# 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











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

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



**July 3, 2022** 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

# **Today's Readings**

**Entrance Antiphon:** Your merciful love O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth, your right hand is filled with saving justice.

1st Reading: Isaiah 66:10-14c

**Responsorial Psalm:** Let all the earth cry out to God with joy

2nd Reading: Galatians 6:14-18

**Gospel Acclamation:** Let the peace of Christ control your hearts, let

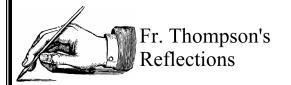
the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

Gospel: Luke 10:1-12, 17-26

**Communion Antiphon:** *Taste and see that the Lord is good.* 

Blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

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.



### Confirmation

The next Sacrament is Confirmation. This may surprise us Americans, who are so accustomed to Reconciliation and Communion preceding Confirmation. However, it was not so in the beginning, so to speak. Holy Communion is the ultimate and ongoing Sacrament of initiation/full membership in the Church, and virtually always and everywhere, Confirmation preceded First Communion. However, a bit over a century ago Pope St Pius X, who was concerned about so many Catholics abstaining from Holy Communion out of reverential fear or a feeling of unworthiness (not to mention those who casually and habitually persisted in sin), lowered the First Communion age to 7 years old (it had been in early adolescence). Some countries lowered the Confirmation age accordingly, but America did not for whatever reason. Since, some Dioceses have corrected this (For example, in Eastern Washington, in the Diocese of Spokane the bishop confirms the children and gives them their First Holy Communion at the same Mass) or at least moved in the right direction (For those who missed the shift: the Archdiocese of Seattle now celebrates Confirmation in 7<sup>th</sup> grade).

The reason for all of this is due to the oddities of history. Confirmation is most properly celebrated by a bishop (though a priest may celebrate it with permission). In the beginning—and even today in Eastern Catholic Churches—Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Communion were always celebrated together and presided over by the bishop regardless of the age of the person receiving them (even infants). As the Church grew, the bishop could not personally attend every Baptism. In the East, the solution was that the priest would just celebrate all three sacraments; in the West, we would simply baptize the baby and then the bishop would Confirm and give Communion the next time he was in town (if the bishop did happen to baptize someone, he would still confirm and give Communion, though). Once someone was confirmed (regardless of age) First Communion would occur. Later in history, the Precious Blood stopped commonly being offered to the laity (to combat a heresy, not because of the Black Plague, as you may have heard) and so infants, who cannot chew and so only received from the Chalice, were no longer given Communion. In the centuries before and after this, the Confirmation age (and thus First Communion) for those not baptized by the bishop was creeping older and older, and eventually even bishops stopped confirming at Baptisms and everyone was confirmed at an older age (generally 12-16, whenever the Bishop came to town) and First Communion followed after that.

This moving of Confirmation through the years, as well as the errors introduced by Luther and the other Protestants led to a number of confusions about what Confirmation is and does. However, this is getting long. I will write a part II on the Theology of Confirmation next week.

In Christ,

Fr Thompson

# **Financial Stewardship**

| Week of June 12, 2022                           |               |            |
|---|---------------|------------|
| Ordinary Income                                 | St Columban   | St Peter   |
| Weekly Goal                                     | \$5,762.00    | \$712.00   |
| Collection                                      | \$2,189.28    | \$440.00   |
| Online Giving                                   | \$1,314.70    | \$175.15   |
| Net   | (\$2,258.02)  | (\$96.85)  |
| Special Funds                                   |               |            |
| St Vincent DePaul                               | \$78.28       |            |
| Sacramentals<br>(Candles, Beeswax tapers, Salt) |               |            |
| Building Fund                                   | \$77.96       |            |
| Flowers   | \$10.00       |            |
| Mass Intentions                                 | \$30.00       |            |
| Called to Serve as Christ                       | Last Reported | 14-Mar     |
| Total Pledged                                   | \$117,529     | \$26,997   |
| Total Received                                  | \$82,047.48   | \$15,917   |
| Total Rebate (15%)                              | \$12,307.12   | \$2,387.55 |
|   |               |            |

# \*\*Annual Catholic Appeal

Goal for St. Columban: \$24,555

Total Pledged as of: June 21, 2022 \$25,509.22 104% of Goal

17% Participation

Goal for St. Peter: \$ 3,984

<u>Total Pledged as of:</u> June 21, 2022 \$7,676.67 215% of Goal

57% Participation

Thank you for your pledge or donation!

