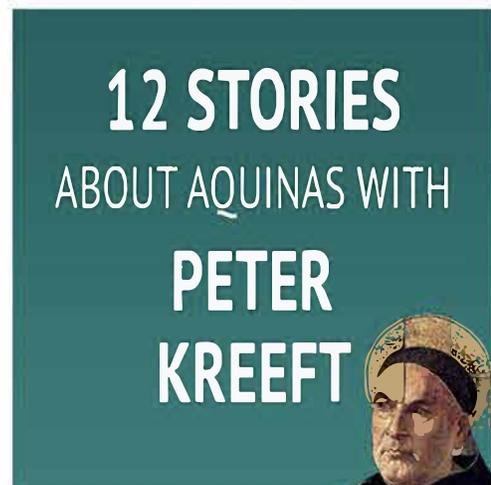
In nine sessions, Dr. Brant Pitre answers the key question of faith: Who is Jesus? Dr. Pitre presents evidence from early Christian and non-Christian writings that attest to the authenticity of the Gospels. Timed to lead up to the Triduum, Dr. Pitre looks in-depth at the accounts of Jesus's Crucifixion and Resurrection and his proclamation of divinity.

LEARN

LISTEN

12 STORIES ABOUT AQUINAS WITH PETER KREEFT

St. Thomas Aquinas wrote the equivalent of 500 books, all with a quill pen! Join Dr. Peter Kreeft, an influential teacher of Catholic thought, as he shares some entertaining anecdotes from the life of this genius saint!



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At Home with Faith

Lent provides us and our families an opportunity to grow spiritually.

Use these resources in At Home with Faith to make the most of this spiritually rich season.

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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.

After his baptism, the Holy Spirit led Jesus into the desert for a 40-day period of reflection that reminds us of Israel's 40-year journey in the desert. If Jesus took this time to prepare for his public ministry, it makes sense for us to follow his example.

Lent is a 40-day time when we follow Jesus' example and take time away from our usual routine in practices like prayer, fasting and almsgiving. It's a time when we become more aware that our life on earth is like a journey toward heaven. As leaders in our family, we parents can help guide and inspire our children so they find this time spiritually fruitful.

Deuteronomy 26:4-10

The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a strong hand.

Psalms 91

He commanded the angels to guard you in all your ways.

Romans 10: 8-13

The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart.

Luke 4:1-13

He was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil.

At Home with Faith

Talk

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

Start a conversation at the dinner table or share with your children your Lenten Resolutions. Then ask them what kind of resolutions they are going to make for:

- **Prayer:** Lent is a great time to go deeper in prayer. Maybe we start the Jesuit Examen talking with God about what went well and what needs to improve in our life; or Lectio Divina going deep into scripture. Plan some quality time with God.
- **Fasting:** This isn't about starting a new diet. It's a recognition that every created thing should be used in a way that leads us to God. There's nothing wrong with giving up sweets for Lent, but maybe consider something with a greater influence on our minds and hearts like setting limits on screen time and creating intentional times of silence.
- **Almsgiving:** Sharing what we have with others is a great way to make a concrete action to make the world better. The CRS Rice bowl program is a favorite. Another great one is to encourage our children to help with the family donation to the parish each Sunday in Lent. That's a great way to teach them about stewardship at home.



Year of the Family
Live the Joy of God's love

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Family communion can only be preserved and perfected through **a great spirit of sacrifice.**

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

"Family communion can only be preserved and perfected through a great spirit of sacrifice. It requires, in fact, a ready and generous openness of each and all to understanding, to forbearance, to pardon, to reconciliation."

Amoris Laetitia (The Joy of Love) #106

In the same way a spirit of sacrifice can preserve and perfect our relationship with our family, that spirit of sacrifice does the same thing for our relationship with God. Take advantage of this [comprehensive Lenten resource](#) from the Archdiocese of Seattle with guidance on prayer fasting and abstinence to help us make the most of Lent.

Go to www.makespaceforGod.org to tame technology in your home with and Make Space for God. Commit to:

- 1) No screens at the dinner table;
- 2) No screens 1 hour before bedtime; and
- 3) No screens in the bedroom overnight.

