

SAINT COLUMBAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

ST. COLUMBAN PARISH

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Office Hours

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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



July 10, 2022

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Readings

Entrance Antiphon: *As for me in justice I shall behold your face. I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.*

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 30:10-14

Responsorial Psalm: *Your words Lord, are Spirit and life.*

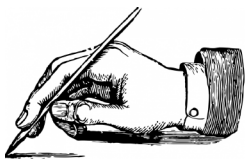
2nd Reading: Colossians 1:15-20

Gospel Acclamation: *Your words Lord, are Spirit and life. You have the words of everlasting life.*

Gospel: Luke 10: 25-37

Communion Antiphon: *Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him says the Lord.*

We are a Catholic faith community that seeks to place God first, to know Him, and to grow in holiness together. We strive to live the Gospel through the Eucharist, in our teaching and way of life.



Fr. Thompson's Reflections

Confirmation Part II

Last week, I talked about the history of the Sacrament of Confirmation, especially the timing of its reception. This week, I want to talk about what the sacrament of Confirmation actually is.

In short, Confirmation is the completion of Baptismal grace. It is a seal and strengthening by the Holy Spirit for a person to live out the Christian life in the midst of a fallen world; often the metaphor is that it makes one a soldier and missionary for Christ, called and equipped to take up for one's own the mission to spread the Gospel to all people. Now, it is important to know that those who have not received Confirmation are not lacking the Holy Spirit, as it was by the power of the Holy Spirit that we were baptized into Christ and adopted by God the Father. However, Confirmation is a special consecration that completes what was begun in Baptism. For that reason, it is also thought of as the Sacrament of spiritual maturity.

However, that analogy—Sacrament of Maturity—is where so many people fall into error. Confirmation is absolutely not a response to spiritual (or physical) maturity. Sacraments are signs that effect what they symbolize; Confirmation *causes* spiritual maturity, it is not given in acknowledgement that one has become mature (I suspect this error derives from the historical reality that it is often delayed into adolescence, and so occurs amidst or following puberty. So, it is an understandable error, but still an error). Confirmation is not a coming of age ritual recognizing adult status in the Church, like some sort of “Catholic bar-mitzvah,” but—again—*makes* one capable of full participation in the life of the Church. The error that Confirmation is a recognition of maturity is *not* Catholic but comes from theological mistakes made by Luther and other Protestant reformers, and were explicitly condemned as heretical by the Council of Trent.

A second error so many make about Confirmation is that it is an opportunity to “say yes” to the Faith for oneself, in distinction to the “yes” one's parents gave at his baptism as an infant. In a sense, like any Sacrament, of course the recipient has to be willing and express faith in the Sacrament. However, it would be a grave error for a candidate to think that Confirmation is an opportunity to choose or reject the Faith (Like some sort of Catholic take on the Amish rumspringa); once baptized, it cannot be undone. There is no such thing as a former Catholic, only an inactive one. On another (third?) hand, I suppose it would be OK to think of Confirmation as an opportunity to come to “own” one's faith for oneself.

Confirmation brings to its fullness what was begun in Baptism and equips us to be soldiers and missionaries for Christ in this world, it makes us capable of fully benefiting from the infinite grace given in the Eucharist, and it turns us outward to the world to share the love and life we have received.

In Christ,

Fr Thompson

Financial Stewardship

Week of June 26, 2022

Ordinary Income	St Columban	St Peter
Weekly Goal	\$5,762.00	\$712.00
Collection (Cash & Envelopes)	\$2,817.00	\$526.00
Online Giving	\$869.93	\$15.00
Net	(\$2,075.07)	(\$171.00)
Special Funds		
St Vincent DePaul	\$172.90	
Sacramentals (Candles, Beeswax tapers, Salt)		\$24.00
Building Fund	\$475.06	
Flowers	\$20.00	
2nd Collection (Peters Pence)	\$226.59	\$85.00
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 27, 2022

\$28,629.23 117% of Goal

19% Participation

Goal for St. Peter: \$ 3,984

Total Pledged as of: June 27, 2022

\$7,676.67 215% of Goal

57% Participation

Thank you for your pledge or donation!

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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.