# SAINT COLUMBAN PASTORAL COUNCIL

Judith Cusick (Chairperson), Sheila Johnson, Jerome Didier, Joseph Judge, Dennis Stumpf parishoffice@saintcolumbanyelm.org

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# SAINT PETER ADVISORY COMMISSION

Sherry Bachmann (Chairperson), Marilyn Ritter, Bernie Schwarz, Bob Bacon, Diane Weston, stpeteradvisory@saintcolumbanyelm.org

# **Faith Formation**

# Faith Formation: Grades K-12

- Classes have ended for the 2021-2022 catechetical year. Please see our website to register your child(ren) for the 2022-2023 catechetical year. Classes begin in September.
- Remember that preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation begins in 6th grade. All students entering middle school or above fall of 2022 and have not begun their preparation, will be enrolled in our Confirmation and Youth Group programs. See our website for more information.
- Don't forget to give your input on the parish surveys regarding additional Faith Formation and Youth Ministry opportunities beginning in the Fall. See your email for a flocknote message from Father Thompson.

Please see the parish website for a complete class schedule.

# 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

Maria Teresa Siegemund

Marshielle Pfeninger

Valerie Hines-Riley

- All those in harm's way.
- For the people of Ukraine

### 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.



**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

### At Home With Faith

Are you struggling with passing your faith on to your children? Are there gaps in your own Faith Formation that you would like to fill? Does your family LIVE their faith all week, or just on Sundays?

If you answered YES to any of the above questions, visit the At Home With Faith website courtesy of the Archdiocese of Seattle. Here you will find weekly resources to share with your family. Just 15 minutes a day as a family talking about your faith can help strengthen your daily faith practices. https://marriagefamilylife.seattlearchdiocese.org/

"The family is the place where parents become their children's first teachers in the faith." -Pope Francis

# PARISH MINISTRIES



Monthly Meeting \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ July 12 10:00AM Religious Ed Bldg July 10 **Coffee Hour** 11:45AM Parish Hall



