

# 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](mailto:parishoffice@saintcolumbanyelm.org)

Website: [www.saintcolumbanyelm.org](http://www.saintcolumbanyelm.org)

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### Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:00PM

Sunday: 10:30AM

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

*Rosary is said 30min prior to each Mass*

### Sacraments

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

Confession: Saturdays 3:30—4:30PM

First Friday Devotions: 6:30PM

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

**See Calendar on Page 3 for current schedule  
and updates**

**St. Columban Prayer Chain:** Confidential and  
private prayer chain. Please contact the parish  
office to submit a request.

### St. Vincent De Paul

*Providing emergency assistance for those in  
need.*

**Help Line:** 360-458-1904

Please leave your name, phone number, and  
details of your need.

## ST. PETER MISSION

149 Keithahn St. S, Tenino, WA 98589

*For administrative assistance please  
contact St. Columban*

### Mass Schedule

Sunday 8:00AM

*Rosary is said 30min prior to Mass*

### Sacraments

Confession: Sundays 7:30 -7:45AM

Daily Mass (First Fridays): 9:00AM

Anointing of the Sick: by appointment



## August 7, 2022

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Today's Readings

**Entrance Antiphon:** *Look to your covenant O Lord and forget not  
the life of your poor ones forever.*

**1st Reading:** Wisdom 18:6-9

**Responsorial Psalm:** *Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be  
his own.*

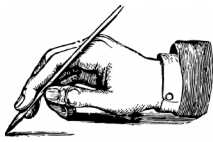
**2nd Reading:** Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Stay awake and be ready! For you do not  
know on what day your Lord will come.*

**Gospel:** Luke 12:32-48

**Communion Antiphon:** *The bread that I will give is my flesh for the  
life of the world.*

*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.*



## Anointing of the Sick

Many of our older parishioners may recall that in their youth, the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick was exclusively thought of in terms of “Last Rites.” Even an old name for this sacrament, Extreme Unction, came from the term *in extremis*, referring to the very end of life. While those who are preparing for death absolutely should avail themselves of the sacraments of the Church, Anointing should not be considered only a rite for the dying. The requirement to receive the Anointing of the Sick is simply that one be affected by a pathology (of mind or body) that is causing one to be confronted with one's own frailty and ultimate mortality. The pathology needs to be serious, so a cold or a flesh wound would not qualify, but on the other hand the pathology need not be one that puts you in mortal danger *per se*. Serious illnesses, serious injuries, complications from medical conditions, and so forth all qualify, as does the simple situation of being elderly (as there may not be one particular thing that is calling attention to your own frailty and mortality, but a constellation of aches, pains, and limitations). This is all to say, if you find yourself in need of this Sacrament, never hesitate to ask for it. Do not fear to ask for it or accept your family's offer to call the priest, thinking that being anointed is a sign that you are actively dying or that you can only receive anointing once. The Sacraments are here to heal and fortify you through the experiences of life, and God wants to be sacramentally present to you in those moments of suffering.

Now, there is also a set of sacraments and prayers, which we could call Last Rites, that are proper for someone who is likely to die soon, which consists of Confession (if possible), with an opportunity for a plenary indulgence, Anointing of the Sick, Holy Communion given as *Viaticum*—which means “bread for the journey,” and a prayer of commendation of the dying person to the prayers of the Saints and to God's mercy. This should be requested when the dying person is still conscious and able to participate fully, especially to make a Confession and to be able to eat so that he can receive Holy Communion, but much of it can be done for a person who has lost consciousness, changing what needs to be changed; please do not wait until the last moments, I would encourage that Last Rites be given as soon as Hospice is begun, and then periodically as needed, since it can be repeated. At the very least, it will ease the mind and heart of your loved one nearing the end of life.

Feel free to request Anointing (or Confession, for that matter) at any time.

In Christ,

Fr Thompson

### Financial Stewardship

Week of July 24, 2022

Ordinary Income	St Columban	St Peter
Weekly Goal	\$5,800.00	\$1,000.00
Collection (Cash & Envelopes)	\$2,070.50	\$430.00
Online Giving	\$1,639.93	\$175.00
Net	(\$2,089.57)	(\$395.00)
Special Funds		
St Vincent DePaul	\$28.72	
Sacramentals (Candles, Beeswax tapers, Salt)	\$10.00	\$9.50
Flowers	\$22.30	\$5.00
Building Fund	\$78.39	
Mass Intentions		
Called to Serve as Christ	Last Reported	14-Mar
Total Pledged	\$117,259	\$26,997
Total Received	\$80,047	\$15,917
Total Rebate (15%)	\$12,307.12	\$2,387.55



### Annual Catholic Appeal

**Goal for St. Columban: \$24,555**

Total Pledged as of: July 25, 2022

\$31,256.66 122% of Goal

**27% Participation**

**Goal for St. Peter: \$ 3,984**

Total Pledged as of: July 25, 2022

\$8,343.34 236% of Goal

**61% Participation**

*Thank you for your pledge or donation!*

#### SAINT COLUMBAN PASTORAL COUNCIL

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## Faith Formation

### 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*



RCIA is open to all adult learners and those seeking the Sacraments of initiation: **Baptism, Eucharist, and/or Confirmation.** Classes will resume Tuesday, September 20 at 6:30 in the Religious Education Building. Contact Katie Hennigan to register.  
[katie@saintcolumbanym.org](mailto:katie@saintcolumbanym.org)  
 360-458-3031x2

#### Faith Formation: Grades K-12

- 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.