For more resources, visit us online at:

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



SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 2022

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT



The devil said to him, "All this will be yours, if you worship me."
Jesus said to him in reply, "It is written:
You shall worship the Lord, your God,
and him alone shall you serve."
- Lk 4:6a, 7-8

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 6, 2022

- 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
- Monday:** Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46
- Tuesday:** Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15
- Wednesday:** Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32
- Thursday:** Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12
- Friday:** Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26
- Saturday:** Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48
- Next Sunday:** Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

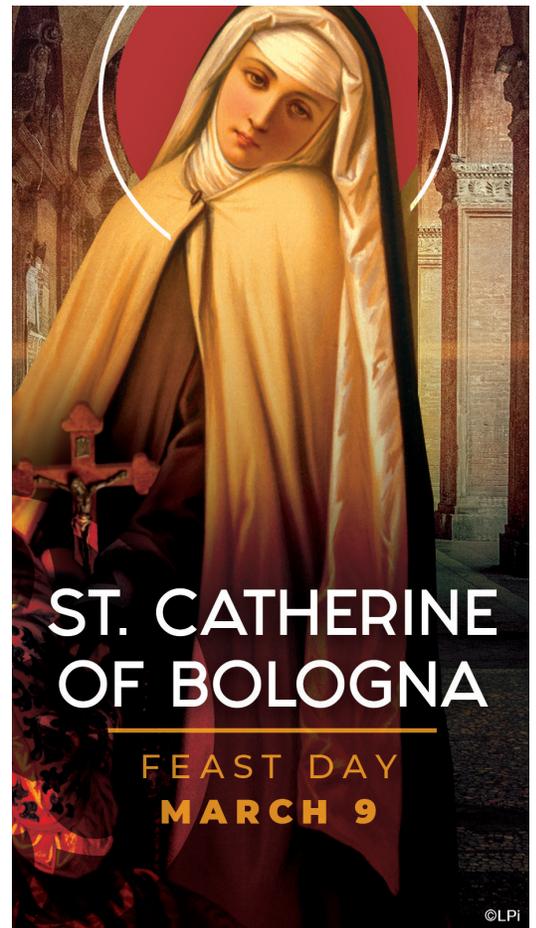
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 6, 2022

- Sunday:** 1st Sunday of Lent
- Monday:** Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs
- Tuesday:** St. John of God, Religious
- Wednesday:** St. Frances of Rome, Religious
- Next Sunday:** 2nd Sunday of Lent; Daylight Saving Time begins

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

Human beings did not come to believe in God just because of someone's private testimony about him. Rather, belief in God became real when human beings understood that all of human history is being guided and lead, kept and sustained by a God who is incredibly in love with all that he has made. It is this realization that leads us to thanksgiving and gratitude for the one who gives us "this land flowing with milk and honey." It also leads us to adoration and worship as we continue to see the creative power of God's presence in all of the events of our lives. The Church stands as a living witness to all of these things and calls us this Lent to reflect and remember. There is a great temptation for human beings to leave the truth of who they are, where they came from and who created them. Falling into this temptation we cease giving thanks to and worshipping our Creator as we pursue our own self-sufficiency, power, and prestige. While having more may seem better, the only thing we really need more of is love. This fortifies us and keeps us from falling.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Catherine of Bologna (September 8, 1413 – March 9, 1463) came from an upper-class family in Ferrara, a city in Italy, and received an education at the court, where she learned reading, writing, singing and drawing. But despite her advantages, her heart yearned for God.

She joined a group of religious women in Ferrara at the age of 18. Four years later, that same group joined the Poor Clares, an order founded by St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi. In 1456, she and 15 other sisters were sent to establish a Poor Clare monastery in Florence.

As abbess, St. Catherine of Bologna worked to establish the new community and maintain a semblance of peace throughout. She was a model of piety and reported experiencing miracles and several visions of Christ, and the Virgin Mary.

In 1463, St. Catherine of Bologna became seriously ill, and she passed away. She was buried without a coffin and her body was exhumed 18 days later because of many cures attributed to her at her graveside and the sweet scent coming from her grave. Her body was discovered incorrupt (meaning it was not decaying) and remains so today.

