

SAINT COLUMBAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

ST. COLUMBAN PARISH

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Office Hours

Monday—Thursday 9:00AM –2:00PM

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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:00PM

Sunday: 10:30AM

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

Rosary is said 30min prior to each Mass

Sacraments

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

Confession: Saturdays 3:30—4:30PM

First Friday Devotions: 6:30PM

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

See Calendar on Page 3 for current schedule and updates

St. 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



April 24, 2022

Divine Mercy Sunday

Today's Readings

Entrance Antiphon: *Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, alleluia.*

1st Reading: Acts 5:12-16

Responsorial Psalm: *Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.*

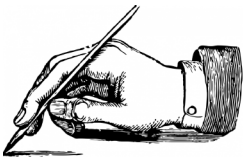
2nd Reading: Revelations 1:9-11a,12-13,17-19

Gospel Acclamation: *You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord. Blessed are they who have not seen me, but still believe.*

Gospel: John 20: 19-31

Communion Antiphon: *Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.*

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

Shroud and Napkin

One of the small but fascinating details about the accounts of Jesus's Resurrection is the state of the burial cloths found in the empty tomb. They are rolled and folded, but not just that, the cloth that covered his face was folded up and placed elsewhere. This may seem like an inconsequential detail, but there is not one syllable in sacred scripture, much less the Gospels, which is superfluous. Other than these small details in the Gospels demonstrating they were drawn from accounts of real people with memories of what they saw and experienced, rather than some mythological account or invented story, I think the orderliness of the empty tomb suggests something profound. God did it for a reason.

The neatly rolled up burial cloths, and the head-wrap folded up and set in a separate place remind me a bit of the account of Creation in Genesis. The ancient pagans believed the world was created in the midst of struggle and conflict between cosmic forces. The nearby Mesopotamians believed the world was made from the broken corpse of a great dragon, slain by the all-seeing god-king Marduk; In contrast, the Jews believed that God spoke the world into being from nothing. Creation comes to be completely in accord with the will of God, without struggle and without resistance and with no more effort than God willing it to be so. Genesis presents God as being in complete control of the situation.

So too the shroud and head-wrap in the empty tomb. Thieves trying to perpetuate a hoax by stealing Christ's body would have just torn off the burial bands and ran off with the body before anyone (the Roman guards in particular) noticed or intervened.

However most profoundly: Had God accomplished the Resurrection in some violent and chaotic event, there would have been more of a mess, true, but such a raw display of divine power might have given the impression that death still had some power that had to be overthrown. No. Instead, Jesus Christ, victor over death, took up his life again without struggle or resistance and raised himself in glory as easily as one wakes from sleep. He even took the time to fold up the covers, if only to demonstrate how in control of the situation he was.

Sometimes, it is some of the simplest and easily-overlooked details that can express the most profound things.

Happy Easter,
Fr Thompson

Financial Stewardship

Weekly Offering

	St. Columban	St. Peter
Weekly Goal	\$5,762	\$712
April 10	\$3,481	\$395
Online Giving	\$1,096	

Thank You for Your Generous Support!

**CALLED TO
SERVE as CHRIST**

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



*May Crowning is May 1st
at the 10:30AM Mass*

Since medieval times, there has been a correlation between Mary and the month of May. May is considered the season of the beginning of new life. Our Mary, Queen of heaven and earth, lifted us right out of the last long, cold days of winter and firmly planted our hearts in the warm and promising soil of spring. Every year, on the first Sunday of May all children who wish to participate please gather in the vestibule and be ready to process with Fr. Thompson to our Mary statue and place flowers in a vase to enjoy for the month of May. Flowers will be provided, but feel free to bring your own as well.

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Faith Formation



CHILDREN'S PRAYERS

For the month of March, an average of 12 children in our Faith Formation program prayed 550 prayers every week. Keep up the stellar work faithful young prayer warriors!

The Easter Season

The Easter Season refers to the Great Fifty Days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday, a celebration of our participation in Christ's Resurrection which brings us from the death of sin to a life of grace. Its last ten days (prior to Pentecost) focus on the promise of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit.
-from *The Catholic Source Book*

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

Paul Hennigan

Pam Henslee

Mary Taylor

Lindy Parse

Rose Montgomery

Cecelia Edgerton

Maria Teresa Siegemund

+ All those in harm's way.

+ For the people of the Ukraine

+ For all the newly baptized and confirmed this Easter.

Rest In Peace

Noella Novarra, Maria Luisa Fregoso

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 11:45AM -1PM

Please see the parish website for a complete class schedule



RCIA is open to all adult learners and those seeking the Sacraments of initiation: **Baptism, Eucharist, and/or Confirmation.** Classes will resume in September. Contact Katie Hennigan for more information.
katie@saintcolumbanyelm.org
360-458-3031x2.

