

SAINT COLUMBAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

ST. COLUMBAN PARISH

506 First St. S. Yelm, WA 98597

360-458-3031

Office Hours

Monday—Thursday 9:00AM –2:00PM

parishoffice@saintcolumbanyelm.org

Website: www.saintcolumbanyelm.org

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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



May 29, 2022

Ascension of the Lord

Today's Readings

Entrance Antiphon: *Men of Galilee, why gaze at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.*

1st Reading: Acts 1:1-11

Responsorial Psalm: *God mounts his throne to shouts of joy, a blare of trumpets for the Lord.*

2nd Reading: Hebrews 9:24-29; 10:19-23

Gospel Acclamation: *Go and teach all nations says the Lord. I am with you always, until the end of the world.*

Gospel: Luke 24:46-53

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

Faith Formation

CHILDREN'S PRAYERS



For the 2021-2022 school year, the children in our Faith Formation program prayed an average of 474 prayers every week. Keep up the stellar work faithful young prayer warriors!

2022-2023

Faith Formation Registration

If you wish to register your family for the 2022-2023 Faith Formation program, please visit our website, stop by during office hours (M-Th 9-2) or call the parish office:

Grades K-5

Katie Hennigan 360-458-3031x2
katie@saintcolumbanyelm.org

Grades 6-12

Chad Lucero 360-458-3031x3
chad@saintcolumbanyelm.org

Faith Formation: Grades K-12

- Classes have ended for the 2021-2022 catechetical year. Please look for registration opportunities in the fall.
 - Confirmation II students: please check your email for important updates on Confirmation.
- 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

June 14 Monthly Meeting **10:00AM**
 Religious Ed Bldg



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 17152

June 15 Council Meeting **6:00PM**
 Parish Hall

June 25 Coats for Kids Car Show
 9AM-2PM Parish Hall/Parking Lot



St. Vincent de Paul

June 16 Monthly Meeting
 7:00PM Parish Hall



St. Peter's Circle

July 12 Bi-Monthly Meeting
 9:30AM St. Peter Mission



ALTAR SOCIETY

Cleaning the Church
 Every Thursday after Daily Mass

Gardening the Church Grounds
 Every Tuesday 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.

MONDAY May 30

Rosary Prayer Group

7:00PM Church

TUESDAY May 31

Daily Mass @ St. Columban 9:00AM

Cantor Practice

6:00PM Church

Spanish Prayer Group

6:30PM Parish Hall

WEDNESDAY June 1

Daily Mass @ St. Columban 9:00AM

CONFIRMATION MASS

7:00PM St. Columban

THURSDAY June 2

Daily Mass @ St. Columban 9:00AM

Bible Study

10:00AM St. Peter Mission (Tenino)
 6:30PM Religious Ed Bldg. Rm 103

FRIDAY June 3

First Friday Mass

9:00AM St. Peter Mission (Tenino)

First Friday Devotions

6:30PM St. Columban

SATURDAY June 4

Confession

3:30PM St. Columban

Vigil Mass

5:00PM St. Columban

PENTECOST SUNDAY June 5

ST. PETER MISSION TENINO

7:30-7:45AM Confession

8:00AM Mass

ST. COLUMBAN

10:30AM Mass

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 Ukraine

+ For all receiving their 1st Communion

+ For all our parish youth preparing for Confirmation in June.

Rest In Peace

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/saintcolumbanyelm or visit our website saintcolumbanyelm.org

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Stephen Bashier

TOGETHER WE CAN be Christ to Others

“Mission is not what we have.
It is who we are.
We are the body of Christ.”

—ARCHBISHOP PAUL D. ETIENNE

PRAY

Prayer is the first way you can help.

GIVE NOW

If the Lord is leading you to support the ACA today with a financial gift, thank you.

SHARE

If you've been inspired by how God changes lives, we hope you share your testimony with others.

With your gift and the gifts of thousands of others around Western Washington:

TOGETHER WE CAN live the Gospel through our
Faith in Action,
Hope in Resurrection,
Truth in Love,
Unity in Diversity.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am grateful for the many wonderful families and individuals who make up our parish communities across all of Western Washington. During these challenging times of uncertainty, one thing is certain: As people of faith we can bring the light of Christ to others by renewing our relationship with Jesus and embracing the mission of his Church. Together, we can be Christ to others!

Every year, I ask you to join me in making a gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal to support our dedicated priests, deacons, religious women and lay ministers who nourish us through the ministry of Christ by serving all God's people in our region — in person and virtually.