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS **COUNCIL 17152**

July 20 6:00PM Parish Hall July 31 **KofC Breakfast** 11:45AM Parish Hall



# St. Vincent de Paul

July 21 **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 around 1PM



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 July 4

### PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Rosary Prayer Group 7:00PM Church

**TUESDAY** July 5

### NO DAILY MASS

**Spanish Prayer Group** 6:30PM Parish Hall

WEDNESDAY July 6

Daily Mass @ St. Columban 9:00AM +In Memory of: Michael J. Watters RIP

THURSDAY July 7

Daily Mass @ St. Columban 9:00AM

+ Intentions of: Dean Walker

**Bible Study** 

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

FRIDAY July 8

Daily Mass @ St. Columban 9:00AM +In Memory of: Henry Wayne RIP

SATURDAY July 9

Confession

3:30PM St. Columban

Vigil Mass

5:00PM St. Columban

### 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 10

# ST. PETER MISSION TENINO

7:30-7:45AM Confession 8:00AM Mass

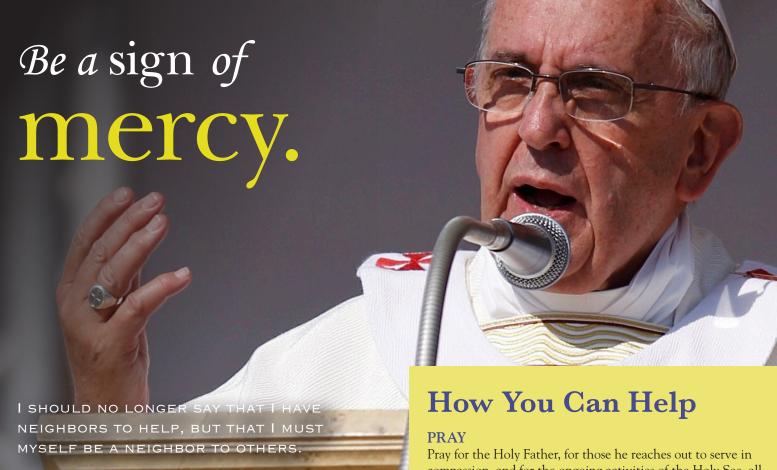
ST. COLUMBAN

10:30AM Mass

11:45AM Coffee Hour Hosted by the Daughters of Mary

### **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



he Peter's Pence Collection has a long tradition as a sign that Catholics around the world are joined in support of the Holy Father.

POPE FRANCIS, FRATELLI TUTTI, NO. 81

# A Concrete Sign of Mercy

The year 2020 united the whole world in suffering as the COVID-19 pandemic took millions of lives and created widespread economic hardship due to the closure of nonessential businesses. In Lebanon, the hardship of the pandemic was compounded by a catastrophic explosion of a warehouse at the port in Beirut on August 4, 2020. The blast killed more than 200 people and injured and displaced thousands more.

With funds collected through the Peter's Pence Collection, the Holy Father provided an immediate response of €250,000 to the Church in Lebanon, which made medical care, temporary shelter, and other basic needs available to victims through the efforts of Caritas Lebanon, Caritas Internationalis, and sister organizations of Caritas. Donations to the Peter's Pence Collection support not only the activities of the Roman Curia that assist the pope in the exercise of his ministry but also

compassion, and for the ongoing activities of the Holy See, all of which will benefit from the Peter's Pence Collection.

### **SHARE**

Share this bulletin insert with anyone who might be interested.

# **GIVE**

Give generously to this collection as a sign of mercy to those who suffer around the globe and in support of the ongoing work of the Holy See. By doing so, you help build up the Church so that it can continue to minister to all for generations to come.

solidarity projects that help those most in need, such as emergency relief to the people of Lebanon.

For more information on Peter's Pence, please visit the Vatican's Peter's Pence website: www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html.

# A Tradition of Support for the Holy Father

Support for such papal efforts is rooted in the scriptural message to take care of the poor and expresses unity with the Holy Father in two ways: through the ongoing activities of the Holy See and through the charitable works of the Holy Father on behalf of those most in need.





—Papa Francisco, Fratelli Tutti, no. 81

a Colecta Peter Pence tiene una larga tradición de ser como un signo de que los católicos alrededor del mundo se unen para darle su apoyo al Santo Padre.

# Un signo concreto de misericordia

El año 2020, el sufrimiento unió al mundo entero ya que la pandemia del COVID-19 se cobró millones de vidas y creó dificultades económicas en todas partes debido al cierre de negocios no esenciales. En el Líbano, el 4 de agosto del 2020, se agravaron aún más las dificultades producidas por la pandemia debido a una catastrófica explosión en un depósito ubicado en el puerto de Beirut. La explosión mató a más de 200 personas e hirió y desplazó a miles más.

Gracias a los fondos recaudados mediante la Colecta Peter Pence, el Santo Padre respondió inmediatamente proporcionándole a la Iglesia en el Líbano €250,000 euros, lo que puso a disposición de las víctimas atención médica, viviendas temporales y otras necesidades básicas a través de la labor de Caritas Líbano, Caritas Internationalis y organizaciones hermanas de Caritas. Los donativos a la Colecta Peter Pence financia no solo las actividades de la Curia Romana que asiste al Papa en el ejercicio de su ministerio, sino también en proyectos de solidaridad que ayudan a los más necesitados—como la ayuda de emergencia dada al pueblo del Líbano.

# Como pueden ayudar

### **ORANDO**

Ora por el Santo Padre, por aquellos a quienes él ayuda y sirve con compasión y por las actividades en curso de la Santa Sede que se beneficiarán con esta colecta.