### PARISH MINISTRIES



### Daughters of Mary

St. Columban Catholic Church Yelm, WA  
[daughtersofmary@saintcolumbanym.org](mailto:daughtersofmary@saintcolumbanym.org)

**August 9 Monthly Meeting** **zoom**  
 10:00AM Religious Ed Bldg

**September 11 Coffee Hour**  
 11:45AM Parish Hall



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 17152

**August 17 Council Meeting** **zoom**  
 6:00PM Parish Hall

**August 28 KofC Breakfast**  
 11:45AM Parish Hall



### St. Vincent de Paul

**August 18 Monthly Meeting**  
 7:00PM Parish Hall



### St. Peter's Circle

**September 13 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 August 8

**Rosary Prayer Group**  
 7:00PM Church

### TUESDAY August 9

**Daily Mass @ St. Columban 9:00AM**  
 + In Memory of: Sr. Veronica Davenport RIP

**Cantor Practice & Music Theory Class**  
 6:00PM Church

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

### WEDNESDAY August 10

**Daily Mass @ St. Columban 9:00AM**  
 Intentions of: Jaoquin Makinster

### THURSDAY August 11

**Daily Mass @ St. Columban 9:00AM**  
 + In Memory of: Sixto Fregoso RIP

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

### FRIDAY August 12

**Daily Mass @ St. Columban 9:00AM**  
 + In Memory of: Jesse Nash RIP

### SATURDAY August 13

**Confession**  
 3:30PM St. Columban

**Vigil Mass**  
 5:00PM St. Columban

### 18th Sunday O.T. August 14

**ST. PETER MISSION TENINO**  
 7:30-7:45AM Confession  
 8:00AM Mass

**ST. COLUMBAN**  
 10:30AM Mass  
**11:45AM Annual Parish Picnic & Ministry Fair**

### 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 sisters and those who have asked for our prayers:*

Jessica Nash

Paul Hennigan

Pam Henslee

Mary Taylor

Maria Teresa Siegemund

Pat Meyers

Marcella Thornton

Robert Fisher

+ All those in harm's way.

+ For the people of Ukraine

#### Rest In Peace

William Gonzales

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/saintcolumbanym](http://flocknote.com/saintcolumbanym) or visit our website [saintcolumbanym.org](http://saintcolumbanym.org)

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# Do you have a gift for teaching the faith?



We're looking for new catechists, classroom assistants, and youth ministry volunteers to help with Faith Formation classes on Sundays and Youth Ministry activities throughout the year

Tuition is waived for parents with a child enrolled in Faith Formation  
Safe Environment training and background check required

Contact [katie@saintcolumbanyelm.org](mailto:katie@saintcolumbanyelm.org) or [chad@saintcolumbanyelm.org](mailto:chad@saintcolumbanyelm.org) (Youth Ministry)





# Register Now for Children's and Youth Faith Formation

*All Programs begin Sunday September 18!*



## Children's Ministry (Gr. K-5) & Sacramental Prep (All grades)

Our Religious Education program begins in Kindergarten with classes for every grade level. Sacramental Preparation for 1st Reconciliation and 1st Communion is normally offered starting in the 1st grade with reception at the end of the 2nd grade year. Consult with registrar if your student is older. Classes for grades K-5 meet from 9AM-10:15 AM until May, on most Sundays.



## Youth Ministry (Gr. 6-12)

Join us for fellowship & discipleship! We meet monthly for a mini-retreat and weekly for drop-in Bible Study & faith sharing. Additional outside outings and offerings happen throughout the year. All youth must be registered with Religious Education to join.

## Confirmation (Gr. 6-12)

Sacramental Preparation for Confirmation in the Seattle Archdiocese now starts in the 6th grade with reception at the end of the 7th grade year. All older teens may also enroll with reception of Confirmation at the end of their second year of preparation.

**Contact us 360-438-3031 or stop by the Parish Office**

**Registration available on our website: [www.saintcolumbanyelm.org](http://www.saintcolumbanyelm.org)**

Katie Hennigan, PA for Faith Formation [katie@saintcolumbanyelm.org](mailto:katie@saintcolumbanyelm.org)

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**Remember!** Registering your child for Faith Formation precludes the entire family's participation in Holy Mass every Sunday here at St. Columban Parish. Children in Sacramental Preparation (1st Reconciliation/1st Communion & Confirmation II) must sign in for Mass.



