

SAINT COLUMBAN CATHOLIC Church

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We belong to Christ, not ourselves

ST. COLUMBAN PARISH

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Office Hours

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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 23, 2022
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Readings

Entrance Antiphon: *Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice, turn to the Lord and his strength, constantly seek his face.*

1st Reading: Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18

Responsorial Psalm: *The Lord hears the cry of the poor.*

2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

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

Gospel: Luke 18: 9-14

Communion Antiphon: *We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.*

We are a Catholic faith community that seeks to place God first, to know Him, and to grow in holiness together. We strive to live the Gospel through the Eucharist, in our teaching and way of life.



Fr. Thompson's
Reflections

Cardinal Sarah & Isolation

Over the past several years, I have read several books by Cardinal Robert Sarah, *God or Nothing*, *The Power of Silence*, & *The Day Is Now Far Spent*; he is one of the wisest and most spiritually astute bishops in our era. Originally being from a small village in the nation of Guinea, Cardinal Sarah grew up enamored with the beauty of the faith that was brought to his country by French missionaries, the Holy Ghost Fathers, along with the wider Judeo-Christian heritage. In a particular way, he was able to grow up a son of Guinea with its own history and culture and yet also an heir by adoption of Christianity and the intellectual tradition of the West (and adoption is as real as blood). At the same time, this sense of self was not uncomplicated: In the light of Christ, he recognized components of Guinean culture that were not good or at least lacking, yet he also experienced the flaws of Western colonial culture that harmed so many African nations like Guinea. Later, Cardinal Sarah witnessed the horrors that came from the lies of Marxism and oppression by dictatorial strongmen that took power in his country after the French abandoned Guinea. In more recent decades and into the present, he witnessed the far more harmful—and racist—cultural colonialism and manipulation of his people and nation by ostensible charities, non-governmental organizations, and even western democracies. Cardinal Sarah is especially horrified by the West—us—so often conditioning aid to Africa on adoption or tolerance of evil social policies: contraception and artificial reproduction, abortion & euthanasia, “gay” and transgender agenda, etc.

In short, Cardinal Sarah is really a fascinating man: deeply spiritual, insightful, fair-minded, earnestly appreciative of the heritage he received from both his own culture and the French, yet unafraid to challenge the difficulties and deficiencies of both, as well as similar challenges in the Church. One core critique he has of Western culture is how isolated we are from one another. This is not just a physical isolation, or a social isolation, but also a temporal isolation. He speaks of it as a loss of a sense of “sonship.” We live as if the past has nothing to teach us and each generation must re-invent the world rather than receiving it as an ongoing human project aimed toward the Kingdom of God. The Plague has proven Cardinal Sarah’s insights keenly true. The Plague has aggravated the underlying illnesses of our society: The constant diet of fear and deception have led people who already felt isolated by an impersonal society to fall into deeper depression and despair; Identitarian ideologues have sold many the lie that society is made to oppress them, and have driven many to hatred and even violence; wicked men have continued their siege against religious liberty and morality in both politics and pop culture, ginning up contempt for those who won’t adopt those pressures uncritically. Cardinal Sarah would say things are this bad because we have spent generations willfully and zealously throwing away our heritage in the name of some false idol of “progress”, a progress that wants social and technological development without foundations in unchanging truths, above all the Deposit of Faith; this corruption has even infested many in the Church! We are fatherless, says Cardinal Sarah, not because we were orphaned but because we reject being sons. What can we do? We must reject false utopian or revolutionary visions (even if championed by priests!) that have either as means or ends further disregard or rejection of our shared tradition and heritage; Reject the lies that seek to frame the faith as antiquated or that “it is just a matter of time” before the Church changes this or that perennial teaching; Live our baptismal and particular vocations well; Look for ways to reach out to those who are trapped in isolation or exclusion, not as tools for our agenda, but as the image of God deserving true love. I would really recommend you to look up Cardinal Sarah and read his works, he explains all this much better than I am doing.