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@saintcolumbanvelm.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/athomewithfaith>

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

PARISH MINISTRIES



Daughters of Mary

St. Columban Catholic Church Yelm, WA
daughtersofmary@saintcolumbanvelm.org

July 12 **Monthly Meeting** **zoom**
 10:00AM Religious Ed Bldg

July 10 **Coffee Hour**
 11:45AM Parish Hall



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 17152

July 20 **Council Meeting** **zoom**
 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

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 July 11

Rosary Prayer Group
 7:00PM Church

TUESDAY July 12

Daily Mass @ St. Columban 9:00AM
 +Intentions of: Regan Walker Bell

Cantor Practice & Music Theory Part 1
 6:00PM Church

Spanish Prayer Group
 6:30PM Parish Hall

WEDNESDAY July 13

Daily Mass @ St. Columban 9:00AM
 +Intentions of: Pam Walker

THURSDAY July 14

Daily Mass @ St. Columban 9:00AM
 + Intentions of: Amanda McMayburns

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

FRIDAY July 15

Daily Mass @ St. Columban 9:00AM
 +Intentions of: Esperanza Grace Morales

SATURDAY July 16

Confession
 3:30PM St. Columban

Vigil Mass
 5:00PM St. Columban

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 17

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

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.

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/saintcolumbanvelm or visit our website saintcolumbanvelm.org

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Serving those who Serve



Dear Friend in Christ,

On behalf of the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA (AMS), thank you and your parish for participating in the National Collection for the AMS. The ministries offered by the AMS benefit those who serve in all six branches of the U.S. Armed Forces, are enrolled in U.S. Military Academies, undergoing treatment at any of the 153 Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Centers, working in civilian jobs for the federal government beyond U.S. borders - and their families. It is the mission of this Archdiocese that they be able to seek sacramental preparation for baptism, confirmation, first Communion, penance, and marriage; to benefit from consultation with a priest, and to receive the sacrament of penance as they defend our rights of freedom, speech, and face constant transition and uncertainty.

If in a position to do so, I ask you to prayerfully consider a donation to help me minister to the 1.8 million faithful throughout the U.S. and around the globe who serve to protect. They are the Catholic military men and women, Veterans, and their families, who are part of this global Archdiocese – ***parishioners and families from your own parish.***

With sentiments of unwavering gratitude, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

(The Most Reverend) Timothy P. Broglio, J.C.D.
Archbishop for the Military Services, USA



**Triennial National
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Prayer of the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA

Almighty God and Father, look with love upon our men and women in uniform and protect them in their time of need. Give them health and stability and allow them to return to their loved ones whole and unshaken. Be with their families and sustain them in these uncertain times.

Grant strength and peace of mind to the Veterans who have given their best for the country they love. Support them in infirmity and in the fragility of old age. Teach us to remember their sacrifices and to express our gratitude.

Manifest your tender care to those in the Military Academies who prepare for future service and to those who serve our Nation far from home. Teach us to remember the sacrifices of those whose efforts contribute to ensuring our way of life.

Bless and multiply the priests who minister to the faithful of the Archdiocese for the Military Services. Reward their generosity and keep them faithful.

Hear us as we present our prayers to You through Christ our Lord.

– Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio

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Did You Know?

- Without the AMS there would be no Catholic chaplains. The AMS is the only Catholic diocese in the United States responsible for endorsing priests to serve as military chaplains and for the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Centers.
- AMS faithful are the men and women serving in the United States Armed Forces, enrolled in U.S. Military Academies, undergoing treatment at a Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, working in civilian jobs for the federal government beyond U.S. borders - and their families.
- Programs and services readily available in other U.S. diocese, and vital to the men, women, and children served by this Archdiocese, include *Evangelization and Catechesis*, *Sacramental Records*, *Tribunal*, *Vocations*, and the *pastoral care of Veterans*.
- The AMS is the Archdiocese for the Military Services, not of the Military Services. This is an important distinction, as it receives no funding from the U.S. Government or U.S. Military and has no parishes from which to receive a weekly assessment. Instead, it must rely on the generosity of individuals, foundations, and organizations whose values and priorities align with its mission, programs and services.
- The AMS Co-Sponsored Seminarian Program is the only U.S. Vocations Program that provides priests to serve as military chaplains, and also to serve in parishes and dioceses across the country that struggle with their own critical shortage of ministers.
- In 2021, the number of sacraments celebrated for AMS faithful included 1,428 baptisms, 975 confirmations, 1,070 first Holy Communions, and 192 marriages.

