

SAINT COLUMBAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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.

Winter Clothes Closet (Small Hall)

Tuesdays & Thursdays

6:00PM-8:00PM

ST. PETER MISSION

149 Keithahn St. S, Tenino, WA 98589

For administrative assistance please contact St. Columban

Mass Schedule

Sunday 8:00AM

Rosary is said 30min prior to Mass

Sacraments

Confession: Sundays 7:30 -7:45AM

Daily Mass (First Fridays): 9:00AM

Anointing of the Sick: by appointment



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November 20, 2022

Christ, King of the Universe

Today's Readings

Entrance Antiphon: *How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honor. To him belong glory and power forever and ever.*

1st Reading: 2 Samuel 5:1-3

Responsorial Psalm: *Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.*

2nd Reading: Colossians 1:12-20

Gospel Acclamation: *Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come!*

Gospel: Luke 23: 35-43

Communion Antiphon: *The Lord sits as King forever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.*

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

Christ the King

The Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, is the final Sunday of our liturgical year. Our new Church year starts next week with Advent. This feast day is actually somewhat new in history, established less than 100 years ago in 1925 by Pope Pius XI. At that time, the people of the West had become disillusioned by the old order that had come crashing down during and after World War I. Kingdoms and empires centuries old were conquered or collapsing. Desperate people who had lived in the corrupt and decadent last days of some of these empires, as well as those swept up in the turmoil of the war, were desperate for hope and an answer to the chaos around them. Some looked to false promises that still trouble us to this day. The lie of Marxism, which the Church recognized from the first as pure poison from seed to fruit, infected Russia and then many other places throughout the world; we all know the harm that caused the world for the rest of the century and even today... Other places, like Germany and Italy, experienced a drudgery that birthed bitterness and desperation that made room in the minds of the populace for rhetorically gifted madmen to seduce them, leading to another and more horrible war.

On the other hand, the technological and economic booms of the nations that emerged victorious from the War led to a feeling of self-sufficiency and nigh-omnipotence. Both the crushed and the prideful, in their own ways, experienced alienation from God and put their trust in the ideological, political, and technological powers of this world. Pope Pius XI recognized the seductive power of these false hopes and false promises of happiness, and so established the Solemnity of Christ the King to remind the world that, the toxic ideologies aside, while the growing power of man over—and knowledge of—this world is good, we must always remember that Jesus Christ is the true King of the World. Our loyalty belongs to him first, and no human vision of society can be good unless rooted in and respectful of his sovereignty.

In recent decades, the focus of this feast has shifted to Jesus as ruler of the universe writ large, that is Master of History and providence, akin to the children's song "he's got the whole world in his hands." While this is true, it is perhaps unfortunate that the original intention of the feast: that Jesus Christ is the true king of the human race such that our personal loyalty belongs first to him and that the legitimacy or illegitimacy of every human power and law and government can be judged by how compatible it is to His will, rule, and law. Our nation and world are still torn by discord and disagreement is rising again toward hatred for one another (and, as always, the petty tyrants, ideologues, and lovers of power are taking advantage of the chaos and trying to inflame but also steer the strife). We, heirs of the Kingdom of God, living in freedom under Christ the King, are called to rise above this nonsense. We should notice and utterly reject the wickedness and snares of the Devil that infect our world (regardless of the sources, indeed especially when coming from our own political, ideological, or religious camps). Christians need to live differently, because we do not put our trust in princes, but Our King.

In Christ,

Fr Brian Thompson

Financial Stewardship

Week of November 6, 2022

Ordinary Income	St Columban	St Peter
Weekly Goal	\$5,800.00	\$1,000.00
Collection (Cash & Envelopes)	\$3,454.00	\$854.00
Online Giving	\$1,953.12	\$431.30
Net	(\$392.88)	\$285.30

Special Funds

St Vincent DePaul	\$360.19	\$0.00
Sacramentals (Candles, Beeswax tapers, Salt)	\$33.50	\$0.00
Flowers	\$34.79	\$1.00
Building Fund	\$351.53	\$0.00
Mass Intentions	\$330.00	\$140.00
2 nd Collection	\$74.28	\$0.00

Stewardship

Total Participation	21%	31%
Total Pledged	\$150,615	\$23,045

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TIME. TALENT.
TREASURE.