In Christ,
Fr Thompson

Financial Stewardship

Week of October 9, 2022

Ordinary Income	St Columban	St Peter
Weekly Goal	\$5,800.00	\$1,000.00
Collection (Cash & Envelopes)	\$2,357.50	\$448.00
Online Giving	\$1,963.00	\$431.30
Net	(\$1,479.50)	(\$120.70)
Special Funds		
St Vincent DePaul	\$300.00	\$0.00
Sacramentals (Candles, Beeswax tapers, Salt)	\$17.00	\$16.50
Flowers	\$189.00	\$14.00
Building Fund	\$220.00	\$0.00
Mass Intentions	\$25.00	\$0.00
2 nd Collection	\$81.00	\$0.00
Called to Serve as Christ	Last Report- ed	
Total Pledged	\$118,438	\$26,997
Total Received	\$87,360	\$17,812
Total Rebate (15%)	\$13,104.00	\$2,671.80

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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 25th at 6:30pm in the Religious Education Building.

The topic is: **God the Father.**

Begin to see the Creed as a profession of their belief in God the Father as the first divine person of the Trinity, creator of heaven and earth.

Contact Gaby Makinster to register.
gaby@saintcolumbanyelm.org
 360-458-3031x2

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 11:45-1:00PM.
- 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

- November 8 Monthly Meeting** 10:00AM Religious Ed Bldg
- November 13 Fellowship** 11:45AM Parish Hall



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 17152

- November 16 Council Meeting** 6:00PM Parish Hall
- October 30 KofC Breakfast** 11:45AM Parish Hall



St. Vincent de Paul

- November 17 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 24

Rosary Prayer Group
 7:00PM Church

TUESDAY October 25

Daily Mass @ St. Columban 9:00AM
 + *In Memory of: Agapito M. Lucero RIP*
Choir Practice

6:00PM Church

RCIA—God the Father

6:30PM Religious Ed Bldg.

Spanish Prayer Group

6:30PM Parish Hall

WEDNESDAY October 26

Daily Mass @ St. Columban 9:00AM
 + *In Memory of: Rolando M. Lucero RIP*

THURSDAY October 27

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

Bible Study

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

FRIDAY October 28

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

SATURDAY October 29

Confession
 3:30PM St. Columban

Vigil Mass
 5:00PM St. Columban

31st Sunday O.T. October 30

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 KofC Breakfast

DOM Trunk or Treat
In front of the Parish Hall

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

Socorro Valencia

+ For those affected by recent natural disasters and acts of terrorism.

+ For the protection of all human life from conception to its natural end.

Rest In Peace

Marina Dizon

For those who died during Hurricane Ian and the mass shooting in Thailand.

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!

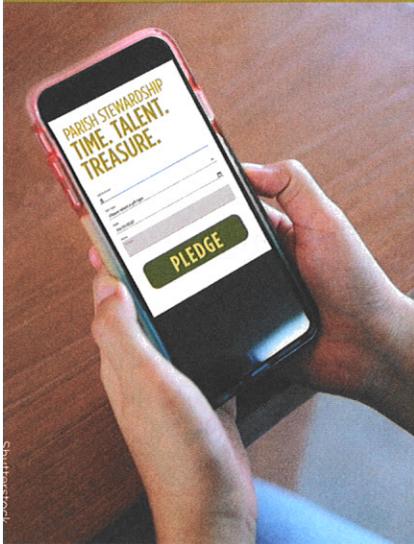
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PARISH STEWARDSHIP TIME. TALENT. TREASURE.



Stephen Brashers



PLEASE
PRAYERFULLY
CONSIDER
GOD'S GIFTS
TO YOU AND
MAKE YOUR
PLEDGE TODAY.

“How can I repay the Lord
for all the great good done for me?”

