

# SAINT COLUMBAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

## ST. COLUMBAN PARISH

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360-458-3031

### Office Hours

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

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### Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:00PM

Sunday: 10:30AM

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

*Rosary is said 30min prior to each Mass*

### Sacraments

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

Confession: Saturdays 3:30—4:30PM

First Friday Devotions: 6:30PM

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

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

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

### St. Vincent De Paul

*Providing emergency assistance for those in need.*

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

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

## ST. PETER MISSION

149 Keithahn St. S, Tenino, WA 98589

*For administrative assistance please contact St. Columban*

### Mass Schedule

Sunday 8:00AM

*Rosary is said 30min prior to Mass*

### Sacraments

Confession: Sundays 7:30 -7:45AM

Daily Mass (First Fridays): 9:00AM

Anointing of the Sick: by appointment



## October 9, 2022

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Today's Readings

**Entrance Antiphon:** *If you O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.*

**1st Reading:** 2 Kings 5:14-17

**Responsorial Psalm:** *The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.*

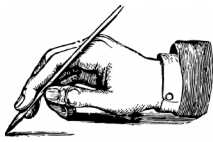
**2nd Reading:** 2 Timothy 2:8-11

**Gospel Acclamation:** *In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.*

**Gospel:** Luke 17:11-19

**Communion Antiphon:** *When the Lord appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.*

*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

## Columbus Day

Happy Columbus Day!

This weekend in our civil society we celebrate the Catholic explorer who discovered the New World (or at least realized he had discovered it), Christopher Columbus. He is an eminent figure of western civilization and worth celebrating. Columbus' labors enabled the Gospel and its values to reach to the farthest corners of the world and bring the hope of Salvation in Jesus Christ to the peoples and civilizations dwelling in this part of the world.

So many people bring against Columbus tired old attacks, mostly based on false ideologies and lies—often based on libels against him by his contemporary rivals, or degrade him as some sort of fool who got lost—he knew he wasn't in India, he thought the “west indies” were signs of a sea route that would eventually lead to India (he was right, too, although the route was quite long before we built the Panama canal). These attacks are not true, categorically. Yes, he was a man of his time and surely not sinless, but he is not the bigoted villain that so many people who denounce him claim.

Indeed, we need to recognize that these baseless attacks are not really about Columbus, but contempt for Western Civilization, its foundation upon the Catholic Church, and ultimately Jesus Christ—God—who is the ultimate foundation and logic of the universe. These opponents of what is true and good and beautiful and just are very clever and very manipulative and very subtle; we should resist their rhetoric wholly anyway. Christ is the one hope of all humanity, and those who oppose him will oppose the good fruits of those who follow him: Thus the hatred for the great explorers who enabled Christ to be known in these continents, the missionaries who did the proclaiming, and the settlers who established our country.

Of course, one can oppose this hatred of our own civilization, and indeed be proud of the goodness and value and necessity of Christian values being brought to every corner of the world, and even the secular fruits of our country (though that is a distant third behind, and not the same thing as, the Kingdom of God expanding) without denigrating or holding in contempt or looking down on the cultures and histories of ancient and still continuing American Indian and South American cultures. I am not saying that Western Civilization and figures like Columbus should be immune from critique and evaluation (some of the excuses Europeans used to take advantage of native people in the Americas were morally flimsy and opposed by the Church even at the time; incidentally, Columbus was on the Church's side in those debates), any more than any culture or individual should be immune from such evaluation (I think we can agree the Aztecs were objectively wrong to cut our human hearts for sacrifices), only that the standard of critique should be the objective one of Christ, and not the shifting power games of modern ideologies.

In Christ,

Fr Thompson

### Financial Stewardship

Week of September 25, 2022

Ordinary Income	St Columban	St Peter
Weekly Goal	\$5,800.00	\$1,000.00
Collection (Cash & Envelopes)	\$2,757.25	\$749.00
Online Giving	\$1,778.24	\$15.00
Net	(\$1,264.51)	(\$236.00)
Special Funds		
St Vincent DePaul	\$9.42	\$0.00
Sacramentals (Candles, Beeswax tapers, Salt)	\$5.25	\$0.00
Flowers	\$0.00	\$0.00
Building Fund	\$120.35	\$0.00
Mass Intentions	\$50.00	\$0.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection (Campaign for Human Development)	\$50.00	\$50.00
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?