### **COMPARTIENDO**

Comparte este inserto para el boletín con cualquier persona que pudiese estar interesada.

### **DANDO**

Contribuye generosamente a esta colecta como signo de misericordia hacia aquellos que sufren en todo el mundo y como apoyo a la continua labor de la Santa Sede. Al hacerlo, estás ayudando a edificar la Iglesia para que ella pueda seguir haciendo su ministerio con todas las generaciones futuras.

Para más información sobre la Colecta Peter Pence, por favor, visita el sitio web Peter Pence del Vaticano: www. obolodisanpietro.va/es.html.

# Una Tradición de Apoyo para el Santo Padre

El apoyo a estas labores del Papa se origina en el mensaje de las Escrituras de cuidar al pobre y expresa la unidad con el Santo Padre de dos maneras: mediante las actividades en curso de la Santa Sede y mediante las labores de caridad del Santo Padre a favor de los más necesitados.



# Labourers in the Harvest

Like 10:1-12, 17-20



I am sending in the midst

In today's Gospel you out as lambs reading, Jesus sends out seventy-two disof wolves. ciples to tell the people in

the towns that He is coming, and to heal the sick. He tells them that they should pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.

Jesus compares the souls of the people to a harvest. He needs people who will go out into the world and gather the souls for Him, and tells the people that they should pray that God will send out these labourers. Do you know who these people are? They are the priests and other missionaries who work to bring people to Jesus.

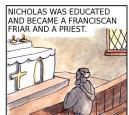
Do you think that God might be calling you to be a labourer in the harvest of souls? Pray every day that you will know how you can best serve God. Also pray that God will send many holy priests and missionaries into the world.

> Answer to Match-Up Puzzle: 1.lambs 2.wolves 3.sandals Assumer to Match-Up Justinese 6.you volumer to Match-Up Justinese 6.you Answer to puzzle on front: cross of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

> > www.thekidsbulletin.com

# Saint Nicholas Pieck July 9















WHEN NICHOLAS AND THE OTHERS WOULD NOT DENY THE POPE AND THE REAL PRESENCE OF JESUS IN THE FUCHARIST THEY WERE HUNG FROM AND KILLED

SAINT NICHOLAS PIECK WAS A FRIENDLY AND HAPPY MAN. HE BROUGHT PEOPLE BACK TO GOD AND THE CHURCH BY TELLING THEM THE TRUTH AND BY BEING KIND. YOU CAN HELP PEOPLE BECOME CLOSER TO GOD BY BEING NICE TO THEM TOO, BUT NEVER GIVE UP TELLING THEM THE TRUTH, NO MATTER WHAT!

# The Kids' Bulletin

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 3rd, 2022

What did Saint Paul say in today's second reading? Sort out the letters by number to find out!

Far be it from me to glory except in the



# Match-Up Puzzle: Jesus Sends out the 72 Disciples

15 16 17 18 19

Jesus gave the seventy-two disciples some instructions as He sent them out to the towns Can you find the right words to finish the phrases?

1. Go your way; · road behold, I send you out as 1 2. in the midst of • wolves 3. Carry no purse, no bag, no • · sandals

5. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this •

4. and salute no one on the •

11 12 13 14

6. And if a son of peace is there, your peace shall rest upon him; but if not, it shall return to •

7. And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his • • wages

you

20 21 22 23 24 25

· house

• lambs





# PICK OF THE WEEK

July 3, 2022

# WATCH

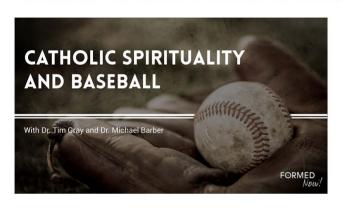
# JOHN PAUL II IN AMERICA: UNITING A CONTINENT

The papacy of St. John Paul II left an indelible mark on our homeland. Driven a conviction to unite the Americas under the patronage of Our Lady of Guadalupe, he traveled from Argentina all the way to Alaska, shaping a generation and changing history along the way. In celebration of our country this week, enjoy this film documenting the journies of John Paul II, the "Pilgrim Pope."