Psalm 116:12

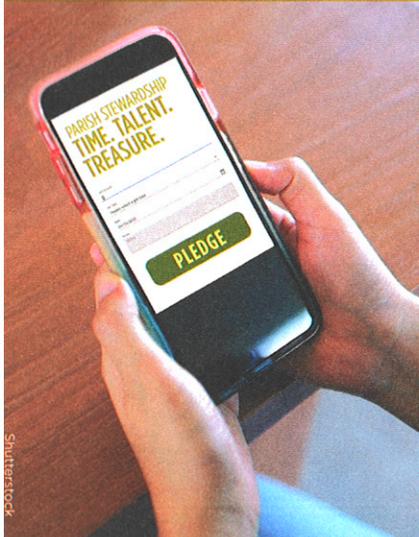
Everything we have is a gift from God and we're called to share these gifts with others. This is stewardship.

Within our parish we can sow the seeds of stewardship and watch them grow. What seeds will you sow for the parish?

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 2023 pledge card today in the collection basket, to the parish office, or through the mail.

CORRESPONSABILIDAD PARROQUIAL

TIEMPO.
TALENTO.
TESORO.



¿Con qué voy a pagarle al Señor tantas bendiciones que de él he recibido?

Salmo 116,12

POR FAVOR
CONSIDERE EN
ORACIÓN TODOS
LOS DONES QUE
DIOS LE HA
DADO Y HAGA SU
COMPROMISO HOY

Todo es un regalo de Dios Y estamos llamados a compartir estos dones con otros. Esto es corresponsabilidad.

Dentro de nuestra parroquia podemos sembrar semillas de corresponsabilidad y verlas crecer. ¿Qué semillas sembrará usted para su parroquia?

Si aún no se ha decidido por un compromiso de corresponsabilidad parroquial, por favor considere en oración los dones que Dios le ha dado y haga su compromiso. Por favor devuelva su tarjeta de compromiso de corresponsabilidad hoy en la canasta de la colecta, en la oficina de la parroquia o envíela por correo.

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Pope Francis



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St. Columban

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Altar Server Training

Sunday November 13, 2022

after the 10:30AM Mass

Calling all Altar Servers and those who are interested in becoming an Altar Server, please join us for this training which be a great refresher course for all returning Altar Servers and an introduction for new Altar Servers.

What does it take to be an Altar Server?

- Boys 3rd Grade - Highschool
- Must have received First Communion
- Love and reverence for the Lord
- Willingness to serve

Please contact Bill Gonzales at 253-442-5012 or email altarserver@saintcolumbanyelm.com for more information and to sign up!

Be humble.

In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells the story about two men praying in the temple. One of them, a Pharisee, always looked like he loved God, but on the inside he really only loved himself. The other man was a tax collector. The people in those days hated tax collectors because they took too much money and worked for their enemies.

When the Pharisee was praying he was really just telling God how much better he was than other people. Do you think that God was pleased with his prayer?



The tax collector, on the other hand, was standing far off and prayed to God with his head bowed down, asking God to have mercy on him. He knew that he was a sinner and that he needed God's help. Do you think that God was pleased with the tax collector's prayer?

Being humble isn't a sad or bad thing. It means knowing that all the good things we have and do come from God. Being humble also lets us be sorry for the selfish things we have done, because it lets us admit that it was our own fault and God can help us overcome our selfishness.

*Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,
have mercy on me a sinner!*

Answers to Match-up: 1: the good fight 2: the race 3: the faith 4: strength 5: the message 6: glory for ever and ever.

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The Kids' Bulletin

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 23rd, 2022

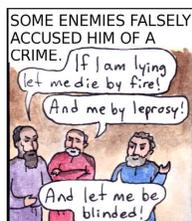
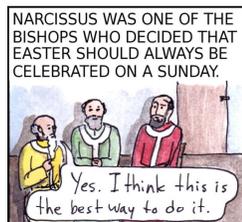
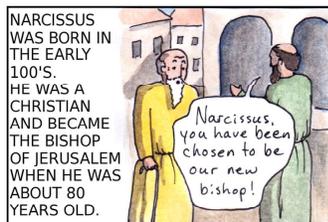


What were the two men in the Temple saying to God in today's Gospel reading?

Look in the mirror to find out!