AMS Coat of Arms

The coat of arms of the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA is divided into three sections, one in red, one in silver or white, and one in blue – the traditional colors of the United States. In the uppermost portion, there is an American Bald Eagle holding in each claw the universal symbol of peace, a green olive branch. In the middle portion, there is a silver cross on the outline meridians of the earth.



In the lowest, the red portion of these arms, are the gold and silver crossed keys of Saint Peter. The composition of the arms conveys the message and mission of the Archdiocese for the Military Services – to be Americans bearing peace; to proclaim Christ all over the world; and to carry out the mission of the Church to offer healing through the forgiveness of sins.

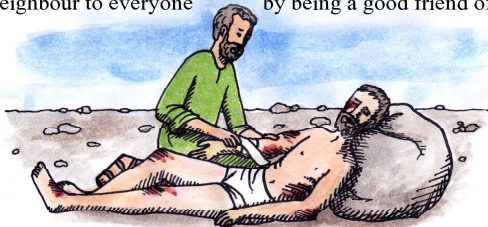
Loving God and Our Neighbour

In today's Gospel reading we learn that the greatest commandment is to love God with all our heart and soul and strength, and to love our neighbour as ourselves.

The most important thing you do in your life is loving God. If you really love God then you will do what is right and love other people as well. The Samaritan in the story loved God even though he didn't worship Him in the proper way like the Jews did. But because he loved God he wanted to please Him by being kind to his enemy.

If you don't love God then you will not be able to make good decisions about other things either. You can't even love other people properly if you don't love God the most. The priest and Levite in the parable probably cared more about themselves than about God. That is why when they saw their own countryman injured and lying by the roadside they just walked past.

Is God the most important person in your life? Talk to Him every day and you will grow to love Him. You can be a good neighbour to everyone by being a good friend of God.

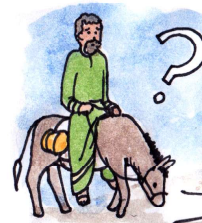


Answers to True or False: 1.false 2.true 3.true 4.false 5.true 6.false 7.true

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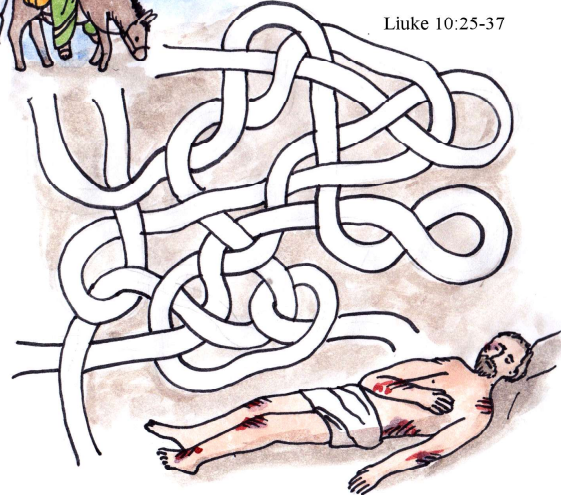
The Kids' Bulletin

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 10th, 2022



Which of the three paths would the good Samaritan take?
Find out which one leads to the man who was robbed.

Liuke 10:25-37



Jesus told the Parable of the Good Samaritan to show the people what it means to love your neighbour after someone asked Him "Who is my neighbour?"

SAINT BONAVENTURE JULY 15

BONAVENTURE WAS BORN IN ITALY AROUND THE YEAR 1221. WHEN HE WAS A BABY HE WAS VERY SICK AND WAS CURED BY THE INTERCESSION OF ST. FRANCIS.

Holy Father Francis, pray that our son will be healed!

AT AGE 21 BONAVENTURE JOINED THE FRANCISCANS AND WAS SENT TO STUDY IN PARIS.

THERE HE BECAME FRIENDS WITH THE GREAT SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS.

How are your studies going?
I think Bonaventure would be a good leader.

HE SOLVED PROBLEMS IN THE ORDER AND WROTE THE LIFE OF ST. FRANCIS.

BONAVENTURE WAS CHOSEN TO BECOME THE LEADER OF THE FRANCISCANS.

POPE GREGORY MADE BONAVENTURE A CARDINAL.

The pope has made you a cardinal!
Just hand the hat on the tree.

