

SAINT COLUMBAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

ST. COLUMBAN PARISH

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Office Hours

Monday—Thursday 9:00AM –2:00PM

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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



October 2, 2022

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Readings

Entrance Antiphon: *Within your will O Lord, all things are es-
tablished and there is none that can resist your will.*

1st Reading: Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

Responsorial Psalm: *If today you hear his voice, harden not
your hearts.*

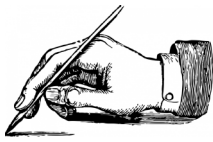
2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 1:6-8; 13-14

Gospel Acclamation: *The word of the Lord remains for ever.
This is the word that has been proclaimed to you.*

Gospel: Luke 17:5-10

Communion Antiphon: *The Lord is good to those who hope in
him, to the soul that seeks him.*

*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.*



Precepts of the Church

Last week in this column I mentioned offhand that supporting the temporal needs of the Church through our stewardship of time, talent, and treasure was a precept of the Church. This word, precept, is perhaps a bit of lingo we might not all be fully familiar with. Some of our older members might remember hearing this term back in their catechism days. For the rest of us, an explanation of the precepts of the Church can be found in Paragraph 2041 of the Catechism of the Catholic Church: “The precepts of the Church are set in the context of a moral life bound to and nourished by liturgical life. The obligatory character of these positive laws decreed by the pastoral authorities is meant to guarantee to the faithful the very necessary minimum in the spirit of prayer and moral effort, in the growth in love of God and neighbor.”

The specific precepts include: Attending mass on all Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation and resting from servile labor (so far as possible) on those days, confessing our sins at least once a year, receiving the Eucharist at least once during the Easter season each year, observing the days of fasting and abstinence during Lent, and—as I mentioned last week—providing for the material needs of the Church.

Legalistically, keeping (or at least actively trying to keep) these precepts describes a bare minimum level of practice of our faith required to consider ourselves active Catholics; the hard but true reality is that if we are neglecting these minimum things we are neglecting our relationship with God and are in need of conversion. From a more positive angle, though, these precepts can be seen as a firm foundation upon which to build, and guide the healthy balance of, an ever deepening love and devotion to God: these are the bare minimum, yes, but there is a great deal more involvement with God and the Church open to us and depending on our participation.

In Christ,
Fr Thompson

Financial Stewardship		
Week of October 18, 2022		
Ordinary Income	St Columban	St Peter
Weekly Goal	\$5,800.00	\$1,000.00
Collection (Cash & Envelopes)	\$2,364.33	\$516.00
Online Giving	\$1,628.48	\$180.00
Net	(\$1,807.19)	(\$304.00)
Special Funds		
St Vincent DePaul	\$33.26	\$0.00
Sacramentals (Candles, Beeswax tapers, Salt)	\$12.00	\$18.50
Flowers	\$0.00	\$0.00
Building Fund	\$75.00	\$0.00
Mass Intentions	\$0.00	\$0.00
2 nd Collection (Campaign for Human Development)	\$391.00	\$20.00
Called to Serve as Christ	Last Reported	30-Jun
Total Pledged	\$118,438	\$26,997
Total Received	\$87,360	\$17,812
Total Rebate (15%)	\$13,104.00	\$2,671.80

Did you know?

Cost of Utilities 2021-2022

St. Columban	St Peter
Electric: \$13,857	Electric: \$3,969
Gas: \$5,370	Garbage: \$97
Garbage: \$2,267	Water: \$3,054
Water: \$11,957	

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Faith Formation



RCIA is open to all adult learners and those seeking the Sacraments of initiation: **Baptism, Eucharist, and/or Confirmation.**

The next class is Tuesday, October 4 at 6:30pm in the Religious Education Building. The topic is: **Divine Revelation**

Contact Katie Hennigan to register.
katie@saintcolumbanyelm.org
 360-458-3031x2

Faith Formation: Grades K-12

- All K-5 classes meet before Mass from 9 am-10:15 am on Sundays.
- All Confirmation classes meet after Mass from 11:45-1:00.
- Youth Ministry Bible Study 9AM-10:15AM in the Parish Hall.
- Next Youth Ministry Saturday is October 29th from 9AM-2PM

Classes for the 2022-2023 school year have begun! Registration is still open.