# CURIOUS ABOUT CATHOLICISM?

Are you or interested in becoming Catholic? Are you Catholic and would like to learn more about your faith?

Do you have questions about what Catholics believe and how Catholics practice their faith?

Are you, or someone you know, not Catholic but would like to learn more about the teachings of the Catholic faith?

Are you a Catholic adult seeking the Sacraments of Initiation (Eucharist and/or Confirmation) because you did not receive them when you were younger?

**We invite you to look deeper into the Catholic faith.**

Starting September 20<sup>th</sup> 6:30PM in Room 103 of the Religious Education Building, we will begin weekly inquiry sessions to share with you the truths of the Catholic faith and the fellowship of our Church family.

We invite you to learn what Catholics believe in an open and welcoming environment.

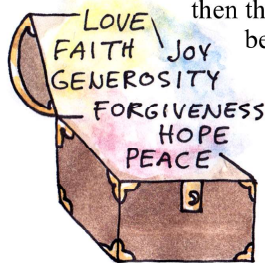
Inquiry sessions are opportunities for you to ask those perplexing and difficult questions you may have about the Catholic Church. Come join us for one or all of the sessions!

**Please contact Katie in the Faith Formation Office more information  
360-458-3031x2 [katie@saintcolumbanyelm.org](mailto:katie@saintcolumbanyelm.org)**

# What is Your Treasure?

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus talks about being ready for when He comes again. He reminds us that having nice things here on earth does not help us get into Heaven.

Jesus said "Where your treasure is there will your heart be also." He means that the things that are important to you show what it is that you love. If money or food or nice clothes are the most important things in your life then it shows that you love them more than you should. But if being kind and helpful to others and loving God are more important to you than having nice things, then you have a good treasure stored up for Heaven.



When we die everything we have will be gone. All that we will have to show to Jesus are the things that are in our hearts. If you only loved having nice stuff then the treasure box of your heart will be empty. If you loved God and others and were faithful to God then your treasure will still be full. So fill your heart with treasure that will last forever!

Answer to Math Treasure Puzzle:  
1. where 2. your 3. treasure 4. is 5. there 6. will 7. your 8. heart 9. be 10. also

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# The Kids' Bulletin

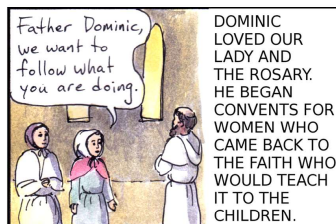
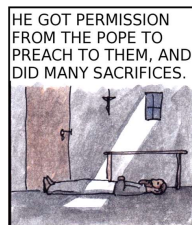
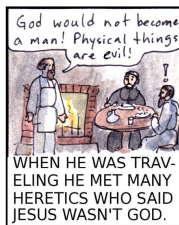
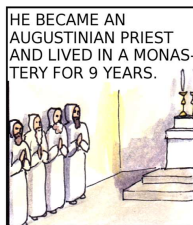
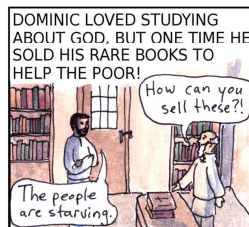
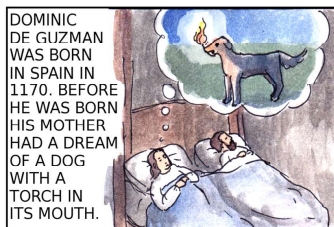
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Luke 12:32-48



Jesus tells us to be prepared for when He comes back. We don't know when that will be so we should always be ready. How long until this girl and boy see Jesus? Follow the maze and find out!

## Saint Dominic August 8



DOMINIC WORKED HARD AND SACRIFICED MUCH TO BRING THE HERETICS BACK TO THE TRUTH. HE ATE ONLY BREAD AND SOUP, SLEPT ON THE FLOOR AND WENT EVERYWHERE ON FOOT. THE DREAM THAT HIS MOTHER HAD REPRESENTED THE LIGHT OF TRUTH THAT DOMINIC WOULD BRING TO THE WORLD.

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## Math Treasure Puzzle

What did Jesus tell the Apostles about their treasures? Do the math and use the answer above each word to find out where it fits.

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 $5-2=$        
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 $9-2=$        
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 $6+4=$        
 also  
 $10-9=$        
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 $8-2=$           $7+1=$        
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August 7, 2022

### WATCH

#### EDITH STEIN: THE SEVENTH CHAMBER

During this very special week for the Augustine Institute, we celebrate both our patron, St. Augustine, and his mother, St. Monica! As a preeminent Doctor of the Church, Augustine has been said to be “the holiest of the wise and the wisest of the holy.” To celebrate this great Church Father, please enjoy Augustine: A Voice for all Generations!



