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



June 5, 2022

Pentecost Sunday

Today's Readings

Entrance Antiphon: The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world, and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

1st Reading: Acts 2:1-11

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, send out your spirit and renew the face of

the Earth.

2nd Reading: Romans 8:8-17

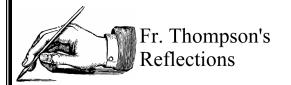
Gospel Acclamation: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful

and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Gospel: John 14:15-16, 23b-26

Communion Antiphon: They were filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, 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.



Canon 915

A few weeks ago, the Archbishop of San Francisco put out a public declaration that a politician who resides (when not in D.C.) in his diocese was be refused Holy Communion due to her support for abortion. He noted that he had reached out to her with pastoral concern about this unchristian and inhuman political position many times, but she would not repent and at times did not even acknowledge his communications. What is more, she has since intensified her abhorrent advocacy for abortion, seeking to remove virtually all limitations or restrictions that exist on abortions and establish it federally in positive law (for fear that abortion may soon lose the legal protection it presently has by judicial fiat). In light of all this, the archbishop chose to publicly rebuke her scandalous and evil behavior (note: her behavior, not her as a person), and for her sake and the sake of the faithful of the Church, invoked canon 915 of the Church's Code of Canon law, which states that those who are obstinately and publicly engaged in grave evil may not be given Holy Communion until they should repent. I think a number of Catholics are confused as to how a declaration like that works and also what it is for.

The archbishop has not gone so far as to impose an official punishment under Church law such as excommunication, even though instructing ministers to refuse the politician Holy Communion and instructing her not to present herself seems on the surface to get the same result. There is a difference, however, as he is merely pastorally notifying her that her behavior has by its nature has come under the discipline canon 915 codifies, and commanding her to act accordingly. Excommunication, on the other hand, is a criminal sentence (intended to call someone to conversion) that the bishop imposes by his authority and power. The principle that the archbishop invoked is not punitive, but about pastorally safeguarding her from "eating and drinking condemnation" as St Paul warns regarding unworthy Communions, as well as safeguarding everyone else from scandal (here meaning not a salacious or outrageous behavior being revealed, but the act of leading another person into error or sin. E.g. the danger that by seeing a pro-abortion catholic receive Holy Communion, others might think that position is compatible with Christianity—or human decency for that matter, which it is not).

Now, I know some may be asking why other sorts of sinners in the Church are not subject to these sorts of restrictions? In one sense, they are. Canon 916, the principle that if one is conscious of grave sin he must go to confession before seeking Holy Communion, does in fact affect every person who commits a serious sin. However, canon 915—that ministers must deny Holy Communion to manifest obstinate grave sinners until they publicly repent—only applies to those whose guilt in an evil is publicly known and the individual is nonetheless persevering in their unrepentance after being admonished. Usually, those who are guilty of a sin, even one which has become publicly proved, are ashamed of their misbehavior and acknowledge it was wrong, or have at least stopped or been stopped by the time the sin is made public, so canon 915 simply doesn't apply to every public evil. In this case, however, in addition to the question of personal culpability for sin (which neither we nor the archbishop know for certain), the public nature of her behavior needs to be corrected so as to prevent scandal: thus, even if she is in a state of grace and her heart has truly changed, canon 915 still requires Holy Communion to be withheld until she also publicly and totally recant past support for the hideous evil of abortion.

Again, canons 915 and 916 are not personal punishments, like excommunication, but are principles of safeguarding the sanctity of the Eucharist and protecting others in the Church from being led astray by the bad example of others.

Happy Pentecost,

Fr Thompson

Financial Stewardship

Week of May 22, 2022				
Ordinary Income	St Columban	St Peter		
Weekly Goal	\$5,762.00	\$712.00		
Collection (Cash & Envelopes)	\$3,880.00	\$31000		
Online Giving	\$1,384.07	\$170.15		
Net	(\$497.93)	(\$231.85)		
Special Funds				
St Vincent DePaul	\$628.64			
Sacramentals (Candles, Beeswax tapers, Salt)				
Flowers	\$103.00	\$5.00		
Building Fund	\$729.49			
Parishioner Solidarity Fund				
Called to Serve as Christ	Last Reported	14-Mar		
Total Pledged	\$117,529	\$26,997		
Total Received	\$82,047.48	\$15,917		
Total Rebate	\$12,307.12	\$2,387.55		

Annual Catholic Appeal

Goal for St. Columban: \$24,555

Total Pledged as of

\$13,264

54% of Goal

7% Participation

Goal for St. Peter: \$ 3,984

Total Pledged as of

\$4,330

121% of Goal

20% Participation

Thank you for your pledge or donation!