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@saintcolumbanyelm.org

May 10 Monthly Meeting
10:00A Religious Ed Bldg

April 30 Spring Bazaar
9AM—2PM Parish Hall

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 17152

May 18 Council Meeting
6:00PM Parish Hall

April 30 Car Wash
Parking Lot



St. Vincent de Paul

May 19 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

**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.

April 25 Rosary Prayer Group

7:00PM St. Columban

April 26 Daily Mass

9:00AM St. Columban

5:30PM Cantor Practice
Church

6:30PM Spanish Prayer Group
Parish Hall

April 27 Daily Mass

9:00AM St. Columban

April 28 Daily Mass

9:00AM St. Columban

In Memory of: Rebecca Lopez RIP

April 29 Daily Mass

9:00AM St. Columban

April 30 Confession

3:30PM St. Columban

5:00PM Vigil Mass

May 1 3rd Sunday of Easter

ST. PETER MISSION TENINO

7:30-7:45AM Confession

8:00AM Mass

ST. COLUMBAN

9:00-10:15AM Religious Ed Classes

10:30AM Mass

May Crowning

11:45AM-1PM 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/saintcolumbanyelm or visit our website saintcolumbanyelm.org

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Daughters of Mary

St. Columban Catholic Church Yelm, WA

Spring BAZAAR

Saturday April 30, 2022

9AM- 2PM In the Parish Hall

**Come browse for your favorite plant starts, books, and
delicious baked items!**

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

CAR WASH

Saturday April 30th

during the Spring Bazaar



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**

COUNCIL 17152

St. Columban Catholic Church
506 1st St. S. Yelm, WA 98597



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Annual Outdoor



Saturday May 14th at St. Columban 8AM-1PM
Accepting useable items in good working condition such as:

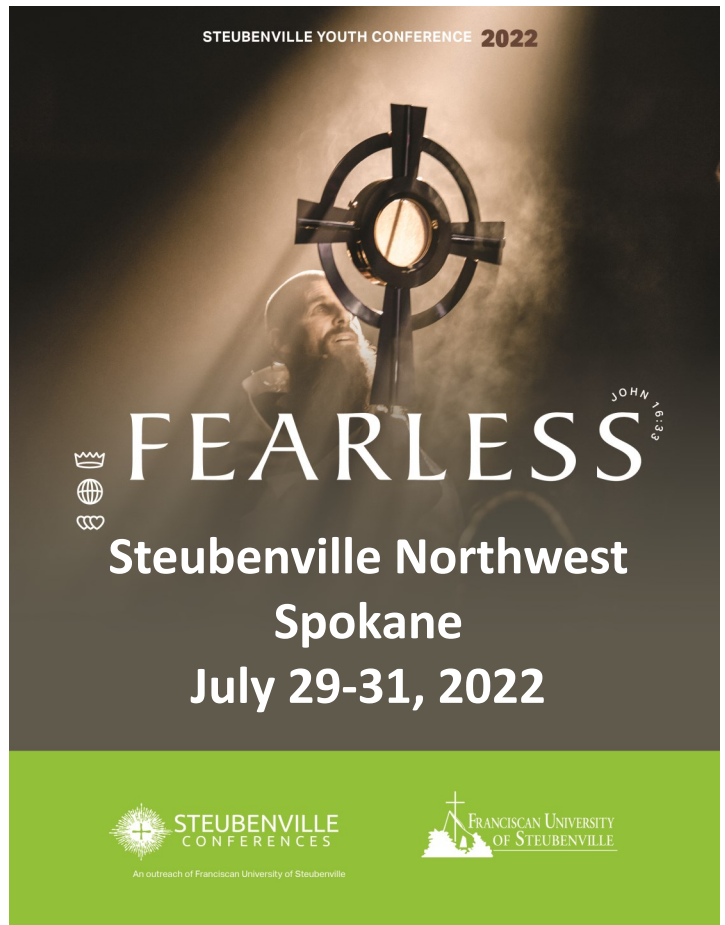
Tools
Camping Gear
Yard Furniture
Lawn Equipment

Contact the parish office for drop off information.

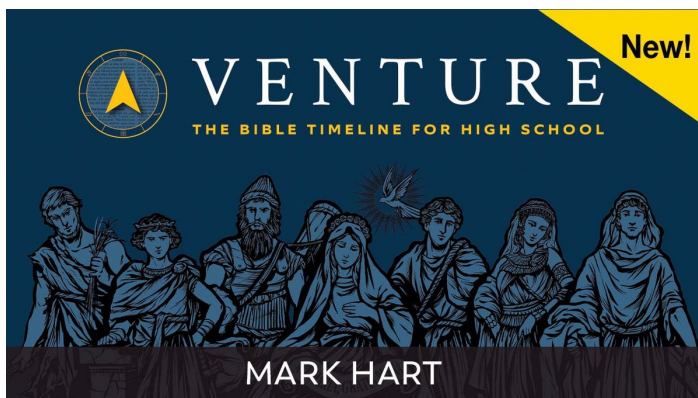
**MATTRESSES, PAINT, VEHICLE BATTERIES, TIRES, AND FLAMMABLE/HAZARDOUS
MATERIALS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**

Youth Ministry is back!