WORSHIP & MEDITATION



FIRST READING

'We cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers,
and he heard our cry.' (Dt 26:7)



PSALM

Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.
(Ps 91)



SECOND READING

For, if you confess with your mouth that
Jesus is Lord
and believe in your heart that God raised
him from the dead,
you will be saved. (Rom 10:9)



GOSPEL

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned
from the Jordan
and was led by the Spirit into the
desert for forty days,
to be tempted by the devil. (Lk 4:1-2)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

One of the greatest temptations human beings face is leaving the truth of who they are, where they came from and who created them in pursuit of more personal satisfactions. When we consider all that desires our attention in a given day, there are many lures that attract us to illusions about ourselves. We can easily find ourselves distracted or tired, preoccupied with preserving our status in life, social relationships, current trends, and corporate demands, and intrigued by pursuing what we perceive to be the "path of least resistance." The daily concerns of life can quickly take our eyes off of our truth, making the empty promises of worldly accomplishments and ideologies seem so attractive. What is at risk in giving into this temptation?

We cease giving thanks to and worshipping our Creator as we pursue our own self-sufficiency, power, and prestige. We replace the true God with a "pet" one. While many do not totally dismiss the idea of God and pretend to remain at least remotely connected, they do not invest themselves heart, mind, and soul in the relationship either. That is why we are so easily swayed. If something attractive comes along, we lunge for it. After all, having a position above and over everyone else is a good thing, isn't it? In more honest moments, many have to admit that they believe this to be true. The Evil One is very convincing. But he can only gain control if we allow him to.

About temptation, St. Basil remarks, "As the pilot of a vessel is tried in the storm, as the wrestler is tried in the ring, the soldier in the battle and the hero in adversity, so is the Christian tried in temptation." And here is found the reason for Lent. It is a wonderful opportunity to get a handle on the attractive lures of illusion that easily captivate us and bring us off track. It is also a time for some honest reflection rooted in prayer, fasting, and selfless giving that can bring us to temptation's remedy: love. Love of his Father gave Jesus resistance. It can do the same for us.

LITURGICAL LIFE

RESPONDING *to the Call*

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

Filling the Basket This Lent

Lent calls us into deeper everyday stewardship because it beautifully creates opportunities to be mindful of the call of Christ in even the most mundane moments of our day.

Many of us will participate in the time-honored tradition of doing penance, or “giving something up” for Lent. When we do this, we are mimicking the Israelites who filled their baskets with the first fruits of their harvest, “and having set them before the Lord, your God, (bowing) down in his presence” (Deuteronomy 26:10).

What are we going to bring before the Lord this Lent? What are our first fruits?

If you're struggling with ideas for how to “fill your basket,” it can help to come at the problem from the opposite side. Take a look at the six characteristics of Everyday Stewardship and think about the moments in your day when you fail to fulfill the virtues to which they call you.

What is keeping you from being mindful of the call of Christ throughout your day? I promise you, if you listen, you'll hear it more than once.

What is keeping you from being prayerful? When you have set your first fruits before the Lord, what keeps you from bowing down in His presence to finish the offering?

What keeps you from being grateful — especially of the small things that so often go unnoticed?

What keeps you from being gracious, from leaving people smiling as they walk away?

What keeps you from being committed and accountable? Where do your excuses come from and what makes you indulge them?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained:

Question:

After a civil divorce, is a Catholic obligated to pursue an annulment?

Answer:

Many Catholics are not exactly sure what an annulment does. An annulment does not deny that a marriage took place, nor does it deny that there once was love. It does not mean that people say anything untrue, such as they never loved each other or that everything in their marriage was wrong. An annulment does not negate children, nor make them illegitimate. An annulment addresses the spiritual aspect of marriage. In effect, an annulment says that at the time of the wedding, there was either something present or something absent that prevented the sacrament from taking place. It is a spiritual determination that, if granted in the affirmative, allows a person to marry in the Church.

Annulments have no legal standing and are unable to be used in a civil court. Therefore, a Catholic has no moral obligation to pursue an annulment. However, when the tragedy of divorce occurs, and there is no hope for reconciliation, annulments may help bring some spiritual closure to a person's life. Some people have found the process to be healing and others have found it to be difficult. Speak to your priest or a member of the Diocesan Tribunal staff to decide what is best for you.