Enroll by stopping in the office, dropping in early for classes, or on our website:
www.saintcolumbanyelm.org



MONDAY October 3

Rosary Prayer Group
 7:00PM Church

TUESDAY October 4

Daily Mass @ St. Columban 9:00AM
+ In Memory of: Maria Teresa Siegemund RIP
Choir Practice
 6:00PM Church
RCIA—Divine Revelation
 6:30PM Religious Ed Bldg.
Spanish Prayer Group
 6:30PM Parish Hall

WEDNESDAY October 5

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

THURSDAY October 6

Daily Mass @ St. Columban 9:00AM
Intentions of: Silvia Rojas

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

FRIDAY October 7

First Friday Mass
 9:00AM St. Peter Mission
+In memory of: Eva Managuelod RIP

First Friday Devotions
 6:30PM St. Columban

SATURDAY October 8

Confession
 3:30PM St. Columban
Vigil Mass
 5:00PM St. Columban

28th Sunday O.T. October 9

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

11:45AM Fellowship in the Hall
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
- Robert Fisher

- + All those in harm's way.
- + For the people of Ukraine

Rest In Peace
 Patricia Meyer

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.

PARISH MINISTRIES
For more information contact the parish office



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

October 11 Monthly Meeting
 10:00AM Religious Ed Bldg
October 9 Fellowship
 11:45AM Parish Hall

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 17152

October 19 Council Meeting
 6:00PM Parish Hall
October 30 KofC Breakfast
 Parish Hall



St. Vincent de Paul

October 20 Monthly Meeting
 7:00PM Parish Hall



St. Peter's Circle

November 8 Bi-Monthly Meeting
 9:30AM St. Peter Mission



ALTAR SOCIETY

Cleaning the Church
 Every Thursday after Daily Mass

Bonus Bulletin Content!

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

Thanks to our advertisers listed on the back of this bulletin! They make this publication available to the Parish at no cost to us.

October Baby Bottle Drive

**Help support the mothers in Washington state
who choose life!**

“PREPARES is proud to have been walking with moms across the state of Washington since 2014. In that time, we have served thousands of vulnerable moms and their families. We look forward to continuing and growing our work over the coming year of service.”

Please take home a Baby Bottle and fill it with loose change, checks, or cash. Return to bassinet in the Narthex. All proceeds will support the ongoing Prepares programs in Thurston County.

Last year, we raised over \$2,000 in support of this worthy cause.

For more information on Prepares, please visit: <https://preparesforlife.org/>



Return your filled bottles any time before October 31st!

See the bassinet in the Narthex

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**KNIGHTS OF
COLUMBUS**
COUNCIL 17152

PREPARES
Pregnancy & Parenting Support



St. Peter's Circle will be doing their annual sock drive throughout October to support Tenino Food Bank Plus to help families in need and for the homeless.

There will be a box in the Narthex where you can drop off your donations of socks for men, women and children. These socks will be collected for the entire month of October.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!



DOUBLE FEATURE WITH JASON EVERT

SAINT BRENDAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
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**CHASTITY
PROJECT**

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GENDER AND THE THEOLOGY OF YOUR BODY



ATTEND BOTH EVENTS AT A DISCOUNT

\$30 per person

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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:

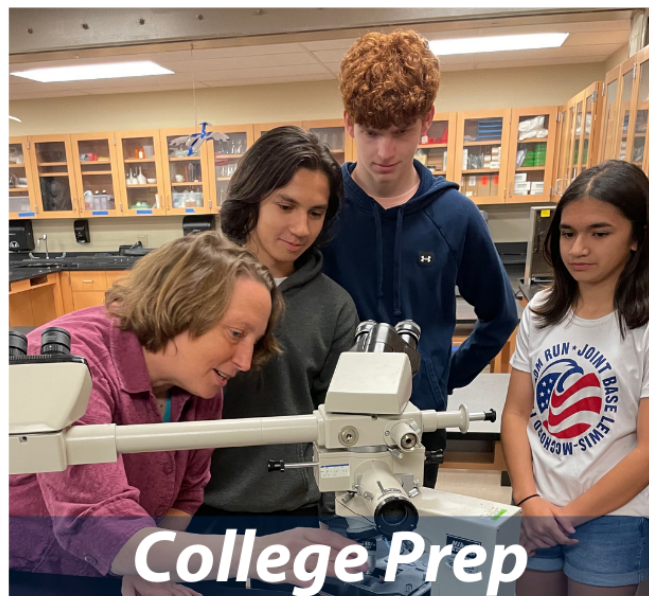


The parish will be offering a dinner option at 6:00 pm.
For more information contact: St. Brendan's at 425.483.9400

JPII The JPII Experience

Open House | Sunday, October 23rd | 1pm

Have you considered the value of a Catholic college prep school? Visit our open house to experience the welcoming faith-filled community that everyone is talking about. Meet our exceptional teachers and coaches, talk with our students and parents, tour our state-of-the art science lab.



Scan the QR code to register for the JPII Experience Open House!



Due to our generous local parishes and other benefactors, financial assistance is available. For a personal tour call today! 360-438-7600

St. Columban Faith Formation

PARENT BULLETIN
October 2, 2022

Parents & Guardians,

It is a continued joy to see you all on Sunday mornings and to be here to help you in the formation of your children in their faith!

There are a few changes this year that you need to be aware of.

First, we need all families, even those returning families who have been here for several years, to register online or in the Religious Education Office. This will ensure that your information is current and we can contact you regarding your child(ren) along their faith formation journey. If you have not already registered for the 2022-2023, please do.

Another major change is that after serving you since 2018, my family will be relocating to Montana. Gaby Makinster has been hired to take over the role as the Pastoral Assistant for Faith Formation, effective immediately. I will still be available to assist with any questions that arise and have full confidence that Gaby will serve you well.

Gaby and her husband Jesse have been parishioners of St. Columban since 2006 and her family has grown within the community of Saint Columban. She looks forward to guiding the catechists that dedicate their time to assist you in the formation of your children's faith.

*In the Hearts of Jesus and Mary,
Katie*

"We do not come to church to attend the service as a spectator, but in order, along with the priest, to serve God. Everything we do—our entering, being present, our kneeling and sitting and standing, our reception of the sacred nourishment—should be divine service. This is so only when all we do overflows from the awareness of a collected heart and the mind's attentiveness." — Fr. Romano Guardini

Looking Ahead

All Saints and All Souls –What's the difference?

Why Halloween?

All Hallow's Eve An old name for All Saints' Day was All Hallowmas. ("Hallow" is another word for saint.) The Eve of All Saints' was called All Hallow's Eve, which got shortened to Halloween meaning "Hallow's Evening" or "holy evening".

All Saints is celebrated in the church on November 1 to honor all the saints, especially those who have not been assigned a date in the church calendar. All Saints is classed as a Solemnity, the highest dignity and is a Holy Day of Obligation in the United States.

All Souls is observed by the church on November 2 and is a day of solemn prayer for all departed souls. It is not considered a Holy Day of Obligation.

-from *The Catholic Encyclopedia*-Thomas Nelson Publishers

As we approach these Holy Days, be on the lookout for a flier encouraging all students to come to class dressed as their favorite saint.

Upcoming Schedule of classes

October	9	Class
October	16	Class
October	23	Class
October	30	Class

Help support the mothers in Washington state who choose life! All classes are encouraged to participate by collecting change for the month of October!

