

SAINT COLUMBAN CATHOLIC Church

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We belong to Christ, not ourselves

ST. COLUMBAN PARISH

506 First St. S. Yelm, WA 98597

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Office Hours

Monday—Thursday 9:00AM –2:00PM

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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



September 11, 2022

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Readings

Entrance Antiphon: *Give peace O Lord to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant and of your people Israel.*

1st Reading: Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14

Responsorial Psalm: *I will rise and go to my Father.*

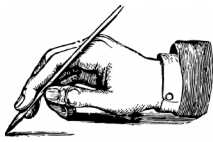
2nd Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

Gospel Acclamation: *God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.*

Gospel: Luke 15:1-32

Communion Antiphon: *I say to you, there will be joy among the angels of God over one sinner who repents.*

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

A Famous Convert

A few weeks ago, there was a news story that caused a great amount of joy and discussion in the American Church, that an actor named Shia LeBeouf had converted to Catholicism as a result of his experiences filming a movie about St Pius of Pietrelcina (commonly called Padre Pio). St Pius was a famous mystic of the 20th century who experienced stigmata—the crucifixion wounds of Jesus Christ miraculously appearing on his body, notably wounds in his hands and feet.

In order to portray this saint, Shia LeBeouf spent time steeping himself in Padre Pio’s biography, as well as working with some men in formation for the Priesthood to learn the celebration of the apostolic form of the Roman Rite that St Pius prayed. In a recent interview with Bishop Robert Barron (which is worth finding and listening to), Shia spoke about the spiritual power of the historical Roman Rite and how it affected him differently than his experiences of religion he encountered in his youth as well as many contemporary churches. This story is especially heartening given that LeBeouf was a child star who was ground up by the Hollywood machine, and up to recently did not seem very happy in life.

Devotees of the traditional Roman Rite were, of course delighted to hear LeBeouf’s words of support. LeBeouf’s frank, personal, but non-combative and ideology-free, words expressed an understanding of the beauty and eternal value of our heritage.

I know in the Church at the moment there is a great amount of animosity and conflict surrounding the status and value of apostolic liturgical forms and their relationship with the liturgical forms composed in the late 1960s, and how both liturgical models relatively compare to the mandates of the Second Vatican Council. So, there has been a lot of invoking of LeBeouf’s words for ideological and partisan reasons, sometimes with more force and sharpness than his actual words in conversation with Bishop Barron had.

However, setting aside traditionalism vs. modernism conflicts, I think it is important not to lose the wisdom of the insights that Shia Lebeouf had, which led him to the Church. The gentle simplicity and clarity of his reflections are a sign of the Holy Spirit at work in him. It is worthwhile for us to reflect on the spiritual outlook engaging with liturgical worship fostered in him, leading him to conversion: He realized the mysteries being celebrated are, or should always be, oriented towards God and shaped according to what honors Him--and we are privileged to be invited to enter into them. From such an outlook comes true prayer and a true full and active participation and encounter by all involved. Shia also reflected that the opposite can be true as well, when sacred mysteries are demystified by orienting them towards us and synthetically shaping them to our desires and expectations, it can mute or eclipse what that encounter could be, render it potentially superficial and actually diminish the depth and reality of our participation in worship.

In Christ,
Father Thompson

Financial Stewardship

Week of Aug 28, 2022		
Ordinary Income	St Columban	St Peter
Weekly Goal	\$5,800.00	\$1,000.00
Collection (Cash & Envelopes)	\$1,836.00	\$643.00
Online Giving	\$1,049.55	\$15.00
Net	(\$2,914.45)	(\$342.00)
Special Funds		
St Vincent DePaul	\$23.89	\$0.00
Sacramentals (Candles, Beeswax tapers, Salt)	\$4.00	\$0.00
Flowers	\$0.00	\$5.00
Building Fund	\$144.38	\$0.00
Mass Intentions	\$134.45	\$0.00
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



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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

