# SAINT COLUMBAN CATHOLIC Church

### Christi simus, non nostri

We belong to Christ, not ourselves

# St. Columban Parish 506 First St. S. Yelm, WA 98597

360-458-3031

#### **Office Hours**

Monday—Thursday 9:00AM –2:00PM parishoffice@saintcolumbanyelm.org Website: www.saintcolumbanyelm.org











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

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



By your perseverance you will secure your lives.

### **November 13, 2022**

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### **Today's Readings**

**Entrance Antiphon:** The Lord said I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me and I will answer you.

1st Reading: Malachi 3:19-20a

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

2nd Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3: 7-12

Gospel Acclamation: Stand erect and raise your heads

because your redemption is at hand.

**Gospel:** Luke 21: 5-19

**Communion Antiphon:** To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

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.



#### Veteran's Day

Christians love peace. Indeed, we love peace perhaps more than many in the world because we understand that true peace is not merely the absence of conflict but the presence of right-relationship, most especially the kind of right-relationship that comes from and can only come from Jesus Christ and the Gospel.

That said, Christianity is not and has never been pacifistic. We recognize that in worldly affairs justice demands that injustice be stopped, especially if one is morally connected to the person being harmed. For example, while an isolated individual may choose to bear wrongs against him patiently, he would be derelict in moral duty to fail to defend his family if they are under threat, physical or otherwise. Indeed, this duty also includes self-defense, in order not to deprive his loved ones of his continued presence. A married person or a parent, by that fact, does not morally have complete pacifism as an option in his life, at least in cases where pacifism would permit greater harm to occur. Of course, one can abhor violence, but there is a time to all things under Heaven. I am perhaps getting a little technical, but I suppose my basic point is there are some things that as a Christian are worth fighting for, literally and figuratively.

Yes, Jesus does tell us to turn the other cheek, offering your tunic when your cloak is demanded, and go the extra mile. Yet, these commands are about not dwelling on insult nor getting sucked into cycles of vengeance nor taking on cultural pressures toward machismo or "saving face" by asserting one's ego against the unjust one. Indeed, there are also reads of this teaching that argue turning the cheek or going an extra mile is a form of resisting injustice without self-aggrandizement: turning the other cheek would require the assailant to strike you again in a way that was culturally taboo, displaying how degraded his wrath had made him; giving your tunic leaves one naked, shaming the assailant for his injustice; going the extra mile would violate Roman law, which only allowed the legions to press a local into service for one mile, so to go the extra mile would--by causing the legionnaire to break the law--demonstrate that the law itself was unjust. Jesus teaches to resist the injustice, but not stroke our own egos in the process.

The same is true on grander scales of nations and history: resistance to injustice, even violent resistance, can be morally justified. Yes, many early Christians could not serve the Roman army and were martyred for it, but that is because the Romans were pagan conquerors and oppressors. Military service is itself not immoral, indeed is a quite noble thing when there is a just cause, including the cause of ordinary civil defense. St. Augustine teaches that even war can be just in defense of the innocent, waged as a last resort when nonviolent means have failed, and which has a reasonable prospect of success is of course unfortunate but morally acceptable; a solemn duty not as a positive thing to be desired. War is a scourge that we of course pray be averted at all costs, but when it must be in defense of the innocent, there is place for it in the moral order. The 20<sup>th</sup> Century Author J.R.R. Tolkien, a veteran of the First World War, articulated beautifully the proper Christian outlook towards matters of war and military service through the words of a knight, Faramir, in his novel, *Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers*, "War must be, while we defend our lives against a destroyer who would devour all; but I do not love the bright sword for its sharpness, nor the arrow for its swiftness, nor the warrior for his glory. I love only that which they defend."

Happy Veterans Day, and for those who have or do serve, thank you.

In Christ, Fr Thompson

#### **Financial Stewardship** Week of October 31, 2022 **Ordinary Income** St Columban St Peter Weekly Goal \$5,800.00 \$1,000.00 Collection \$4,562.76 \$796.00 (Cash & Envelopes) \$877.26 \$15.00 Online Giving (\$359.98 (\$189.00 Net **Special Funds** St Vincent DePaul \$233.89 \$0.00 Sacramentals \$4.00 \$0.00 (Candles, Beeswax tapers, Salt) \$10.00 **Flowers** \$0.00 \$0.00 **Building Fund** \$36.38 **Mass Intentions** \$145.00 \$0.00 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection \$19.59 \$55.00 Stewardship **Total Participation** 21% 31% Total Pledged \$150,615 \$23,045



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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, November 15th at 6:30pm in the Religious Education Building.