Luke 18:9-14

Saint Narcissus October 29



ST. NARCISSUS LIVED UNTIL HE WAS MORE THAN A HUNDRED YEARS OLD, SERVING GOD AND HIS PEOPLE WITH GREAT LOVE. YOU CAN SEE FROM HIS STORY THAT EVEN OLD PEOPLE CAN SERVE GOD AND DO GREAT THINGS FOR HIM. DO YOU KNOW ANY OLD PEOPLE WHO CAN HELP YOU TO LOVE GOD MORE?

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Saint Paul Match-Up

What comes next?

Match up the first parts with the next parts from today's second reading.

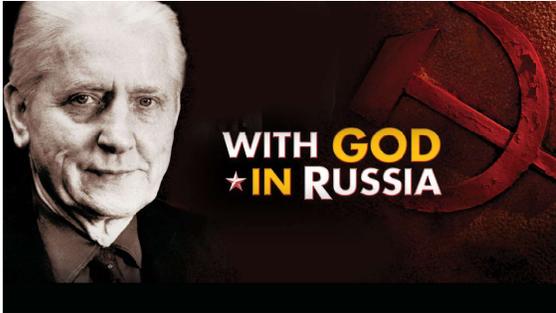
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| 1. I have fought | ▪ | strength |
| 2. I have finished | ▪ | the faith |
| 3. I have kept | ▪ | the good fight |
| 4. The Lord gave me | ▪ | the message. |
| 5. so that the Gentiles could hear | ▪ | glory forever and ever. |
| 6. To Him be | ▪ | the race |



2 Timothy 4:6-18

THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of October 23, 2022



With God in Russia

Well known for his heroic story of surviving 24 years in Russian prison camps, this film about the great Jesuit Fr. Walter Ciszek traces his incredible endurance and struggle for survival. It highlights his tremendous faith in God, and the remarkable impact his life has had on the resurgence of Catholicism in Russia, as seen with on location footage from around the world.



The Last Things

This film presents the reality of death and what will follow for every person: first the Particular Judgment before God, and second, Heaven or Hell as our destination for all eternity. The Catholic teaching on Purgatory is also explained.



What Is Heaven?

Does heaven exist? Is heaven the eternal Church? Dr. Michael Barber and Chris Stefanick clear up common misunderstandings about heaven.

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At Home with

Faith

St. Paul encouraged Christians to think of themselves as spiritual athletes, overcoming difficulty to win a heavenly prize. Whether we think of ourselves athletes or not, we can all benefit from this advice.

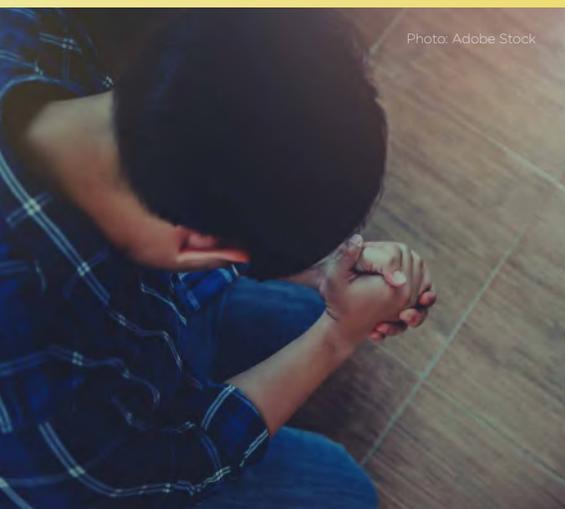


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St. Paul's letter to Timothy uses a metaphor from athletics which would be as almost as familiar to his First Century audience as us. Compete well and endure difficulties for the goal.

Whether or not we tend to think of ourselves as athletes, it pays for us to take St. Paul's message to heart. Anyone who has taken the time to try to focus for an extended period of contemplative prayer will confess that our spiritual and moral life demands the kind of intense focus and sacrifice we tend to associate with athletics.

Let's accept St. Paul's challenge and extend the same challenge to our families. Compete well. Keep the faith.

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.

Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18

The Lord is a God of justice.

Psalms 34

The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

I kept the faith and the Lord gave me strength.