October 9 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 12**

Rosary Prayer Group
7:00PM Church

TUESDAY **September 13**

Daily Mass @ St. Columban 9:00AM
+ In Memory of: Amada Sevilla RIP

Spanish Prayer Group
6:30PM Parish Hall

WEDNESDAY **September 14**

Daily Mass @ St. Columban 9:00AM
Intentions of: Sarah Cucchiara

THURSDAY **September 15**

Daily Mass @ St. Columban 9:00AM
Intentions of: Fatima Scotto

Bible Study
10:00AM St. Peter Mission -Tenino
6:30PM St. Columban -RE Bldg

FRIDAY **September 16**

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

SATURDAY **September 17**

Confession
3:30PM St. Columban

Vigil Mass
5:00PM St. Columban

25th Sunday O.T. **September 18**

ST. PETER MISSION TENINO

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

ST. COLUMBAN

9:00-10:15AM Religious Ed Classes
10:30AM Mass
11:45-1PM Confirmation Classes

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

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**



KNIGHTS OF
COLUMBUS
COUNCIL 17152



SATURDAY OCTOBER 1ST
6:00PM
IN THE PARISH HALL

TICKETS

Age 12 and Over: \$10.50

Ages 4-11: \$5.50

Children 3 and under are free

DINNER INCLUDES:

Bratwurst, Homemade Sauerkraut, Pork Cutlet, Tomato Salad, Bread roll, Sweet & Sour Cabbage, German Chocolate Cake, and beverage.



LIVE MUSIC

Played by Tom
Britanyak on our
Robert Morgan
Theatrical Pipe
Organ.

Polka Band



BASKET AUCTION

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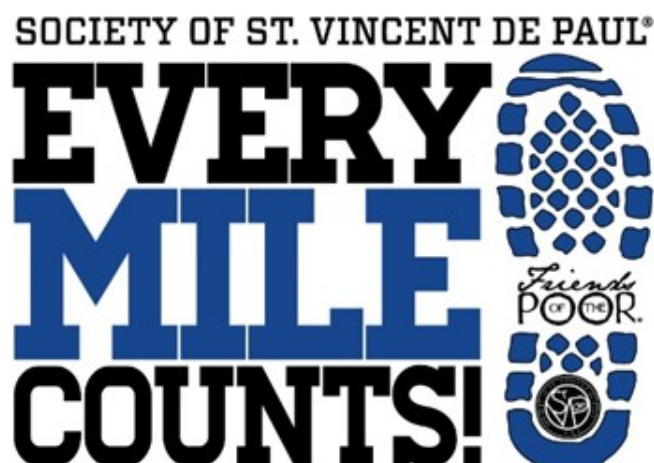
Meet in front of the Parish Hall

Participants are encouraged to make a personal donation and collect pledges from supporters.

Walk Concludes with Chili Feed in the Hall

The Friends of the Poor® Walk began as a national program with the purpose of providing local Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) Conferences and Councils the additional funds to help support their special works projects.

Today, that philosophy continues, with Conferences and Councils using the funds from this event to help people living in poverty.



What is the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?

Volunteers of this apostolate work to raise and distribute funds for the needy in their communities. The mission of the society is to be “a network of friends, inspired by Gospel values, growing in holiness and building a more just world through personal relationships with and service to people in need.” The society was founded by Blessed Antoine-Frédéric Ozanam in 1833 in France.



DOUBLE FEATURE WITH JASON EVERT

SAINT BRENDAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
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BOTHELL, WA 98011



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PROJECT**

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GENDER AND THE THEOLOGY OF YOUR BODY



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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

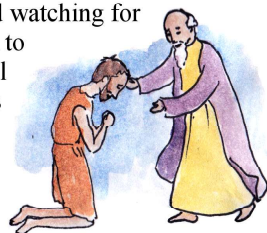
God Wants Everyone to Come Back to Him



In today's Gospel we hear three parables. In the first Jesus tells about the shepherd who lost one of his hundred sheep. But even though he had so many, he still cared about the one that was lost and went out to find it. God is like that too: even though He has so many people to look after He still cares about you in particular.

The next parable is similar, with the woman searching all over her house when she loses one of her special coins. She rejoices when she finds it, just like the angels rejoice in Heaven when a sinner turns back to God.