### Annual Cost of Property & Liability Insurance

St. Columban

\$28,855.26

St. Peter

\$3,739.73

### PARISH STAFF

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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 11 at 6:30pm in the Religious Education Building. The topic is: **Scripture & Tradition**

Contact Katie Hennigan to register.  
[katie@saintcolumbanyelm.org](mailto: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



### CHILDREN'S PRAYERS

In our Faith Formation program, for the first few weeks of classes, 6 children prayed 142 prayers. Keep up the good work faithful young prayer warriors!  
 "The Lord will surely grant abundance; our land will yield its increase."  
 -Psalm 85:13

### PARISH MINISTRIES

*For more information contact the parish office*



### Daughters of Mary

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

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



- October 19** Council Meeting 6:00PM Parish Hall
- October 30** KofC Breakfast 11:45AM 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



**MONDAY** **October 10**

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

**TUESDAY** **October 11**

**NO DAILY MASS**  
**Choir Practice**  
 6:00PM Church  
**RCIA—Scripture & Tradition**  
 6:30PM Religious Ed Bldg.  
**Spanish Prayer Group**  
 6:30PM Parish Hall

**WEDNESDAY** **October 12**

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

**THURSDAY** **October 13**

**Daily Mass @ St. Columban** **9:00AM**  
*Intentions of: Robert Fisher*

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

**FRIDAY** **October 14**

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

**SATURDAY** **October 15**

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

**29th Sunday O.T.** **October 16**

**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
- 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.

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

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# PARISH STEWARDSHIP TIME. TALENT. TREASURE.



“For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works,  
which God prepared in advance for us to do.”

Ephesians 2:10

YOUR TALENT  
IS GOD’S GIFT  
TO YOU. HOW  
WILL YOU USE  
IT FOR HIM?

**Everything we have is a gift from God** and we’re called to share these gifts with others. Often stewardship is equated to money, but we are more than the sum of our material value.

Sharing our talents is one way we can live a life of stewardship. God entrusted us with our individual talents to help build up His Kingdom. Today we are called to share through service and ministry. What talent could you bring to our parish community?

**If you haven’t already decided on your parish stewardship commitment, please prayerfully consider God’s gifts to you** and make your pledge. Please return your parish stewardship commitment form today in the collection basket, to the parish office, or through the mail.



# 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 31<sup>st</sup>!**

*See the bassinet in the Narthex*

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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!







# ADVENT CHOIR

The Advent Choir will be singing together with the St. Columban Choir for all Christmas Masses including the Community Christmas Concert on December 11<sup>th</sup>.

This opportunity is open to all adults and youth of the parish. Practices will be every Tuesday starting in November at 6:30PM in the Church.

Sign up in the narthex or contact the parish office.

Sign-ups end October 30<sup>th</sup>!

# thankfulness

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus cured ten lepers. Leprosy is a horrible disease that eats away at a person's body until they die. It was pretty amazing for those people when Jesus just told them to go and show themselves to the priests and they realized that they were cured!



But then something interesting happened. Only one of the ten who had been cured came back to say 'Thank you' to Jesus. Do you think that the other nine were not happy that they were better? Why do you think they didn't come back to thank Jesus?

**THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME RECEIVE YOU!**



Now think about your life. You've probably never had a disease like leprosy, but God has still done amazing things for you. He made you and gave you everything you need to live. He gave you your friends and family, and most especially He gives Himself to us in the Mass and at Holy Communion. Do you remember to say 'Thank you' to God?

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

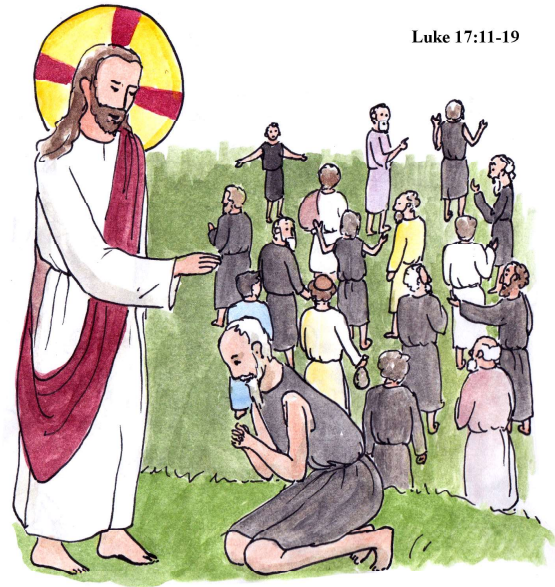
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# The Kids' Bulletin