BONAVENTURE DIED, PROBABLY FROM BEING POISONED, WHILE HE WAS HELPING TO RUN THE SECOND CHURCH COUNCIL OF LYONS.

I'm not feeling very well...
But they are expecting you to come!

ST. BONAVENTURE DID MUCH WORK TO BRING PEACE AMONG THE FRANCISCANS, WHO WERE BECOMING DIVIDED. DIFFERENT GROUPS WANTED DIFFERENT RULES, SO HE SHOWED THEM HOW THEY WERE WRONG TO FIGHT AMONGST THEMSELVES. CAN YOU HELP PEOPLE TO MAKE PEACE WITH EACH OTHER?

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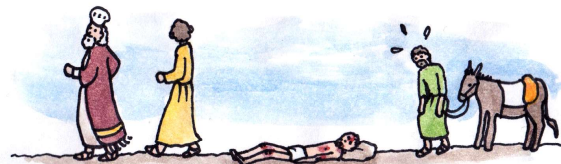
True or False?

The Story of the Good Samaritan

Jesus told the people a parable to show them how to be a good neighbour. At that time the Samaritans were enemies of the Jews. How well do you know the story?

See if you can figure out which of these are true and which are false.

1. In the parable, a man was walking from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he came across a group of people who had been robbed. True or False?
2. The robbers beat the man and took all he had. True or False?
3. A priest walked past the man and ignored him. True or False?
4. A Levite saw the man and left him some money. True or False?
5. A Samaritan saw the man, bandaged his wounds, and took him to an inn. True or False?
6. The Samaritan told the innkeeper that he had done his job and he didn't care what happened to the man. True or False?
7. In the parable, the Samaritan, who was normally the man's enemy, was his best neighbour. True or False?



July 10, 2022

WATCH

**THE AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE SHOW WITH DR. TIM GRAY -
GUEST DR. MICHAEL BARBER**

How do we respond when we are asked, "Are you saved?" In this episode of the Augustine Institute Show, Drs. Tim Gray and Michael Barber discuss what salvation means, and how faith and works aid us in our journey. To learn more, check out Dr. Barber's book, *Salvation: What Every Catholic Should Know!*



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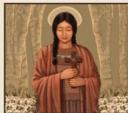
THE SEARCH CONTINUES: WHAT ABOUT CHURCH SCANDALS?

In some way or another, we have all been affected by Church scandals. In this episode of *The Search Continues*, Chris Stefanick and Dr. John Sehorn discuss how we are to respond to these evils. In doing so, they remind us to fight for the Church and perpetually call her members to live up to their callings.

LISTEN

TRUTH TO INSPIRE: ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA

St. Kateri Tekakwitha, otherwise known as the "Lily of the Mohawks," became our first Native American Saint after her canonization in 2012. During her life, young Kateri suffered much ridicule due to her counter-cultural decision to remain a virgin out of love for Christ. As we celebrate Kateri's feast day today, enjoy this short audio book that describes Kateri's journey to Our Lord within the context of her native tribe.

**St. Kateri Tekakwitha
Lily of the Mohawks**

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At Home with Faith

Summer provides opportunities for travel. It also provides us the opportunity to share with our families the metaphor of our lives as a journey toward God and find out where they are on the journey.



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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.

In *Amoris Laetitia*, Pope Francis speaks at length about our irreplaceable role as parents in the formation of Christian maturity and good habits in our children. Here he echoes this 30th chapter of Deuteronomy we hear this Sunday which tells us we don't have to master anything mysterious.

Instead, we need to "seek to understand where our children are in their journey." (AL 261) Jesus taught us to think of our lives as a journey home to the Father. We want to encourage our children to see their lives in the same way, oriented toward a deeper and deeper love of God. In this we can help by sharing an account of our own journey.

Deuteronomy 30:10-14

Keep and share my commandments.

Psalms 69

Turn to the Lord in your need.

Colossians 1:15-20

In Jesus, all things hold together.

Luke 10:25-37

Treat your neighbor as the good Samaritan treated his neighbor.