The last parable that Jesus tells is the story of the prodigal son. We are like the son in that story when we run away from God by sinning. But like the father, God is waiting and watching for us to be sorry and come back to Him. All we have to do is tell Him we are sorry for our sins in Confession and He will be so happy to have us back!

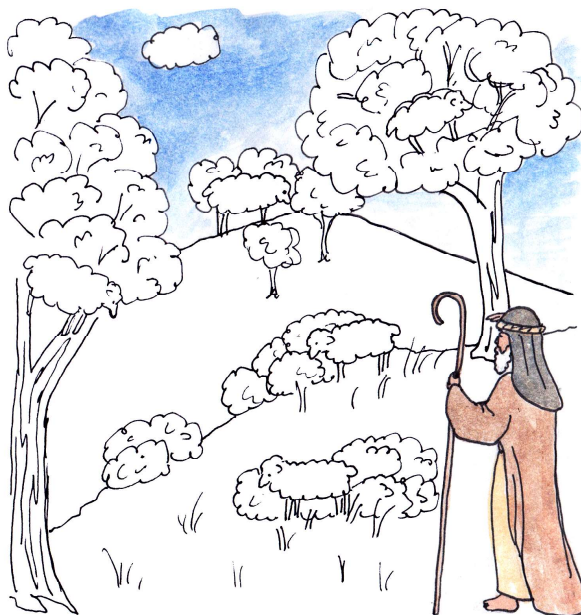


Answers: Front page: there are 5 sheep. Fill in the blanks: loses, found, have, tell, sinner. LOVES

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The Kids' Bulletin

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
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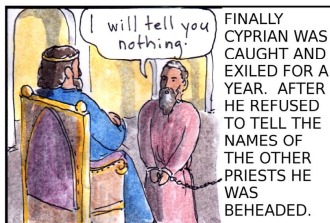
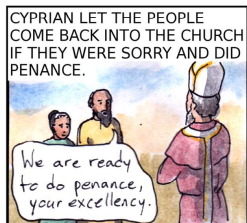
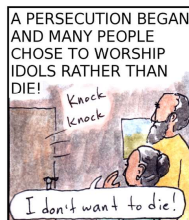
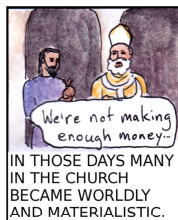
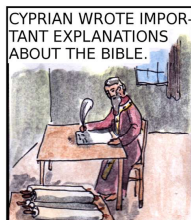
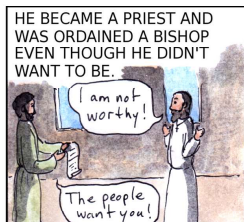
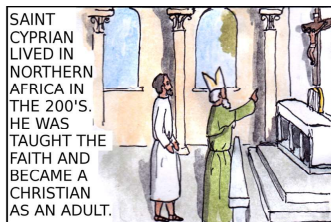


Luke 15:1-32

Jesus told us that God is like a shepherd that cares for every one of His sheep. There are some sheep lost in this picture. Can you find them?

Then you can colour in the rest of the picture.

Saint Cyprian September 16



SAINT CYPRIAN TAUGHT MANY PEOPLE WITH HIS LETTERS AND EXPLANATIONS ABOUT THE BIBLE. THE BIBLE IS THE INSPIRED WORD OF GOD, SO WE CAN LEARN A LOT ABOUT HIM BY READING IT. TRY TO READ SOME OF THE BIBLE EVERY DAY. PRAY TO ST. CYPRIAN TO UNDERSTAND WHAT GOD IS TEACHING US IN IT.

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Fill in the Blanks: The Lost Coin

Here is part of today's Gospel reading. See if you can fill in the blanks and use the marked letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

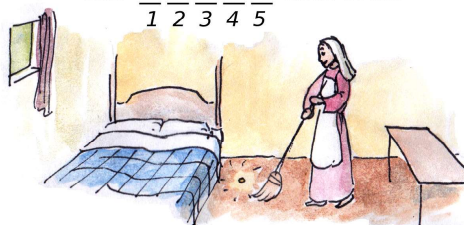
"Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she _____ one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it?"

And when she has _____ it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I _____ found the coin which I had lost.'

