

SAINT COLUMBAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

ST. COLUMBAN PARISH

506 First St. S. Yelm, WA 98597

360-458-3031

Office Hours

Monday—Thursday 9:00AM –2:00PM

parishoffice@saintcolumbanyelm.org

Website: www.saintcolumbanyelm.org

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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:00PM

Sunday: 10:30AM

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

Rosary is said 30min prior to each Mass

Sacraments

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

Confession: Saturdays 3:30—4:30PM

First Friday Devotions: 6:30PM

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

See Calendar on Page 3 for current schedule and updates

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

St. Vincent De Paul

Providing emergency assistance for those in need.

Help Line: 360-458-1904

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

ST. PETER MISSION

149 Keithahn St. S, Tenino, WA 98589

For administrative assistance please contact St. Columban

Mass Schedule

Sunday 8:00AM

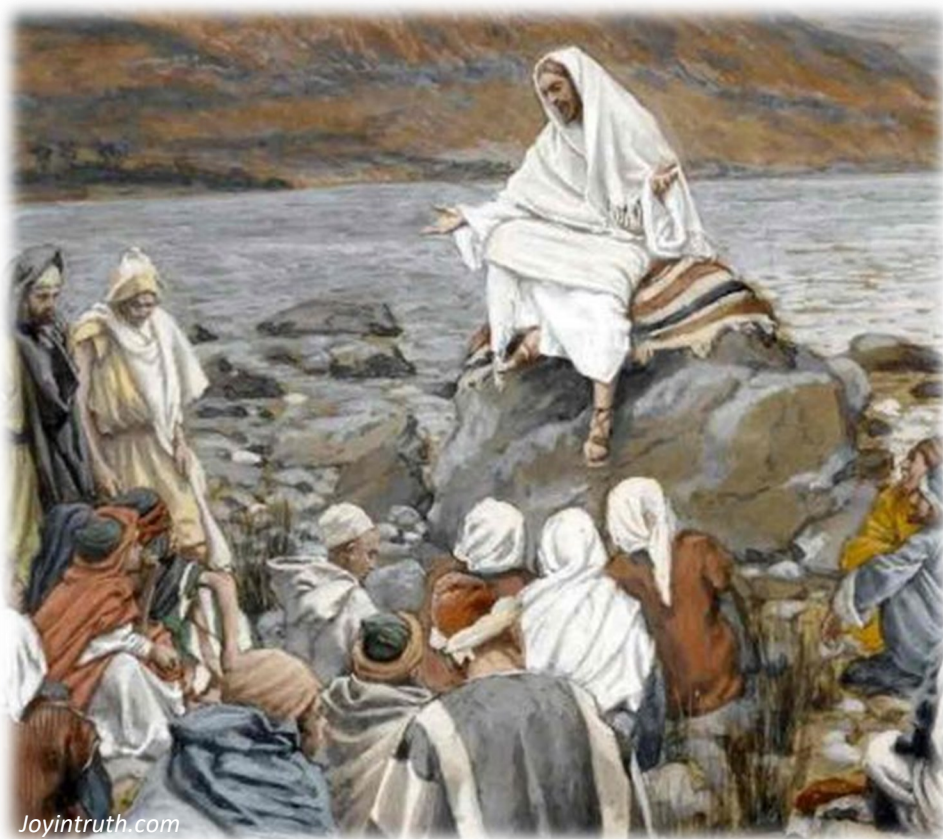
Rosary is said 30min prior to Mass

Sacraments

Confession: Sundays 7:30 -7:45AM

Daily Mass (First Fridays): 9:00AM

Anointing of the Sick: by appointment



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Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

September 4, 2022

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Readings

Entrance Antiphon: *You are just O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.*

1st Reading: Wisdom 9:13-18b

Responsorial Psalm: *In every age O Lord, you have been our refuge.*

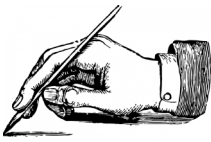
2nd Reading: Philemon 9b-10, 12-17

Gospel Acclamation: *Let your face shine upon your servant, and teach me your laws.*

Gospel: Luke 14: 25-33

Communion Antiphon: *Like a deer that longs for running streams, so my soul longs for you my God.*

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.



Antiphons

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is thoroughly scriptural. Not only is that because we are re-presenting the Sacrifice of Christ in accord with his instructions at the Last Supper, nor only because Christ's Sacrifice is the fulfillment of the Scriptures, but also in the literal sense that many of the words of the Mass are taken from the Bible. Indeed, the Church has even provided us music for the Mass in the form of the Propers: antiphons—short psalm or scripture quotes—with associated psalms or canticles. We hear one such every Mass in the Responsorial Psalm, but they also exist for the beginning of Mass, the Offertory, and Communion. Unfortunately, they are written in a book called *Graduale Romanum* that, for whatever reason, was never translated from Latin to English. Plus, they are Gregorian Chant, which can be difficult at times depending on the text. Knowing this, the Church in a document called *Musicam Sacram* lays out what to do when the ideal of these chants as the true music of the Mass is not possible.