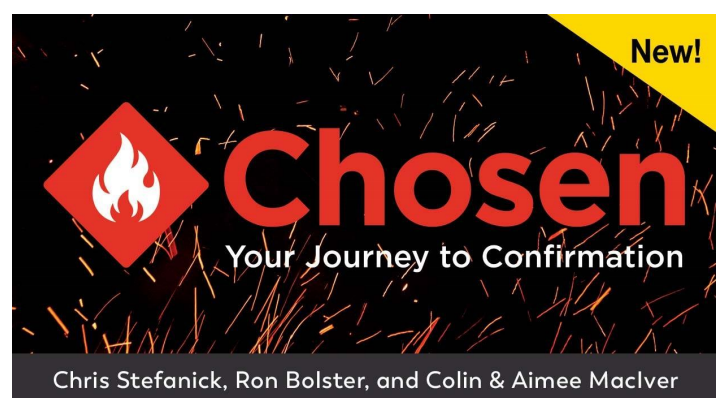
Summer Youth Conferences (Grades 9-12)



Youth Bible Studies (Grades 9-12)



Confirmation Prep (All grades 6 and up)



For more information contact chad@saintcolumbanyelm.org



Divine Mercy

In today's Gospel we hear about the first time that Jesus came to the Apostles after He rose from the dead. He breathed on them and told them that they had the power to forgive sins. Jesus had just given us the Sacrament of Confession- now a priest could take God's place to hear our sins and tell us that we are forgiven.

Today, the second Sunday of Easter, is also the feast of Divine Mercy. Mercy means being treated well even though we don't deserve it. God is so merciful that He wants to forgive ALL our sins, no matter how bad. All we have to do is be sorry and go to Confession.

God's Divine Mercy is so great that even the worst sinner in the world can be saved from Hell if he asks for it. But even our little sins hurt Jesus, so we need to ask God for mercy too. Don't ever imagine that God can't forgive you when you are sorry- remember, Jesus died on the cross so that you would be able to go to Heaven!

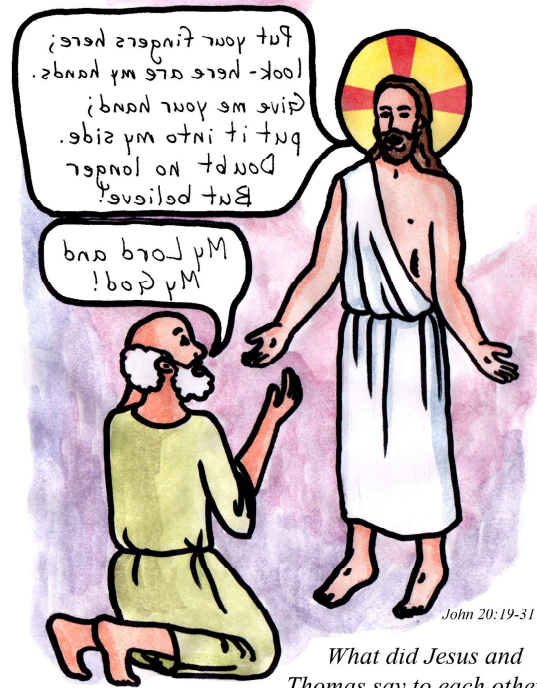
Jesus, I Trust in You!

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

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The Kids' Bulletin

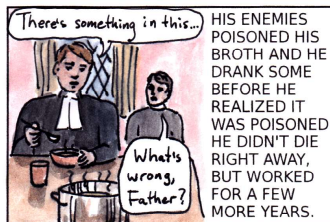
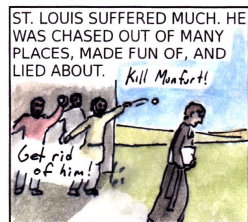
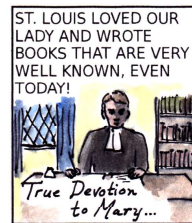
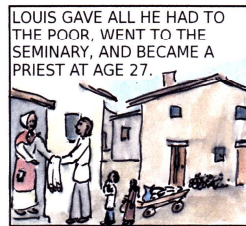
Second Sunday of Easter
Divine Mercy Sunday
April 24th, 2022



John 20:19-31

What did Jesus and Thomas say to each other?
Look in the mirror to find out!