Just so, I _____ you, there is joy before the angels of God over one _____ who repents."

This parable helps to show us how much God _____ each of us.

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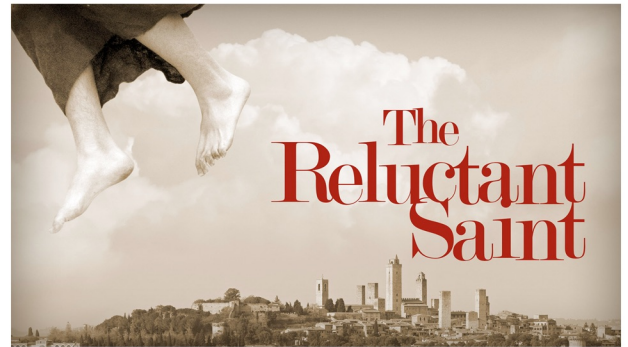


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WATCH

THE RELUCTANT SAINT: THE STORY OF ST. JOSEPH OF CUPERTINO

Maximilian Schell stars as "the flying friar," St. Joseph of Cupertino, in this story of the humble Franciscan friar. In Cupertino, Italy, Joseph's peasant mother convinces the reluctant Abbott to accept her son into the monastery. With the support of the kindly local Bishop who sees in him a great deal more than others do, and by a series of miraculous incidents, the simple but pious Joseph is ordained a priest.



LEARN

BIBLE STUDY: GALATIANS

Galatians

with Dr. Michael Barber and Dr. James Prothro



FORMEDNOW

Join Dr. Michael Barber and Dr. James Prothro as they dive into St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians.

This new multipart series walks through this pivotal book and how it fits in with the rest of the New Testament, as well as how Paul's writings can help us grow in relationship with Jesus.

LISTEN

DRAWING STRENGTH FROM OUR LADY OF SORROWS BY KIMBERLY HAHN

Speaker and author Kimberly Hahn, wife of Dr. Scott Hahn and mother of six, is a convert to the Catholic Faith. Although honoring Mary was difficult for her to understand initially, she began to encounter Mary's loving guidance in little ways on a daily basis. In this presentation, Kimberly reflects on the joys and sorrows that Mary prayerfully experienced during her time on earth, and shares how her example leads us closer to Christ.



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At Home with Faith

The Parable of the Prodigal Son reminds us that God will always welcome us home. Let's share this promise with our children: that they will always be welcomed home by their family and their Heavenly Father.



Photo: Adobe Stock

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.

Deacon Eric Paige reflects, "When I was at that awkward age between child and teenager, my mother shared with me this line from Robert Frost's poem *The Death of the Hired Man*: 'Home is the place where, when you have to go there, they have to take you in.'

"This line resonates with us because it reminds us of the promise from Jesus' parable of the Prodigal Son. No matter how undeserving we may be, when we return to him with sincere hearts, our Father will welcome us home. Take some time to share this promise with your children: Your family, and their heavenly Father, will always welcome them home."

Ezekiel 33: 7-11, 13-14

The Lord did not punish the people of Israel.

Psalms 51

A heart contrite and humbled you will not spurn.

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Jesus was merciful to me.

Luke 15:1-32

The Father welcomes the Prodigal Son home.

At Home with Faith

Talk

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

Make sure your child can always return home:

- **Ask your children if they are familiar with the story of the Prodigal Son.** See what they remember of the story.
- **Assure your children that they can always come home.** As parents, we are called to let our children know that no matter what they do later in life, we will be there for them. They will always be welcome to return home to us. Nothing can change the fact that we love them. The way we communicate this can vary. For example, we may want to promise a new driver that they can always call home for a ride, no questions asked. The core message remains the same: our love for them is unconditional.
- **Let them know that God will always welcome them home.** Ensure your child understands that God's love is unconditional, too. He will always welcome us home when we turn to him in sincerity.



Death of a Hired Man (Robert Frost)

“ ‘Home is the place where, when you have to go there,
They have to take you in.’

‘I should have called it
Something you somehow haven’t to deserve.’”