At Home with **Faith**

Talk

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

Use the metaphor of journey with our children:

- **Give meaning to a summer road trip.** Most of us are going to take some kind of trip this summer. Whether it's a short hop to a local park or a longer one, use it as an opportunity to tell stories about road trips you may have taken as a child. Emphasize the way that a trip itself is an experience.
- **Tell your children life is like a trip or pilgrimage.** Share with your children the Christian theme that life is a pilgrimage. It's a long journey, but we should never forget that it is a journey. Share with them that ever since the Exodus, our faith has used Moses' journey to the Promised Land as a metaphor for our life on Earth.
- **Share with them a way in which you have experienced faith as a guide in your journey to God.** You might talk about how faith has taught you to understand life as a journey, not toward a place but a person: God. For example, the more time I have been active in the faith, the more I have come to see why Jesus teaches us to love others, not because they are useful, but because they are good in and of themselves. In some ways, having children helps us on that journey in that the joy that children provide helps us grow closer to God.
- **Ask how can you journey closer to God?** Ask your child if they have ideas about how they can journey closer to God. If they don't have any ideas, encourage them to ask God for help through prayer to draw closer to him.



Go on a parish pilgrimage!

If your family is looking for an inexpensive adventure, consider going to another parish to celebrate Mass. Maybe plan an outing to a different city, enjoy some time in a park and then celebrate Mass nearby by finding the nearest parish and its Mass times using the parish finder on the Archdiocese of Seattle website. One choice could be St. James Cathedral in Seattle.

Archdiocese of Seattle Parish Finder

<https://archseattle.org/parish-finder/>

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For more resources, visit us online at:

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



SUNDAY, JULY 10, 2022

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“A man fell victim to robbers as he went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. They stripped and beat him and went off leaving him half-dead. A priest happened to be going down that road, but when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight.” - Lk 10:30b-31, 33

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 10, 2022

- 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
- Monday:** Is 1:10-17/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 10:34—11:1
- Tuesday:** Is 7:1-9/Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8/Mt 11:20-24
- Wednesday:** Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15/Mt 11:25-27
- Thursday:** Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Ps 102:13-14ab and 15, 16-18, 19-21/Mt 11:28-30
- Friday:** Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Is 38:10, 11, 12abcd, 16/Mt 12:1-8
- Saturday:** Mi 2:1-5/Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14/Mt 12:14-21
- Next Sunday:** Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 [1a]/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42

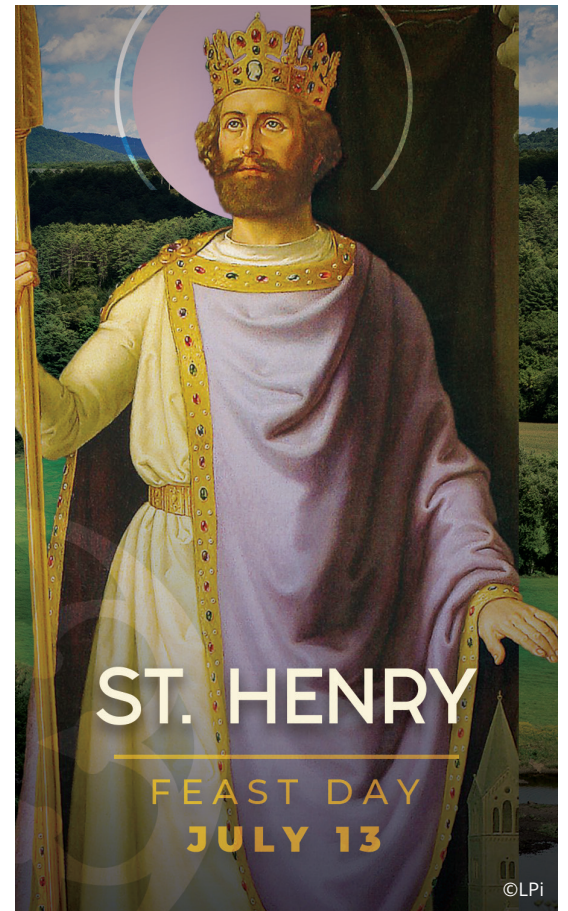
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 10, 2022

- Sunday:** 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** St. Benedict, Abbot
- Wednesday:** St. Henry
- Thursday:** St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin
- Friday:** St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Saturday:** Our Lady of Mount Carmel
- Next Sunday:** 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