Please prayerfully consider making a sacrificial gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal to continue our pastoral work for the people and parishes of the Archdiocese of Seattle. Your gift to the ACA will help us continue to serve our brothers and sisters across Western Washington.

Please know that I continue to pray for you. May God bless you abundantly for your kindness and generosity.

In the Heart of Christ,

Most Rev. Paul D. Etienne, DD, STL
Archbishop of Seattle



Stephen Bashier



HAVE YOU CONSIDERED THE VALUE OF A CATHOLIC COLLEGE PREP SCHOOL?

At Pope John Paul II High School, students and parents find a welcoming faith-filled community where they are seen, heard, and belong. Call John Grossman at 360-438-7600 today for a personal tour where you will meet our thriving students and dynamic faculty. Due to the incredible support of our local parishes, business leaders and other benefactors, generous financial assistance is available.



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an in-person marriage encounter experience

The Marriage Encounter experience is a heart haven that helps you listen, share and connect more deeply. There's no group discussion. It's just about the two of you learning to be the best, most loving and thriving couple you can be.

An Invitation

'Let Your Fingers Talk'

Wake Up Your Imagination



Explore Your Creativity

Zoom Group: Tuesday, 1:00 pm

June 7th, weekly meetings

This is a fun group where we will do some writing and sharing in a safe, lighthearted way. It will encourage our creativity and writing skills.

Contact Jeanine to sign up @ hijean2u@yahoo.com or with questions.

✓ Sign up asap as group limited to 8 people.

Oct 7-9, 2022
at Archbishop Brunett
Retreat Center, Federal
Way, WA

Apply at:
wwme.org

Questions?

Jeff and Sandy
Cornell
360 930-2321
jeff.sandy.cornell@wwme.org

Other Locations and dates:
Aug 12-14, 2022 Portland, OR
or Seattle, WA



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

COUNCIL 17152
St. Columban Catholic Church
506 1st St. S. Yelm, WA 98597

Yelm Praire Days Coats for Kids Car Show

Registration Form

Name of Participant: _____ Phone#: _____

Address: _____

Vehicle Information:

Make: _____ Model: _____

Year: _____ Color: _____ License Plate: _____ Collectors Plate

Description/History: (Any special features or unique history about the car that we could print on your tag)

Car Club Affiliation: _____

How did you hear about our show: _____

Show Time is Saturday June 25th, 2022 from 9AM- 3PM

Fees & Rules:

Registration is \$20.00 per vehicle, please make checks payable to **St. Columban Council 17152**. Pre-registration and setup begins at 8:30AM on the day of the show and the Raffle and Awards are handed out at 1:45PM. Trophies are awarded for Heavenly 10 (Participant’s Vote), People’s Choice, Knight’s Choice, Father’s Favorite , Club Participation and Long Distance.

Disclaimer: All registrants participate at their own risk. St. Columban Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus are not responsible for any damages incurred through participation in the event. COVID health safety guidelines will be observed.

No alcohol may be consumed at this event and smoking is not permitted on the property.



Help Complete Our Prayer Garden!

We are six benches short of completing our Outdoor Stations of the Cross in the Prayer Garden.

Benches cost \$405.00

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Cash

Check made payable to St. Columban Catholic Church and please mark “**Bench**” on the memo line.

Return this form to the Parish Office no later than June 1, 2022

If you would like to purchase a Memorial Brick to dedicate your bench to a loved one or for a specific intention, please fill out a Brick Order Form which is a separate purchase.

Jesus Ascends into Heaven!



Today we celebrate the feast of the Ascension- when Jesus went up, body and soul, into Heaven. Forty days after Jesus rose from the dead He took his disciples up to a big hill and told them that He was going to send the Holy Spirit to them soon. Then He went up into the sky and disappeared behind the clouds.

At first it seems kind of sad that Jesus left His friends, doesn't it? But how could they be sad when Jesus was returning with joy to His Father in Heaven?

Sometimes we are sad when somebody we love dies or moves away, and that's okay. We can't stay with our friends forever in this world, but we will in Heaven. Jesus is there waiting for us to come and live forever with Him and all our friends.

So today we should celebrate Jesus' going into Heaven, and remember that He has gone ahead of us to make a place ready for us when we die.

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

www.thekidsbulletin.com

The Kids' Bulletin

Feast of the Ascension
May 26th or 29th, 2022



Luke 24:46-53

Jesus disappeared into a cloud forty days after He rose from the dead. Where did He go?