### LEARN

#### FORMED NOW: MARTYRS AND MONASTICS

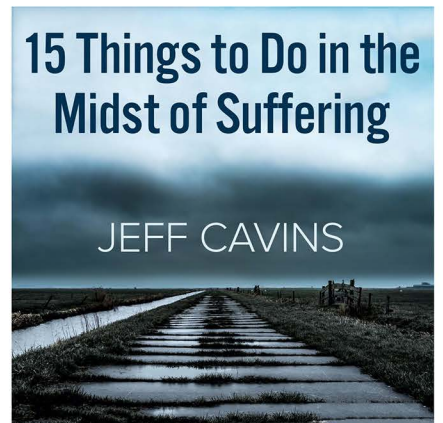


We celebrate many martyrs and monastics during this rich week in the liturgical calendar. But how did the Church become a place of heroic martyrdom and steadfast monasticism? In this video, Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Dr. Elizabeth Klein to discuss these themes and their history in the early Church.

### LISTEN

#### 15 THINGS TO DO IN THE MIDST OF SUFFERING BY JEFF CAVINS

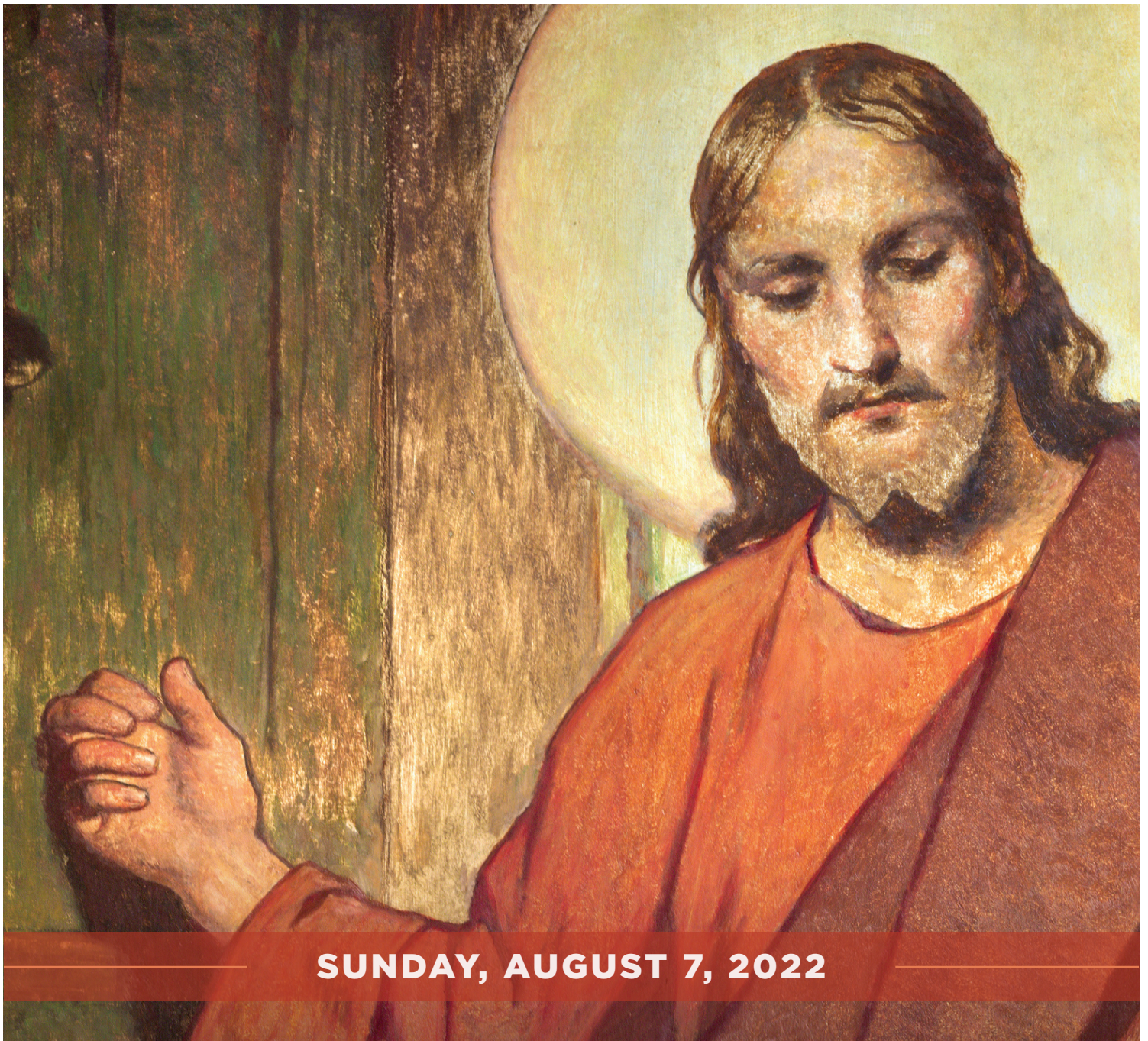
The Church celebrates the feast of St. Maximilian Kolbe this week. Kolbe, a Polish Catholic priest, fearlessly suffered the horrors of Auschwitz, where he was eventually martyred because of his faith. The life of this Saint reminds us that suffering is a mystery we all face at many points in our lives. In this talk, internationally known speaker Jeff Cavins shares his insights on this difficult topic and shows us how our suffering can become redemptive.