Saint Louis Marie de Montfort April 28

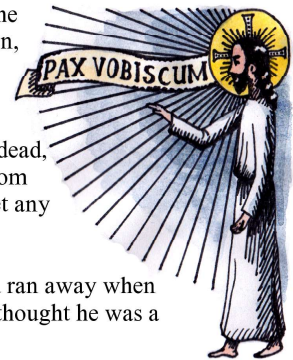


SAINT LOUIS DIED WHEN HE WAS 43 YEARS OLD. HE HAD WORKED VERY HARD TO HELP EVERYONE TO TURN TO GOD. WHAT DO YOU THINK HE TOLD THE PEOPLE WAS THE BEST WAY TO GROW CLOSE TO GOD? THROUGH MARY! NOBODY WAS EVER CLOSER TO GOD THAN MARY WAS. TALK TO MARY TODAY!

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True or False: When Jesus Came to the Apostles

1. When Jesus first came to the Apostles after His resurrection, He said "Peace be with you" twice. True or False?
2. When Jesus rose from the dead, you couldn't see the marks from the nails in His hands and feet any more. True or False?
3. The Apostles panicked and ran away when they saw Jesus because they thought he was a ghost. True or False?
4. Jesus breathed on the Apostles and told them that they now had the power to forgive people's sins. True or False?
5. The Apostle Thomas was not with the others when Jesus first came to them after He rose from the dead. True or False?
6. Thomas believed that they had seen Jesus, so he wasn't surprised when Jesus came again a week later. True or False?
7. Jesus told Thomas to put his fingers in the nail-holes in His hands and put his hand in Jesus' side where the spear had gone in. True or False?



April 24, 2022

WATCH

INTO THE BREACH

As we celebrate the feast of St. Joseph the Worker this week, we encourage all men to watch Into the Breach, a groundbreaking series that seeks to answer what it means to be a Catholic today. Inspired by Bishop Olmsted's apostolic exhortation, Into the Breach challenges men to embrace the greatness we are all



FORMED LIVE!

Who is St. Catherine of Siena?

April 29th, 2020



FORMED NOW!

WHO IS ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA?

In light of St. Catherine of Siena's feast day, join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Elizabeth Klein as they celebrate this holy woman: a nurse and mystic with papal influence who became a doctor of the Church.

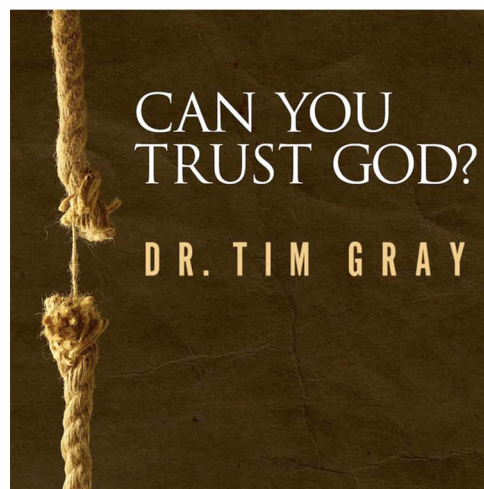
LEARN

LISTEN

CAN YOU TRUST GOD?

BY DR. TIM GRAY

To be a saint, we must trust God wholeheartedly. Since the fall of our first parents, however, humanity has been tempted to mistrust the Father's love for us. Scripture scholar Dr. Tim Gray takes us on a journey that addresses the pervasive misconceptions about God, showing us that there is no reason not to follow him.



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At Home with Faith

Jesus' return after his resurrection brings mercy and peace to the disciples.

Mercy in that Jesus has no condemnation for them, only a desire to restore relationship. From this, flows a peace only Jesus can provide.



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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.

When Jesus appears to the disciples in the upper room, he finds them hiding. They weren't just hiding from the authorities. With a few exceptions, the disciples ran rather than stand beside Jesus in his hour of need. Like Adam and Eve hiding in the Garden of Eden, the disciples are embarrassed and frightened.

According to *justice*, which gives the other person what they are owed, the disciples deserve condemnation. But Jesus greets them with *peace*. Then, he invites the disciples to receive the Holy Spirit and be sent. This is *mercy*.

This is Easter: God showering us with gifts, provided we are prepared to accept them.

Check out the Archdiocese of Seattle Easter Resources page for ways to celebrate all season!

Acts 5: 12-16

The Apostles cure the sick.

Psalm 118

God's mercy endures forever.

Revelation 1:9-11, 12-13, 17-19

I hold the keys to death and the netherworld.

John 20:19-31

As the Father has sent me, so I send you.

At Home with Faith

Talk

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

Celebrate the Joy of the Easter Season!