Colour in the spaces with crosses (+) to find out!

Saint Philip Neri May 26



AT ONE TIME PHILIP THOUGHT ABOUT BECOMING A TRAVELING MISSIONARY BUT A HOLY MONK TOLD HIM THAT ROME WAS HIS MISSION COUNTRY. WE CAN IMITATE SAINT PHILIP BY BEING CHEERFUL AND BRINGING GOD TO THE PEOPLE AROUND US, WHEREVER WE ARE! HOW CAN YOU DO THAT TODAY?

thekidsbulletin@gmail.com

The Ascension: True or False?



1. Jesus kept appearing to His disciples for forty days after Easter. True or False?
2. Jesus did not send the Holy Spirit to the disciples until after He went up into Heaven. True or False?
3. Jesus had taught the Apostles everything they needed to know before He died, so He didn't have to teach them anything after the Resurrection. True or False?
4. Some of the disciples asked Jesus if He was going to start a new kingdom in this world. True or False?
5. Jesus and the apostles were all gathered in one room when Jesus disappeared and went into Heaven. True or False?
6. Jesus was with a big crowd of His friends on a hill when He went up, body and soul, into Heaven. True or False?
7. When Jesus comes back, He will return in the same sort of way as how He left. True or False?

May 29, 2022

WATCH

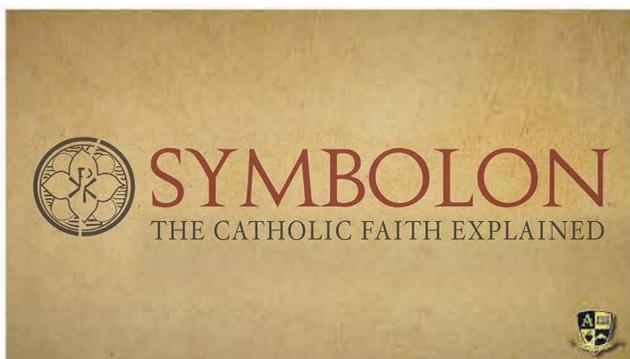
THE WILD GOOSE: GOD'S LOVE POURED OUT

During the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, we remember a fundamental pillar of our Faith: "God is love" (1 Jn 4:8). This simple statement is the beginning and the ending of our pilgrimage of Faith. In this episode of The Wild Goose, join Fr. Dave Pivonka as he illuminates God's eternal pouring out of Love.



LEARN

SYMBOLON: EP. 1 - THE JOURNEY: TRINITY, FAITH AND THE GOD WHO IS LOVE

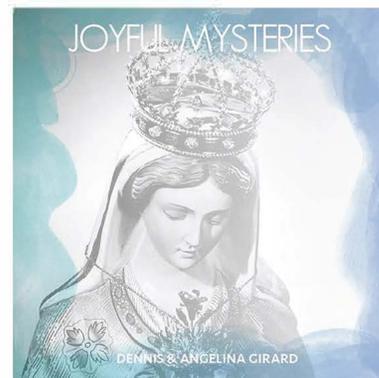


The Bible reveals the mystery of who God is: God is love. God created us out of love, died for us out of love, and invites us on a journey of faith in which we live in his love. In this study, we'll look at the God who is Love and how that love shows itself in the Trinity and the Faith.

LISTEN

THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES WITH DENNIS AND ANGELINA GIRARD

As we celebrate the Visitation this week, we invite you to pray the Joyful Mysteries alongside this spoken Rosary set to music. Enter into some of the most joy-filled moments of Our Lord Jesus Christ's life, alongside the Blessed Virgin, through this devotional prayer and accompanying Scripture passages.



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At Home with Faith

After the Ascension, the disciples enter into a time when, rather than “standing there looking at the sky,” they must follow what Jesus has taught them and be open to the Spirit.



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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 the disciples ask Jesus “Lord, are you at this time, going to restore the kingdom to Israel?” they express something we all wish for on some level. “Jesus, when are you going to resolve all that is wrong with the world?”

Rather than letting us be passive while he resolves all our problems, God calls us to participate in his work of creation and redemption while opening ourselves to the holy Spirit. In investing part of ourselves in the world around us, we deepen our love for creation and come to know God more deeply by sharing in his creative and saving work.

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

Acts 1:1-11

Jesus ascends to heaven.

Psalm 47

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy!

Ephesians 1:17-23

May Jesus give you wisdom and reveal his truth.