#### The topic is: Mary

Have a Deeper understanding of Catholic Devotion to Mary as Mother of God and Model Disciple of Christ and her special Feast Days.

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

#### 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

Socorro Valencia

Jerry Vosberg

Leroy Herrera

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.
- For all our veterans, military, and their families.

#### Rest In Peace

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.

#### 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 k-5 program, for the 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



December 13 Monthly Meeting 22001

10:00AM Religious Ed Bldg

November 13 Fellowship 11:45AM Parish Hall



6:00PM

#### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS **COUNCIL 17152**

November 16 Council Meeting \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parish Hall

November 27 **KofC Breakfast** 

11:45AM Parish Hall



#### St. Vincent de Paul

November 17 **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 14

Rosary Prayer Group

7:00PM Church

TUESDAY November 15 Daily Mass @ St. Columban 9:00AM

6PM-8PM Winter Clothes Closet

Small Hall (Old Church)

6:00PM Choir Practice—Church

**Advent Choir Rehearsal** 

6:30PM Children's Mass &

Christmas Dav

7:15PM Midnight Mass

Spanish Prayer Group 6:30PM

Parish Hall -Lunchroom

RCIA—RE Bldg 6:30PM

WEDNESDAY November 16

Daily Mass @ St. Columban 9:00AM

Intentions of: Pam Walker

THURSDAY **November 17** 

Daily Mass @ St. Columban 9:00AM

Intentions of: Lori Walton

10:00AM Bible Study—St. Peter 6:30PM Sunday Scripture Study

Small Hall (Old Church)

FRIDAY November 18 Daily Mass @ St. Columban 9:00AM

Intentions of: William Taylor

SATURDAY November 19

Confession

3:30PM St. Columban

Vigil Mass

5:00PM St. Columban

Christ, King of Universe November 20 ST. PETER MISSION TENINO

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

ST. COLUMBAN

9:00-10:15AM Religious Ed Classes

Mass 10:30AM

11:45-1PM **Confirmation Classes** 

#### **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

Throughout the Sundays of November leading up to St. Columban's feast day on November 23 we will publish informational inserts about our parish patron saint to help you learn more about him.

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

(Part 2, continued from last week)

Columban lived at Luxeuil for almost 20 years. Here the Saint wrote for his followers the Regula monachorum for a while more widespread in Europe than Benedict's Rule - which portrayed the ideal image of the monk. It is the only ancient Irish monastic rule in our possession today. Columban integrated it with the Regula coenobialis, a sort of penal code for the offences committed by monks, with punishments that are somewhat surprising to our modern sensibility and can only be explained by the mentality and environment of that time. With another famous work entitled: De poenitentiarum misura taxanda, also written at Luxeuil, Columban introduced Confession and private and frequent penance on the Continent. It was known as "tariffed" penance because of the proportion established between the gravity of the sin and the type of penance imposed by the confessor. These innovations roused the suspicion of local Bishops, a suspicion that became hostile when Columban had the courage to rebuke them openly for the practices of some of them. The controversy over the date of Easter was an opportunity to demonstrate their opposition: Ireland, in fact, followed the Eastern rather than the Roman tradition. The Irish monk was convoked in 603 to account to a Synod at Chalon-sur-Saône for his practices regarding penance and Easter. Instead of presenting himself before the Synod, he sent a letter in which he minimized the issue, inviting the Synod Fathers not only to discuss the problem of the date of Easter, in his opinion a negligible problem, "but also all the necessary canonical norms that - something more serious - are disregarded by many" (cf. Epistula II, 1). At the same time he wrote to Pope Boniface IV - just as several years earlier he had turned to Pope Gregory the Great (cf. Epistula I) - asking him to defend the Irish tradition (cf. Epistula III).