If the Latin *Graduale* is not possible, option 2 is an official translation into the local language (which we do not have), option 3 is setting the texts to chant or music in the local language (which exist but can be difficult for those not used to chant). Failing all these, we are permitted simply to use appropriate hymns. Obviously, most US churches have to use the last option, and that is fine. However, it does mean that many Catholics are denied the richness of hearing these texts that set the theme for each Mass.

Luckily, since the antiphons without music are included in the Roman Missal, there has arisen a sort of hybrid option in the US: to chant the antiphon either before or after the hymn for a given moment of the Mass. This is what we do in this parish, or more a hybrid of the third and fourth options *The Roman Missal* permits. At St Columban, the choir sings the Entrance Antiphon and associated psalm verses, and at St Peter, I chant the Entrance Antiphon after the opening hymn but before the Sign of the Cross. At both Churches, I or the Choir chant the Communion Antiphon before the communion hymn begins. I invite you to listen closely to these antiphons (and/or follow along with them in your missalette) and help them focus your prayer at these important moments.

In Christ, Fr Thompson

Financial Stewardship

Week of August 21, 2022

Ordinary Income	St Columban	St Peter
Weekly Goal	\$5,800.00	\$1,000.00
Collection (Cash & Envelopes)	\$11,357.29	\$632.00
Online Giving	\$1,295.83	\$170.15
Net	\$5,557.29	(\$368.00)
Special Funds		
St Vincent DePaul	\$9.42	\$0.00
Sacramentals (Candles, Beeswax tapers, Salt)	\$3.20	\$0.00
Flowers	\$0.00	\$0.00
Building Fund	\$133.35	\$0.00
Mass Intentions	\$0.00	\$0.00
2 nd Collection (name)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Called to Serve as Christ	Last Report- ed	
Total Pledged	\$117,259	\$26,997
Total Received	\$80,047	\$15,917
Total Rebate (15%)	\$12,307.12	\$2,387.55

The Parish Office will be
closed
Monday September 5th
for Labor Day!

There will be
NO Daily Mass
Tuesday September 6th!

SAINT COLUMBAN PASTORAL COUNCIL

Judith Cusick (Chairperson),
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Faith Formation

Faith Formation: Grades K-12

- All K-5 classes meet before Mass from 9am-10:15am on Sundays.
- All Confirmation classes meet after Mass from 11:45am-1pm.
- Youth Group meetings TBA. Check the Parish website for up to date information.

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED!

Please see our website to register your child(ren) for the 2022-2023 catechetical year.

Classes begin September 18th!

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 Tuesday, September 20 at 6:30 in the Religious Education Building. Contact Katie Hennigan to register. katie@saintcolumbanyelm.org 360-458-3031x2

FREE Resources for Enriching Your Faith at Home

FORMED
(free to all parishioners of Saint Columban)
<https://saintcolumbanyelm.org/formed/>

Office of Marriage and Family Life:
<https://marriagefamilylife.seattlearchdiocese.org/athomewithfaith>

Online Catholic Library
<https://www.catholic.org/>

PARISH MINISTRIES

For more information contact the parish office



Daughters of Mary

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

September 13 Monthly Meeting **zoom**
10:00AM Religious Ed Bldg

September 11 Fellowship
11:45AM Parish Hall



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 17152

September 21 Council Meeting **zoom**
6:00PM Parish Hall

September 25 KofC Breakfast
11:45AM Parish Hall



St. Vincent de Paul

September 15 Monthly Meeting
7:00PM Parish Hall

September 25 Walk for the Poor
12:00PM 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



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 September 5

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Rosary Prayer Group
7:00PM Church

TUESDAY September 6

NO DAILY MASS

Choir Practice
6:00PM Church

Spanish Prayer Group
6:30PM Parish Hall

WEDNESDAY September 7

Daily Mass @ St. Columban 9:00AM

Intentions of: Dean Walker

THURSDAY September 8

Daily Mass @ St. Columban 9:00AM

Intentions of: Lorraine Handley

Bible Study
10:00AM St. Peter Mission—Tenino

6:30PM St. Columban—RE Bldg

FRIDAY September 9

Daily Mass @ St. Columban 9:00AM

Intentions of: Reagan Walker Bell

SATURDAY September 10

Confession
3:30PM St. Columban

Vigil Mass
5:00PM St. Columban

24th Sunday O.T. September 11

ST. PETER MISSION TENINO

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

ST. COLUMBAN

10:30AM Mass
11:45AM Fellowship hosted by the Daughters of Mary

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

Pat Meyers

Robert Fisher

Theresa Gonzales

+ All those in harm's way.