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OUR GIFTS WITH OTHERS.

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Faith Formation



The next class is
**Tuesday,
November 22nd at
6:30pm**
in the Religious
Education Building.

The topic is: **Church History**
Have a better understanding that the Church as a developing church always in need of reform and renewal, some of the key moments in Church History up to and including Vatican II.

Anyone can attend RCIA to grow in Catholic knowledge and Faith!

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
Mary Taylor
Robert Fisher
Jerry Vosberg
John Gallwas

- + 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

Leroy Herrera

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.

Youth Ministry Bible Study
9AM-10:15AM
in the Parish Hall.

Next
Youth Ministry Saturday
is December 17th from
9AM-2PM.



CHILDREN'S PRAYERS

In our k-5 program, for the month of October, 13 children prayed 6637 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

December 13 Monthly Meeting **zoom**
10:00AM Religious Ed Bldg
December 11 Fellowship
11:45AM Parish Hall



December 21 Council Meeting **zoom**
6:00PM Parish Hall
November 27 KofC Breakfast
11:45AM Parish Hall



St. Vincent de Paul

December 15 Monthly Meeting
7:00PM Parish Hall



St. Peter's Circle

January 10 Bi-Monthly Meeting
9:30AM St. Peter Mission



ALTAR SOCIETY

Cleaning the Church
Every Thursday after Daily Mass



MONDAY November 21

Rosary Prayer Group
7:00PM Church

TUESDAY November 22

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

6:00PM Choir Practice—Church

Advent Choir Rehearsal

6:30PM Christmas Eve & Day

7:15PM Midnight Mass

6:30PM Spanish Prayer Group
Parish Hall

6:30PM RCIA—RE Bldg

WEDNESDAY November 23

Daily Mass @ St. Columban 9:00AM
Patronal Feast Day of St. Columban

THURSDAY November 24

9:00AM Thanksgiving Day Mass
St. Columban

NO Bible Study—St. Peter's
NO Scripture Study—St. Columban

FRIDAY November 25

NO DAILY MASS

SATURDAY November 26

Confession
3:30PM St. Columban

Vigil Mass
5:00PM St. Columban

1st Sunday of Advent November 27

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
Parish Hall

Bonus Bulletin Content!

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

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**From a General Audience of
Pope Benedict XVI given on Wednesday,
June 11, 2008 about Saint Columban**

(Part 3, continued from last week)

However, soon afterwards, because of political events unfavourable to his work, Columban decided to cross the Alps with the majority of his disciples. Only one monk whose name was Gallus stayed behind; it was from his hermitage that the famous Abbey of St Gall in Switzerland subsequently developed. Having arrived in Italy, Columban met with a warm welcome at the Lombard Royal Court but was immediately faced with considerable difficulties: the life of the Church was torn apart by the Arian heresy, still prevalent among the Lombards, and by a schism which had detached most of the Church in Northern Italy from communion with the Bishop of Rome. Columban entered authoritatively into this context, writing a satirical pamphlet against Arianism and a letter to Boniface IV to convince him to take some decisive steps with a view to re-establishing unity (cf. *Epistula V*). When, in 612 or 613, the King of the Lombards allocated to him a plot of land in Bobbio, in the Trebbia Valley, Columban founded a new monastery there which was later to become a cultural centre on a par with the famous monastery of Monte Cassino. Here he came to the end of his days: he died on 23 November 615 and to this day is commemorated on this date in the Roman rite.

St Columban's message is concentrated in a firm appeal to conversion and detachment from earthly goods, with a view to the eternal inheritance. With his ascetic life and conduct free from compromises when he faced the corruption of the powerful, he is reminiscent of the severe figure of St John the Baptist. His austerity, however, was never an end in itself but merely the means with which to open himself freely to God's love and to correspond with his whole being to the gifts received from him, thereby restoring in himself the image of God, while at the same time cultivating the earth and renewing human society. I quote from his *Instructiones*: "If man makes a correct use of those faculties that God has conceded to his soul, he will be likened to God. Let us remember that we must restore to him all those gifts which he deposited in us when we were in our original condition. "He has taught us the way with his Com-

mandments. The first of them tells us to love the Lord with all our heart, because he loved us first, from the beginning of time, even before we came into the light of this world" (cf. *Instructiones XI*). The Irish Saint truly incarnated these words in his own life. A man of great culture - he also wrote poetry in Latin and a grammar book - he proved rich in gifts of grace. He was a tireless builder of monasteries as well as an intransigent penitential preacher who spent every ounce of his energy on nurturing the Christian roots of Europe which was coming into existence. With his spiritual energy, with his faith, with his love for God and neighbour, he truly became one of the Fathers of Europe. He shows us even today the roots from which our Europe can be reborn. ▪