# LEARN

# FORMED NOW! CATHOLIC SPIRITUALITY AND BASEBALL

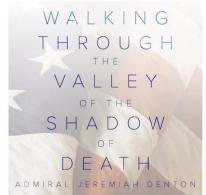


What better time to discuss America's favorite pastime than the week of July 4? Believe it or not, baseball can shed much light on our spiritual lives through its familiar images. In this video, Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Michael Barber discuss how these seemingly opposite topics relate to one another. After watching this, you'll be reminded of your mission: to be safe at home!

# LISTEN

# WALKING THROUGH THE VALLEY OF THE SHADOW OF DEATH BY ADM. JEREMIAH DENTON

Admiral Jeremiah Denton spent over seven years as a prisoner of war in Vietnam. In this moving presentation, he recalls how, through the power of prayer, he withstood extreme torture rather than betray God or the U.S.A. For his valor, he was awarded the Purple Heart, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal, the Navy Cross, and the POW Medal. He is now a champion of various humanitarian causes. Enjoy his testimony is this talk!



Our parish has a FORMED subscription.



# Jesus never let his disciples fall prey to the division in the world around them.

Instead, he gave them his peace so they could offer it to others. Let's commit to sharing this peace with the country we love.



Don't have access to a Bible?

Visit <u>www.usccb.org/bible/readings</u> or download an app such as *Laudate* or *iBreviary* to access the Mass readings.

When Jesus sends the disciples on mission, he tells them, "I am sending you like lambs among wolves." (Luke 10:3) He was sending them into a divided and dangerous environment where Romans, Zealots, Pharisees and Sadducees fought for political and cultural control. Rather than equip them with weapons, money or political alliances, Jesus sends them with the Good News of the peace he offers.

We are called to do the same thing. The more we are connected to the peace Jesus offers us through prayer, study, good decisions and the sacraments, the more ready we are to share that peace with others. As Independence Day approaches, let's strengthen our nation by sharing this peace with friends, family, and community.

### Isaiah 66:10-14

Rejoice at the renewal of Jerusalem.

### Psalm 66

Blessed is God who heard my prayer.

### **Galatians 6:14-18**

May I never boast except in the cross of Jesus.

# Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

Behold I am sending you as lambs among wolves.

# SHARING THE SEACE OF CHRIST

# At Home with Faith

# **Talk**

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

Share gratitude for our nation:

- Remind our children that Jesus appreciated the nation and culture around him. Jesus spoke with affection about Jerusalem, temple and the people around him. He lived in a time of enormous political and cultural conflict and sinful behavior, but he never let the need to correct the abuses of power that he saw blind him to his love for the people around him or prevent him from participating in the celebrations of the Jewish faith. Also, he sent the disciples as lambs among wolves, calling them to rise above the divisions of their day.
- Ask your children what they love about their community and country. Encourage them to focus on the good things they see around them. You might point to the way we provide each person the dignity to freely choose faith rather than forcing one belief on everyone. Or you might point to a time when we gathered together to help one another maybe during the pandemic or through our parish food bank. Let them know all this is a response to God's call to love our neighbor.
- Encourage them to preserve peace in their hearts. Jesus sent the disciples out as lambs among wolves. This means that he commanded them to have peace in their hearts rather than approach others looking for conflict and division. Let them know that, when we work to improve our nation and community, whether things go well or poorly, we need to always stay grounded in our relationship with Jesus so we have peace in our hearts that we can share with others.

# Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship

https://www.usccb.org/offices/justice-peace-human-development/forming-consciences-faithful-citizenship

Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship is a teaching document created by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops to offer guidance on the political responsibility of Catholics. Visit the website above to download the document in English or Spanish.

# **Catholic Community Services of Western Washington (CCSWW)**

https://ccsww.org/

https://ccsww.org/get-help/child-youth-family-services/prepares/

Check out the many ministries of Catholic Community Services of Western Washington to serve those in need such as Prepares, which "walks the journey" supporting pregnant women, mothers and families.