+ For the people of Ukraine

Rest In Peace

Moises Gonzales

Fabian Gonzales

Lydia Gonzales

Rosalinda Gonzales-Lopez

Maria Teresa Siegemund

All the souls in purgatory, especially those who have no one to pray for them.

To add a name please contact the parish office.

All submissions must have permission from the named individual or an authorized family member for privacy purposes.

Bonus Bulletin Content!

To save on printing, some extra bulletin content will now be exclusively found in the online edition of our bulletin, which is also emailed weekly to parishioners. Sign up at flocknote.com/saintcolumbanyelm or visit our website saintcolumbanyelm.org

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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

Katie Hennigan, PA for Faith Formation katie@saintcolumbanyelm.org

Chad Lucero, PA for Youth Ministry chad@saintcolumbanyelm.org

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 20th 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**

FIRST AID CPR & AED TRAINING

**September 24, 2022
9:00AM - 12:30PM
PARISH HALL**

Join us on Saturday September 24, 2022 in the Parish Hall from 9:00AM - 2:30PM for First Aid, CPR, and AED Training. Certification is \$50.00 and pre-registration is required no later than September 10th.

Minimum class size of 10 people is needed.

Ushers and Catechists are encourage to attend

**Lifesaving
Skills**

Certification \$50

Contact the parish office to
register
360-458-3031 ext. 1
parishoffice@saintcolumbanyelm.org

Register by September 10th!



Christ the Teacher, Brother Claude Lane, OSB/Mount Angel Abbey

How well do you know our faith?

Sign up for the **Catechetical Certification Program (CCP)** to gain a deeper understanding. This program for adult learners and catechists includes live sessions and videos, and provides the foundation for knowing, living, and passing on our Catholic Faith.

Learn more and register at tinyurl.org/archseattleccp



DOUBLE FEATURE WITH JASON EVERT

SAINT BRENDAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
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A LIFE-CHANGING EVENT FOR FAMILIES (AGES 13+)

OCTOBER 9, 2022

4:00 - 6:00 PM

\$20 Tickets to attend this event only

EVENING INCLUDES:

The innocence of the family is under attack like never before. Come and discover how to protect and heal yours. This chastity presentation for teens and parents includes the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Eucharistic Adoration.

GENDER & THE THEOLOGY OF YOUR BODY (AGES 13+)

OCTOBER 9, 2022

7:00 - 8:30 PM

\$20 Tickets to attend this event only

EVENING INCLUDES:

What's the meaning of sex, gender, and the human body? The truth of masculinity and femininity are being questioned like never before. Discover how your body as a man or woman reveals your identity and calling.

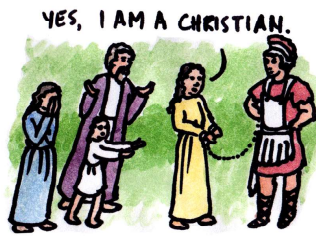
Both events include free resources for attendees!

Purchase Tickets with QR Code:



The parish will be offering a dinner option at 6:00 pm.
For more information contact: St. Brendan's at 425.483.9400

Family and Friends or God?



his own life, he cannot be my disciple."

You probably thought that God doesn't want us to hate anyone, right? Well He doesn't! What Jesus was saying was that we should love God more than we love the people closest to us. He means that we should be ready to do what God wants even if that means losing our family or best friends.

Normally God wants us to stay close to the people we love, but what if you had to choose between doing the right thing or keeping your friends? Are you ready to give up anything or anyone that would stop you from loving God?

In today's Gospel reading Jesus says, "If any one comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even

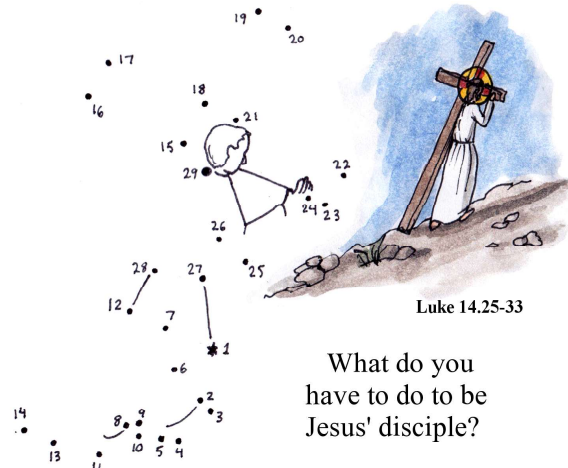


Answer to Word-Find:
We ask God for His mercy.

www.thekidsbulletin.com

The Kids' Bulletin

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 4th, 2022



What do you have to do to be Jesus' disciple?