Intransigent as he was in every moral matter, Columban then came into conflict with the royal house for having harshly reprimanded King Theuderic for his adulterous relations. This created a whole network of personal, religious and political intrigues and manoeuvres which, in 610, culminated in a Decree of expulsion banishing Columban and all the monks of Irish origin from Luxeuil and condemning them to definitive exile. They

were escorted to the sea and, at the expense of the court, boarded a ship bound for Ireland. However, not far from shore the ship ran aground and the captain, who saw this as a sign from Heaven, abandoned the voyage and, for fear of being cursed by God, brought the monks back to dry land. Instead of returning to Luxeuil, they decided to begin a new work of evangelization. Thus, they embarked on a Rhine boat and travelled up the river. After a first stop in Tuggen near Lake Zurich they went to the region of Bregenz, near Lake Constance, to evangelize the Alemanni.

(To be continued)

#### **PRAYER**

#### A prayer attributed to Saint Columban:

Lord, grant me, I pray thee in the name of Jesus Christ thy Son, my God, that love which knows no fall, so that my lamp may feel the kindling touch and know no quenching, may burn for me and for others may give light.

Do thou, Christ, deign to kindle our lamps, our Savior most sweet to us, that they may shine continually in thy temple, and receive perpetual light from thee the Light perpetual, so that our darkness may be enlightened, and yet the world's darkness may be driven from us.

Thus do thou enrich my lantern with the light, I pray thee, Jesus mine, so that by its light there may be disclosed to me those holy places of the holy, which hold thee the eternal priest of the eternal things, entering there in the pillars of that great temple of thine, that constantly I may see, observe, desire thee only, and loving thee only may behold, and before thee my lamp may ever shine and burn.

Be it thine, I beg, most loving Savior, to reveal thyself to us who beseech thee, so that knowing thee, we may love thee only, love thee alone, hold thee in our thoughts; and do thou deign so far to inspire us with thy love, as it befits thee to be loved and cherished as our God; that thy charity may possess all our inward parts, and thy love may own us all, and thine affection may fill all our senses, so that we may know no other love apart from thee who art eternal; that such affection may be in us impossible of quenching by the many waters of this air and land and sea, according to that saying "And many waters are not able to quench love", which in us also can be fulfilled even in part, by the gift of thee our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom is the glory unto ages of ages. Amen.

# 6 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT ST. COLUMBAN

Bet you didn't know this!



#### THE SIXTH CENTURY

St. Columban was born around when St. Benedict had died. Europe was still reeling after the collapse of the Western Roman Empire. Germanic peoples had invaded and reverted the populace back to pagan practices. Monasteries established by Christian missionaries like St. Columban, became centers of knowledge, religious thought, and charity.



#### **SON OF IRELAND**

Unlike Patrick, Columban was actually born in Ireland. By the time of his formation, the works of Saints Patrick and Benedict were well known. The monastic movement on the island had gained traction and attracted Columban to pursue holiness and missionary work. St. Columban's missionary zeal and Irish monastic example was so prolific that the Irish Chapel beneath St. Peters Basilica in Rome is named for him.



#### **HIS NAME MEANS DOVE**

Columbanus is the Latinized form of the Gaelic Columbán, meaning little white dove. You'll often see St. Columban depicted with a dove, symbolizing the Holy Spirit. The Hebrew form of his name is Jonas, which is also the name of the monk who composed his well-known biography. He is not to be confused with St. Columba/Columkille who preceded him and was an Irish missionary to Scotland.



#### **GOD-GIVEN GOOD LOOKS**

Jonas says his "fine figure, his splendid color, and his noble manliness made him beloved by all." This caused a problem: "He aroused ... the lust of lascivious maidens, especially of those whose fine figure and superficial beauty are wont to enkindle mad desires in the minds of wretched men." An abbess advised Columban to flee temptation for the sins of the flesh and not to rouse it in others.



### NO ANIMAL CAN DISTRACT HIM FROM PRAYER

Many legends abound of his ability to tame animals, especially if they disturb him while attempting to pray outdoors in solitude. The Sign of the Cross and a plea to the Lord helped to repel wolves who came up to attack him. In another instance, with little effort, he convinced a bear to exit a cave so he can quietly pray alone.



#### **PATRON OF MOTORCYCLISTS**

It was said that St. Columban's extensive missionary travels made him "love the open road," thus his patronage for Motorcyclists, who leave home to travel long distances seeking adventure. Excerpts from a "Letter to a Young Disciple" by St. Columban

Be helpful when you are at the bottom of the ladder and be the lowest when you are in authority.