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 9th, 2022

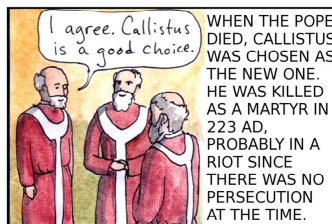
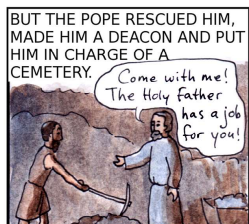
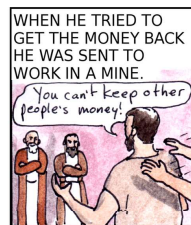
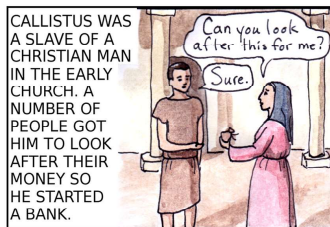
*How many lepers walked away without saying 'Thank you' when Jesus healed them?*

Luke 17:11-19



*Count how many of the people who are walking away are wearing dark grey clothes.*

## Pope Saint Callistus I October 14



SAINT CALLISTUS SAID THAT BAD SINNERS WHO HAD GONE TO CONFESSION AND DONE PENANCE COULD RETURN TO FULL COMMUNION WITH THE CHURCH. SOME PEOPLE DISAGREED WITH HIM, BUT THE CHURCH STILL TEACHES WHAT HE SAID. HOW CAN YOU GIVE HOPE TO PEOPLE THAT HAVE SINNED?

[thekidsbulletin@gmail.com](mailto:thekidsbulletin@gmail.com)

## True or False? Jesus Cures the Ten Lepers

*How well do you know the story of Jesus and the Lepers?*

1. When Jesus was walking to Jerusalem, he met ten lepers. True or false?
2. The lepers came right up to Jesus and touched Him. True or false?
3. Jesus didn't touch them; all He said was, "Go show yourselves to the priests." True or false?
4. Half of the lepers were healed and half weren't. True or false?
5. All of them came back to thank Jesus. True or false?
6. Only one man came back to thank Jesus, and he was a foreigner. True or false?
7. Jesus said, "Your faith has saved you." True or false?





# THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of October 09, 2022



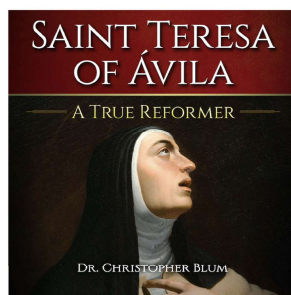
## John XXIII: The Pope of Peace

This movie tells the life story of John XXIII from his youth through his young priesthood, episcopacy, life as cardinal, and eventually his life as pope. Elected supposedly as an "interim Pope" who would just keep the status quo and listen to the advisers around him, John XXIII proved to be his own man when he surprised the Church and world by calling for the Second Vatican Council.



## The 13th Day

In a world torn apart by persecution, war, and oppression, three children in Fatima were chosen by God to offer an urgent message of hope to the world. Based on the memoirs of the oldest seer, Lucia Santos, The 13th Day dramatizes the true story of three young shepherds who experienced six apparitions of Our Lady, which culminated in the final prophesied miracle on October 13.



## Saint Teresa of Ávila: A True Reformer by Christopher Blum

Dr. Christopher Blum unfolds the inspiring life of St. Teresa and her important role in the Catholic Reformation. After having already been a nun for twenty years, she had a radical transformation in her own life and then became one of the most powerful forces for bringing about conversion and positive change in the history of the Church. Listen and learn about this Mystic, Doctor of the Church, and True Reformer.

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ARCHDIOCESE OF SEATTLE

# At Home with Faith

**Jesus fulfilled God's promise to heal body and soul.** Rather than be oppressed by fear of sickness and death, we can trust that Jesus still acts to provide us healing through our work and the Sacrament of the sick.



God promises healing of body and soul. Throughout the Bible, we witness prophets, priests and most importantly, Jesus offer healing of the body. Notably, Jesus offers these acts of healing the body as a sign of the deeper healing he offers our souls.

In a similar way, our faith continues this healing work of Jesus. Followers of Jesus like the Apostles, St. Catherine of Siena and today, religious orders like the Sisters of Providence follow his command to heal the sick. And throughout the world, priests offer the Anointing of the Sick to invite God to heal body and soul and give hope that we can rely upon God's healing power over sickness and death.

## 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](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings) or download an app such as *Laudate* or *iBreviary* to access the Mass readings.

**2 Kings 5:14-17**

Healed, Naaman proclaims "There is no god on earth, except in Israel!"

**Psalm 98**

The Lord reveals his saving power.

**2 Timothy 2:8-13**

If we are faithful to Christ, he will be faithful to us.

**Luke 17: 11-19**

Healed, the foreigner gave thanks to God.