Connect the dots to find out, starting at the star beside the number 1. Then you can colour the picture in.

This Thursday is Our Lady's Birthday!
What can your family do to celebrate Mary's Birthday?

Saint Teresa of Calcutta September 5

AGNES GONXHA BOJAXHIU WAS BORN IN YUGOSLAVIA IN 1910. HER FATHER DIED WHEN SHE WAS 8. AT AGE 12 SHE KNEW GOD WANTED HER TO BE A MISSIONARY.

Lord, You want me to work for you, don't you?

WHEN SHE WAS 18 AGNES BECAME A NUN AND TOOK THE NAME TERESA. SHE TAUGHT AT A SCHOOL FOR RICH GIRLS IN INDIA.

ON A TRAIN WHEN SHE WAS 36, SR. TERESA FELT GOD CALL HER TO SERVE THE VERY POOR.

I want you to serve Me in the poorest of the poor.

Today we will start learning how to read!

SHE GOT PERMISSION TO TAKE A NEW HABIT AND START A SCHOOL FOR POOR CHILDREN.

SOON OTHER WOMEN JOINED MOTHER TERESA TO HELP THE POOR AND DYING.

MOTHER TERESA KNEW THAT THEY COULD NOT CONTINUE WITHOUT TAKING TIME EVERY DAY TO TALK WITH JESUS.

Governments should also work to protect the poor and the unborn.

IN 1979 MOTHER TERESA WON THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE, BUT SHE STAYED HUMBLE AND USED EVERY CHANCE TO TELL THE RICH AND POWERFUL PEOPLE TO PROTECT THE POOR AND WEAK.

SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA DIED ON SEPTEMBER 5TH, 1997. WE CAN LEARN FROM HER TO DEFEND AND HELP THOSE WHO CAN'T HELP THEMSELVES, ESPECIALLY THE POOR AND UNBORN CHILDREN. WE ALSO LEARN FROM HER EXAMPLE THAT WE NEED TO SPEND TIME IN PRAYER WITH JESUS EVERY DAY.

Psalm 90 Word-Find

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

See if you can find all the words from today's Psalm that are written in CAPITALS. The leftover letters tell what we are doing when we pray this Psalm.



A THOUSAND YEARS in thy sight are but as YESTERDAY when it is past, or as a WATCH in the NIGHT.

Thou dost SWEEP men AWAY; they are like a DREAM, like GRASS which is RENEWED in the morning; in the MORNING it flourishes and is renewed; in the EVENING it FADES and withers.

So teach us to number our DAYS that we may get a HEART of WISDOM. Return, O LORD! How long? Have PITY on thy SERVANTS!

SATISFY us in the morning with thy steadfast LOVE, that we may REJOICE and be GLAD all our days.

Sept 4, 2021

WATCH

NETWORK OF FREEDOM

Set in France at the beginning of World War II, this inspiring film narrates the heroic work of Sister Helene Studler, the Daughter of Charity who saved the lives of thousands of French refugees by preventing them from becoming prisoners of the Nazi forces, or freeing those who were captured. Among those she saved were many illustrious characters including the future Prime Minister of France, François de Mitterrand.



LEARN

FORMED NOW: THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

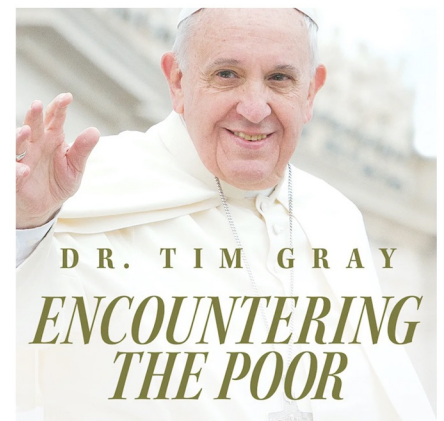


As we celebrate the birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary this week, listen as Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. John Sehorn discuss the traditions surrounding Mary's life and how her life is a model of humility for Christians.

LISTEN

ENCOUNTERING THE POOR: BIBLICAL ROOTS FOR CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING BY TIM GRAY

Dr. Gray expounds upon the teachings of the Catholic Church surrounding social justice in light of Sacred Scripture. Discover how social justice in regards to the poor is not one small piece in the puzzle, but instead frames the entire mosaic of Scripture.



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At Home with Faith

Humility allows us to forget ourselves and our worries about our status in this world and redirect our attention to caring for those in need and the good things God intends for us.



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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.