Robert Frost, “Death of a Hired Man”

Death of a Hired Man is a poem by the American poet Robert Frost, which explores the idea of home as a place of unconditional acceptance, belonging, justice, and mercy. Go to the links below to read the poem and to read an analysis by Mitchell Kalpakgian on Crisis Magazine.

“Death of a Hired Man” (Robert Frost)

<https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/44261/the-death-of-the-hired-man>

“Robert Frost’s ‘Death of a Hired Man’” (Mitchell Kalpakgian, Crisis Magazine)

<https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/44261/the-death-of-the-hired-man>

For more resources, visit us online at:

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



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"I tell you, there will be rejoicing among the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

- Lk 15:10

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

- 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
- Monday:** 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Lk 7:1-10
- Tuesday:** 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 7:11-17
- Wednesday:** Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn
3:13-17
- Thursday:** 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk
2:33-35
- Friday:** 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b and 15/Lk 8:1-3
- Saturday:** 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14/Lk 8:4-15
- Next Sunday:** Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

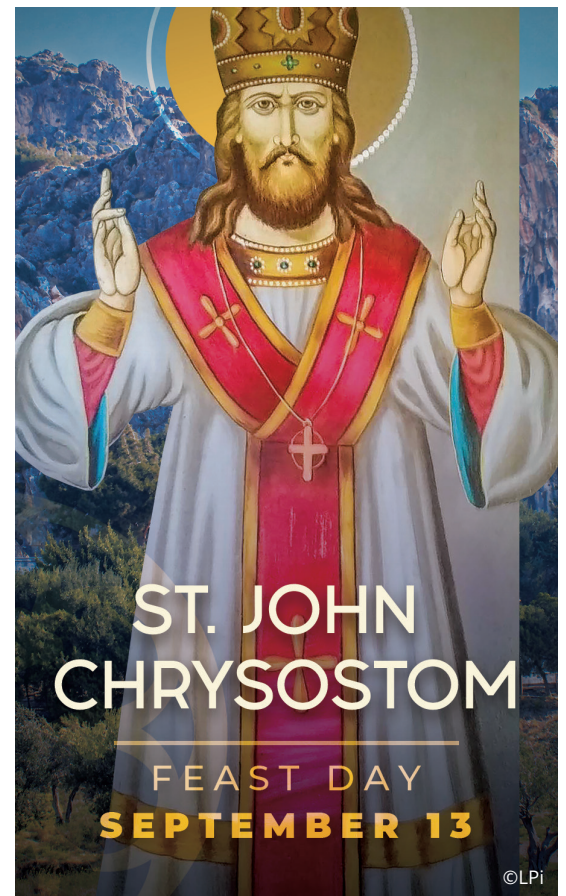
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

- Sunday:** 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Patriot Day; Grandparents' Day
- Monday:** The Most Holy Name of Mary
- Tuesday:** St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Wednesday:** The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
- Thursday:** Our Lady of Sorrows
- Friday:** Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
- Saturday:** St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Next Sunday:** 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

It is easy to worship things other than God. Our perception of reality gets distorted as well as our understanding of truth. Ideologies and theories that find a popular reception are extolled when they are simply lies. Human beings easily get lost. God came to us in the person of Jesus Christ to rescue us from our sins and keep us where we need to be. But we have to realize that we are living in darkness before we can ask for light. We have to recognize that we are lost so that we can desire to be found. And, we have to know that we have sinned so that we can repent. God always patiently waits. God is delighted when one of His children chooses life over death and runs toward His unconditional Mercy. Let's not be so stubborn and stiff-necked that we fail to recognize that we may have wandered into the wrong pasture.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

Born in Antioch in the 4th century, and raised by his widowed mother, Saint John received a rigorous classical education. He was first called to the ascetic life, even spending time as an anchorite living in a cave near Antioch. However, this life of extreme mortification was hard on his physical body, and he eventually returned to the city to recover.

Saint John was ordained in 298. He spent the next 12 years preaching in the Cathedral of Antioch, and it was most likely during this time that he earned the name Chrysostom which means "golden-mouthed."