PRAYERS

Daily Prayer to St. Columban, from the Columban Fathers (Missionary Society of St. Columban)

Oh Blessed Columban, who in your zeal to follow Christ left your homeland as a wanderer and spent your life in suffering and exile, help and protect, we humbly ask you, the missionaries of our day who have devoted their lives to preaching the Gospel throughout the world. Obtain for them, we ask you, that same wisdom and fortitude by which you overcame the dangers which beset your path, and that firm faith and ardent love which enabled you to endure gladly the privations of this life for the love of Christ. Assist and protect us, also, dear Saint Columban, so as to live for God's glory that when our pilgrimage is over, we may share with you in the joy of our heavenly home, Through Christ our Lord. Amen

The collect (opening prayer for the Mass) for the memorial of St. Columban, Abbot:

O God, who in Saint Columban wonderfully joined the work of evangelization to zeal for the monastic life, grant, we pray, that through his intercession and example we may strive to seek you above things and to bring increase to your faithful people. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Saint Columban, Pray for Yelm! Pray for Us!

Saint Columban

ABBOT, CONFESSOR,
MISSIONARY

Quick Bio

Born in 6th century Ireland and a product of Irish monastic tradition he journeyed into continental Europe and taught the faith to people who had returned to paganism. With his own Rule he established monastic communities in present-day France and Italy.

Accomplishments

- Studied Grammar, Rhetoric, Latin and Greek classic literature, Geometry, and Holy Scripture
- Joined the monastery of Bangor, was ordained a priest, and became its principal teacher
- Established monasteries among the Frankish peoples at Annegray, Luxeuil and Fontaine and later founded Bregenz in modern-day Austria serving the Alemanni (Germanic) peoples
- Ventured across the alps and founded his well-known abbey at Bobbio, near Genoa, where he died
- His monastic Rule was extensive than that of St. Benedict and his Penitential (a guide for recommending penances) was comprehensive
- Encouraged private confessions and frequent guidance by a personal spiritual director
- Also wrote a commentary on the psalms, as well as poems, letters, and sermons

Miracles while he was alive

- Procuring food for a sick monk and curing the wife of his benefactor
- Escaping injury while surrounded by wolves
- Causing a bear to evacuate a cave at his bidding
- Producing a spring of water near his cave
- Replenishing the Luxeuil granary
- Multiplying bread and beer for his community
- Curing sick monks, who rose from their beds at his request to reap the harvest
- Giving sight to a blind man at Orleans
- Destroying with his breath a cauldron of beer prepared for a pagan festival
- Taming a bear and yoking it to a plow

SOURCE

Edmonds, Columba (1908). "St. Columbanus". The Catholic Encyclopedia

Feast Day - November 23

BORN

540 AD in Leinster, Kingdom of Meath (present-day County Meath, Ireland) other sources say 543 or 550

DIED

November 23, 615 AD in Bobium, Kingdom of the Lombards (present-day Bobbio, Italy)

ALSO KNOWN AS

Columbanus, ... of Bobbio, ... of Luxeuil

PATRONAGE

Motorcyclists, Ireland, The Columban Missionaries, The Order of Knights of Saint Columbanus

Bobbio, Italy; Luxeuil, France; Saint-Coulomb, France



The Daughters of Mary Giving Tree

The Daughters of Mary are collecting gift cards to be donated to our St. Vincent de Paul ministry for those in need of assistance this Christmas. Choose a star from the Giving Tree and **return it to the church by December 12th**.

Please choose gift cards from major multi-purpose stores such as **Walmart**, **Fred Meyer**, or **SAFEWAY** so that families can purchase what they need, whether food or gifts.

Please pin your star to the gift card or write the amount on the gift card and place them in the basket during the collection at Mass or drop them by the parish office.

**Families in need can sign up for assistance
by contacting our St. Vincent de Paul
ministry at 360-458-1904.**



Christ is the King!