It's important to keep our eyes open. Otherwise, we can easily dismiss things that truly require our attention. Whether it is someone needing care, a wrong that must be rectified, an injustice that must be addressed, or someone in need of a helping hand, the lens through which we view life (and even the rules by which we live) can prevent us from stopping and acting. Whether it's an obsession with being on time, a compulsion to complete tasks according to a schedule, or a rigidity with not breaking a law or fear of taking a risk, we miss daily opportunities to show mercy. We often fail in our duty to be a good neighbor, especially when it involves brothers and sisters remote from us whom we have never met. The pain of the world is our pain. God's law of love, mercy, and compassion is not something remote. It's already within us and very near. All we have to do is open our eyes and carry it out.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Henry was born in 972 to Henry, Duke of Bavaria, Germany, and his wife Gisela of Burgundy. Saint Henry's early life was permeated with Christianity, among those who guided his education was Bishop Wolfgang of Ratisbon, who became a saint himself. In 995, Saint Henry succeeded his father as Duke of Bavaria, and in 1002, upon the death of his cousin, Otho III, he was elected emperor. In 1014, Saint Henry undertook the long journey from Germany to Rome to be crowned Holy Roman Emperor by Pope Benedict XIII.

In 1022 Saint Henry assisted Pope Benedict VIII in holding the Council of Pavia, which promoted clerical celibacy and sought to end simony (the buying and selling of ecclesiastical goods and offices). During his reign, Saint Henry used his wealth and position for the Church. He confirmed Benedict's authority over Rome, was a patron of churches and monasteries, supported the Cluniac Reforms, restored episcopal sees, and founded the Diocese of Bamberg where he built a cathedral.

Saint Henry was married to Cunigunde of Luxembourg, to whom he was incredibly devoted. Although disputed by some historians, some stories of the couple's marriage report they took vows of chastity because their union was childless.

Saint Henry died in July of 1024 and was canonized in 1146 by Pope Eugene III.

WORSHIP & MEDITATION



FIRST READING

"No, it is something very near to you, already in your mouths and in your hearts; you have only to carry it out." (Dt 50:14)



PSALM

Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live. (Ps 69)
Or Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life. (Ps 19)



SECOND READING

For in him were created all things in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers; all things were created through him and for him. (Col 15:15)



GOSPEL

"Which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbor to the robbers' victim?" He answered, "The one who treated him with mercy."
Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise." (Lk 10:36-37)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

We can learn a great deal from Mister Rogers. Remember him? He was the gentle soul who found his way into living rooms worldwide starting as far back as 1968. Mister Rogers' Neighborhood was a beloved program that celebrated and exalted people, especially children. He taught us that we are neighbors and that everyone has a place. Everyone matters. He had a vision, born of his relationship with God that highlighted every human life's innocence, beauty, and uniqueness. To that end, he called us to be responsible for each other, saying nothing different than what Jesus said. Viewers quickly learned that life is not just about me.

"We live in a world in which we need to share responsibility. It's easy to say, 'It's not my child, not my community, not my world, not my problem.' Then there are those who see the need and respond. I consider those people my heroes (Fred Rogers)." It is so easy to look the other way. After all, I'm not the one who needs to leave home out of fear and try to find somewhere safe. I am not the one who is hungry and without shelter or food. I am not the one who has a child being bullied or ridiculed because of the way they dress or act. I am not the one being threatened with violence or unable to find meaningful work. The distress and agony of our neighbors are our distress and agony. We cannot walk by it with an attitude of indifference, especially if we call ourselves believers. When we no longer care, we have suffocated our souls. This is a great sin.

God's law "is something very near to you, already in your mouths and in your hearts; you have only to carry it out." We all have a need for love and acceptance. That's why Mister Rogers' television show was so popular. It spoke to something deeper, something sacred about humanity. God didn't give us his law in a book. He wrote it on our hearts. We know what we need to do. It's a matter of choice. Love is sacred. When we love another human being, especially without regard for ourselves, it is a holy moment. These moments are often missed due to our self-serving agendas and rules.

LITURGICAL LIFE

RESPONDING *to the Call*

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

What Jesus Doesn't Say

"If Jesus wanted us to (fill in the blank), he would have said so."

We hear this argument applied to every controversial topic under the sun — and even some not-so-controversial topics, too. Whenever someone is trying to make a case for a decision they have already made, they call in Jesus' scriptural silence on the matter as their expert, unimpeachable witness.

And sure, there's much Jesus doesn't talk about in the Gospels. But by this logic, we would have to assume that Jesus doesn't care, for instance, if we drive well over the speed limit (he doesn't discuss cars and highways in the Bible) or what we do online (he never mentions the Internet or websites at all!), when we know that certainly is just not the case.