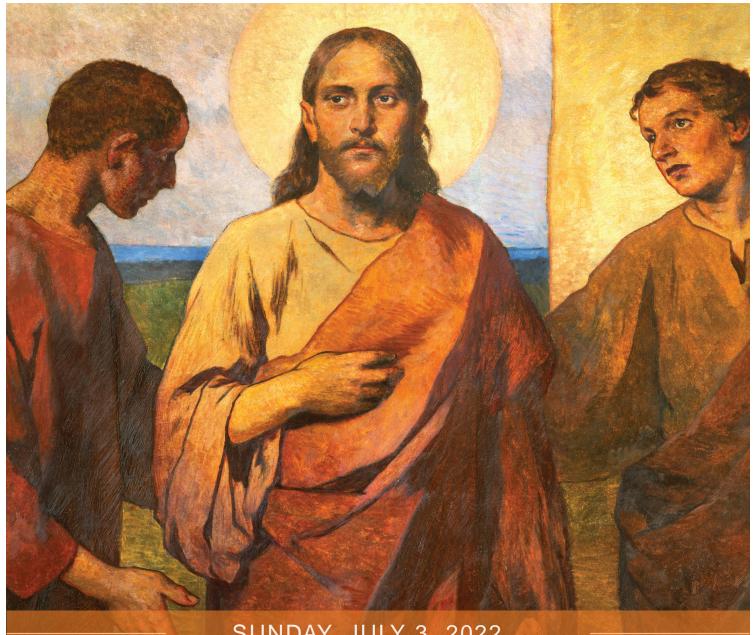
### **Catholic Charities USA**

https://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/

Catholic Charities USA helps people, regardless of their faith, who are struggling with poverty and other issues. Their programs include a wide variety of services, including affordable housing, disaster relief, support for immigrants and refugees, and more.

# For more resources, visit us online at:

https://marriagefamilylife.seattlearchdiocese.org/athomewithfaith



# SUNDAY, JULY 3, 2022

# 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Whatever town you enter and they welcome you, eat what is set before you, cure the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God is at hand for you." - Lk 10:8-9

# WEEKLY PRAYER

# **READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 3, 2022**

**Sunday:** Is 66:10-14c/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 [1]/Gal 6:14-18/

Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9

**Monday:** Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 9:18-26

**Tuesday:** Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10//Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 10:1-7

**Thursday:** Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16/Mt 10:7-15

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 10:16-23

**Saturday:** Is 6:1-8/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mt 10:24-33

Next Sunday: Dt 30:10-14/Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37 or Ps 19:8, 9,

10, 11 [9])/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37

# **OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 3, 2022**

**Sunday:** 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Thomas, Apostle

**Monday:** Independence Day

**Tuesday:** St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest; St. Elizabeth of Portugal

**Wednesday:** St. Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr

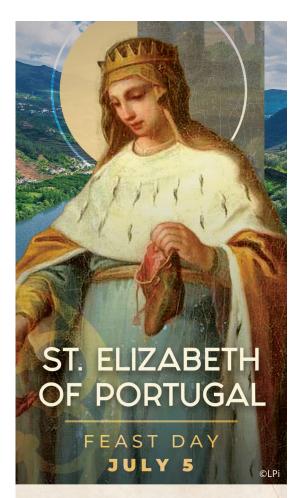
**Saturday:** St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

**Next Sunday:** 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### LIVE THE LITURGY

# Inspiration for the week

The celebration of our country's independence gives us cause to reflect on the gift of freedom. We treasure the liberties our country provides, but are they the real source of freedom? True freedom is a gift given to us by God, not by the world. In fact, the world robs us of freedom by tethering us to a need for money, power, possessions, and prestige as vehicles to success and measures of self-worth. Even though we possess certain liberties, we are held captive by a system that sees no value in the Cross of Christ. It is no wonder Jesus sent his seventy-two disciples into the world with only what they were wearing. The freedom given to us by God is a matter of the heart and requires detachment from the very things we think we cannot do without. A heart secure in God's peace is something no one can take away and something really worth dying for.



# SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Elizabeth was born to Peter III of Aragon and his queen Constantia in 1271. Like most royal girls of the time, she was betrothed at an early age, and was married to King Diniz (or Dinis, English: Denis) at the age of 12. Although her husband's infidelities and life of sin caused much scandal, Elizabeth was a good and pius queen. She attended Mass daily and dedicated her life to helping the poor. She established orphanages and shelters for the homeless. She also founded a convent of Poor Clares at Coimbra, Portugal.

Often called Peacemaker, Elizabeth was from her birth a reconciler of conflict. Her birth brought her father and his estranged father James to peace. Later when her own son and husband came to war out of jealousy, she rode between armies and reconciled the two men.

After King Diniz died in 1325, she went to live as a lay member at the convent of Poor Clares that she had founded. But her fight for peace was not over, she undertook a long ride to keep the army of her son Afonso IV, from fighting that of Alfonso XI of Castile. Although she was successful, she died shortly after from a fever.

Saint Elizabeth was canonized on May 25th, 1625, by Pope Urban VIII. In the United States her memorial has been transferred to 5 July since 4 July is Independence Day, a national holiday.



### FIRST READING

Lo, I will spread prosperity over Jerusalem like a river, and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing torrent. (Is 66:12)



# **PSALM**

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy. (Ps 66)



# **SECOND READING**

From now on, let no one make troubles for me; for I bear the marks of Jesus on my body. (Gal 6:17)



# **GOSPEL**

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# **WORSHIP & MEDITATION**



# **GOSPEL MEDITATION**

# **Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture**

Freedom properly defined is freedom properly understood. The Cambridge Dictionary tells us that it is, "the condition or right of being able or allowed to do, say, think, etc., whatever you want to, without being controlled or limited." That same dictionary defines liberty as, "the freedom to live, work, and travel as you want to." Both definitions sound very similar. Is there a difference between freedom and liberty? Many are accustomed to believing that freedom and liberty are interchangeable and simply involve possessing rights and privileges. For the Christian, however, there is a big difference between the two.

St. John Chrysostom directs that "the only person who is free is the one who lives for Christ." There are many other inspirational people throughout history who see freedom as something far greater than liberty. True and properly understood freedom has little to do with entitlement or self-promotion. For the believer, it is a matter of the heart and soul. Freedom (and liberty, for that matter), seen only in terms of the world, can quickly be taken away. The freedom spoken of by St. John Chrysostom can only be lost by personal choice. When one lives for Christ, they live in pursuit of virtues that enlighten one's soul (faith, hope, and love) and strengthen one's character (justice, fortitude, temperance, and prudence). Rather than having the ability to acquire or do more things, true freedom asks us to be detached. Privileges, rights, and responsibilities are important, but they do not define us.

The world is not always open to listening to the truth. "I am sending you like lambs among wolves," Jesus tells his disciples. The secular definitions of freedom and liberty are very attractive. They promise us a great deal. It is no wonder Jesus asks his disciples to travel with very little. The Gospel is not dependent upon things or anything those with worldly power or investment can say or do. When one chooses to live for Christ, they choose to live with peace. That's what true freedom will give us. If we do not want what Christ offers, we can close the door, and the messenger will walk away. Distracted by the lure of personal liberties, we risk losing our freedom. We will not have anything truly life-giving to share with others.

# LITURGICAL LIFE

# RESPONDING Call

# **EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP**

# **Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments**

# When God Speaks Like a Polish Grandmother

A friend of mine had a Polish grandmother who was famous for giving her children some blunt advice every time they left the house: "Eyes straight ahead. Mind your own business."

Every mother knows her children best, and this mother knew hers liked to argue and sometimes liked to show off. She knew that could lead to trouble. She could not anticipate every scenario they would encounter each time they departed from her. All she could do was distill what she knew about life, safety, and manners into a few simple words, and hand them over to her children like a set of car keys or a hastily scribbled map. In this way, a woman who rarely said "I love you" expressed her devotion. And long after she was dead and buried, her aging sons and daughters repeated these words to themselves, like a child wrapping himself in a warm blanket.