Luke 18:9-14

O God, be merciful to me a sinner.

At Home with Faith

Talk

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

Tell your child that we are all spiritual athletes:

- **Begin by thinking about the metaphor of athletics in your experience and your child's experience:** Think strategically about how to present this metaphor. It can be offered productively in a variety of ways. Your child may take to it readily because they love athletics or you might have to present it by saying something like, "I never thought of myself as an athlete, but then I found that prayer takes the kind of focus and endurance that they use in sports. What do you think?"
- **Invite your child to apply the same kind of endurance and overcoming of pain to the spiritual life:** Let your child know that many dimensions of the spiritual life are difficult in the same way that athletics is difficult. Thinking about the inevitable necessity of picking up our cross causes short term psychological pain. Many forms of prayer require focus that we only develop through repeated effort. Living the Christian life demands overcoming spiritual and material opposition.
- **Let your child know keeping the faith is worth the difficulty:** Unlike in athletics, where only a few people get to win championships, the spiritual life offers everyone who competes well true rewards that make the struggle worthwhile. Offer your own example.



Take advantage of these great resources to discover the gift of God's word to us:

Catholic Youth Organization (CYO Athletics)

<https://archseattle.org/ministries/cyo-athletics/>

CYO Athletics is sports done a different way — as one community. Individuals and teams strive for greatness in accordance with Gospel values.

Faith Retriever Podcast

<https://sacredheartradio.org/project/faith-retriever/>

Check out the Faith Retriever podcast and this week's episode that makes a connection between athletics and the life of faith.

For more resources, visit us online at:

<https://www.athomewithfaith.org>



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2022

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“But the tax collector stood off at a distance...and prayed, ‘O God, be merciful to me a sinner.’ I tell you, the latter went home justified, not the former; for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted.” - Lk 18:13a, 13c-14

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 23, 2022

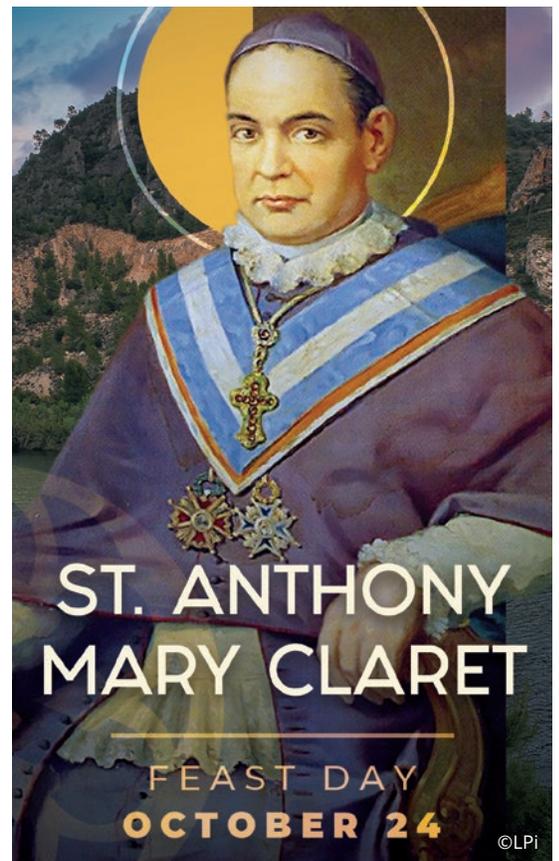
- Sunday:** Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23 [7a]/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14
- Monday:** Eph 4:32—5:8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 13:10-17
- Tuesday:** Eph 5:21-33/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Lk 13:18-21
- Wednesday:** Eph 6:1-9/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14/Lk 13:22-30
- Thursday:** Eph 6:10-20/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Lk 13:31-35
- Friday:** Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16
- Saturday:** Phil 1:18b-26/Ps 42:2, 3, 5cdef/Lk 14:1, 7-11
- Next Sunday:** Wis 11:22—12:2/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13, 14/2 Thes 1:11—2:2/Lk 19:1-10