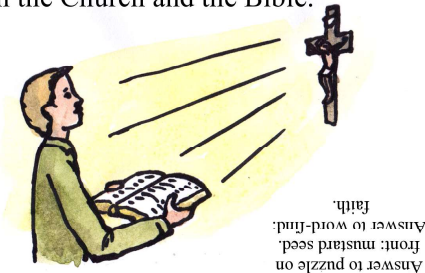


faith...

In today's Gospel we learn a little bit about faith. In fact, Jesus says we only need a tiny bit of faith to do amazing things. If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, He said, you can tell a tree to throw itself into the sea and it will!

But what is faith? Faith is believing. We have faith in our parents and teachers. That means that we believe what they tell us and we trust them. We have faith in our friends too. Faith in God is a little bit different, though. It is a gift He gives us so that we can believe in Him.

When we are baptized God gives us the gift of faith. Then it's up to us to use it. We use that gift when we decide to believe in God and what He tells us in the Church and the Bible.



Answer to puzzle on faith.
Front: mustard seed.
Answer to word-find.

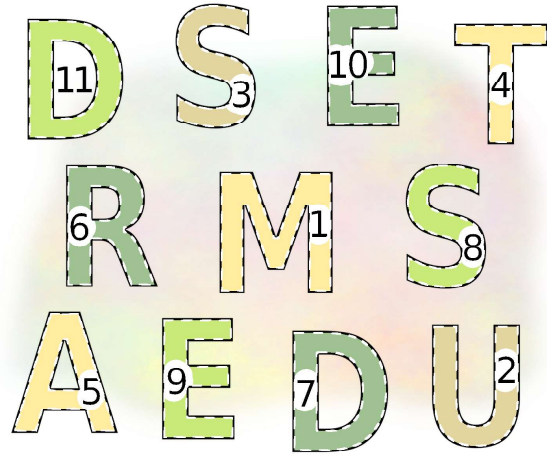
www.thekidsbulletin.com

The Kids' Bulletin

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 2nd, 2022

What did Jesus say in today's Gospel reading when the apostles asked Him to give them more faith?

Sort out the letters by number and put them in the spaces below.

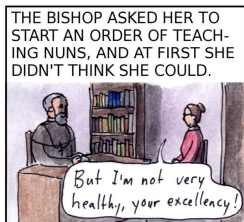
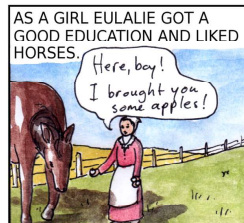
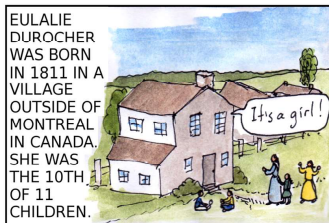


"If you have faith the size of a

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11
you would say to this mulberry tree,
'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,'
and it would obey you. Luke 17:5-10

Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher

October 6



BLESSED MARIE-ROSE LIVED ONLY SIX MORE YEARS. SHE DID MUCH PENANCE AND WAS QUITE STRICT WITH THE OTHER SISTERS. THEY WERE POOR AND OFTEN PEOPLE SPOKE BADLY ABOUT THEM BUT SHE WOULD NOT GIVE UP HER WORK TO BRING CHILDREN TO GOD. SISTER MARIE-ROSE DIED WHEN SHE WAS 38.

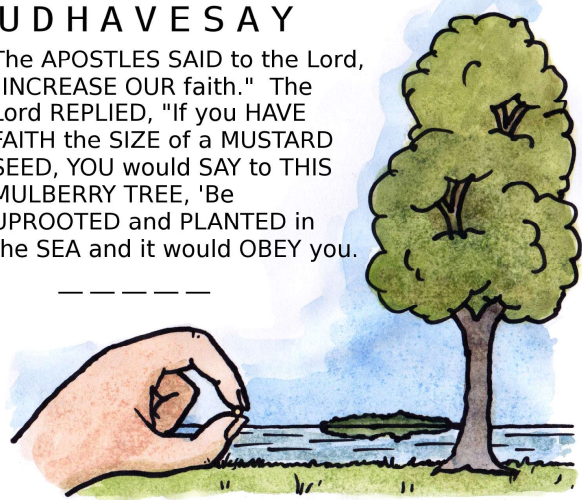
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Mustard Seed Word-Find