Today is the feast of Christ the King. When Jesus was on earth, many of His followers thought that He was going to be a normal sort of king, with a kingdom and soldiers and everything. Is that what Jesus did?

Before He died, Jesus said that His kingdom was not in this world. Do you know where Jesus' kingdom is?

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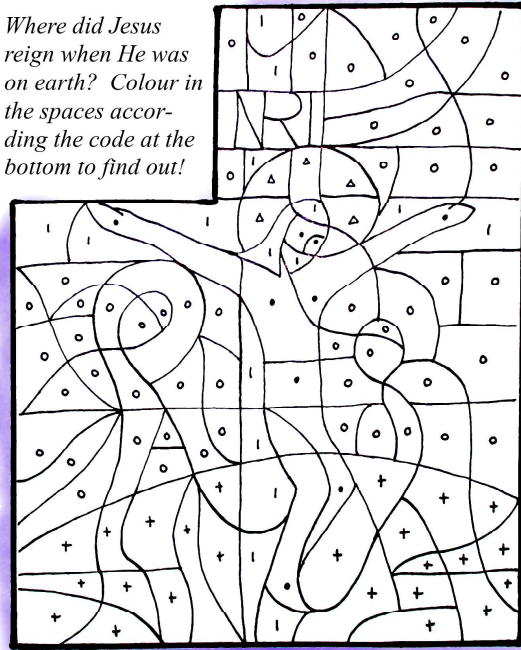
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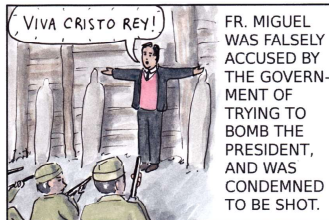
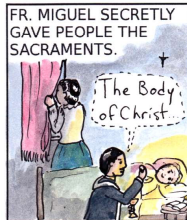
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Luke 23:35-43

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Christ the King Word-Find

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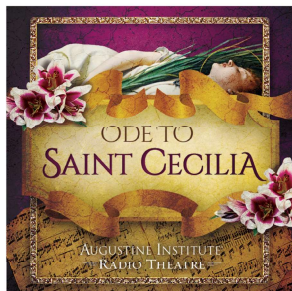
THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

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Sacred Art: Christ the King

Sit down with Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they explore Catholic theology through the lens of Sacred Art. In this episode, they discuss the Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.



Ode to Saint Cecilia

The lives of the saints are epic stories and particular expressions of God's grace in humanity. Celebrate St. Cecilia with this audio drama by the Augustine Institute Radio Theatre.



Who is God? The Augustine Institute Show

Who is God? If we want to love God and make him the center of our lives, we would do well to settle this question at least in some small way. Tim Gray welcomes Professor Elizabeth Klein to discuss this topic.

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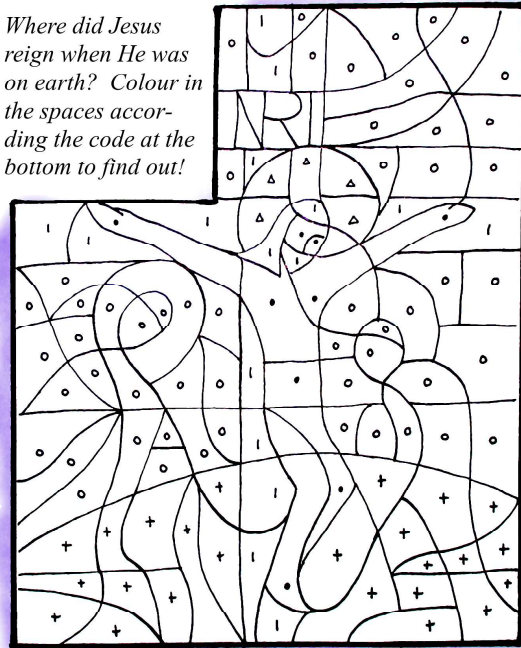
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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2022

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE



He said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." - Lk 23:42-43

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 20, 2022

- Sunday:** 2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43
- Monday:** Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 21:1-4
- Tuesday:** Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Lk 21:5-11
- Wednesday:** Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9/Lk 21:12-19
- Thursday:** Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 21:20-28
- Friday:** Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a/Lk 21:29-33
- Saturday:** Rv 22:1-7/Ps 95:1-2, 3-5, 6-7ab/Lk 21:34-36
- Next Sunday:** Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