SAINT COLUMBAN **PASTORAL COUNCIL**

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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

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 the victims and their families of the shooting in Uvalde, Texas

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.

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.



June 14 10:00AM Monthly Meeting <a>Dzoom Religious Ed Bldg



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS *** COUNCIL 17152

June 15 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



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.

June 6

June 7

MONDAY

Rosary Prayer Group

7:00PM Church

TUESDAY

Daily Mass @ St. Columban 9:00AM

Cantor Practice

6:00PM Church

Spanish Prayer Group

6:30PM Parish Hall

WEDNESDAY June 8

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

THURSDAY June 9

Daily Mass @ St. Columban 9:00AM

Bible Study

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

FRIDAY June 10

Daily Mass @ St. Columban 9:00AM

SATURDAY June 11

Confession

3:30PM St. Columban

Vigil Mass

5:00PM St. Columban

HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY June 12

ST. PETER MISSION TENINO

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

ST. COLUMBAN

10:30AM Mass

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

Annual Catholic Appeal



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,

Toul O, Chinne

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



Quo Vadis Days 2022

This amazing 3-day camp with priests and seminarians from the Archdiocese of Seattle will provide participants the opportunity to learn more about the priesthood, to deepen their faith, and to better discern God's call in their lives. June 27-



29, 2022 at Camp Hamilton. Space is limited to 60 participants. Register now at https://archseattle.org/event/quo-vadis-days/

(**Please note: participant age has changed to high-school-age only**. Also, the nominal \$50 fee can be waived in cases of need.)



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.













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 : (Ar	ny special featur	es or unique h	istory about the car that w	e 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**. Preregistration 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.

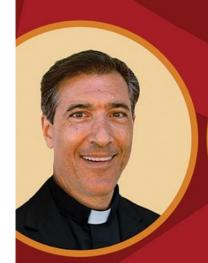
<u>Disclaimer:</u> All registrants participate at their own risk. St. Columban Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus are not responsible for any damages incurred through participation in the event. COVID health safety guidelines will be observed.

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

2022 Ordinations

The Archdiocese of Seattle joyfully announces the Ordination to the Priesthood of

JOHN DEPALMA
CHAD HILL
JOSH NEHNEVAJ







Saturday, June 25, 2022 10:00AM, ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL

Ordinations Diaconate





Come Holy Spirit!

after Jesus had ascended into Heaven. The disciples and Mary were praying together when the Holy Spirit suddenly came with the sound of a huge wind and what looked like flames of fire coming down on each of them. The apostles went right out and began to preach and teach people about Jesus.

The Holy Spirit comes to us in Baptism and lives in us whenever our souls are in a state of grace (when we don't have any serious sins.) He comes into us more whenever we receive a Sacrament, especially Confirmation. He helps us do what is right and serve God using all the gifts He gives us. The Holy Spirit, who is the third Person of the Blessed Trinity, draws us closer to God the Father and Jesus.

Pray to the Holy Spirit every day to help you to do everything for God. Then see how your life changes!



Answer to maze puzzle on front: Come Holy Spirit!
Answers to Cross-Word: Across: Lypirit 5.amazed 6. Heaven 7. began
Answers to Cross-Word: Across: 1. Spirit 5. ame
B. us 9. separated 12. tongues 13. as 14. sirting
Down: 1. speak 2. one
3. languages 4. Pentecost 6. house 10. does 11. his

www.thekidsbulletin.com

Saint Boniface Aune 5



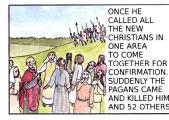












ST. BONIFACE ALWAYS MADE SURE HE WAS DOING WHAT THE POPE WANTED HIM TO. HE IS A GOOD EXAMPLE TO US BY HIS OBEDIENCE TO THE HOLY FATHER, WHOM GOD HAS PUT IN CHARGE OF HIS CHURCH. WE SHOULD OBEY THE POPE AND PRAY FOR HIM TOO. CAN YOU SAY A PRAYER FOR POPE FRANCIS?