# At Home with Faith

## Talk

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

Tell your children about God's healing power:

- **Look for a time when your child is sick or is receiving some kind of medical care:** Moments when we are sick or in need of medical care make us realize the fragility of our bodies and can provide insights into our dependence upon God.
- **Encourage your child to offer a prayer to God for healing:** Let her know that God is never too busy to help and no concern is too small for him to care.
- **Suggest to your child that it is a due to God's providence that our bodies function at all:** Reflect with your child on the extraordinary complexity of the human body and the way 37 trillion cells have to work in harmony for our bodies to function. Let her know that, without our intervention, these many processes work effectively and, behind it all is God's providence and care.
- **Encourage your child to turn to God for help in care for soul as well as body:** Help her to know that Jesus offered healing of body so as to provide an even deeper healing of soul. Encourage her to turn to him and look for spiritual healing as well.

**Watch this 2-minute video about the healing power of the Sacrament of the Sick:**

<https://youtu.be/4TgX8fMqOJI>



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<https://sistersofprovidence.net/our-ministries/>

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<https://www.athomewithfaith.org>



**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2022**

## 28<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Jesus said in reply, "Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" Then he said to him, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you." - Lk 17:17-19



# WEEKLY PRAYER

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 9, 2022

- Sunday:** 2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19
- Monday:** Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk 11:29-32
- Tuesday:** Gal 5:1-6/Ps 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48/Lk 11:37-41
- Wednesday:** Gal 5:18-25/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 11:42-46
- Thursday:** Eph 1:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 11:47-54
- Friday:** Eph 1:11-14/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13/Lk 12:1-7
- Saturday:** Eph 1:15-23/Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 12:8-12
- Next Sunday:** Ex 17:8-13/Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/2 Tm 3:14—4:2/Lk 18:1-8

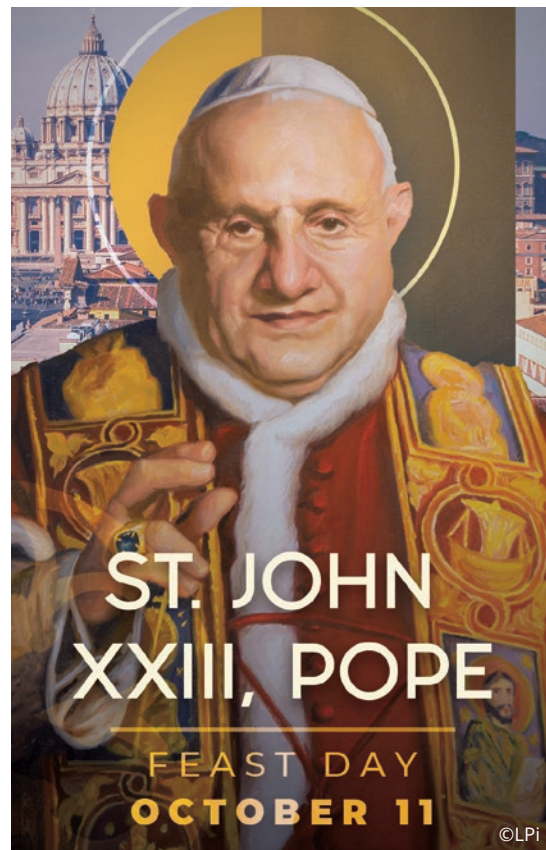
## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 9, 2022

- Sunday:** 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs; St. John Leonardi, Priest
- Monday:** Columbus Day
- Tuesday:** St. John XXIII, Pope
- Friday:** St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr
- Saturday:** St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
- Next Sunday:** 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time; St. Hedwig, Religious; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin

## LIVE THE LITURGY

### Inspiration for the week

Expressing gratitude is a sign of a loving heart. When we have received a gracious gesture, the appreciation experienced forms a bond between the giver and receiver. This can only happen when abundance and kind gestures are seen as gifts and not something to which we are entitled. The power of gratitude is more profound when we realize all that we are and all we are given do not have a human source but are of God. Walking around believing that our glass is only half full leaves us always wanting more. We are never satisfied. We become nothing more than entitled pursuers of whatever we can get. Instead, the one who is eager to count their blessings and appreciate the wonder and beauty of the gift of life itself is at peace. Before they take another step or venture off on another journey, they bow in gratitude to the presence of God himself. They are most keenly aware that all would cease to be without God.



## SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint John XIII was born Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli on November 25, 1881, in a small village in Italy. He was ordained in 1904 and later earned a doctorate in canon law. During World War I he served as a stretcher-bearer and chaplain for the Italian army. Beginning in 1925 he served as a Vatican diplomat, first in Bulgaria, then in Greece and Turkey. From 1935 through the Second World War he helped save thousands of Jewish people. In 1944 he was named papal nuncio to France. He was named cardinal and appointed patriarch of Venice in 1953. A quiet pastoral life passing into retirement, however, was not in God's plan for the saint.

Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli was elected Pope in 1958 and took the name John. His papacy was short, but full of action. He transformed the Vatican, calling for openness, a spirit of ecumenism, and the setting aside of politics. He called the Second Vatican Council in the fall of 1962, the first meeting of its kind in almost a century, setting the agenda to work for the spiritual regeneration of the Church. His efforts changed the face of the Catholic Church. At the same time worked diligently and publicly to ease tensions during the Cuban missile crisis, pleading with leaders for the end of the Cold War.

Saint John XIII's kindness, sense of pastoral care, and works of reconciliation and peacemaking made him beloved not only to Catholics but to people around the world. He died on June 3, 1963. He was beatified in 2000 by St. John Paul II, and canonized by Pope Francis in 2014.



# WORSHIP & MEDITATION



## FIRST READING

Naaman returned with his whole retinue to the man of God. On his arrival he stood before Elisha and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth, except in Israel. (2 Kgs 5:15)



## PSALM

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power. (Ps 98)



## SECOND READING

If we have died with him we shall also live with him; if we persevere we shall also reign with him. (2 Tm 2:11-12)



## GOSPEL

"Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" (Lk 17:17-18)

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Ten lepers were cured. Only one returned to give thanks. When we fall victim to entitlement, we diminish our capacity to love. Never satisfied, we walk around with outstretched arms, eagerly searching for the next thing we want so that we can acquire it ourselves. Very rarely do entitled hands hold anything to freely give away to others. Entitled hands also find it challenging to reach toward heaven in a gesture of gratitude and praise. We are often more obsessed with celebrating our victories, securing our assets, safeguarding our futures, and stacking the deck of life in our favor rather than relishing and absorbing the gift of the moment and blessings received.

Entitled people find it difficult to pray properly. When the subject of our prayer is mostly about our needs and wants, we are falling into the trap of deception. We foolishly try to convince God that our tiny worlds are of greater importance than His. In ancient times, people would offer sacrifices to "the gods" to secure protection and favors. Our God desires mercy, not sacrifice, because He is about love and justice, not simply meeting our agendas. Every breath is a gift. Prayer, which is a celebration of that gift, acknowledges the Giver. Prayer strengthens the bond between Giver and receiver, creating a deepening awareness that nothing I am or anything I have can exist apart from His Divine Will. It also reminds us that we have done nothing to merit the unconditional love and mercy God showers upon us. Prayer is not just about getting what I need but celebrating who I am.

For St. Therese of Lisieux prayer is "a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy." When our hearts "surge" toward God, we rush to the Source of our restoration and wholeness, knowing our longing for God's Divine embrace. Prayer is a response to God's graciousness with an act of gratitude returned by us. In prayer, we gaze upon each other in that sacred space where I give myself to God as He is, and God gives Himself to me as I am. We cannot take another step without saying thank you.

# LITURGICAL LIFE

## RESPONDING *to the Call*

### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

#### Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

##### The Zeal of the Convert

When you work in the Church, professionally or on a volunteer basis, you become familiar with the phenomenon known as “the zeal of the recent convert.”

Sometimes, it really seems that the newly baptized are just stronger Catholics than the cradle Catholics. They smile more at Mass. They are awestruck by the Eucharist. They come out of the confessional beaming.

It's not that they are naive. It's not that they are in some honeymoon phase of religion, living outside of reality. It's simply that they remember. They remember what it felt like before the Eucharist or before Confession. They recall before the sacraments and the oil and the grace and the relief. It was more recent for them than for some of us older Catholics — especially those of us who were baptized as infants.

Let's ask ourselves: Have we become too comfortable? Do we receive God's grace with expectation instead of surprise? Have we ceased to marvel and wonder at the goodness of God? If the answer is a resounding yes, don't despair. Look at the Gospel — a literal nine times out of ten, God goes un-thanked and un-noticed.

So many of us have forgotten, or never understood, what it meant when the leprosy was washed from our souls. But when we remind ourselves, we become more keenly aware of the extraordinariness of the gift we have received.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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### WHY DO WE DO THAT?

#### Catholic Life Explained:

##### Question:

What are the servant songs of Isaiah? How do they relate to Jesus' life and ministry?

##### Answer:

The four servant songs (Isaiah 42:1-4, 49:1-6, 50:4-9, and 52:13—53:12) are strategically placed in Second Isaiah to offer hope and consolation to a suffering Israel during its Babylonian Exile.