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Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and when they were over he was hungry. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread."

- Lk 4:1-3

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QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

Moses taught the Israelites the importance of remembering and thanking God for how God saved them from Egyptian slavery. What has the Lord done for you that warrants your gratitude and thanksgiving?

Second Reading

Paul speaks of the importance of sincerity of heart and speech in one's belief in Jesus. How well do you uphold this spiritual exercise?

Gospel Reading

Jesus confronts and defeats the devil before he begins his public ministry. As we begin the season of Lent, in what ways do you think the devil is present in your life?



1st SUNDAY OF LENT





BE WITH ME,
O GOD.

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The devil said to him, “All this will be yours, if you worship me.” Jesus said to him in reply, “It is written:

You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve.”

- Lk 4:6a, 7-8

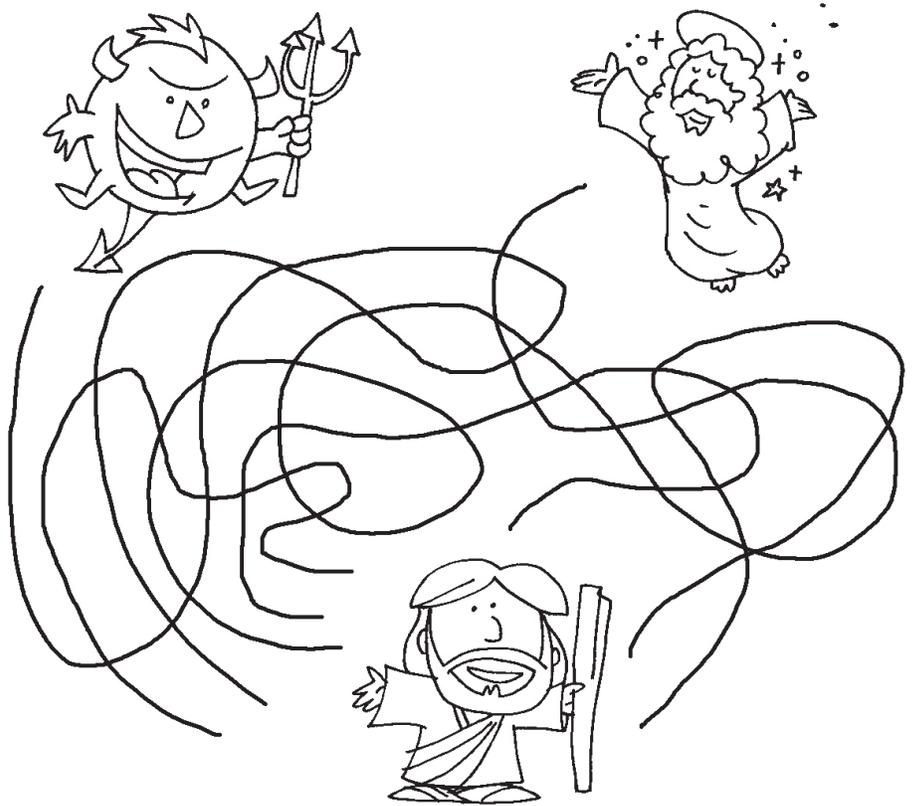
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READ THE GOSPEL AND COMPLETE A PUZZLE!

Help Jesus to avoid the devil by staying on the path that leads to God!



SHARING THE GOSPEL

Jesus was powerful, and the devil knew it. Jesus could have used the power he had selfishly, to get whatever he wanted - food, land to rule, or even angels to come running. Instead, Jesus chose to save his power to do what God wanted.

PRAYER

Dear God, help me not to be selfish. Help me to be more like Jesus.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

God has given you special talents to share with others. If you enjoy drawing, make a picture for someone else. If you enjoy singing, sing songs that make God smile.





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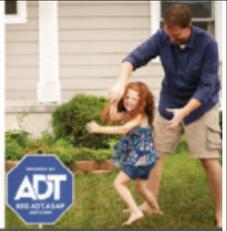


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