<https://archseattle.org/easter/>

Share an experience of God's mercy and peace:

- **Share a story about a time you felt guilty because you had done something wrong, and someone showed you mercy.** Deacon Eric shares, "I remember being a new Boy Scout in the sixth grade and losing my Boy Scout Handbook in the first couple of months. I thought I was going to be in trouble because this was not the sort of thing a responsible Scout would do. So I went to Mr. James who was responsible for the books for our troop, told him what happened and apologized. I was relieved that he didn't criticize me or make me feel bad. He just smiled, gave me a replacement, and said 'remember to hold on to this one.'"
- **See if your child volunteers a similar experience.** We don't want to press them to share something, though. Just create some space for them to bring something up if they want to share it.
- **Take the opportunity to go to confession as a family.** The experience of going to confession is a very healthy one. The more frequently we take advantage of the sacrament, the more relaxed we become with it.
- **Share with your child Pope Francis' observation: "God never tires of forgiving us, but we sometimes tire of asking Him.** Let us never tire of asking God's forgiveness. He is the loving Father who always forgives, who has that heart of mercy for all of us."

"The Church is commissioned to proclaim the mercy of God, the beating heart of the Gospel, which in its own way must penetrate the mind and heart of every person. The Bride of Christ must pattern her behavior after the Son of God who goes out to everyone without exception'. She knows that Jesus himself is the shepherd of the hundred, not just of the ninety-nine. He loves them all. On the basis of this realization, it will become possible for 'the balm of mercy to reach everyone, believers and those far away, as a sign that the kingdom of God is already present in our midst."

Amoris Laetitia (The Joy of Love) #309

The proclamation of God's mercy goes hand in hand with our reception of God's peace. The risen Christ comes to the disciples not because their performance during his time of trial was perfect (it wasn't), but they were willing to receive his love. As disciples, one of our most important tasks is to open our hearts to God's mercy and his holy Spirit. Then, with his Spirit will come peace and joy..

Jesus himself is the shepherd of the hundred, not just of the ninety-nine.
He loves them all.

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>



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SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 2022

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)



Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." - Jn 20:28-29

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 24, 2022

- Sunday:** Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31
- Monday:** 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20
- Tuesday:** Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15
- Wednesday:** Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21
- Thursday:** Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36
- Friday:** Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15
- Saturday:** Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21
- Next Sunday:** Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

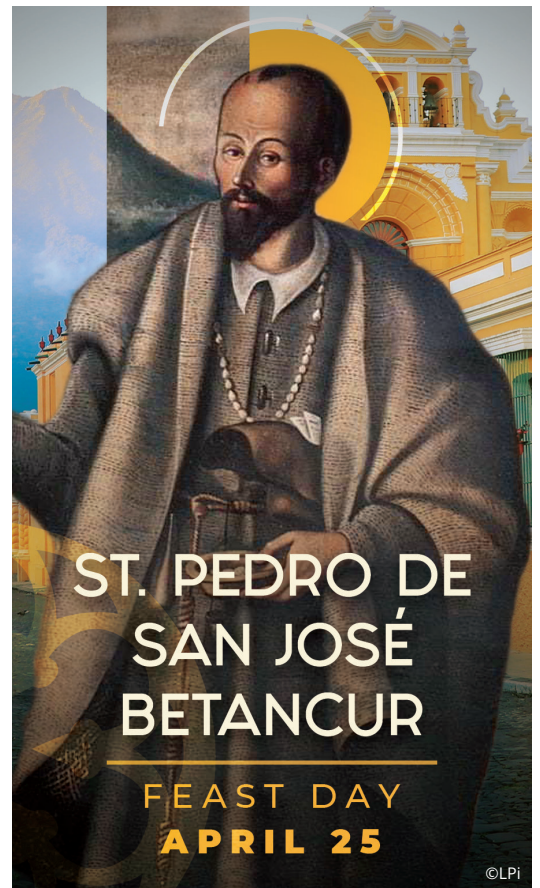
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 24, 2022

- Sunday:** 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy); St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr
- Monday:** St. Mark, Evangelist
- Wednesday:** Administrative Professionals' Day
- Thursday:** St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; St. Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest
- Friday:** St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church; Arbor Day
- Saturday:** St. Pius V, Pope
- Next Sunday:** 3rd Sunday of Easter; St. Joseph the Worker

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

Life is about to get very interesting for the disciples. Finding themselves questioning what happened to Jesus and whether he actually was raised from the dead, they are afraid and uncertain. In the midst of this fear, questioning, and uncertainty, Jesus decides to surprise them with a visit! This visit, complete with the gift of peace, fills the disciples with great excitement and joy. But their detailed testimony is not enough to convince their absent friend Thomas. He wants to see for himself. We struggle with belief as well. It is hard for some to give themselves over to the testimony of another. We want to see the resurrected Christ in person. God, through the gift of eyes of faith, gives us the ability to do precisely that: when we witness the healing that comes from forgiveness, the beauty that flows from love, the wonder of creation, the new life that comes after we fall, and the unique soul that lives behind each person's life. Christ is risen. Life will get very interesting for us too, when we stop unbelieving and believe!