In 397 or 398 he was made archbishop of Constantinople against his will. This post placed Saint John in the midst of imperial politics. But he would not be drawn in. He kept a modest household without extravagance and refused to serve the sumptuous suppers for political supplicants that predecessors in the position had. He preached against corruption and decadence and fought for the reform of clergy even deposing corrupt bishops.

Unfortunately, this high moral stance made enemies of powerful people at court and in the Church. They conspired against him and eventually Saint John was exiled to Armenia. He died in exile in 407. He was made a Father of the Church at the Council of Chalcedon in 451 and declared a Doctor of the Church in 1568.

WORSHIP & MEDITATION



FIRST READING

So the LORD relented in the punishment he had threatened to inflict on his people. (Ex 32:14)



PSALM

I will rise and go to my father. (Ps 51)



SECOND READING

This saying is trustworthy and deserves full acceptance:

Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. (1 Tm 1:15)



GOSPEL

"I tell you, in just the same way there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance."
(Lk 15:7)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Since God created human beings, we have struggled to keep our focus on God. We wrestle with the question of "who is God" and foolishly believe some of God's job description can be better completed by us. We wander in different directions, lose our way, think that happiness can be found elsewhere and even construct golden calves to worship. Are we simply too independent or just blatantly stubborn? It's a good question to ask. Even with all of our silliness and distractions, God compassionately and patiently waits. He lets us assert our wills and knows that perhaps one day we will actually wake up and realize how lost we are.

"Since happiness is nothing other than the enjoyment of the highest good and since the highest good is above, no one can be made happy unless he rises above himself, not by an ascent of the body but of the heart. But we cannot rise above ourselves unless a higher power lifts us up ... Divine aid is available to those who seek it from their hearts, humbly and devoutly; and this means to sigh for it in this valley of tears, through fervent prayer (St. Bonaventure)." One of the biggest human struggles is discerning what, exactly, is the highest good. We are ordered to achieve it but if we pursue it with clouded vision, we will never truly find it.

One of the greatest obstacles to God's power and love is a stubborn, closed heart of stone. When we are fiercely determined to set our sights elsewhere for happiness or simply ride the popular currents of the day, we will never satisfy the deep ache and longing within. We know that ache well. It is precisely why we scurry all over the place, attempting to find the next best thing to take away its pain. Nothing in the created world ever can or will. We continue our journey. One day, people may wake up and realize that they are grazing in the wrong pasture and putting themselves in harm's way. When this awakening occurs, it will be a most joyous day as we will see God's wide-open arms waiting to receive us. "Lead me, Lord, in your path, and I will enter in your truth. Let my heart rejoice that it may fear your name (St. Bonaventure)."

LITURGICAL LIFE

RESPONDING *to the Call*

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

Rise, and Go to Your Father

"If you pull into my driveway and honk, you better be dropping off a package, because you're sure not picking anything up."

I first read these words in the pages of W. Bruce Cameron's "8 Simple Rules for Dating my Teenage Daughter," (that's Rule No. 5, by the way).

There's a certain respect that is shown by someone who takes the time to come to the door, ring the bell and wait to be greeted. Being willing to go through the niceties for the sake of appearances is a small act of deference on the part of the person doing the picking-up, even if it's not for a date. Without it, the whole scenario becomes entitled.

I want you to think of something that you want or need, but do not have. Is it peace? Is it financial stability? Is it strength? Is it friendship?

The brother of the prodigal son had a lot of unexpressed desires. He sees his brother heaped with gifts and favors, feasting on the fattened calf, and he is enraged. *I haven't been given half of that, he thinks, and I've worked so hard.*

But for all his faithfulness, one has to wonder — did this son ever simply ask for what he needed? Did he get out of the car, so to speak, and ring the bell? Or did he sit in the driveway leaning on the horn?

God wants us to come before Him. He wants us to ask. He wants us to be like Moses — sure enough of our Father's indulgence to boldly ask for it. Think again about what you need but do not have, and ask yourself: Have I approached the door and rung the bell?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Catholic Life Explained:

Question:

Why does Mary have so many feast days and names?