The philosopher Josef Pieper, inspired by St. Thomas Aquinas, describes humility as simply our accepting the truth about ourselves. We are “dust of the ground” (Genesis 2:7) that has received life from God.

This sheds light on Jesus’ guidance to avoid worrying about our “place at the table.” The respect and honor that human beings provide seems attractive, but never satisfies us for long. The less we worry about the honor that we are due from human beings, the more open we are to the blessings that can only be granted by God who exalts the one who humbles himself.

Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29

Conduct your affairs with humility.

Psalm 68

God provides for the poor.

Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24

Through Jesus we approach the heavenly Jerusalem.

Luke 14: 1,7-14

Rather than seeking honor, care for those in need.

At Home with Faith

Talk

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

Help your child to find encouragement in the virtue of humility:

- **Describe a time when you were upset because you didn't have the right place at the table.** Whether it was a lunch table in Junior High or a boardroom table at work. Share with your children a time when you were disappointed about not having the place at the table you thought you should. Share your feelings of frustration, anger and insecurity.
- **Provide your child an opportunity to share their own experience.** It's possible these first and second steps may be reversed. This conversation may come about because your child is having a tough time with their place at the table. Either way, provide your child the opportunity to share their own feelings of frustration, anger and insecurity.
- **Share Jesus' advice and your own perspective.** Reflect with your child on Jesus' advice about forgetting our worries about honor. Admit that this is not easy. But talk about how, when you look back on your worries about a place at the lunchroom table in your youth, you grew and maybe even found good friendships, from that experience developing the virtue of humility along the way.



Check out these resources to learn more about ways to grow in humility:

Bishop Barron on Pride, Humility, and Social Media

<https://youtu.be/kFszRqu1oA0>

Watch this 9-minute video by Bishop Robert Barron on Pride, Humility and Social Media, and how the experience of motherhood can free us from our preoccupation with ourselves.

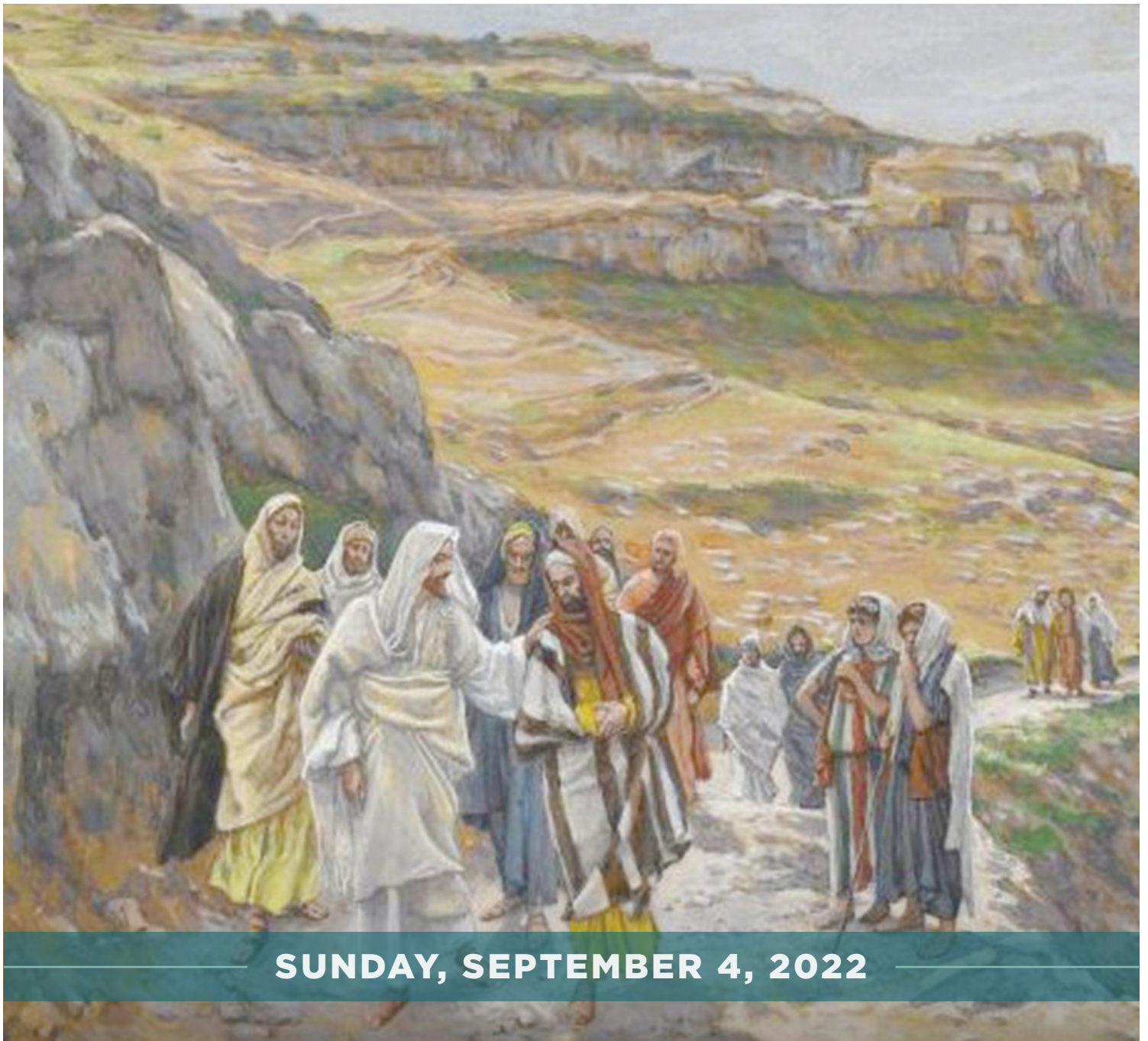
Litany of Humility (Ascension Press)