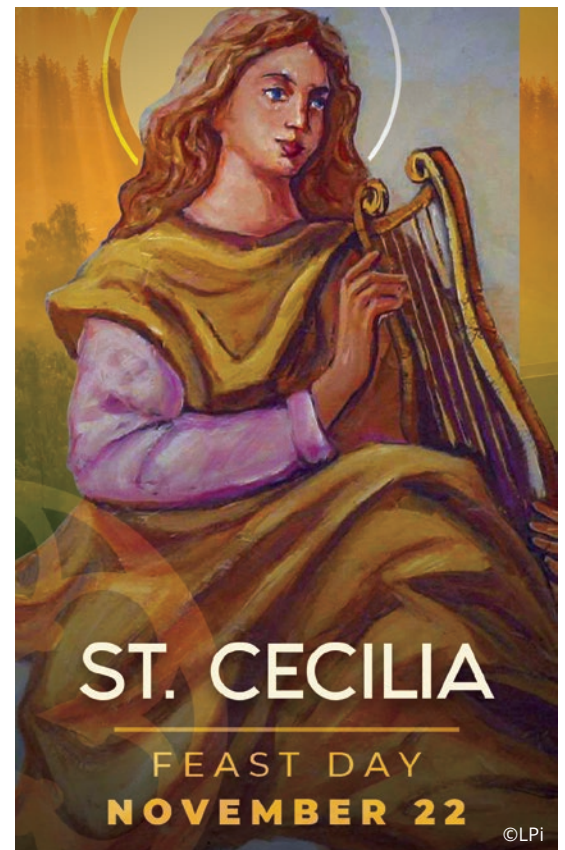
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 20, 2022

- Sunday:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
- Monday:** The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Tuesday:** St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr
- Wednesday:** St. Clement I, Pope and Martyr; St. Columban, Abbot; Bl. Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest and Martyr
- Thursday:** St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs; Thanksgiving Day
- Friday:** St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr
- Next Sunday:** 1st Sunday of Advent

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

Our king hangs on a cross. Onlookers saw this as the final defeat of a fool who many saw as an insurrectionist. They laughed at him and challenged his kingship by looking for proof: Save yourself! Historically, earthly kings are influential figures wielding significant power over the quality of their subjects' lives. Where is Jesus' power? Slowly fading away, he's a failure in many eyes. Brokenness and vulnerability are often seen as failures. Something went wrong and exposed us, revealing our fragile and sometimes incorrect selves to others. Yet, what appears at first to be shameful is really a golden key to life. It is only when vulnerable that we learn how to love genuinely. Marking what seems the end of a failed mission, Jesus Christ our King hangs before us as the vulnerable, wounded key to God's infinite love and life. The kingdoms of this world pass away. Jesus hangs as our king of a world that never ends. When we are vulnerable and broken in death, we fall into the fullness of Christ and are made one with him. This is more than any earthly king can promise and is the salvation we seek.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Cecilia's story, like many of the earliest saints', is largely apocryphal and legendary in nature. According to tradition, Cecilia was born to a wealthy and prominent Roman family. Though she had consecrated her virginity to the Lord, she was married to a man named Valerian. It is said that she was "singing in her heart to the Lord" at her wedding. She confessed her promise of virginity to her new husband revealing that an angel protected her. Valerian would honor her vow only if he too could see the angel. Cecilia told him he would see the angel if he was baptized, which he went to do immediately. When he returned to her, he saw the angel beside her. Cecilia also converted Valerian's brother, Tiburtius.

Unfortunately, it was a turbulent time in Rome for Christians. Valerian and Tiburtius were martyred for burying the bodies of Christians, which was illegal. Cecilia was also targeted for her faith. First authorities attempted to suffocate her by locking her in the bath in her home and overheating the room. Some accounts say that she didn't break a sweat and even began to sing. They then sent in an executioner to behead her, but he faltered and was unable to complete his task, only succeeding in mortally wounding her. She remained alive for three days before she died.

The saint's body was exhumed twice, first by Pope Paschal I in 821, then by Cardinal Sfondrato in 1599. Both times her body was found incorrupt, the first saint to exhibit this extremity. St. Cecilia is the patron saint of music and musicians.