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 23, 2022

- Sunday:** 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Mission Sunday; St. John of Capistrano, Priest
- Monday:** St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop
- Friday:** Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles
- Next Sunday:** 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday

LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week

To be humble means to see ourselves as we are. It comes with the recognition that we are never perfect, better than another, or free of sin. The humble person knows their faults and failings as well as their successes and triumphs. They also realize that they are nothing without God, especially God's mercy. The humble one knows who they are, who they can be, and how they have fallen short. Being desperately in love with God, they know how they have sometimes given in to their desires rather than God's will, almost with a sense of embarrassment. Being justified in our relationship with God is not about a list of the good things we do and the bad things we don't. We are vindicated when we realize how totally dependent we are upon God's gratuitous, abundant, and unconditional love. It is a gift we often take for granted and is often unappreciated.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Anthony Mary Claret is also known as the "spiritual father of Cuba." He was born in Salient in Catalonia, Spain, in 1807. He became a weaver, like his father, and was very talented. But he studied in his spare time to become a priest and was ordained in 1835. In 1849 the saint founded the Claretians, a religious institute of missionaries, and a companion order of women religious who served as teachers for girls.

From 1850 to 1857 he served as Archbishop of Santiago de Cuba, Cuba, where he worked diligently to reform both clergy and laity. He opposed concubinage and instructed black slaves, and championed family-owned farms instead of the mass farming of a sugar cash crop. These stances were vehemently opposed by many, and Saint Anthony was the target of assassins.

He was recalled to act as Queen Isabella II's confessor, a duty he reluctantly agreed to, with the exceptions that he would reside away from the court, attending the household only to hear confessions and instruct the children. While in Spain he founded the Religious Publishing House and wrote or published 200 Catholic books and pamphlets. He went into exile to France with the Queen's household during the Spanish Revolution of 1868.

The saint returned to Rome to Participate in Vatican I where he defended the infallibility of the Pope. He died in France in 1870 and was canonized in 1950 by Pope Pius XII.

WORSHIP & MEDITATION



FIRST READING

The prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds; it does not rest till it reaches its goal, nor will it withdraw till the Most High responds. (Sir 35:21)



PSALM

The Lord hears the cry of the poor. (Ps 34)



SECOND READING

From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me, which the Lord, the just judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but to all who have longed for his appearance. (2 Tm 4:8)



GOSPEL

“For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted.” (Lk 18:14)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

There is a thing called “false piety.” It is when we wear a religious disguise of devotion, attend to our obligations, and outwardly abide by rules while being inwardly unkind, uncharitable, and exclusive. Wearing the right clothes, saying the proper prayers, being in sacred places, and reading devotional books, those exhibiting false piety craftily try to control others using the pretense of love. The Pharisees, consistently criticized by Jesus, are prime examples. Thinking they are superior to others, they foolishly believe they are better positioned with God and more worthy of God’s attention. Forming an exclusive “club,” they divide things between “mine” and “yours” and “us” and “them.” They quickly criticize and point out flaws and errors in rituals and thinking. Conformity becomes the first commandment and control is the game’s name.

The requirements for “club membership” are clear: do what we do, think what we think, and believe what we believe. Attempting to control others using the lure of “status” or “salvation,” they seduce others into thinking that conformity is the only way to holiness. Clinging to “my beliefs,” “my parish,” “my way of thinking,” they fail to see the more significant relationship with God that is veiled in all of these superficial rules and practices. Shallow, hollow, and empty vessels, they gloss over the more important virtues of justice, mercy, faithfulness, and forgiveness. Sparkling clean on the outside, but dirty on the inside. Spiritual arrogance is a grave sin. It alienates and hurts the little ones, those considered “least” in the kingdom.

God knows no favorites. Everyone belongs regardless of whether you are an official, bona fide member. Sometimes membership may be a detriment to actually living the Gospel if you’re joining the team for the wrong reasons. The genuinely humble ones may not appear to be overly “pious.” They may not know all of the proper prayers or abide by all of the correct rituals, but they know that they are broken and need mercy. There is no shame in being broken. In fact, many things need to be broken in order to be what they truly are! There is a reason Jesus told us to pray in private. It’s only between you and God. It is nobody else’s business.