Luke 24:46-53

I am sending the promise of the Father upon 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/>

Invite your child to open to the holy Spirit:

- **Ask your child if they remember what happened at the Ascension.** See if your child is familiar with this moment that takes place at the very beginning of the book of Acts. Consider reading Acts 1:1-11 to them to remind them.
- **Ask your child what it might have felt like for the disciples to watch Jesus ascend to heaven.** See what this inspires in your child. They might sense that the disciples could have been confused, anxious, inspired or maybe felt a little abandoned. Provide your child space to appreciate how the disciples had to endure periods of time when it was unclear what God was doing and how they should respond.
- **Encourage your child to consider what the Holy Spirit may intend for them.** Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit to the disciples and did so at Pentecost. Encourage your child to think and pray about what the Holy Spirit intends for them and to appreciate the possibility that God might have a plan for them, even if they do not know what that plan is yet.

“It is clear from the very first pages of the Bible that work is an essential part of human dignity; there we read that ‘the Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it’ (Gen 2:15). Man is presented as a laborer who works the earth, harnesses the forces of nature and produces ‘the bread of anxious toil’ (Ps 127:2), in addition to cultivating his own gifts and talents.”

Amoris Laetitia (The Joy of Love) #23

Jesus continually works to restore us to the original truth, goodness and beauty that God intended for us at the beginning of creation in the Garden of Eden. After teaching the disciples a way of seeing and engaging the world, Jesus ascends to heaven and provides them the opportunity to participate in the work he has begun. He engages us in this work, not because he needs our labor, but because doing this work prepares us to receive his holy Spirit.

Jesus continually works to restore us to the original truth, goodness and beauty that God intended for us.

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>



Year of the
Family

Live the joy of God's love

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SUNDAY, MAY 29, 2022

7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



“I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may be brought to perfection as one.” - Jn 17:22-23a

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 29, 2022

- Sunday:** *Ascension:* Acts 1:1-11/ Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53 *Seventh Sunday of Easter:* Acts 7:55-60/Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9 [1a, 9a]/Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20/ Jn 17:20-26
- Monday:** Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33
- Tuesday:** Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 1:39-56
- Wednesday:** Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19
- Thursday:** Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Jn 17:20-26
- Friday:** Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19
- Saturday:** *Morning:* Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn 21:20-25
- Next Sunday:** *Vigil:* Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39
Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Ez 37:1-14/Jl 3:1-5/ Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39
Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

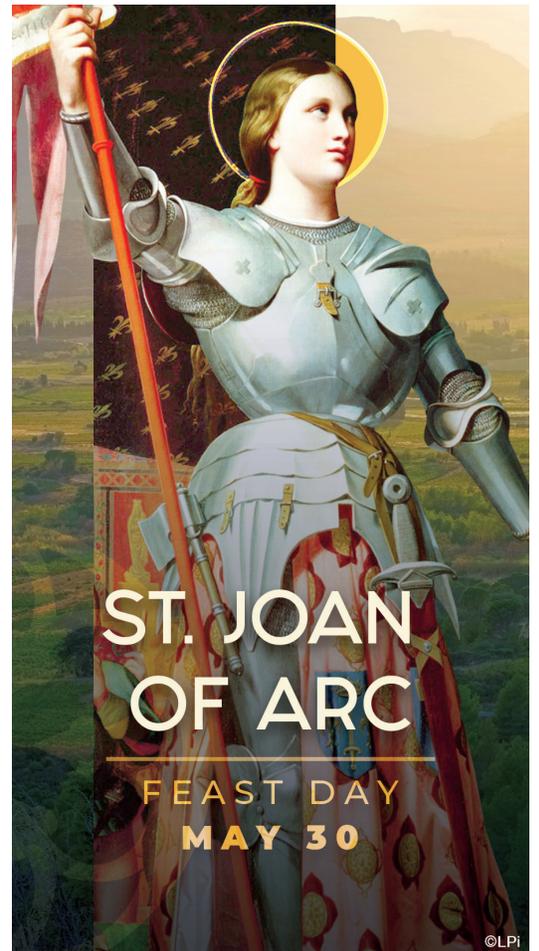
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 29, 2022

- Sunday:** 7th Sunday of Easter; The Ascension of the Lord; St. Paul VI, Pope; World Communications Day
- Monday:** Memorial Day
- Tuesday:** The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Wednesday:** St. Justin, Martyr
- Thursday:** Sts. Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs
- Friday:** St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs
- Next Sunday:** Pentecost Sunday; St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