WORSHIP & MEDITATION



FIRST READING

When all the elders of Israel came to David in Hebron, King David made an agreement with them there before the LORD, and they anointed him king of Israel. (2 Sm 5:3)



PSALM

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord. (Ps 122)



SECOND READING

He delivered us from the power of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. (Col 1:13-14)



GOSPEL

Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."
He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." (Lk 23:42-43)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

It's not unreasonable to think that if God wanted to make a statement he could do so in a very dramatic way. After all, he spoke through a burning bush that didn't actually burn, parted the Red Sea, sent manna to the Israelites from the sky, cured lepers, healed the sick and cast out demons. All of that is pretty dramatic stuff, and they made statements! Now, Jesus hangs dying on a cross. He has been referred to as a king. Considering all of the miracles Jesus did in his short time on earth, isn't one more in order? If Jesus came down off of the cross, defied death, and parted the waters of suffering and death, onlookers, believers and unbelievers alike, would take notice. It would prove who God is and show us what God wants us to do. Or would it?

Great spiritual masters remind us not to focus on miracles or consolations received from God. They can distract us. Doing anything other than what Jesus did would distract humanity as well, misplacing our focus. It's not about a miracle, at least not the dramatic kind people are eager to see. It's about something more profound. It all goes back to where it began for the earthly Jesus. God becomes one with humanity in Jesus Christ. All that goes into being human is holy and blessed, and that becomes a place where God is born, again and again. God, through Jesus, tells us to hold firm to all of the experiences of being human, the joys and the wonders, the disappointments and the failures.

God's lesson is found in Jesus' vulnerability. It is only when we are vulnerable that we learn how to love. When Jesus breathed his last, God's unconditional and tender love was realized. Jesus always had a soft spot for the weak, lost, vulnerable, and broken. God wants us to come to Him freely, not because we have witnessed some fantastic display of prowess. God desires that we find Him through who we are, as our hearts and souls direct. This will mean that our love is authentic as it will be born of the heartache, pain, and turmoil that are a part of life. The fragments of our lives need to be made whole. Our fragmented king, Jesus Christ, is the only one who can help put the pieces together.

LITURGICAL LIFE

RESPONDING *to the Call*

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

Is Christ King in Our Hearts?

When you think of a king, who is the first person to pop into your head? It may depend on how much history you know, or which historical period intrigues you the most. As Americans, the first person we might think of is King George III, whose reign has become synonymous in our national lore with the concept of tyranny.

We don't have much familiarity with kingship in modern American society. Kings tend to make us uneasy. Presidents, on the other hand — we can handle those, because we know we are a president's boss. No matter how much power he has, we are the electorate. We are the source of that power. We're comfortable with this arrangement.

But with kings it is profoundly different. Traditionally, the king derives his power from God. His rule bridges humanity with the divine.

We should reflect carefully on whether or not we have made Jesus Christ king in our hearts, or whether we regard him as a president. The difference isn't just one of titles, it's one of roles. Subjects do not demand anything of a king. They beseech. They entreat. They submit, and they accept.

Do we demand of Christ, or do we beseech? Do we tolerate God's edicts with grumbling, or do we embrace His word as the means of our reconciliation with Him?

The "good thief" treated Christ as a king. His counterpart treated him as a president. And it's worth remembering that Jesus Christ is not the President of the Universe.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Catholic Life Explained:

Question:

The Assumption isn't in the Bible. What proof do we have that it really happened?

Answer:

Since the beginning of the Church, Christians have venerated the relics of the saints. We can see this in the catacombs of Rome, in the crypts of churches, and in the reliquaries that contain tiny fragments of bone. Throughout Church history, there have been no relics of Mary nor any legitimate claims to her bones. Even the tomb of Mary, visited as a site of pilgrimage, stood empty. At the Council of Chalcedon in 451, the Roman emperor asked the bishop of Jerusalem to bring Mary's relics to the council. The bishop reported that there were no relics of Mary. Upon finding her empty tomb, the Apostles had concluded that her body was taken up into heaven. Soon afterward, the Church began celebrating this miraculous event.

The Assumption is an article of faith. Within the context of salvation, its meaning and logic is clear. Being born without original sin, Mary did not suffer its consequences. She is already participating in what we, too, will experience one day — the resurrection and glorification of our bodies as they reunite with our souls.