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**SUNDAY, AUGUST 7, 2022**

## **19<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



“Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour when the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.” - Lk 12:39-40



# WEEKLY PRAYER

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 7, 2022

- Sunday:** Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 [12b]/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40
- Monday:** Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Mt 17:22-27
- Tuesday:** Ez 2:8—3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
- Wednesday:** 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9/Jn 12:24-26
- Thursday:** Ez 12:1-12/Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62/Mt 18:21—19:1
- Friday:** Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Mt 19:3-12
- Saturday:** Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt 19:13-15
- Next Sunday:** Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 [14b]/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53

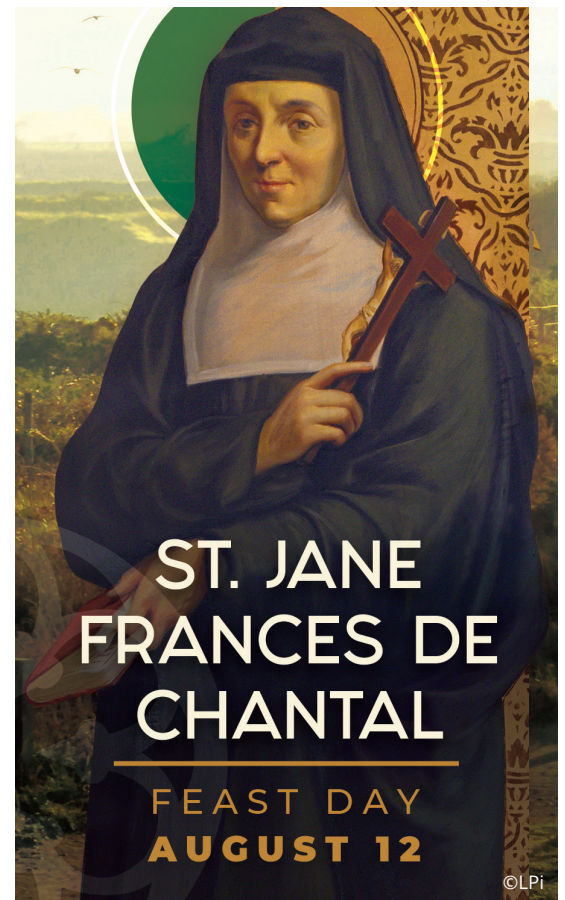
## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 7, 2022

- Sunday:** 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest
- Monday:** St. Dominic, Priest
- Tuesday:** St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr
- Wednesday:** St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr
- Thursday:** St. Clare, Virgin
- Friday:** St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious
- Saturday:** Sts. Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs
- Next Sunday:** 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

## LIVE THE LITURGY

### Inspiration for the week

The fruits of our labors are not always seen in our lifetimes. Faith is not conditional on seeing results. Faith is a radical trust in what is unseen. It requires vigilance and self-investment. It requires our attention even when our efforts don't bear fruit or are unappreciated or unrecognized. A person who is open to accepting God's presence, however it comes, and is willing to share the love received with others is a true inspiration. Good works will flow from this vigilant depth of faith. It will be directed where it is most needed and detached from the need for recognition or gratitude. Faith exercised in secret is the most profound expression of faith and a testament of true love for our Creator. No one needs to know the humility, generosity, and goodness of our hearts, only God. Standing erect and watchful, we are prepared to receive the gift of Divine Love and freely share it with others, without recognition or self-benefit.



## SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Jane Frances de Chantal was born to a noble family in Dijon, France, on January 28, 1572. Her mother died when she was an infant. Her father raised her and provided for her education. In 1592 she married the Baron de Chantal, the couple were devoted to each other. They had six children, three of whom died in infancy. As Baroness, Saint Jane Frances restored the custom of daily Mass, and was famous for her charitable works. Unfortunately, her husband died in a hunting accident only eight years after their marriage. Devastated Jane Frances was forced to live in her father-in-law's strict household where she took a vow of chastity.

In 1604 while visiting her father in Dijon, she met Saint Francis de Sales and he became her close friend and spiritual director. Although not many of their epistles have survived, the pair had a lively correspondence which lasted until Saint Francis died.

Under the direction of St. Francis de Sales and with his partnership she established the Congregation of the Visitation at Annecy in 1610. This was a unique order, without the extreme ascetical practices typical in other religious orders, accepting women and girls and those rejected by other orders because of poor health or age. The new order was also unusual in its public ministry, rather than a strictly cloistered life. Saint Jane transformed her convent at Annecy into a hospital during the plague of 1628.

The saint died at the Visitation Convent in Moulins on December 13, 1641. At the time of her death, there were 86 convents of Visitation nuns. She was canonized in 1767 by Pope Clement XIII.