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B P S E E D P A P
E L O B E Y O I L
R A T H I S S D I
R N I F A I T H E
Y T O U R Z L S D
O E T T R E E H
U D H A V E S A Y

Here is part of today's Gospel reading. See if you can find all the words written in CAPITALS. Use the leftover letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

The APOSTLES SAID to the Lord, "INCREASE OUR faith." The Lord REPLIED, "If you HAVE FAITH the SIZE of a MUSTARD SEED, YOU would SAY to THIS MULBERRY TREE, 'Be UPROOTED and PLANTED in the SEA and it would OBEY you."



THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of October 02, 2022



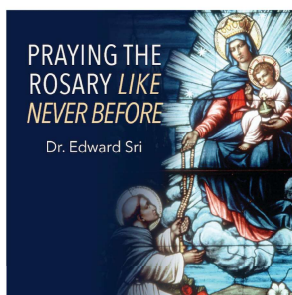
St. Francis of Assisi: Sign of Contradiction

From 4PM Media and The Ministry of the Wild Goose comes a breathtaking film on the life of St. Francis of Assisi. A fool according to the standards of the world, St. Francis' life was a sign of contradiction, convicting others of the beauty of Christ and his Gospel.



Misery Meets Mercy: Saint Faustina

St. Faustina is known as the "secretary of Divine Mercy" because of the revelations of the Lord to her about His unfathomable mercy. Join Dr. Ben Akers and Fr. Mateusz as they discuss her proclamation of the message of Divine Mercy.



Praying the Rosary Like Never Before by Dr. Edward Sri

In this talk, Dr. Edward Sri discusses the main tenets of his book, *The New Rosary in Scripture: Biblical Insights on Praying the Twenty Mysteries*. He shares Pope St. John Paul II's practical strategies for praying the Rosary better so you can encounter Jesus more deeply in prayer.

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At Home with Faith

The Holy Spirit speaks to us through the needs of those close to us. Let's open our eyes and our hearts and be prepared to stop and care for those closest to us when they are in need.



Like the rich man in the parable, we can sometimes ignore the people on our doorstep. Mother Teresa cautions, "It is easy to love the people far away. It is not always easy to love those close to us. Bring love into your home, for this is where our love for each other must start."

The renowned marriage and family researcher and therapist Dr. John Gottman agrees that "successful" relationships live by the motto, "When you are in pain, the world stops and I listen." He's describing a core Christian principle that we listen to the Holy Spirit who calls us though the needs of the people who God has placed in our care.

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.

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Woe to the complacent.

Psalms 146

The Lord raises up those who are bowed down.

1 Timothy 6:11-16

Pursue righteousness, devotion, faith love, patience and gentleness.

Luke 16:19-31

Jesus warns us to care for the poor.

At Home with **Faith**

Talk

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

Help your child value the hidden life:

- **Tell your child that you promised God you would teach her to love God and neighbor.** Let your child know that, when she was baptized, you promised to love and care for her and to “bring her up to keep God’s commandments as Christ taught us, by loving God and our neighbor.”
- **Ask your child who they think their neighbor is.** See who your child lists. It’s good to validate whichever person she names, because that person was probably on her mind at the time. Encourage her also to think of siblings and family members, friends and even classmates.
- **Model making the world stop when your child needs you.** Find an opportunity to model how you can “make the world stop” when your child needs you. Let them experience the affirmation and encouragement that comes from being important enough to be received with an open mind and open heart.



Open Eyes, Open Hearts

Mother Teresa: “Go Home and Love Your Family”

<https://youtu.be/NWH1YRPe7as>

A 3-minute video about Mother Teresa’s compassion and encouragement that we do our part to love our families, those who are closest to us.