thekidsbulletin@gmail.com

The Kids' Bulletin

Pentecost Sunday June 5th, 2022



Today is the feast of Pentecost, when the Holy
Spirit came to Mary and the Apostles in the form
of wind and tongues of fire.
Can you find your way through this maze and use

Can you find your way through this maze and use the letters in your path to fill in the blanks?

Pentecost Cross-Word them where they belong in the puzzle. Use the words from the list to fill in the blanks in today's first DOES**AMAZED** ASSEPARATED ONE**BEGAN TONGUES** LANGUAGES**SPIRIT SITTING** reading, and then write HEAVEN **SPEAK** HIS HOUSE US**PENTECOST** When (4D) day came round, they had (2D) room, when suddenly they heard what all met in sounded like a powerful wind from (6A) the noise of

all met in ___(2D) room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from ____,(6A) the noise of which filled the entire ____(6D) in which they were ____;(14A) and something appeared to them that seemed like ____(12A) of fire; these ____(9A) and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy ____,(1A) and ____(7A) to ____(1D) foreign _____(3D) ___(13A) the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were ______(5A) and astonished.

"Surely," they said, "all these men speaking are Galileans?

How ____(10D) it happen that each of ___(8A) hears them in (11D)own native language?" (A=Across D=Down)

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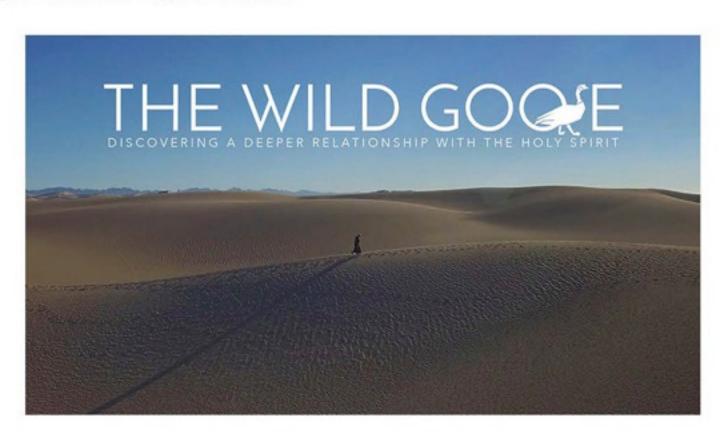
PICK OF THE WEEK

WATCH

June 5, 2022

BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT & FIRE

As we celebrate the Nativity of John the Baptist this week, we remember his words: "He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire" (Mt 3:11). Jesus came to baptize us in the Holy Spirit, and the power and grace that comes from baptism in the Holy Spirit changes lives. Explore the meaning of this sacrament in this episode of The Wild Goose!



LEARN

FORMED NOW! DOES FAITH TAKE A VACATION?



As many of us embark on sunny vacations, it's important to make sure our faith remains front and center in our lives. Since it's easy for us to be distracted by the excitement of the summer rhythm, Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Scott Hefelfinger discuss what we can do to make sure we don't let the spiritual life take a back seat.

LISTEN

FAN OR FOLLOWER? YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS BY JEFF CAVINS

In this talk, Jeff Cavins shares how he has come to see that Jesus wants us to surrender every bit of our own comfort to follow Him. We are all fans of Jesus, but how many of us are truly his disciples?





Jesus wants us to have a relationship with the Holy Spirit. When we listen to Jesus and follow him, that will lead us to an encounter with the Holy Spirit and to becoming the person God means us to be.



Take time to read and reflect on the Scriptures for this day.

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.

Finding the disciples in the upper room, Jesus breathed the Holy Spirit on the disciples and sent them to do good work (cf. John 20:19-23). He also promised that, if we do our best to keep his commandments the Father will send us the Holy Spirit to help. (cf. John 14:14-26)

Because he created us all differently, the good work we do varies widely. Some of us are like Mother Teresa following Jesus by feeding the hungry or caring for the sick. Others teach and encourage like St. Thomas Aquinas. The Holy Spirit is ready to help all of us grow into the kind person we were created to be. It all starts with following Jesus.