We all have our ideas of who God is. We have to remember, however, that our ideas of God often do not capture who God really is. God is a wonderful mystery whose identity is inexhaustible. This makes life an exciting journey in search of belief, love, glory, and unity. Displaying all of the tenderness of a real love story, we hear from Jesus that God wants nothing more than for the world to believe. The same depth of affection given to Jesus, God the Father desires to share with us. Receiving this love gives the believer an even greater understanding of what gives us purpose and meaning. With God's unconditional love as our anchor, we can endure the greatest of hardships knowing that we carry the hope of glory within us. Sharing in the same incredible eternal destiny and glory that God gave His Son, we can all be one just as Jesus and the Father are one. Why is understanding all of this important? Because given the myriad choices of what can possibly define us, we now have the primordial truth of who we are given to us by God. We know, beyond doubt, where to look for true happiness and where our lives will end.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Joan of Arc (1412 – 1431) has had her story told throughout history through many books, movies and plays. She was born in the village of Domrémy, near the province of Lorraine, to a French peasant family. At a young age, she began to experience visions and voices, which were later identified to be of St. Michael, St. Catherine of Alexandria, and St. Margaret of Antioch. At the age of 13, all three saints told her that she was to drive the English from French territory, and that she must bring the Dauphin to Reims for his coronation. Trusting in God, she did as she was told.

During the Hundred Years War, St. Joan of Arc led French troops against the English and recaptured the cities of Orléans and Troyes. Captured near Compiègne the following year, she was sold to the English and placed on trial for heresy and witchcraft, eventually being found guilty and burned at the stake in Rouen.

St. Joan of Arc was canonized by Pope Benedict XV on May 16, 1920, and is the patron saint of military members.

WORSHIP & MEDITATION



FIRST READING

"Behold, I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." (Acts 7:56)



PSALM

The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth. (Ps 97)
Or Alleluia.



SECOND READING

The one who gives this testimony says,
"Yes, I am coming soon."
Amen! Come, Lord Jesus! (Rev 22:20)



GOSPEL

That they may be brought to perfection as one,
that the world may know that
you sent me,
and that you loved them even as you
loved me. (Jn 17:23)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Unity and diversity can exist together. Our western minds have a grave difficulty seeing unity without conformity. We tend to believe that unless everyone believes the same thing, assents to the same body of truths, styles, and opinions, unity is not possible. Jesus, in today's Gospel, expresses a tenderness and an intimacy that the disciples actually can witness. This same tenderness and love are also reflected in his desire for unity and oneness. Jesus passionately wants all to be one. It is very clear that the success of Jesus' mission and the advance of the Gospel rises or falls with whether this unity is achieved. And it is a unity that is achieved around a person and not particulars.

Our church is extremely divided. These divisions all center on various theologies, philosophies, structures, and styles. We allow these particular concerns and interpretations, valid as many can be, to drive wedges between us and put us at odds with each other. They enrage us and cause us to lash out at other members of the Body of Christ. Differences are bound to exist in any group. We are unique and diverse people. Staunchly clinging to particular agendas and ideologies while waving the "we're right, you're wrong" banner as we forge ahead in battle does little to advance the real mission of Christ. We are perceived as weak, fractioned, self-focused and serving, and lacking empathy and love. How can the work of salvation be accomplished like this? We sacrifice our credibility. For what?

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." These words describe exactly who the glorified Christ really is. Jesus wants us to see this glory! Believe this! This is the unifying principle that draws the Body of Christ together as one, not our particular preferences of worship! We give too much power to our preferences, and all too easily forget that the real mission of Christ is much more than that! If we can work at truly loving each other as members of Christ's Body despite the differences that can so quickly divide us, then maybe we'll be a bit more convincing to those who do not believe. The Risen Christ comes to us through the Eucharist. It doesn't matter where or how. Gather wherever you can and receive. We cannot substitute Jesus' passion with our own. We are one.

LITURGICAL LIFE

RESPONDING *to the Call*

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

God's Game of Telephone

You've probably played the game of "pass it on" before, maybe years ago on the playground. It's a simple concept: one person whispers something in another person's ear, and it gets repeated person by person throughout the group, until finally the last one to hear the message has to say it out loud. Whatever ends up being said at the end of the game is usually a far cry from the original statement, and everyone has a good laugh.