Three Hints That Your Relationship is Working (Dr. John Gottman)

<https://www.kuow.org/stories/three-hints-that-your-relationship-is-working-according-to-these-researchers>

Three hints your relationship is working: An article where Dr. John Gottman talks about being open to the needs of your spouse.

For more resources, visit us online at:

<https://www.athomewithfaith.org>



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2022

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith." The Lord replied, "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you." - Lk 17:5-6

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 2, 2022

- Sunday:** Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10
- Monday:** Gal 1:6-12/Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c/Lk 10:25-37
- Tuesday:** Gal 1:13-24/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Lk 10:38-42
- Wednesday:** Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Lk 11:1-4
- Thursday:** Gal 3:1-5/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Lk 11:5-13
- Friday:** Gal 3:7-14/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 11:15-26
- Saturday:** Gal 3:22-29/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 11:27-28
- Next Sunday:** 2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 2, 2022

- Sunday:** 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday; The Holy Guardian Angels
- Tuesday:** St. Francis of Assisi
- Wednesday:** Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest
- Thursday:** St. Bruno, Priest; Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin
- Friday:** Our Lady of the Rosary
- Next Sunday:** 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs; St. John Leonardi, Priest

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

Why does God allow evil and suffering to occur? Looking around at what is happening in the world, it is tempting to get angry with God for not actively intervening. Jesus walked among the suffering and evil of his day. While he healed some things, he simply sat with the sinner, challenged the leaders, and spoke against injustice. Jesus spoke of God's kingdom and his vision for humanity. But he made it very clear that it is our responsibility to realize this vision. The disciples saw how Jesus lived and dealt with the day's circumstances. They wanted that same faith and determination. They wanted his fortitude and courage. Mostly, they wanted Jesus' confidence and patience that God's vision would someday be fulfilled. In the meantime, waiting in joyful hope, we become servants who do what is necessary: love, repent of our sin, show mercy, be compassionate and fight injustice. Willingly giving witness to our faith, we expect nothing in return.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

Bruno, born in 1030, is also known as Saint Bruno the Carthusian for the monastic order he founded. He studied in Reims and was ordained in Cologne in 1055. In 1057 he went back to Reims to lead the school, a post he kept for almost 20 years. He was made chancellor of the church of Reims in 1075 but left soon after in protest of the behavior of new bishop Manasses de Gournai who was finally deposed in 1080. Bruno refused the nomination to replace de Gournai as it was his intention to retire to live in solitude and prayer. He had a vision in a dream to go with Bishop (later Saint) Hugh of Grenoble. Bruno, Hugh, and five other religious settled at Chartreuse and founded the Carthusian order in 1084.

This first period of monastic life was not to last long. Bruno was called to help Urban II, a former student of his, against the antipope Guibert of Ravenna and the hostile Holy Roman Emperor Henry IV. While working with Urban II, he rejected another offer to become bishop, this time of Calabria. Eventually Bruno was allowed to return to monastic life. Count Roger of Sicily and Calabria befriended Bruno and the monks of his order, granting them the land where they founded St. Mary's at La Torre. The order was known for its strict asceticism, poverty, and prayer and its unique organization combining the life of the hermit with that of the collective life of traditional monks.

Saint Bruno wrote several commentaries on the psalms and on St. Paul's epistles. He died on October 6, 1101, and was never formally canonized because his order renounces all public honors. However, Pope Leo X gave permission for Carthusians to celebrate his feast in 1514 and his name was added to the Roman calendar in 1623.