<https://ascensionpress.com/pages/litany-of-humility>

The Litany of Humility, available on the Ascension Press website, offers a challenging but potentially enriching prayer to be freed from desires that make it hard for us to be humble.

For more resources, visit us online at:

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



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2022

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion? ... In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple.” - Lk 14:28, 33

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 4, 2022

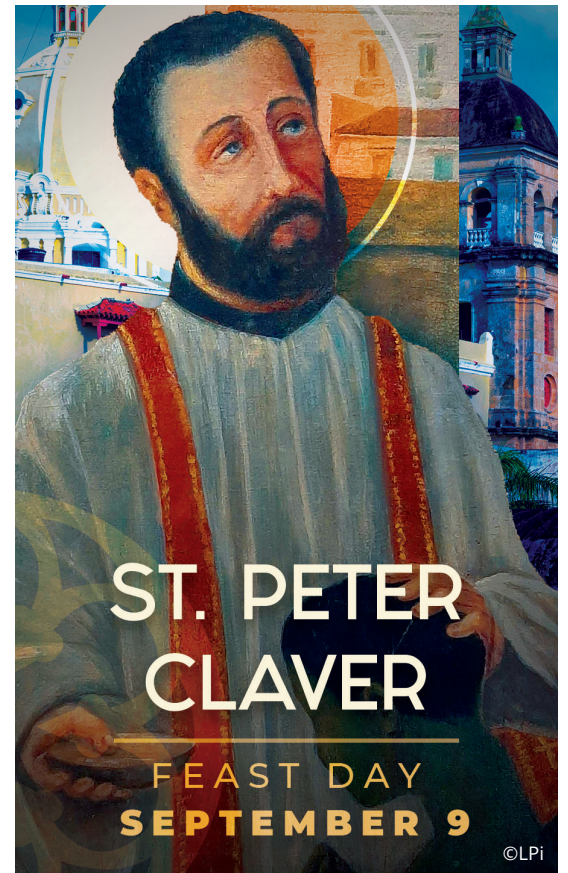
- Sunday:** Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33
- Monday:** 1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12/Lk 6:6-11
- Tuesday:** 1 Cor 6:1-11/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 6:12-19
- Wednesday:** 1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17/Lk 6:20-26
- Thursday:** Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
- Friday:** 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12/Lk 6:39-42
- Saturday:** 1 Cor 10:14-22/Ps 116:12-13, 17-18/Lk 6:43-49
- Next Sunday:** Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19/1 Tm 1:12-17/Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 4, 2022

- Sunday:** 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** Labor Day
- Thursday:** The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Friday:** St. Peter Claver, Priest
- Next Sunday:** 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Patriot Day; Grandparents' Day

LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week

"Stand up straight and don't slouch!" Many a child has heard these words bellowed from their mother's lips. We need the perspective of others to help us understand when we are not walking as straight as we could be. God sends us the Holy Spirit to correct and guide us so that our paths through life can be straight. Without this assistance, how we see and understand ourselves and the world around us is incomplete. We will also lack the virtue of fortitude. It takes courage to listen to the Holy Spirit and devote ourselves to the task of discipleship. We have to put aside things that the world says are necessary and follow a path placed before us by Jesus Christ. Jesus is asking us to follow him. We must consider what we have to do to be free enough to do so. God needs us to show the world a complete picture of what life is meant to be, correct its vision and tell it to stand up straight!



SAINT OF THE WEEK

Born in Catalonia Spain in 1580, Saint Peter Claver studied at first at the University of Barcelona and then joined the Jesuits. He became friends with fellow brother Saint Alphonsus Rodriguez who encouraged him to be a missionary in the New World. Accordingly, Saint Peter went to Cartagena, a city in present-day Columbia where he was ordained in 1615.