Like the scholar of the Jewish law who challenges Jesus to define who exactly his "neighbor" is, we can argue semantics all we want. But if we rest in prayer and look deep into our hearts, we know what path we need to take, and it's usually not the easy one.

I find that I do this plenty in ways that are far more subtle. I lament that the situation facing me is not sufficiently "black and white." I become frustrated by the shades of moral grey and toss up my hands, claiming I don't know what the right answer is, insisting that I can't be blamed for the ramifications of whatever decision I make.

What I need to be doing in these situations is asking God for His guidance, even if it makes me nervous. I need to be like the scholar. He was brave enough to ask, even though I think he knew he wouldn't particularly like the answer. Let's strive for that same courage.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained:

Question:

What is Lectio Divina, and how is it associated with the Benedictine Monastic tradition, whose founder, St. Benedict, we honor on July 11?

Answer:

Benedict desired his monks to live in community, praying the Liturgy of the Hours together, contemplating sacred texts, and doing manual labor. The monks developed a technique to facilitate a spiritual and devotional reading of the Bible known as Lectio Divina, the holy reading of a text. This method encourages the reader to hear the biblical text with an open heart and focus on whatever God wants to highlight and then apply it to daily life.

There are variations on Lectio Divina, but essentially, the technique consists of a three-step process of reflection. When the reflection is done with a group, the responses are shared by all the participants. Once the text is selected, it is read meditatively, and the following are then explored: a word or phrase that attracts you; how and where the content of this reading touches your life today; what you believe that God wants you to do during this coming week (month, year, lifetime).

Thanks to Benedict, the Christian community has been gifted with this special way of entering into the biblical text. This week, use the Lectio Divina process on one of the readings for the coming Sunday and make a note of the life connections you are making. How is this reflection on the biblical text drawing you closer to God and others?

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“But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight. He approached the victim, poured oil and wine over his wounds and bandaged them. Then he lifted him up on his own animal, took him to an inn, and cared for him.”

- Lk 10:33-34

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QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

Toward the end of their 40-years of desert wanderings, Moses assured the Israelites that God's commandments and statutes are within each of us as long as we repent. How do you sustain a disposition of repentance?

Second Reading

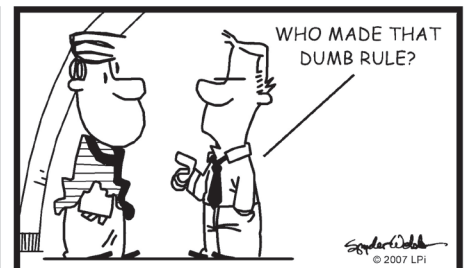
In his letter to the Colossians, Paul inserts a very early Christological hymn that speaks to Jesus' divinity and his role as the mediator of creation and the source of reconciliation. How do you imagine the Colossians reacting to this astonishing teaching on Jesus?


Gospel Reading

In the parable of the good Samaritan, Jesus taught the scribe the importance of showing mercy toward one's neighbor as central to following God's law. How well do you practice the virtue of mercy?



15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





Psalm

TURN TO
THE LORD
IN YOUR
NEED,
AND YOU
WILL LIVE.

PSALM 69

“A man fell victim to robbers as he went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. They stripped and beat him and went off leaving him half-dead. A priest happened to be going down that road, but when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight.”

- Lk 10:30b-31, 33

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KIDS CORNER

READ THE GOSPEL AND COMPLETE A PUZZLE!

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

CARE
ROBBERS
ATTACKED

LEAVING
PRIEST
WALKED

SAMARIA
TREATED
NEIGHBOR

M N S W G O I N W F R
A T T A C K E D O N M
J R U L E T J C H E R
O E B K S A M A R I A
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T Y A E R O B B E R S
B H R M U P A R A O F
I L E A V I N G H E A

SHARING THE GOSPEL

Jesus wants you to love your neighbors. He wants you to help your neighbors. You could help the people who live next door, or the people that go to your church. But Jesus wants you to think bigger than that. Jesus wants you to help people all around the world - no matter where they live, and no matter what they believe.

PRAYER

Dear God, show me how to help others around the world.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Ask your parents if your family could give money to help the missions in another country.





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