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- Lk 23:42-43

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QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

The Israelites recognized that David was anointed by the Lord to shepherd and rule over them as their King. What do you think it takes to be a really good leader?

Second Reading

Paul teaches the Colossians that through the death and resurrection of Christ, God has redeemed and reconciled all of us and creation, and "transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son." How should we celebrate this incredible gift from God?

Gospel Reading

While the rulers and soldiers ironically mocked Jesus as "King of the Jews" as they were crucifying him, Jesus offered words of comfort to the repentant criminal crucified beside him. What words of comfort do you need to hear today from our Lord Jesus Christ?



CHRIST THE KING





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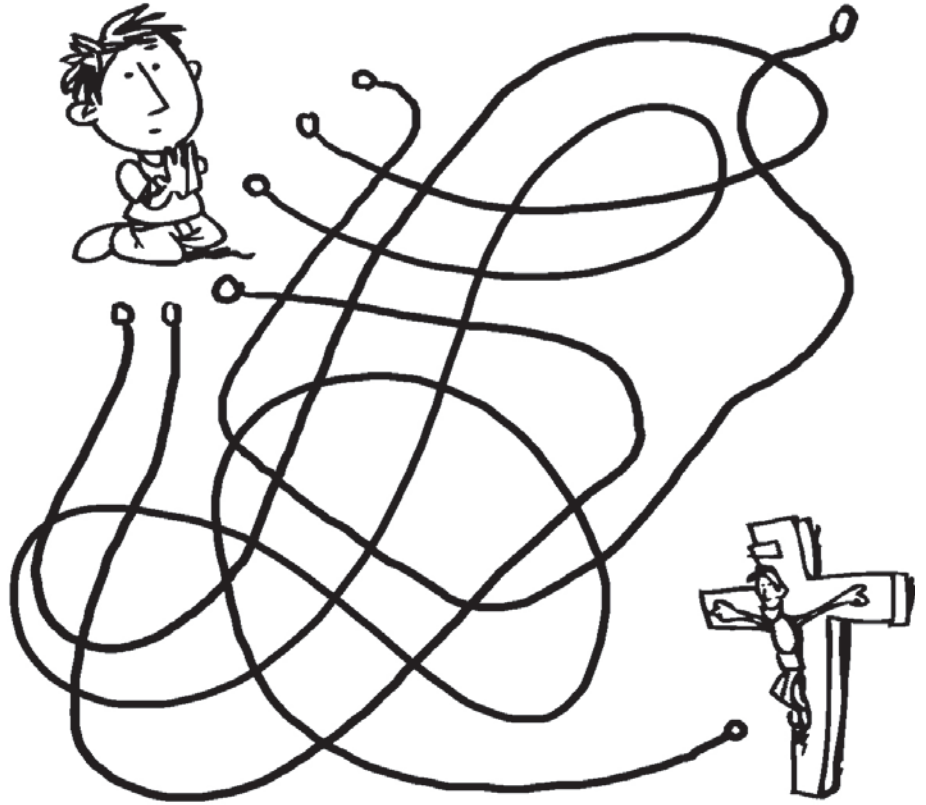
PSALM 122

The rulers sneered at Jesus and said, “He saved others, let him save himself if he is the chosen one, the Christ of God.” Even the soldiers jeered at him. As they approached to offer him wine they called out, “If you are King of the Jews, save yourself.”
- Lk 23:35-37

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KIDS CORNER

Find the path that leads to Jesus.



READ THE GOSPEL AND COMPLETE A PUZZLE!

SHARING THE GOSPEL

When the soldiers hurt Jesus, they were only doing their job. They did not understand that they were killing God's Son. Jesus saw into the hearts of those soldiers, and he forgave them. A man next to Jesus on the cross had done terrible things. He knew he deserved to die on a cross, and he was truly sorry. This criminal believed that Jesus was God's Son. Jesus saw into that criminal's heart, and Jesus forgave him, too.

PRAYER

Dear God, thank you for sending Jesus to forgive my sins, too.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Jesus forgave the people who killed him. He expects you to forgive people who hurt you, too. Think of one person with whom you have been angry. Ask God to help you forgive that person, because Jesus forgives you.

PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED

Virgin Mary

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