Jesus does much the same for us, in many portions of the Gospels. "Ask the master to send out laborers for his harvest...Carry no money...Eat what is set before you...Know that the Kingdom of God is at hand...Rejoice because your names are written in Heaven."

He knows us best — knows our strengths, but even more importantly, he knows our weaknesses. He doesn't always have the space to address each of these explicitly in the pages of Scripture, but what he can do is distill the truth of effective evangelization into a few simple words, and hand them over to us as food for our journey of discipleship. In this way, a God who addresses the entire world and every soul who ever lived also speaks intimately to each one of us.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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# WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained:

# Question:

Why do we have a liturgical season called ordinary time? Can you explain?

### Answer:

Ordinary time is the longest season of the liturgical year. It begins the Monday after January 6, the Epiphany, and goes until the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. That period can last anywhere from five to eight weeks, depending on when Easter is celebrated. Ordinary time picks up again the Monday after Pentecost Sunday and lasts from twenty-three to twenty-seven weeks, until the end of the liturgical year, the Saturday before Advent begins.

Why the name ordinary? "Ordinary" is not in contrast to "extraordinary" or "special" but rather stresses the Latin language notion of "ordinal" or numbered Sundays. The Latin title for the season, tempus ordinarium, conveys the sense that this time of the year is measured or numbered time. Measured time can allude simply to the numbered Sundays, or the notion that these Sundays are a "measured" time to deepen and immerse ourselves completely in the realities of Jesus' incarnation, ministry, passion, death, and resurrection. Ordinary time offers us the opportunity to connect the ordinary lived experiences of our lives with those of Jesus, who modeled for us how to live a truly human existence.



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"Whatever town you enter and they welcome you, eat what is set before you, cure the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God is at hand for you.'"

- Lk 10:8-9

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# LITURGICAL LIFE

# **QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK**

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

### First Reading

Upon their return from exile in Babylon, the prophet Isaiah speaks of God's restoration of Jerusalem, characterizing Jerusalem as a nurturing mother feeding and loving her child. Why do you think Isaiah uses such sensuous and bold imagery?

### **Second Reading**

In his closing remarks to the Galatians, Paul comments that he "bears the marks of Jesus on his body," a clear reference to his own physical sufferings. Paul's scarred body gave him credibility as an apostle. How would you demonstrate your credibility as a believer in Jesus?

### **Gospel Reading**

During his public ministry, we hear how Jesus sent out his followers to begin evangelizing (preaching, healing, and exorcising) in his name. How best can we evangelize non-believers today?



# 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME







"Behold, I have given you the power to 'tread upon serpents' and scorpions and upon the *full force of* the enemy and nothing will harm you. *Nevertheless,* do not rejoice because the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice because your names are written in heaven."

- Lk 10:19-20

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# SHARING THE GOSPEL

Jesus sent out 72 of his followers to spread the good news about God. They were not to bring anything with them - no food, no extra clothes or shoes, not even money to spend. They were to visit strangers and completely depend on God to give them what they needed. That took a lot of faith!

# **PRAYER**

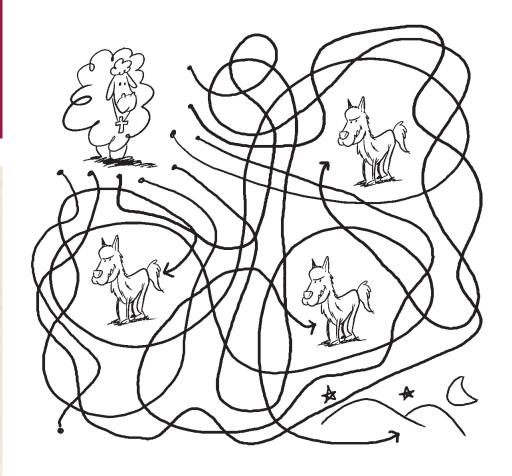
Dear God, help me to remember that you will give me what I need.

# MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Make a card for one of your neighbors, and tell that person, "Jesus loves you!"

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