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

Acts 2:1-11

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit.

Psalm 104

Lord, send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth!

1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts.

John 20:19-23

Jesus said: "Receive the Holy Spirit."

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 be open to the holy Spirit:

- Reflect upon your own experience of the Holy Spirit. Take a moment in prayer to really reflect upon the times in your life you have been intentionally following Jesus. See if you recall a sense of creativity, a sense of clarity around what God intends, a sense of being in communion with the Church, a sense of love and care for the people around you, a sense of good things being created. Reflect on those moments and the possibility that the Holy Spirit was at work.
- Reflect upon the story of a saint you respect and their interactions with the Holy Spirit. You might think of St. Francis, who asked the Holy Spirit for guidance and joyfully responded with a life of love and care for the poor. You might also think of St. Therese of Lisieux, who found the Holy Spirit in setting aside distractions and frustrations to find joy in prayer and reflection. Consider if you observe any patterns that align or contrast with your own experience.
- Catch your child doing something to follow Jesus. Ask if they think the Holy Spirit might want to help them. When your child is doing something that seems inspired by the Holy Spirit or the kind of thing the Holy Spirit would want to encourage, let them know that they are following Jesus' path and suggest the possibility that the Holy Spirit might want to help. If your child is intrigued, this is a good time to share some of the patterns that you recall in your life or some of the patterns that took place in the lives of saints.



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

"In a lyrical passage of Saint Paul, we see some of the features of true love: 'Love is Patient, love is kind; love is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude, Love does not insist on its own way, it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.' (1 Corinthians 13:4-7)"

Amoris Laetitia (The Joy of Love) #90

Ultimately, love is a theological virtue made possible by God. If we want to live the kind of love that Pope Francis highlights from St. Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, we can turn to the Holy Spirit for help. Whenever we attempt to follow the path Jesus intends for us, we can always turn to the Holy Spirit for help and encouragement!

For more resources, visit us online at:

https://marriagefamilylife.seattlearchdiocese.org/athomewithfaith



SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 2022

PENTECOST SUNDAY

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[Jesus said to his disciples:] "Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him." - Jn 14:23

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 5, 2022

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

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 6, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 17:7-16/Ps 4:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8/Mt 5:13-16

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 18:20-39/Ps 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab and 8, 11/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: 1 Kgs 18:41-46/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13/Mt 5:20-26

Friday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14/Mt 5:27-32

Saturday: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Mt 5:33-37

Next Sunday: Prv 8:22-31/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2a]/Rom 5:1-5/Jn 16:12-15

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 5, 2022

Sunday: Pentecost Sunday; St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr

Monday: Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church; St. Norbert, Bishop

Thursday: St. Ephrem, Deacon and Doctor of the Church

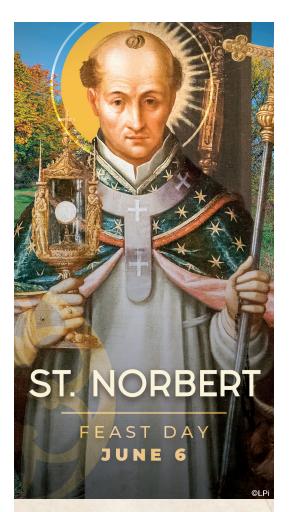
Saturday: St. Barnabas, Apostle

Next Sunday: The Most Holy Trinity

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

St. Josemaria Escriva tell us, "To live according to the Holy Spirit means to live by faith and hope and charity. To allow God to take possession of our lives and to change our hearts, to make us resemble him more and more." Today we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit given freely by God to us. The Holy Spirit is the very breath of God and the true source of our power and strength. When we accept that God is the beginning and the end of all things, we open ourselves to receiving this powerful presence. The Holy Spirit alone is the one who teaches us how to pray, who stirs us to lift our eyes to heaven in search of our Creator and opens them to recognize the wonderful gifts of faith, hope, and love God gives us. The Holy Spirit is the one who teaches us how to understand ourselves, God, others, and the world. When we allow God's Own breath to truly take possession of us, we realize that we are meant to become like God and know Him as He really is. This ultimate helper lifts our eyes from what is below to what is above and empowers us to live life with joy and keener vision!