As individuals, we don't receive news in the same way. Our personalities, our histories, our weaknesses, and our strengths determine how we interact with information we encounter in the world, both good and bad. One person will interpret a compliment positively; someone else will take offense. One person reacts to news of a job promotion with joy, another is disappointed that now they will have less time with their family. The same news can mean completely different things to different people.

But what God gives us is the truth in love, and the truth in love is the same in every place and in every time, for every person of every race. When Christ prayed to the Father that "the love with which you loved me may be in them," he was asking that the magnificent gift that had been imparted to him would also be imparted to us.

Our job is to play a game of pass it on with this gift of love. How do we keep it from becoming warped? Through remaining committed to the word of God, to the sacraments, and to one another.

In this game, we don't change the message. The message changes us. And we have to give it away to keep it.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING

Our parish is grateful for your continued support. Thank you!



WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained:

Question:

At a parish council meeting, our pastor mentioned the need for deacons. It is something I am considering. How do I know if I have a vocation? What steps should I take next?

Answer:

Any and all gifts that the Holy Spirit gives to the church are for the good of the community. As members of the Body of Christ, what one member does affects all. What the body does also affects each member. A vocation or call to ministry is tested and verified by the church. Through prayer, instruction, and service, a vocation is tested, and then acknowledged by the official call to orders or to service.

If you are considering becoming a deacon, the first step would be to talk to your pastor. He will be able to give you more specific information on the program in your diocese, what is expected of you, and how you apply. You might also begin to see a spiritual director, someone who can help you with your faith journey and vocation discernment. They do so by focusing on prayer, your relationship with God, and spiritual practices. Finally, you'll need to see the diocesan vocation director in charge of deacons to apply. Best wishes!

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"I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may be brought to perfection as one."

- Jn 17:22-23a

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QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

In Acts, we are first introduced to Saul (Paul) at the stoning of Stephen, the first recorded Christian martyr. After his conversion, Paul would look back at his persecution of the Church with deep remorse. How do you deal with regret in your life?

Second Reading

We hear today the final vision that John received. How do you imagine John thought about all the visions he had received from the Lord?

Gospel Reading

In his final prayer during the farewell discourse, Jesus speaks about his disciples as the Father's gift to him. What gifts have God given you?



7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER





THE LORD IS KING.

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Jesus prayed saying: “Holy Father, I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me.”

- Jn 17:20-21

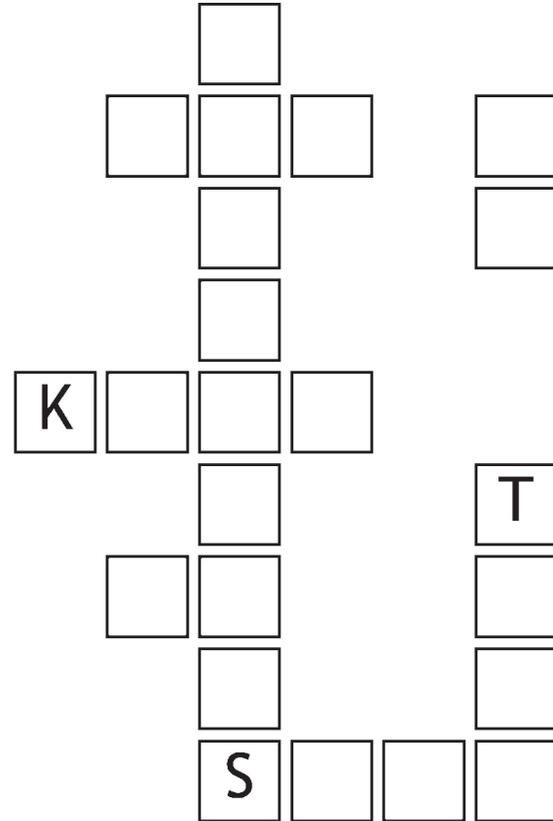
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READ THE GOSPEL AND COMPLETE A PUZZLE!

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:
My followers know that you sent me.



SHARING THE GOSPEL

If pieces are missing from a jigsaw puzzle, you cannot see the whole picture. If keys are missing from a piano, you cannot hear a whole song. When Christians do not work well together, the world cannot see how great and loving God is. Jesus prayed that all of us would stay close to God and to one another. Do your part. Encourage other Christians.

PRAYER

God, I want the world to see how good you are. Help me to be good and loving to all Christians.

MISSION

FOR THE WEEK

Plan a service project with children from another Christian church in your area. Collect food for a food pantry, or sing songs to the grandmas and grandpas in a nursing home.

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