Be simple in faith but well trained in manners.

Be demanding in your own affairs but unconcerned in those of others.

Be guileless in friendship, astute in the face of deceit.

Be tough in times of ease, tender in hard times.

Keep your options open when there is no problem, but dig in when you must choose.

Be pleasant when things are unpleasant, and sorrowful when they are pleasant.

Disagree when necessary, but be in agreement about the truth.

Be serious in pleasures, but kindly when things are bitter. Be strong in trials, weak in dissensions.

Be slow to anger, swift to learn, slow also to speak, as St. James says, equally swift to hear.

Be up and doing to make progress, slack to take revenge, careful in word, eager in work.

Be friendly with men of honor, stiff with rascals.

Be gentle to the weak, firm to the stubborn, steadfast to the proud, humble to the lowly.

Be ever sober, ever chaste, ever modest.

Be patient as far as is compatible with zeal.

Never be greedy, but always generous – if not in money, then in spirit.

Be timely in fasting, timely in the night-offices, discreet in duty.

Be persistent in study, unshaken in turmoil, joyful in suffering.

Be vigilant in the cause of truth, cautious in time of

Be submissive to good, unbending to evil.

Be gentle in generosity, untiring in love, just in all things.

Be respectful to the worthy, merciful to the poor.

Be mindful of favors, unmindful of wrongs.

Be a lover of the ordinary man, and do not wish for riches.

Instead, cool down excitement and speak your mind.

Obey your seniors, keep up with your juniors, equal your equals, emulate the perfect.

Do not envy your betters, or grieve at those who surpass you, or censure those who fall behind, but agree with those who urge you all.

Though weary, do not give up.

Weep and rejoice at the same time, out of zeal and hope. Advance with determination, for always fear for the end.



WE ARE
CALLED TO
SHARE OUR
TREASURE
WITH OTHERS.

**Everything we have is a gift from God** and we're called to share these gifts with others. Stewardship is our response to God's generosity.

Stewardship starts in our parish. As we enter our yearly Stewardship of Treasure renewal, we ask that you prayerfully reflect on what God has given you and what you can give back in return.

Please prayerfully fill out and return your 2023 pledge card today in the collection basket, to the parish office, or through the mail.

# CORRESPONSABILIDAD PARROQUIAL

TALENTO. TESORO.





"Porque allí donde esté tu tesoro, estará también tu corazón."

Mateo 6, 21

ESTAMOS LLAMADOS A COMPARTIR NUESTRO TESORO CON LOS DEMÁS

**Todo es un regalo de Dios** Y estamos llamados a compartir estos dones con otros. La corresponsabilidad es nuestra respuesta a la generosidad de Dios.

La corresponsabilidad comienza en nuestra parroquia. Al iniciar nuestra temporada anual de renovación de la Corresponsabilidad del Tesoro, les pedimos que reflexionen, en oración, acerca de lo que Dios les ha dado y cómo pueden retribuirle.

Por favor, en oración, llene y devuelva la tarjeta 2023 de compromiso de corresponsabilidad de su parroquia hoy en la canasta de la colecta, en la oficina de la parroquia o envíela por correo.



### **Free Coats For Kids!**

# Saturday November 26<sup>th</sup> 9:00AM-1:00PM

#### St. Columban Catholic Church 506 1st St. S. Yelm, WA 98597 in the Parish Hall

Coats will be distributed on a first come first serve basis (sizes and style may vary.)

For more information on the distribution or sizes of coats available please contact Darren Johnson at 253-709-4588 or email darrenejohnson61@gmail.com.

Coat Distribution is hosted by the St Columban Council 17152 Yelm WA.



#### God is With Us to the End



Jesus tells the people in today's Gospel reading some of the things that will happen before the end of the world. He says that some people will be arrested and have to speak about Him in front of the leaders and rulers of the people, but He will protect them.

Jesus doesn't want us to worry about what is going to happen at the end of the world, but He wants us to be ready for it when it comes. He also wants us to be ready for the end of our lives, because we don't know when that's going to happen either.