SAINT OF THE WEEK

Central America's first saint, St. Pedro de San José Betancur (1626-1667) was born a poor shepherd in the Canary Islands. His family lands were seized because of debt, and he worked as an indentured servant until his early adult life when Pedro left his home to travel to Guatemala. His money for the journey ran out long before he arrived. He was destitute when he did arrive and was forced to join the bread line the Franciscan Friars had for the poor.

In 1655, he joined the Third Order of St Francis. Pedro began to serve the poor, the enslaved, immigrants, abandoned children, anyone that needed him. In 1658 he was given a hut which he made into a hospital for the poor. This small start grew into a shelter for the homeless, a school for the poor, an inn for priests, and several small chapels in poor areas. He was supported by many patrons and was joined in his work by both men and women, who became the Bethlehemite Brothers and the Bethlehemite Sisters.

Pedro prayed for the souls of those in purgatory, walked through the streets of rich neighborhoods ringing a bell and calling the wealthy to repent, and ministered to prisoners. Most accounts credit him with beginning the tradition of posadas, a procession in which people representing Mary and Joseph ask for lodging from their neighbors. This tradition continues today in Mexico and Central America. Because of his work with the poor and marginalized Pedro is often referred to as the "Saint Frances of the Americas". St. Pedro was canonized on July 30, 2002, in Guatemala City, Guatemala by Pope John Paul II.

WORSHIP & MEDITATION



FIRST READING

Yet more than ever, believers in the Lord, great numbers of men and women, were added to them. (Acts 5:14)



PSALM

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting. (Ps 118)
Or Alleluia.



SECOND READING

"I am the first and the last, the one who lives. Once I was dead, but now I am alive forever and ever." (Rev 1:17-18)



GOSPEL

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst. (Jn 20:19)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Even Thomas struggles to remove his boulder! Being very pragmatic and determined, he wants to see the risen Christ for himself! Thomas's boulder is heavy with mistrust. Many of ours are too. A certain amount of skepticism is good, as it can save us from being duped or misled. But we can become so skeptical of things that it erodes our ability to trust anything we see or hear. Skepticism can actually be a well-disguised defense mechanism that we use to prevent us from being hurt or perceived as a fool. Having too much ego protection is a real risk. Thomas, because of the boulder blocking his vision, could not even trust the word of his friends.

Boulders are hard to move. It's difficult to seek change or take a risk, especially when we are so afraid to be vulnerable or reluctant to trust another's word. When we are closed minded, overly pragmatic, unwilling to see things in a different way, stubborn or defensive, it is difficult to be surprised by God and stretched. We need to be less guarded, self-assured, and self-absorbed. God cannot break into the ordinary moments of our lives and inspire us when we cling to doubt. If we are going to discover resurrection faith, we have to believe that what the witnesses say is true, especially when they are credible. We also have to trust that the risen Christ is alive in us, too!

While the first witnesses to the resurrection have faded into history, there are many others who have come after them. They continue to inspire by walking the talk of faith. They are the martyrs who offer their lives for the Gospel, the simple holy people in our communities who cling so steadfastly to their faith, those who have touched despair and found new hope and the ones who, even in spite of ridicule, still pursue their hunger and thirst for God. They are our friends, acquaintances, biblical heroes, and saints, and many others who are convinced that they have seen the Lord! The risen Christ may not surprise us with the same kind of visit as he did the first disciples, but God finds other ways. All we have to do is open our eyes, remove whatever is preventing us from seeing and believing and exclaim: "My Lord and my God!"

LITURGICAL LIFE

RESPONDING *to the Call*

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

The World Is Watching

If you're a parent, you know this to be true: the world is watching. All it takes is one slip-up — one bad word, one selfish action, one uncharitable commentary, and that's the thing your child seems to notice.

When he or she calls you on it, the only thing you can do is come clean. "Yep, I did that," you have to say. "I'm a work in progress, but luckily, God never stops working."

I think it's fair to say that we don't think enough about the wounds of Christ. It's a little understandable, of course. Our human bodies flinch at the sight of such pain and mortification. It's a lot to handle, the physical trauma of a crucifixion. It carries an R rating in a PG world.

But the wounds of Christ are the only thing that could make Thomas believe. Literally nothing else was so powerful, not even the testimony of his most trusted friends. Only by looking at and feeling the torn flesh — by beholding that messy reality — did this Apostle, this actual companion of Christ, come to believe in the Resurrection.