Cartagena was a center for the slave trade, and the young missionary knew where he could best serve God. He proclaimed himself, "the slave of the Negroes forever." As ships would arrive with their human cargo, Saint Peter and a group of interpreters would rush into the hold with food and medicines. When the slaves were moved to pens to await sale, the saint continued to work among them, communicating God's love with acts of generosity and teaching the Catholic faith.

He also led missions in the interior, refusing the hospitality of plantation owners and preferring to stay in the slave quarters. He organized charitable societies and is said to have baptized and catechized more than 300,000 enslaved persons.

Saint Peter Claver died on September 8, 1654. He was canonized with his friend Saint Alphonsus Rodriguez in 1888, by Pope Leo XIII. He is the worldwide patron saint of African Americans and of enslaved peoples.

WORSHIP & MEDITATION



FIRST READING

Who can know God's counsel,
or who can conceive what the LORD
intends? (Wis 9:13)



PSALM

In every age, O Lord, you have been our
refuge. (Ps 90)



SECOND READING

Perhaps this is why he was away from
you for a while,
that you might have him back forever,
no longer as a slave
but more than a slave, a brother.
(Phmn 9:15-16)



GOSPEL

"Anyone of you who does not
renounce all his possessions
cannot be my disciple." (Lk 14:33)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

What virtue is the cornerstone of discipleship? Love. Jesus preached about it, lived it, and summarized his greatest commandment featuring it. Love is in our DNA. To follow Jesus, then, is to follow the path of love. While this may appear to be an attractive and easy option, it most assuredly is not. Authentic love always comes with sacrifice. It is the complete giving of oneself to another. The sacrificial character of love always requires that we leave something aside and pursue something else. This is at the heart of self-denial. Love asks us to make choices that are often difficult.

There is a reason Jesus asks that the love of God come first. "Charity is the right attitude of mind which prefers nothing to the knowledge of God. If a man possesses any strong attachment to the things of this earth, he cannot possess true charity (St. Maximus the Confessor)." "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple." A devoted disciple must be single-minded in her quest for God. She cannot allow anyone or anything to have more power over her soul than God. When any earthly attachments become more important than Love, we can get ourselves into trouble.

The Gospel calls us to walk boldly into the darkness, confusion, and emptiness of the world clothed in the mantle of love. We are asked to walk with others on their journey, offering a supportive, healing, challenging, and faithful presence. Ours is not to judge. To walk this sacrificial journey means that I must put myself aside and focus on the needs of others. "A sacrifice to be real must cost, must hurt and must empty ourselves (St. Teresa of Calcutta)." Love helps us walk straight and focus to see things more clearly and help others to do so as well. Many folks struggle to find joy and meaning in life. People may simply need someone with the freedom to sit with them in their pain, so they don't feel so alone. Through acts of kindness, gestures of acceptance, and words of compassion, burdens can be lightened. Believe in God's love and seek it above all other things!

LITURGICAL LIFE

RESPONDING *to the Call*

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

Where's the Sacrifice?

"It's not that I want you to do it. It's that I *want* you to want to do it."

If you're married or in a relationship, your partner has probably either said something like this to you or you have said it to them. If one of you hasn't said it, you have probably wanted to, and it's likely that a big argument or two was had where you dance around the sentiment, these exact words flashing in your mind like an old-time movie marquee.

The "it" never really matters much. Taking out the trash, painting the bedroom, traveling to your in-laws' for Christmas — whatever the subject matter of the disagreement is, it's all just so much set dressing. The heart of the matter is the sacrifice and desire. That's what it all hangs on. *Am I with a person who will sacrifice for me?*

When Paul writes to Philemon that he is sending Onesimus to him, he says exactly this. He tells Philemon that he would prefer to keep Onesimus with him, but that he does not want to deprive Philemon both of Onesimus and the opportunity to make a sacrifice worthy in the sight of the Lord.

The point is not who gets to hang out with Onesimus. The point is, as it says in the Gospel, who is willing to carry his cross? Who is willing to renounce his possessions? Who is willing to do the good deed for the sake of the other?

God doesn't care that much about what we have to offer. He cares much more that we have the strength to offer whatever we have.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Catholic Life Explained:

Question:

Why do Catholics light candles in church?

Answer:

Candles have been part of the Church's worship from the earliest times. In the days before electricity, candles and oil lamps were the ways that people lighted buildings. Even today, we often still depend on candles during power outages, relying on their flickering flames to bring light into the dark.