# WORSHIP & MEDITATION

## FIRST READING

For when you punished our adversaries,  
in this you glorified us whom you had  
summoned. (Wis 18:8)



## PSALM

Blessed the people the Lord has chosen  
to be his own. (Ps 33)



## SECOND READING

For he was looking forward to the city  
with foundations,  
whose architect and maker is God.  
(Heb 11:10)



## GOSPEL

"You also must be prepared, for at an  
hour you do not expect,  
the Son of Man will come." (Lk 12:40)

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

St. Thomas Aquinas reminds us that, "Three things are necessary for the salvation of man: to know what he ought to believe, to know what he ought to desire, and to know what he ought to do." Everyone is called to work toward their salvation, which is ultimately union with God. Those who take this call seriously must embark upon a journey inward to the deepest recesses of their soul. In the adventure and wonder of that journey, we work out the details of our union with our Beloved. We cling to what we need to believe, remain firm in what we truly desire, and are guided by what we know we have to do. Once we know that our goal is to be one with our Creator, life becomes an exciting expedition to pursue that end. We make necessary preparations, follow the map, and remain on course.

Whenever we really want something, we put our entire selves into achieving it. Being fully invested in our labor, we willingly work extra hours, devote an abundance of energy and effort, and remain vigilant for beneficial opportunities that may come our way. We certainly do not passively sit by doing nothing! Such an attitude leads to laziness and the accomplishment of little. Worse yet, some look to others to do the work for them, hoping to reap the benefits of another's efforts. Conscientiousness and diligence are the only means to success.

For the one who eagerly awaits the day when they can be fully with God, life becomes a joyous adventure indeed! Alert, ready, focused, convicted, and willing to be a servant they constantly watch and prepare themselves for meeting the Lord. Loving the journey and being in love with their Creator, their lives become joyful witnesses of love and service. They are secure in their hope, confident in their faith, and perfect in their love. Never looking for recognition or gratitude, they stand as gentle inspirations of what the Holy Spirit can do in the hearts of those who believe. Because we do not know what tomorrow will bring, we stand ready to be used as God wills and run eagerly toward Him when He comes. How much do we desire to experience the joy of salvation?



# LITURGICAL LIFE

## RESPONDING *to the Call*

### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

#### Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

##### Caught in the Rising Action

Think of some of your favorite iconic movies. I'm not talking about the feel-good comedies or the offbeat coming-of-age flicks. I'm talking about the movies that you found had a profound impact on you or made you go "Hmmm."

I'm willing to bet that the plot of this film features some tough moments and difficult scenarios. However happy the ending, at some point, the situation for the protagonist might look awfully hopeless. The script speaks some truth to you about what it is to be human in difficult circumstances. What it means to persevere.

We're attracted to the tension that exists when the hero is besieged. We're captivated by the decisions he makes in the darkest hour of the night when it seems like the dawn will never come. Why? Because we know that feeling so well. This is the essence of our human life on earth: waiting, hoping, doubting — and enduring.

We know the ending to our story, but we don't know when it's coming. We live our whole lives in the rising action of the narrative. Sure, it gets old. Tiresome, even dull. We may start to despair that the climactic scene is coming at all.

But faith is the realization of things hoped for, and evidence of things not seen. We feel it watching a great movie, because we recognize it intuitively: it is faith which earns the happy ending. No one is drawn to the story when the hero gives up or gets tired of waiting for the payoff. Everyday stewardship is the collection of choices we make while we're waiting, because we are called to action, not idleness, even in our perpetual state of expectation.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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### WHY DO WE DO THAT?

#### Catholic Life Explained:

##### Question:

On August 10 we celebrate the feast of St. Lawrence. Can you tell us a bit about him?

##### Answer:

Little is known about Lawrence other than he was a deacon during the reign of Emperor Valerian from 253–259. In 258, Valerian began a persecution of the Roman Church. Lawrence was in charge of the purse for the Church of Rome. Roman officials demanded that the riches of the church be handed over to them. Lawrence asked for a few days to gather them.

Lawrence took the money he had charge over and distributed it to the poor of Rome. Then he gathered all the homeless and poor together. When the officials came again demanding the riches of the church, Lawrence pointed to the destitute and homeless, saying that these were the true riches of the church. For this he was imprisoned and tortured, and put to death by burning on a gridiron. It is said that as he was dying, he told his executioners to turn him over because he was done on one side and needed to be fully cooked for the Lord.

Lawrence continues to be a model for us today. The church needs continual reminders that its riches are the people. The primary purpose and mission of the church is to be continually sensitive to the needs of all God's people, most especially the least of our brothers and sisters.