"Christ has no body now but yours," goes the famous quote attributed to St. Teresa of Avila. What she's saying is that we have become the means through which God chooses to accomplish His will in the world. Us, the broken. Us, the weary. Us, the imperfect. Yes, miraculous events and apparitions still occur from time to time, but by and large, if a person is going to come to believe in Jesus Christ in this day and age, it will be because of something we Christians do or say.

Christ has no wounds now but ours. Our brokenness, our weariness, our imperfection — our reality. It all belongs to him, and the world is watching.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained:

Question:

Can anyone offer the Anointing of the Sick to a sick or dying person, or is that only something a priest can do?

Answer:

The Letter of James speaks to us of the ancient tradition of a special anointing and blessing of those who are sick: "Is there anyone sick among you? Let him send for the presbyters of the Church and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord ... If he has committed any sins, they will be forgiven him" (5:14, 15b). This passage forms the foundation for the theology of the sacrament that we call "Anointing of the Sick." In keeping with what we read in the Letter of James and the ancient tradition of the Church, the anointing of a person of who sick or dying many only be performed by a priest or bishop.

Although deacons and other members of the Church are not able to celebrate the sacrament with a person who is sick, we can read Sacred Scripture and pray with and for those who are ill. Resources like the Book of Blessings also contain special blessings that can be celebrated by deacons or lay ministers. In the end, we want to be sure that we show a special care and concern for the sick, helping them to always experience God's loving comfort through made tangible through our acts of charity and service.

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Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe."

Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

- Jn 20:27-28

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QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

Luke tells us of the success and healing power of the apostles in the Jerusalem church in the early days, weeks, and months following Jesus' resurrection. Where do you see this level of enthusiasm for the faith today?

Second Reading

The resurrected Jesus appears to John on the island of Patmos during his exile for bearing witness to the faith. In this encounter, John is initially fearful but then reassured by Jesus. When have you turned to Jesus in moments of fear in your life?

Gospel Reading

The apostle Thomas challenges his fellow apostles about the reality of Jesus' resurrection, seeking direct evidenced from Jesus himself. How often do you encounter fellow believers who are skeptical in their faith?

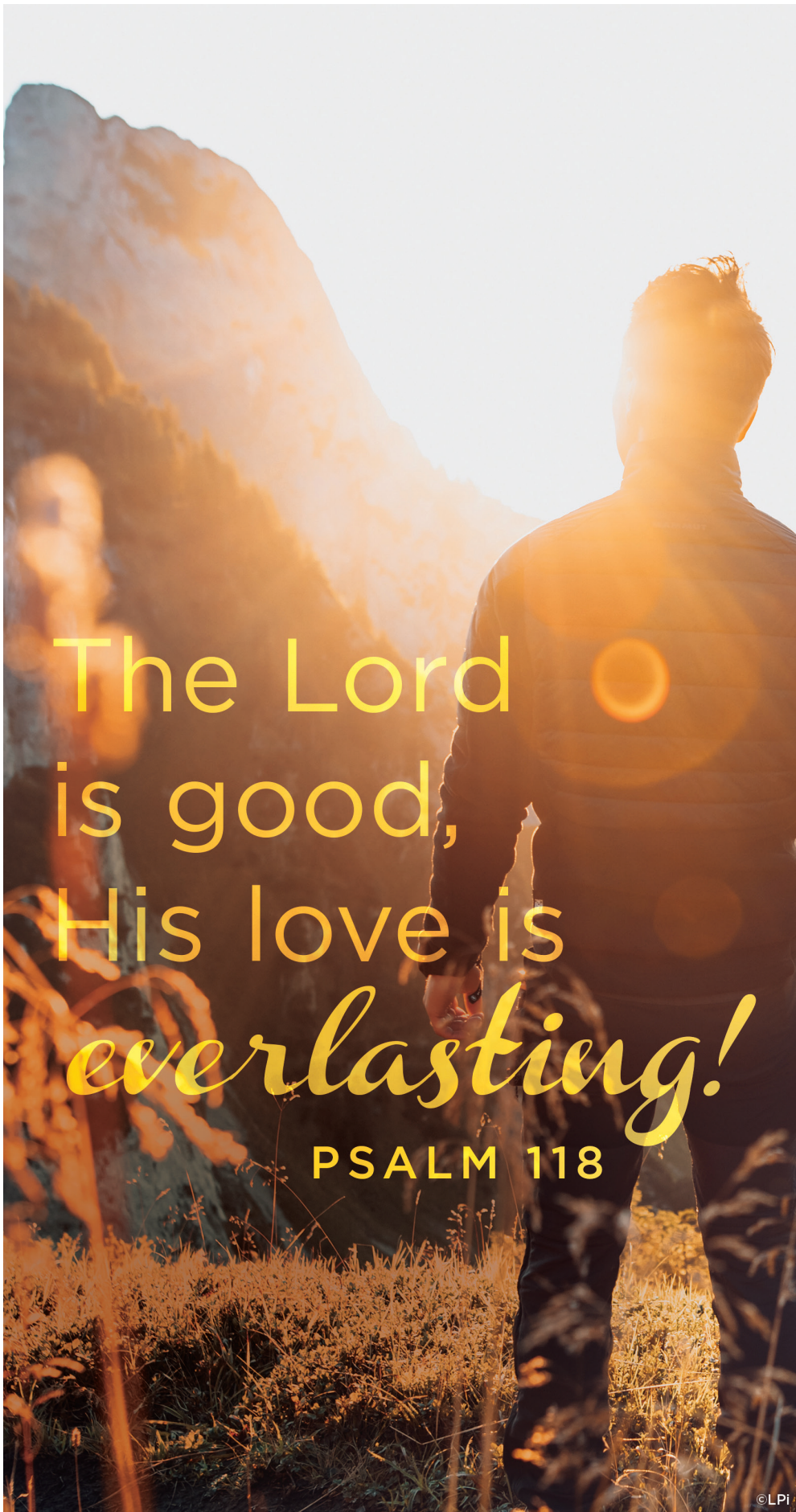
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2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER





The Lord
is good,
His love is
everlasting!

PSALM 118

*Thomas
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said to him,
“My Lord
and my God!”
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- Jn 20:28-29*

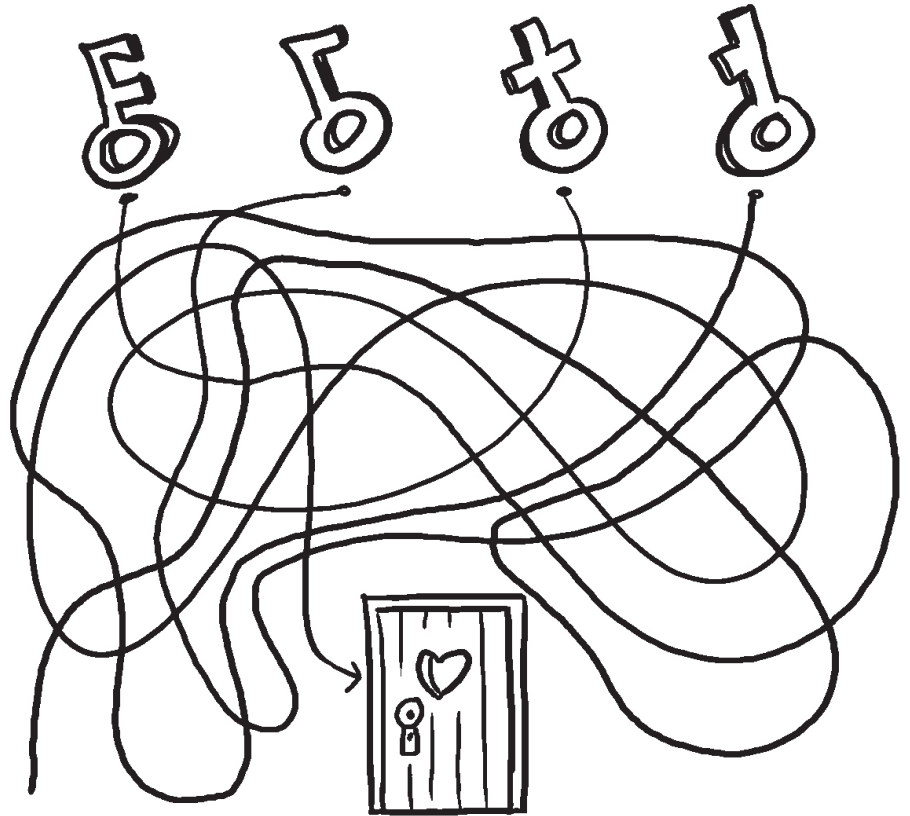
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KIDS CORNER

READ THE GOSPEL AND COMPLETE A PUZZLE!

Which key can unlock the door?



SHARING THE GOSPEL

After Jesus died on the cross, the disciples were afraid people would want to hurt them, too. They stayed together in a room and locked the door. Then Jesus came to his friends, to show them he was really alive again. Jesus changed their fear into gladness.

Have you ever been so afraid that you just wanted to hide? Remember that Jesus is with you when you are afraid, too.

PRAYER

Dear God, thank you for being with me when I am afraid.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

I will talk to God whenever I am afraid.





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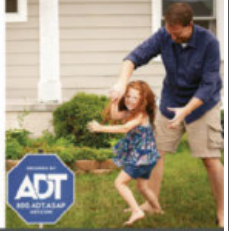


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