LITURGICAL LIFE

RESPONDING *to the Call*

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

More Than a Buzzword

If you roll your eyes at the mention of the term stewardship, it's probably because, in the modern Church, stewardship has become something of a corporate buzzword. It's often used interchangeably with the concepts of financial endowment and volunteerism.

What's wrong with supporting your parish monetarily? What's the issue with giving of your time in service and ministry? Nothing at all, in fact — we should all be doing more of these things.

But as we do them, we should be constantly asking ourselves the all-important questions: Why am I doing this? How am I doing this? For whom am I doing this?

A donation to the parish school is a great thing. But ideally, the donor would have made the gift regardless of the ability to name the school gym. A tireless volunteer who always finds time for her parish certainly glorifies God with her commitment. But hopefully, her commitment would be just as enthusiastic if she knew there was no prospect of being written up in the bulletin as Volunteer of the Month.

God knows no favorites. The prayer of the Pharisee in the temple did not justify him because the Pharisee didn't really mean it as a prayer. His intent wasn't to thank God, his intent was to draw attention to his gifts. God did not reject the Pharisee's fasting and his tithes, he rejected the spirit in which they were offered.

God desires to transform us — our hearts, our souls, our communities. When we give of ourselves — either through money or through time — he is honored by the act of giving, not the gift itself. We should never make the mistake of thinking that stewardship is "time, talent, and treasure." Stewardship is the spirit of offering these gifts freely.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Catholic Life Explained:

Question:

What is a sacramental seal and where did it come from?

Answer:

Leaving more than just a memory, there are some events in our life that are truly transforming, making us different people. The same thing can be said of spiritual things, especially sacraments. A sacramental seal or character is a theological concept to describe the life-changing and permanent effect of three sacraments on the person: baptism, confirmation, and holy orders. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that these sacraments confer a seal "by which the Christian shares in Christ's priesthood and is made a member of the Church according to different states and functions. This configuration to Christ and the Church, brought about by the Spirit, is indelible" (#1121).

Once we receive these sacraments, we are forever changed. It's a spiritual "point of no return" whereby we take a step forward in our faith journey. We are marked as people of faith, as those who have received the Spirit and as those called to serve in ordained ministry. That is why these sacraments are received only once. The direction is set, the choice is made, and we are called by God to be his people. Nothing can change that, not even our own sinfulness.

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“But the tax collector stood off at a distance...and prayed, ‘O God, be merciful to me a sinner.’ I tell you, the latter went home justified, not the former; for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

- Lk 18:13a, 13c-14

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QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

Sirach teaches us that the Lord hears the prayers of those most vulnerable — the oppressed, the widow, the orphan, and the poor — because God cares deeply about justice. Who do you know in those categories? How can you reach out to them?

Second Reading

In his second letter to Timothy, Paul speaks of his impending death and in his firm belief that he will receive a just reward for his ministry. When you think about the end of your life — what do you believe will happen to you for eternity?

Gospel Reading

In the parable of the Pharisee and tax collector, Jesus teaches crowds the proper approach to prayer: “O God, be merciful to me a sinner.” What do you think God says in response?

EXALTED

“Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

LUKE 18:14

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30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





THE LORD
HEARS THE
CRIES OF
THE POOR.

Psalm 34

“But the tax collector stood off at a distance and would not even raise his eyes to heaven but beat his breast and prayed, ‘O God, be merciful to me a sinner.’ I tell you, the latter went home justified, not the former; for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”
- Lk 18:13-14