Like our ancestors, we also light candles on special occasions. Think about a festive family meal or a romantic dinner for two — there will often be candles on the table, special objects for a special event. We light candles on birthday cakes and carry them in processions. We also place candles at makeshift memorials that appear when there has been an accident or act of violence. In these moments, their light casts aside a different kind of darkness — the darkness of grief, fear, and death.

The custom of the early Christians lighting candles and lamps at the tombs of the martyrs gave way to the practice of having candles at Mass, honoring the sacredness of the celebration.

As Christians decorated their worship spaces with statues and icons, they would burn candles in front of sacred images and the relics of the saints, basically "shining a light" on what they held to be sacred. When pilgrims would visit these shrines, they would often bring candles to light before the image or relic. These candles came to be a symbol of the person, and their prayer and the burning these candles came to be understood as an extension and continuation of the prayer that was offered. What began as a practical way to provide light has come to be a symbol of the hopes, desires, loves, losses, fears, and faith of everyday Christians offering their prayers to God and his saints.

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Great crowds were traveling with Jesus, and he turned and addressed them, "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple."

- Lk 14:25-27

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QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

Our Jewish sage teaches us that the mystery of God can only be understood through wisdom provided by the "Holy Spirit." When do you pray for the gift of wisdom?

Second Reading

Paul urges his partner Philemon to see Onesimus no longer as a slave but as a "brother" now that Onesimus is a believer in Christ. When has your faith provoked an examination of conscience?

Gospel Reading

Jesus teaches the crowds that true discipleship demands one to "renounce all (your) possessions." In other words, one's ultimate concern should be solely the possession of the gift of salvation. Why do you think this is not self-evident to many?



23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



In every age,
**LORD, YOU
HAVE BEEN
OUR REFUGE.**



PSALM 90

*“Which of
you wishing
to construct a
tower does not
first sit down
and calculate
the cost to
see if there is
enough for its
completion?
... In the same
way, anyone of
you who does
not renounce all
his possessions
cannot be my
disciple.”*

- Lk 14:28, 33

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KIDS CORNER

READ THE GOSPEL AND COMPLETE A PUZZLE!

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

DISCIPLE
FATHER
MOTHER

WIFE
CHILDREN
BROTHER

SISTER
LIFE
CROSS

C R O S S U L I F E
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SHARING THE GOSPEL

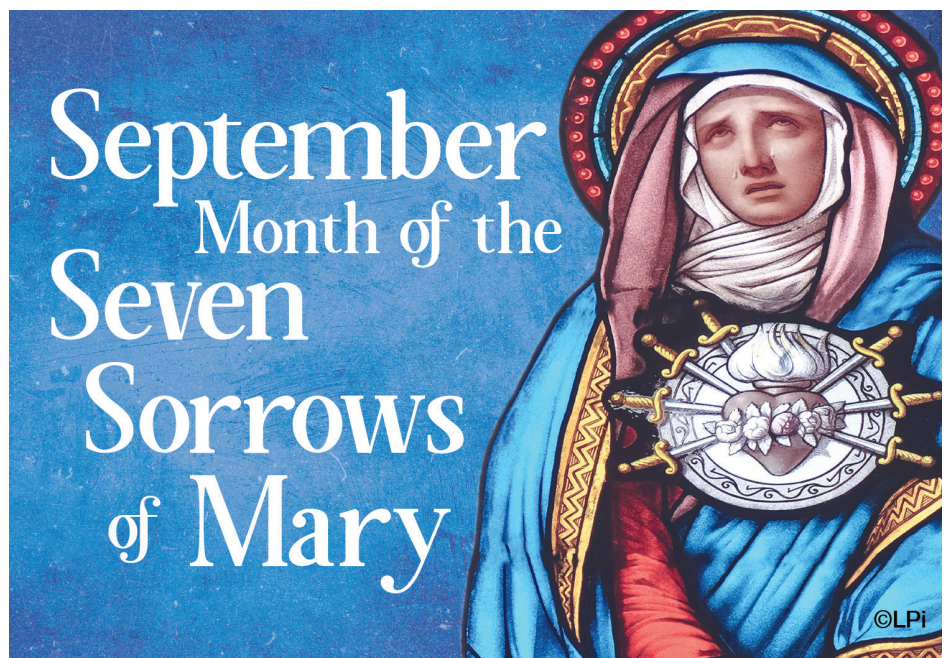
Living God's way can be very hard for some people. Name the people in your family. Can you love God more than you love your family? Name some of your friends. Can you love God more than you love your friends? Name your favorite books, movies or toys. Can you love God more than those things? It is OK to love your family, have good friends, and enjoy the gifts God has given you. Just remember to love God first.

PRAYER

Dear God, help me to love you more than anyone or anything else.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Say a special prayer to God today. Thank him for your family, your friends, and for all the things God has given you to enjoy.





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