Israel had been defeated by the Babylonians, who destroyed their temple, killed the last of the kings in David's lineage, exiled them from their land, and transported them to Babylon. This is the context in which Second Isaiah composes his powerfully poetic book of hope and consolation. A significant part of that message is the portrait of God's servant, who is called to be a source of hope and encouragement for the people.

Each of the four poems emphasizes God's choice and election of the servant. The last poem stresses the suffering and rejection of God's servant, along with his eventual death. Isaiah is certain that God will use the servant's innocent suffering as a way to redeem and remove the guilt and sin of others. Thus, the servant becomes a source of salvation for himself and for others.

Who is this servant? Many suggest that Isaiah was referring to Israel herself, as she underwent exilic suffering which would ultimately prove to be redemptive. Jesus' followers, including those for whom Mark wrote his Gospel, understood Jesus' ministry in terms of Isaiah's suffering servant whose innocent suffering and death became the means of salvation for all.



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**Jesus said in reply, "Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" Then he said to him, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you."**

**- Lk 17:17-19**

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## **QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK**

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

### **First Reading**

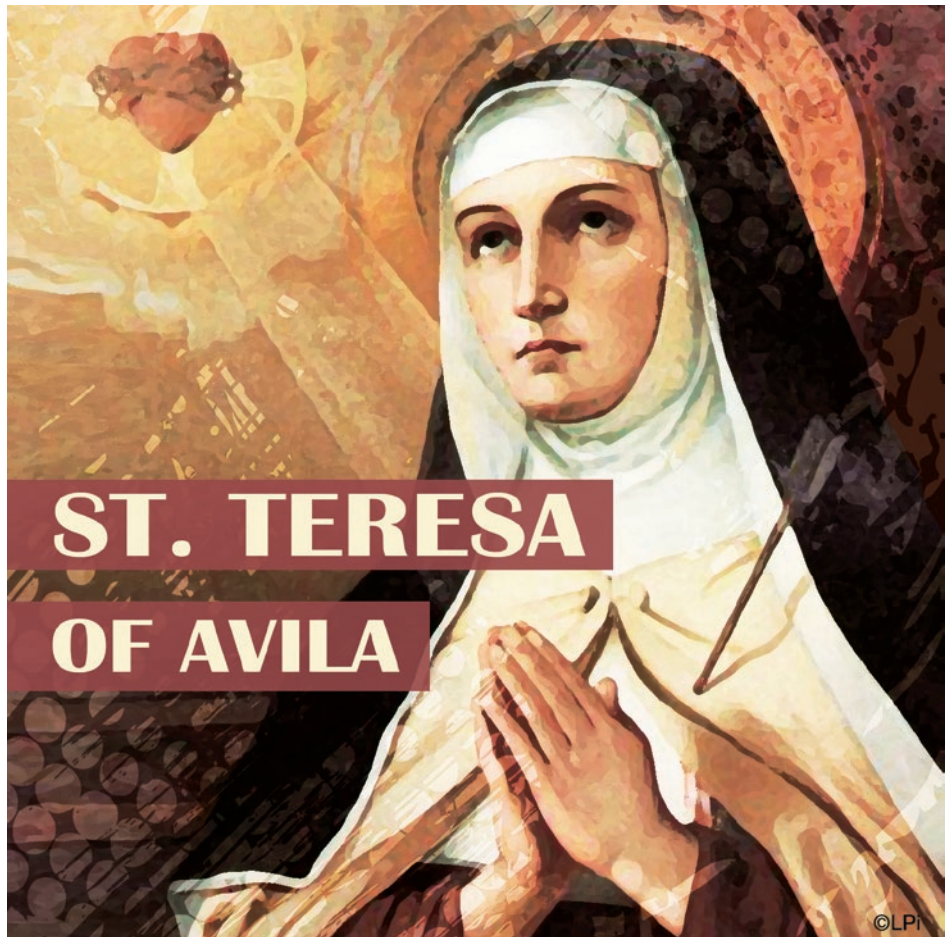
In the healing of Naaman from leprosy, we hear how Naaman became a believer in the one God of Israel. How have you experienced God's presence in your life?

### **Second Reading**

Paul teaches Timothy the importance of perseverance and commitment to one's faith in Christ. When have you decided to remain faithful, even when it was hard?