WORSHIP & MEDITATION

FIND FREEDOM IN OBEDIENCE



FIRST READING

The rash one has no integrity;
but the just one, because of his faith,
shall live. (Hab 2:4)



PSALM

If today you hear his voice, harden not
your hearts. (Ps 95)



SECOND READING

For God did not give us a spirit of
cowardice
but rather of power and love and self-
control.
So do not be ashamed of your testimony
to our Lord. (2 Tm 1:7-8)



GOSPEL

"If you have faith the size of a mustard
seed,
you would say to this mulberry tree,
'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,'
and it would obey you." (Lk 17: 6)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

As adults, unless we are dealing with children, "obedience" is not a word we typically like to hear. It often brings connotations of military protocols, deference to superiors at work, or conforming to laws and practices. In a culture that has learned to challenge authority, being obedient is understood more as something I "have" to do, not "want" to do. Do you ever see merit in wanting to be obedient? Encouraged to develop independent, self-sufficient egos and personas, we learn to focus on our own wills and merits as we strive for success and achieve a sense of well-being. Giving ourselves over to the will of another, especially when done blindly, can sometimes carry more risk than we are willing to take. Also, blindly following orders without any deference to ethics or morality can lead to atrocious crimes and violence against humanity.

St. Ignatius of Loyola states, "There are three sorts of obedience; the first, obedience when a strict obligation is imposed upon us, and this is good; the second when the simple word of the superior, without any strict command, suffices for us, and this is better; the third, when a thing is done without waiting for an express command, from a knowledge that it will be pleasing to the superior, and this is the best of all." St. Ignatius sees obedience as an act of love. When the person we are obeying genuinely has our best interest in mind, acting themselves with love and integrity, then what St. Ignatius says makes excellent sense. When mutual trust and a bond of love and respect are present, obedience can lead to freedom and truth.

We ask God to increase our faith. In other words, increase our trust that God knows best how to live and act in this world. We desire the same confidence, determination, and patience Jesus had that the fulfillment of God's vision would one day come. Nurturing a deep love of God and trusting in his providence, we obediently do what we know is pleasing to God: love, repent of sin, show mercy, be compassionate and fight injustice. As we willingly give witness to our faith, we do only what we are obliged to do, expecting nothing in return. Spared from the task of having to figure it all out for ourselves, we discover freedom.

LITURGICAL LIFE

RESPONDING *to the Call*

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

Be Careful What You Wish For

You've probably heard the phrase "Be careful what you wish for." In my experience, it's not often utilized with a lot of charity. You usually hear it said as a warning. The unspoken sentiment behind it is this: *You're not as strong as you think you are.*

As Christians we shouldn't be surprised to look ourselves in the mirror and own that reality. We are not as strong as we may think. We are time and time again shocked and dismayed by our own weaknesses, our own fears, our own shortcomings.

Should we be careful what we wish for? The apostles asked Jesus to increase their faith, and He told them it would take work. It would take suffering. It would take patience. But He didn't say it was impossible.

As everyday stewards, we need to continue wishing recklessly. Ask God for anything and everything, come to Him with all your needs. Beg Him for grace without limit.

When we hear God's voice, it does not always say what we want to hear. But it always speaks the perfect truth. If it tells us of a hardship that we think we cannot bear, let us take solace in the knowledge that we are the stewards — not the landlord.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Catholic Life Explained:

Question:

What is the Christian attitude towards violent conflicts?

Answer:

In the Beatitudes, Jesus teaches us "Blessed are the peacemakers" and to "love your enemies." All human beings are made in God's image and likeness. We are one human family — brothers and sisters despite what divides us. Christians have the obligation to prioritize peaceful means to resolve conflicts. War wreaks a toll on a nation. Civilians bear a disproportionate burden of this cost during the war itself and as the nation rebuilds. However, those in authority have the obligation to protect the innocent.

During the gradual fall of the Roman Empire, theologians began to theorize that war could be just if it was a defensive measure of last resort. The "Just War Theory" was later expanded by St. Thomas Aquinas, who also included moral obligations during the war itself, including the protection of civilians. Those in public authority have the obligation to carefully examine their motives, agendas, and rationale for violent force. Should a cause be just, those who fight and defend under such circumstances must be valued and honored. They deserve our support both during and after the war.

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The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith." The Lord replied, "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you."