SAINT OF THE WEEK

Born to nobility, St. Norbert of Xanten, was ordained as a subdeacon and served in the court of Henry V, Emperor of Germany, however, at court it was easy to be distracted by wealth, power and luxury and he lived a worldly and corrupt life there. By the grace of God while traveling in a storm he was nearly struck by lightning and almost killed. This experience changed St. Norbert and he became penitent, left his court post, and after a period of discernment in a monastery, felt called to be a priest.

Norbert became an itinerant preacher, preaching against worldly attitudes but at the Pope's request finally settled in northern France and founded the Norbertine order established according to the rule of St. Augustine. The order grew rapidly and soon founded women's branch. Norbert traveled and preached across Germany where he also founded a lay branch of the Norbertines. In Belgium he preached against heresies which denied the Blessed Sacrament.

Eventually he was made Archbishop of Magdeburg, Germany, and later he traveled to Rome in support of Pope Innocent II, against the antipope. Afterward he returned to Germany to court of Emperor Lothar as advisor, at end of life, in failing health, St. Norbert was carried back to Magdeburg where he died.

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FIRST READING

And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.

(Acts 2:4)



PSALM

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. (Ps 104)

Or Alleluia.



SECOND READING

For those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. (Rom 8:14)



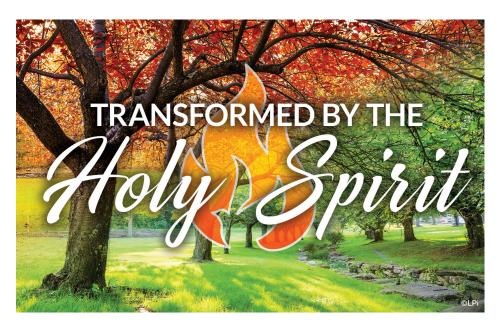
GOSPEL

"The Advocate, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I had told you." (Jn 14:26)

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WORSHIP & MEDITATION



GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Even though Pentecost is rightly celebrated in late spring, the robust experience of a New England fall can provide a profound metaphor for reflection. A full expression of fall colors is beautiful to behold. But, with all of its majesty and beauty, the observer knows the experience of death is soon to come. Creation will be dark and barren for a while. Pentecost cannot be separated from the cross. Before God's transformative, lifegiving power can bear fruit, we must first die.

Pentecost is all about leaving the lifeless dead wood behind and allowing God, through the power of the Holy Spirit, to create something new. These Pentecost creations happen repeatedly over and over again. The birthing process of the Church is ongoing. God is always bringing life out of death and creating something where there was once nothing. That is why the fall is such an apropos metaphorical season for Pentecost. In order to really receive the gift of the Holy Spirit we have to die to what we once knew and what no longer works.

When fire and wind find their fullest expression, they are in no way gentle nor kind. They have the potential to level anything in their paths. We are experiencing great turmoil in our world, nation, and our Church. Whether the result of circumstance or the work of the Holy Spirit, much of what we knew to be normal and constant is changing. Common systems and institutional structures that may have worked for a time no longer do. When the old and familiar need to be left behind, God creates something new. Change and disorder do not need to be our enemies. They always bring opportunities for something exciting and new. What we need is untiring faith, firm hope, and perfect love.

What we need is for the Holy Spirit to enlighten us to see what is important and what we must do. "O Holy Spirit, descend plentifully into my heart. Enlighten the dark corners of this neglected dwelling and scatter there Thy cheerful beams." (St. Augustine) If we experience joy, even in the midst of turbulence, then we will know we are exactly where God needs us to be. If not, then perhaps there is a lesson in the decaying leaves that graciously descend to the ground on a crisp fall day.

LITURGICAL LIFE

RESPONDING Call

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

Do You Speak Stewardship?

If you are married, I'm guessing that you know the best way to break bad news to your spouse, whether you realize it or not. Maybe it's simply that you know not to talk about the budget after your wife's football team has lost. Maybe you know your husband will take the news that your sister is coming to stay a little easier if you tell him over his favorite dinner. We do the same thing with our children, our friends, our coworkers — we have all learned the language of the people we love.