### **Gospel Reading**

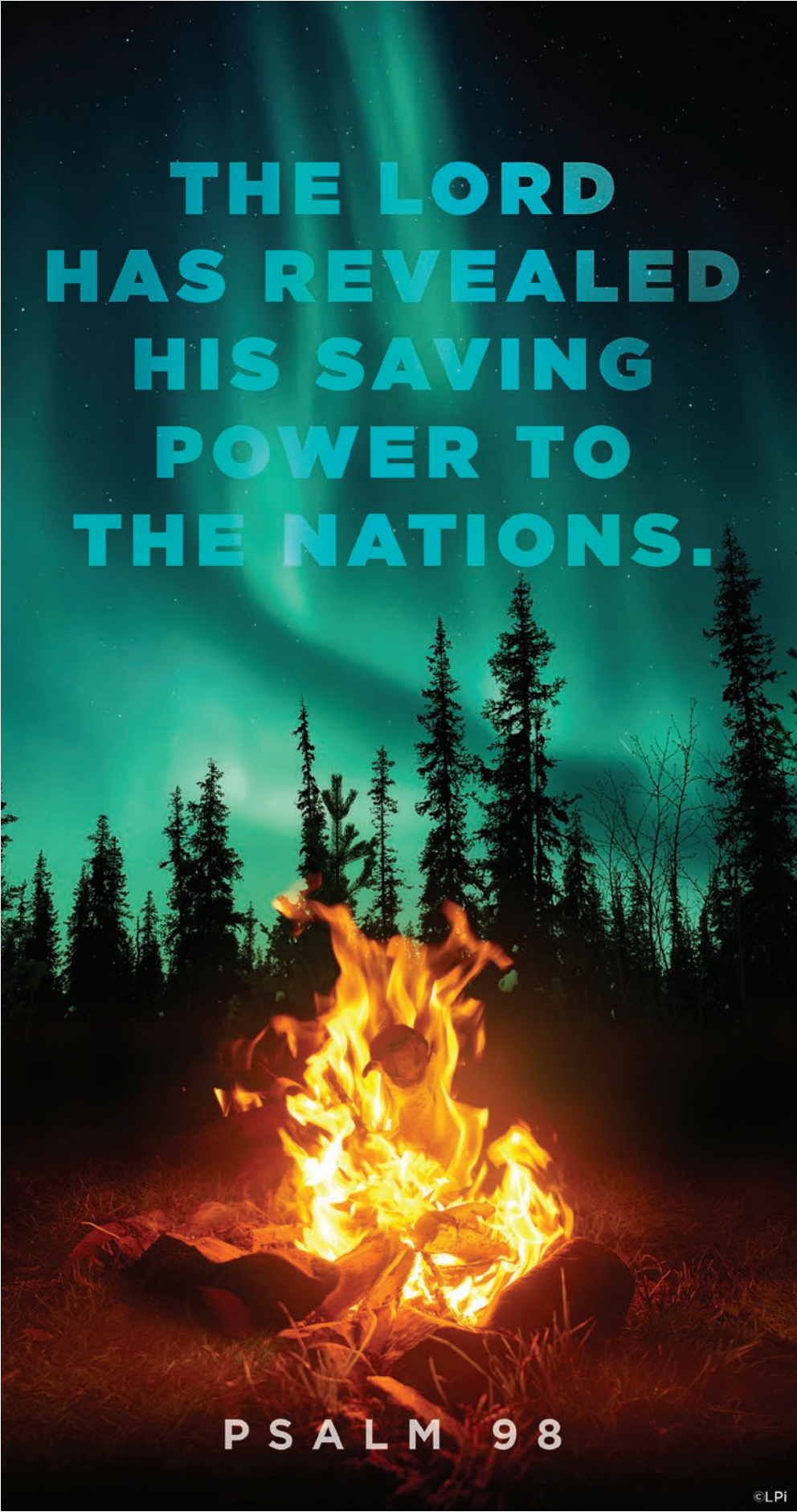
Jesus seems disappointed that of the ten lepers he healed, only one of them, a foreigner (the Samaritan), thanked him. How can you show gratitude to God today? During the week?



28<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME







**THE LORD  
HAS REVEALED  
HIS SAVING  
POWER TO  
THE NATIONS.**

**P S A L M 9 8**

*And one of them, realizing he had been healed, returned, glorifying God in a loud voice; and he fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. He was a Samaritan.*

*Jesus said in reply, “Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?”*

*- Lk 17:15-18*

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## READ THE GOSPEL AND COMPLETE A PUZZLE!