- Lk 17:5-6

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QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

The prophet Habakkuk complained to the Lord about the violence and misery that existed in his time. In response, the Lord instructed Habakkuk to record the vision he sent him, and to be patient in waiting for its fulfillment. Where are you waiting for the Lord's vision or direction in your life?

Second Reading

Paul urges Timothy to see his life and work as a model for passing on the faith, especially in times of hardship. Where do you feel it is hardest to talk about Jesus in your life?

Gospel Reading

When the apostles ask Jesus to "increase our faith," Jesus challenges them to adopt the attitude of a servant. How do you think being a loyal servant to the Lord can increase your faith?



27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



THAT'S "IN THE SEA," NOT "BY THE POND."



I DON'T WANT IT IN THE SEA, I WANT IT OVER THERE BY THE POND.





IF TODAY
YOU HEAR
HIS VOICE,
HARDEN NOT
YOUR HEART.

PSALM 95

*“Is he grateful
to that servant
because he
did what was
commanded?
So should it
be with you.
When you
have done all
you have been
commanded,
say, ‘We are
unprofitable
servants; we
have done what
we were obliged
to do.’”*

- Lk 17:9-10

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KIDS CORNER

READ THE GOSPEL AND COMPLETE A PUZZLE!

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

faith
mustard
tree

ocean
thanks
servants

deserve
supposed
duty

fathi

f a i t h

tahnsk

srvenats

masrtud

desreev

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spupoesd

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SHARING THE GOSPEL

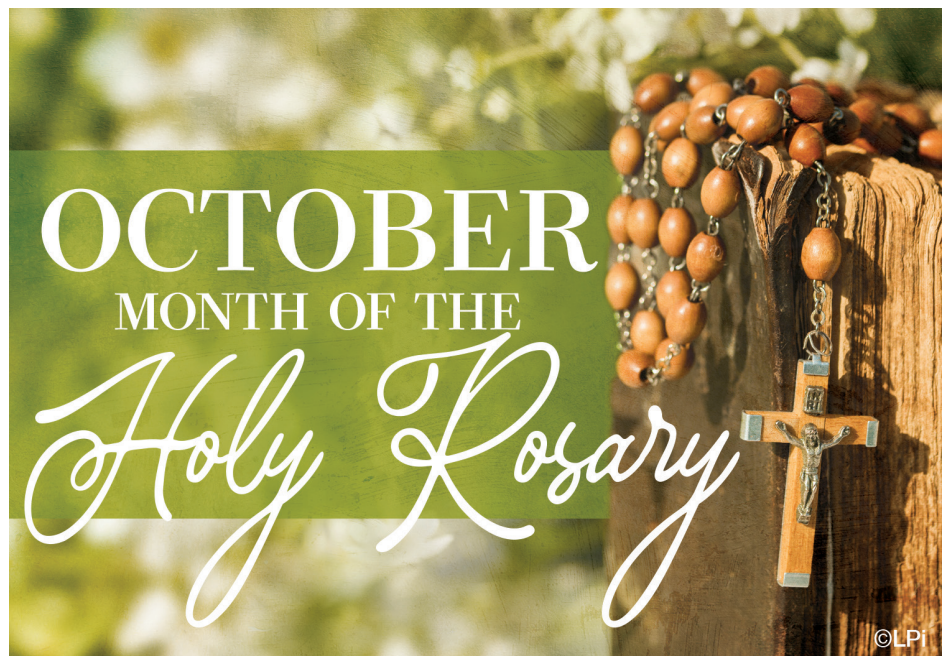
Being part of a family means that everybody works together. Your parents work to give you a good place to live, food to eat, and clothes to wear. You probably help with jobs around the house, too, like picking up your toys, taking the garbage out, or setting the table. Each person in the family has work to do. The same is true in God's family. God has special work for us to do, especially to help others. Find happiness in your work.

PRAYER

Dear God, help me enjoy helping my family and others.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

If you know of people in your church who are very old or sick, talk to your family about ways to help them. You could rake leaves for them, help them clean their house, or bring them groceries. Help with a smile.





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