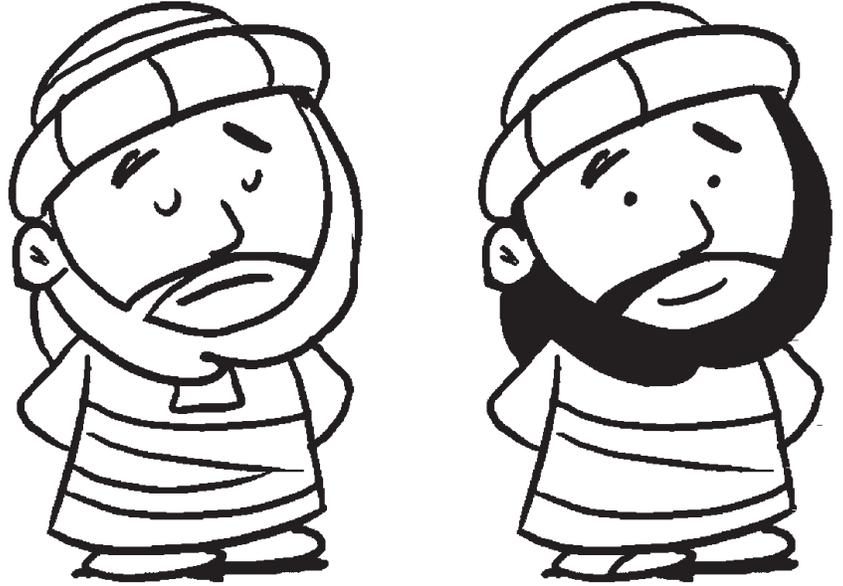
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Find 8 differences between the two pictures.

READ THE
GOSPEL AND
COMPLETE A
PUZZLE!



SHARING THE GOSPEL

If you have ever thought that you were better than somebody else, you are not alone. Even grown-ups think that way sometimes. The truth is, you really are not better than anyone else. You sin. You make mistakes, just like other people do. No matter how big or how small you think your mistakes are, they still make God angry.

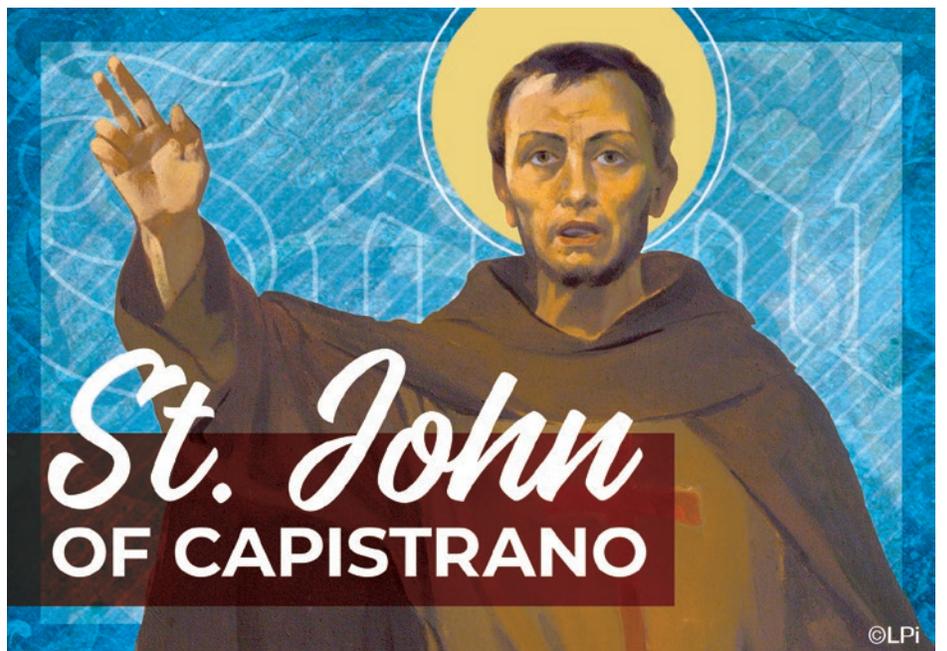
Instead of looking down on other people, remember your own mistakes. Ask God to forgive you.

PRAYER

Dear God, I am so sorry I ever thought I was better than anybody else. Please forgive me.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Ask everyone in your class to make cards for people in prison. Jesus knows when people are truly sorry for what they have done wrong. Jesus wants to forgive prisoners, just like he wants to forgive you.





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