Answer:

Christians first began celebrating feast days in honor of Mary, the Mother of Jesus, in the fifth century. That celebration (originally called the Feast of the Dormition and now known by Roman Catholics as the Solemnity of the Assumption) was celebrated on August 15. Very soon, however, other special days dedicated to Mary began to appear in Jerusalem, Rome, and other major cities of the Christian world. These days of feasting became important parts of the life of the community. But, more importantly, each of these unique celebrations became an opportunity to focus on a different facet of the Christian faith, as believers focused their attention on specific events or mysteries of the lives of Mary and her Son. Over the centuries, some of these celebrations became universal (such as the Assumption on August 15, the Immaculate Conception on December 8, and the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God on January 1). Other celebrations were more closely tied to certain religious orders (such as the Carmelites celebration of "Our Lady of Mount Carmel" on July 16 or the Servite Friars feast of the "Seven Sorrows of Mary," which is now celebrated as the Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows on September 15).

In more recent times, Marian apparitions (like Guadalupe, Lourdes, and Fatima) have inspired special liturgical celebrations. Pope Francis has added two new celebrations of Mary to the Church's calendar: The Memorial of Mary, Mother of the Church (on the Monday after Pentecost) and the Commemoration of Our Lady of Loreto (on December 10). The various titles of Mary (like those we find in the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary) help us to reflect on different aspects of Mary's faith and the ways that the Holy Spirit is at work in her and through her, especially as the Mother of Jesus.

In the end, whatever the event or mystery being celebrated in a particular liturgy or the title of Mary being used, we are invited to always see Mary in connection with the saving work of her Son. She is, of course, a patroness and protector for every Christian, but she is also a model of discipleship and contemplation: "Having entered deeply into the history of salvation, Mary, in a way, unites in her person and re-echoes the most important doctrines of the faith: and when she is the subject of preaching and worship she prompts the faithful to come to her Son, to his sacrifice and to the love of the Father" (Lumen Gentium, 65).

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“I tell you, there will be rejoicing among the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

- Lk 15:10

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QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

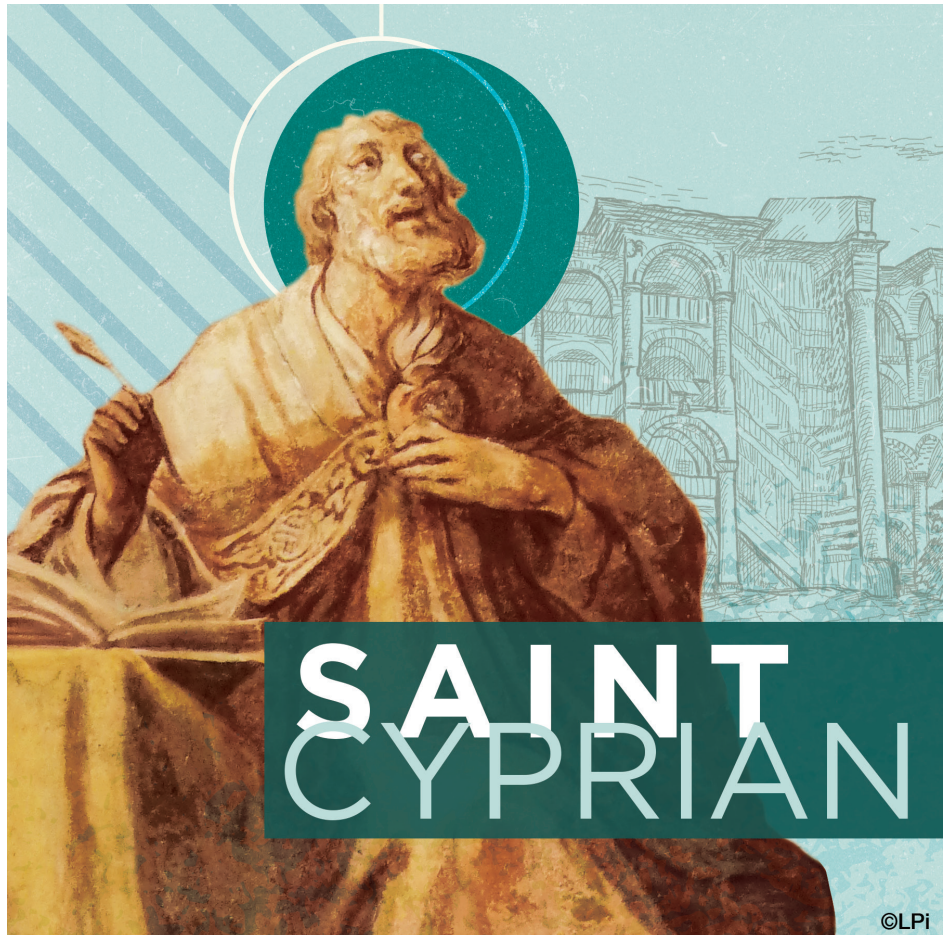
The Lord is persuaded by Moses' prayer of petition not to punish the Israelites for their apostasy. When has the Lord answered one of your prayers of petition?