### SHARING THE GOSPEL

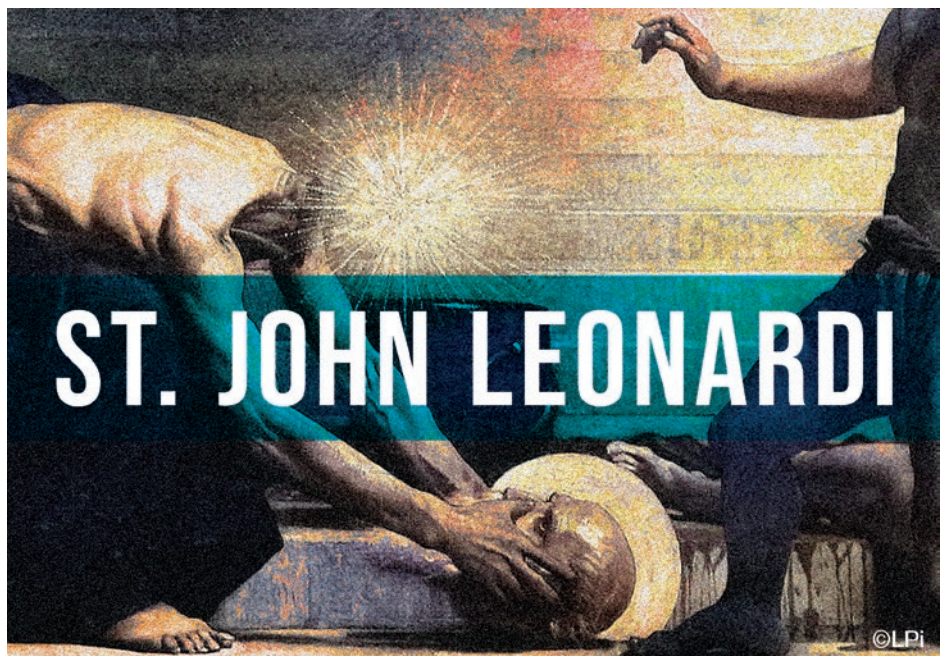
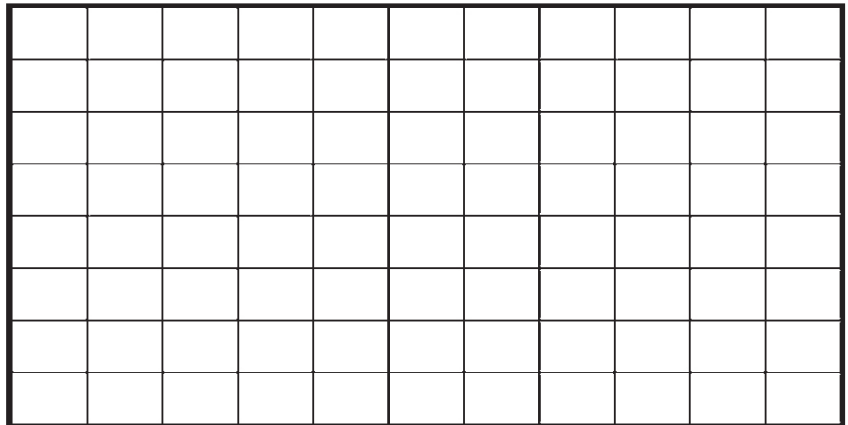
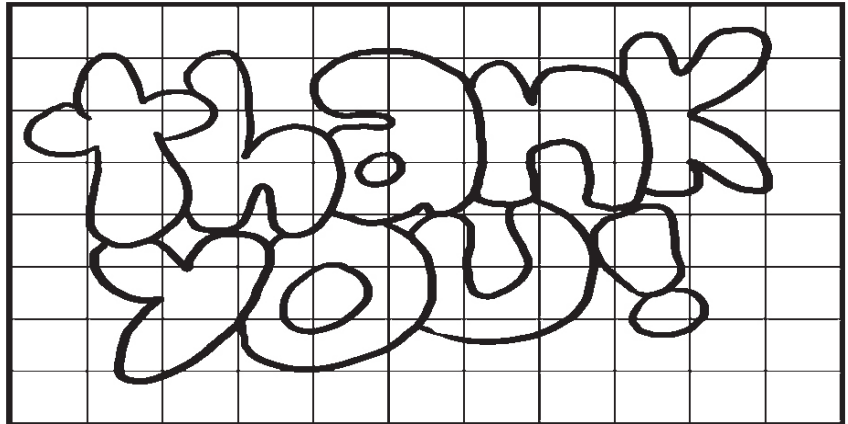
Jesus healed 10 very sick men, but only one remembered to thank God. God heals your body every day, too. You may not even notice how God keeps you healthy. All around you, germs live on door knobs, shopping carts, and toys. When you catch the flu or a cold, God heals you. He keeps on healing you until he's ready to take you home to heaven. Thank God for keeping you healthy and for healing you, too.

### PRAYER

Dear God, thank you for all the ways you heal my body.

### MISSION FOR THE WEEK

One way to stay healthy is to wash your hands, especially before you eat. Remember to thank God for the soap and the clean water with which you wash.







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