The truth is the same in every language, but it's important for us to convey that truth graciously. That's what Pentecost teaches us. The gift of being able to speak in tongues afforded the Apostles a practical skill to spread the Gospel message, but it also served as a powerful symbol of the importance of effective communication. Evangelization can only happen when you're speaking in words a person is able, ready, and willing to hear.

Let's ask ourselves: what is the language we need to speak to share the truth with the person who is standing in front of us? Is it the language of quality time? The language of concern? The language of laughter and friendship? The language of authenticity, of plain talk and frankness?

The Holy Spirit gave the Apostles the ability to speak in tongues, and it seems miraculous when we read about it in the Gospels — but only consider that we all have this same ability, in a certain way. The Holy Spirit can and will show us how to speak the truth, if we only ask.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Question:

Is the Catholic Mass really celebrated the same throughout the whole world?

Answer:

One of the truisms of the Catholic Faith is that "wherever you go in the world, the Mass is the same." In fact, the answer to this question is both "yes" and "no." On the one hand, the essential elements of the Roman Rite are the same. The structure of the Mass as it is presented in the Roman Missal is consistent and this is one of the beauties of belonging to a liturgical tradition.

On the other hand, however, there are elements of celebrations that can vary depending on the country or even local region you might be in. For example, in certain parts of the world, certain feasts and solemnities are celebrated on different days (even here in the United States the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord can be celebrated on Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter or it may take the place of the Seventh Sunday of Easter, depending on what diocese you are in). Whether it is the use of certain liturgical colors, local celebrations of regional saints, special seasonal blessings of crops or produce, or the use of dance and processions all demonstrate a sort of organic variety that can exist even within our established liturgical tradition. While we always respect what is essential to the rite, such local variations and traditions are very much in keeping with the vision of liturgical renewal and adaption envisioned by the Second Vatican Council's Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy (nos. 37-40).



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Jesus said to his
disciples: "Whoever
loves me will keep my
word, and my Father
will love him, and we
will come to him and
make our dwelling with

him." - Jn 14:23

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LITURGICAL LIFE

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

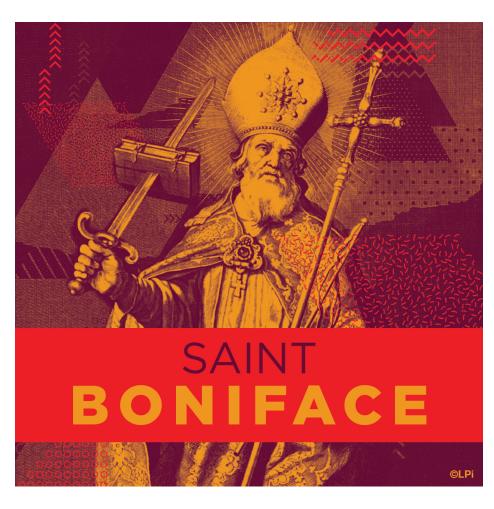
On Pentecost Sunday, the Holy Spirt descended upon the apostles and gave them the gift of speaking in multiple languages of the mighty acts of God accomplished in Jesus Christ. What gifts of the Spirit might you pray for today?

Second Reading

Paul speaks of believers in Christ as having the "Spirit of God" dwelling within them. How do you experience the presence of the Holy Spirit in your life?

Gospel Reading

The resurrected Jesus breathed on the disciples and gave the Holy Spirit to them to forgive or retain sins. How often do you partake in the sacrament of reconciliation?



PENTECOST







Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." - *In 20:21-23*

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READ THE GOSPEL AND COMPLETE A PUZZLE!

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SHARING THE GOSPEL

The disciples must have missed spending time with Jesus after he went back to heaven. But they knew that the Holy Spirit would always be with them, helping them remember what Jesus taught them. The disciples kept learning about God and kept growing closer to him. The Holy Spirit will help you remember Jesus, too.

PRAYER

Dear God, thank you for sending the Holy Spirit.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Pray to the Holy Spirit. Ask him to help you learn more about Jesus.

KIDS CORNER

How many spirits can you count?



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