Second Reading

Paul speaks of God's abundant mercy in the context of his former life as an arrogant, sinful, and ignorant man. In what ways do you think the Lord has been patient with you?

Gospel Reading

The parable of the prodigal (lost) son is one the best-known parables of Jesus. Which of the characters do you most resonate with: the father, the older son, or the lost son?



24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





*Create in me
a clean heart,
O God.*

PSALM 51

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“Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.’ I tell you, in just the same way there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance.”

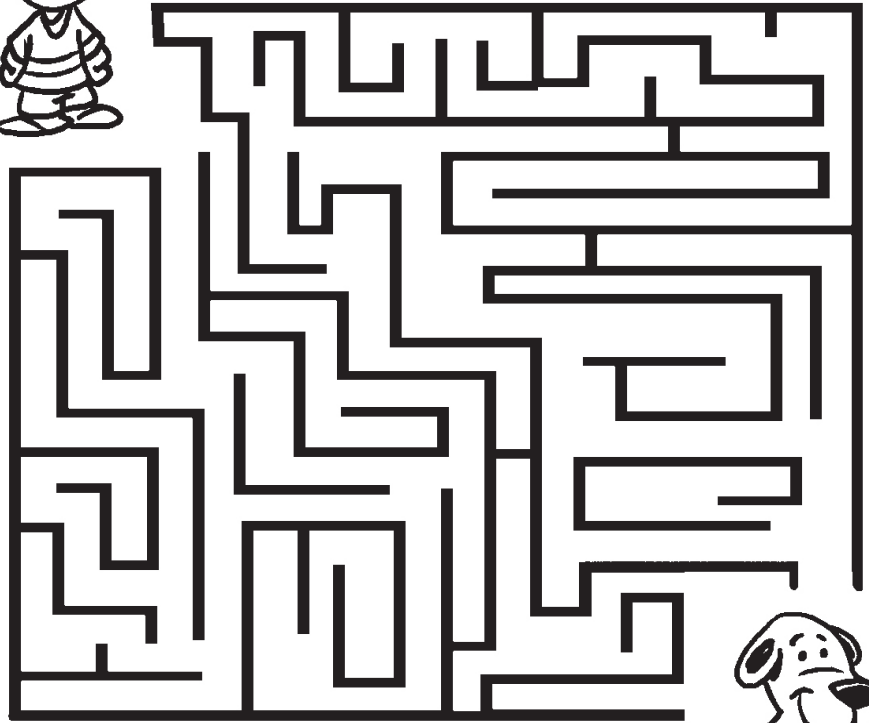
- Lk 15:6c-7

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KIDS CORNER

READ THE
GOSPEL AND
COMPLETE A
PUZZLE!

help the boy get to his dog.



SHARING THE GOSPEL

Jesus was kind to people who were lonely. Jesus forgave people who were sorry for their mistakes. Jesus ate dinner with people who needed God's love. They sinned. Everybody knew it. But Jesus knew that God's love could turn their frowns into smiles. If there are kids in your class who don't have many friends, be kind to them like Jesus. When other kids make mistakes, forgive them like Jesus. You'll make Jesus smile.

PRAYER

Dear God, help me to show kindness like Jesus did.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

When you go outside to play at school, look for someone who is alone. Offer to be a friend and play together.





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