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**- Lk 12:39-40**

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## **QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK**

**Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture**

### **First Reading**

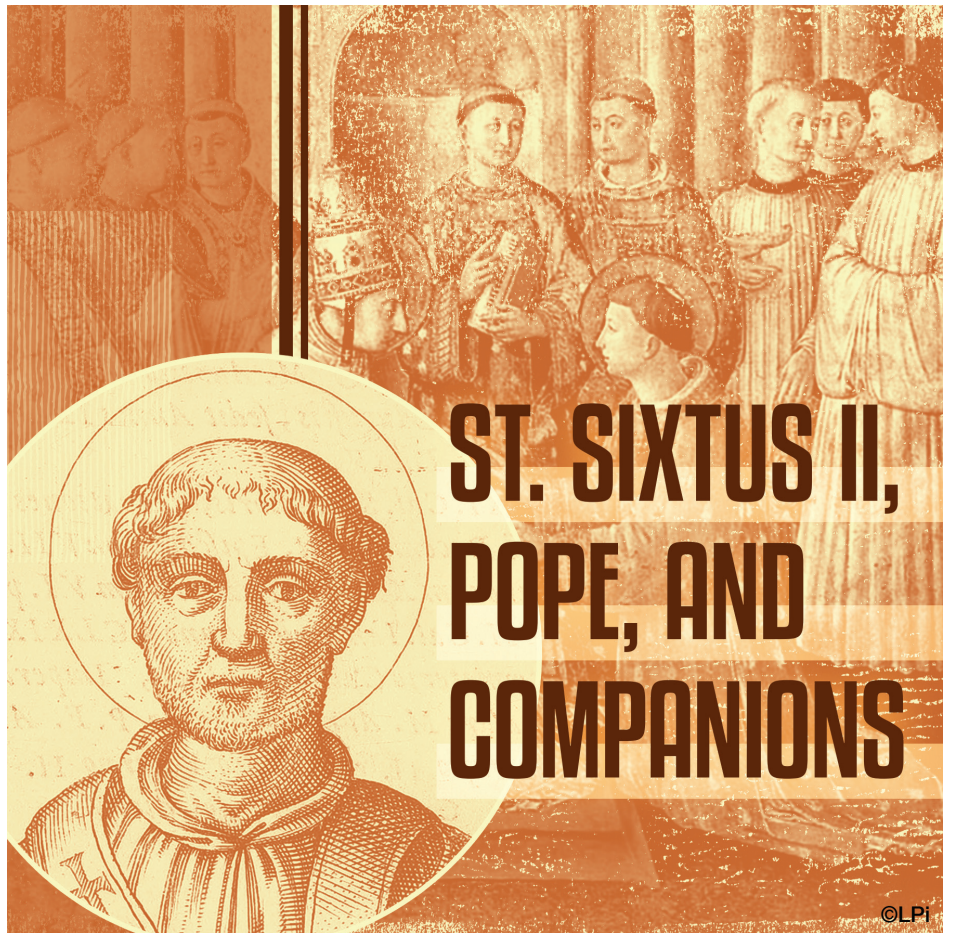
Our wisdom writer speaks of the importance of trust in God's divine providence. How do you know that God has provided for you?

### **Second Reading**

The author of Hebrews defines faith as “the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen.” He then cites Abraham as the model of faith in terms of his obedience, trust, and courage. When have you had to completely trust in the Lord?

### **Gospel Reading**

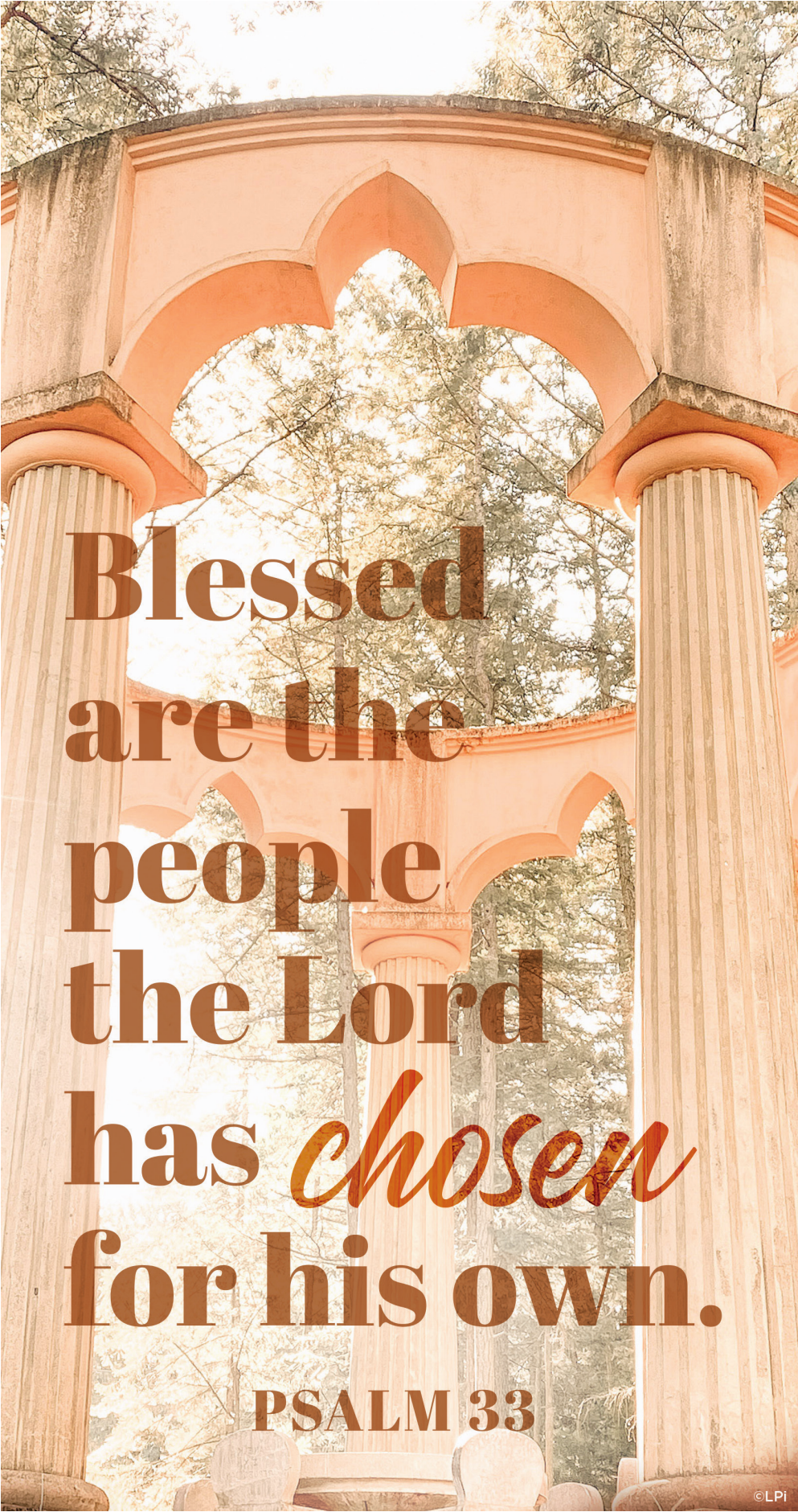
In today's Gospel reading, Jesus teaches the disciples about being vigilant and faithful with the gifts God has given us as we await the end times and return of Jesus. How well do you think you are stewarding the gifts God has given you?



19<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME







**Blessed  
are the  
people  
the Lord  
has *chosen*  
for his own.**

**PSALM 33**

*“Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival. Amen, I say to you, he will gird himself, have them recline at table, and proceed to wait on them. And should he come in the second or third watch and find them prepared in this way, blessed are those servants.”*

*- Lk 12:37-38*

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# KIDS CORNER

READ THE  
GOSPEL AND  
COMPLETE A  
PUZZLE!

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

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lamps  
servants

master  
night  
morning

home  
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## SHARING THE GOSPEL

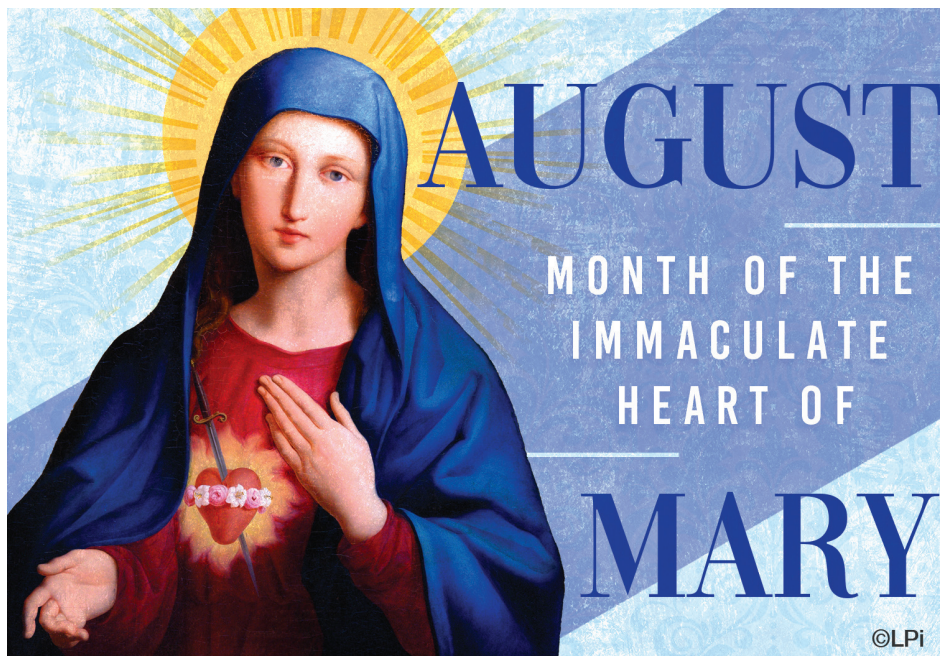
One day Jesus will come back from heaven. He could come back any day now - nobody knows when. So, you and I need to be ready. Put God first in your life. Love God with your whole heart. Live every day in a way that will make Jesus smile. Be ready to go to heaven!

### PRAYER

Dear God, help me to stay close to Jesus.

### MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Every day I will read, play, and listen to things that make God happy.







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