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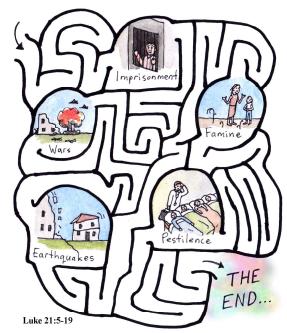
end of the world or dying? JESUS, I KNOW 3 Well, you don't need to be YOU ARE WITH ? afraid about it! Jesus will give us all the strength we need for whatever happens. All we have to do is trust in Him!

Down: Ltrumpets 3.who 5.praise 7.melody 8.lyre 10.sing Answers to Cross-Word Puzzle: ss: 2.dwell 4.roar 6.comes 8.Lord 9.fills II.the 12.sound 13.those

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### The Kids' Bulletin

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In today's Gospel reading Jesus told the people some of the things that were going to happen before the end of the world. You'll find them as you go through the maze!

# Rose Philippine Duchesne

November 18



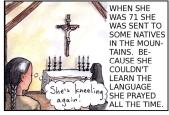












SAINT ROSE WAS VERY CHARITABLE. SHE HELPED PRIESTS HIDE DURING THE FRENCH REVOLUTION, AND STARTED FREE SCHOOLS FOR GIRLS IN AMERICA. WHEN SHE COULDN'T DO ANY MORE TO HELP THE CHILDREN SHE PRAYED FOR THEM. THE NATIVES CALLED HER "WOMAN-WHO-PRAYS-ALWAYS." SHE DIED AT AGE 83.

### 7 Psalm 98 Cross-Word 1 Use the words in the list to fill in the blanks in today's Psalm, and then fit them into the puzzle.

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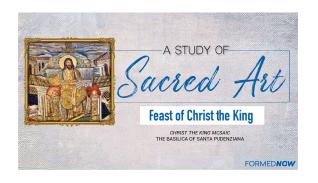
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4A, and all that 9A it; Let the sea 13A 2A in it! the world and Let the floods clap their hands;

10D for joy together before the Lord, let the hills 6A to judge the earth. A=Across He will judge the world with righteousness, D=Down and 11A peoples with equity.

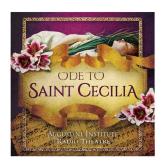


# Week of November 20, 2022



### 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.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription. Visit signup.formed.org and select our parish name.



#### Our Catholic faith calls us to participate actively as citizens of two cities,

conscientiously acting with love for our family and neighbors while never forgetting that our truest citizenship belongs to the heavenly city.



# Read

Take time to read and reflect on the Scriptures for this day.

#### Don't have access to a Bible?

Visit <u>www.usccb.org/bible/readings</u> or download an app such as *Laudate* or *iBreviary* to access the Mass readings.

The Second Vatican Council echoes the words of St. Paul regarding the world to come: "This Council exhorts Christians, as citizens of two cities, to strive to discharge their earthy duties conscientiously and in response to the Gospel spirit. They are mistaken who, knowing that we have no abiding city but seek one which is to come, think that they may therefore shirk their earthly responsibilities. For they are forgetting that by the faith itself they are more obliged than ever to measure up to these duties, each according to his proper vocation." (Gaudium et Spes 43)

Each one of us, lay and ordained, is called to a vocation by God. Let's let our thoughts of the last things encourage us to endeavor to grow as citizens of heaven and earth.

#### Malachi 3:19-20a

God's healing justice is coming.

#### Psalm 98

The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

#### 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Each of us must attend to our own work.

#### Luke 21:5-19

By your perseverance you will secure your lives.

# At Home with Faith

# **Talk**

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

### Encourage your children to think of themselves as citizens of two cities:

There's a lot of talk about politics in November and that can sometimes leave us feeling a little less than enthusiastic about civic life. There's a danger in getting too excited or depressed by politics at this time of year. Use this opportunity to reflect with your family that the Bible and the Church reminds us that we work as citizens to improve the world around us with wisdom and fortitude that is strengthened by the knowledge that our truest citizenship is in heaven.



### Check out helpful reminders of our role as the faithful now as we wait for Jesus' return:

Catholic Word of the Day — Episode 11: Laity <a href="https://youtu.be/P6LFILCra5k">https://youtu.be/P6LFILCra5k</a>

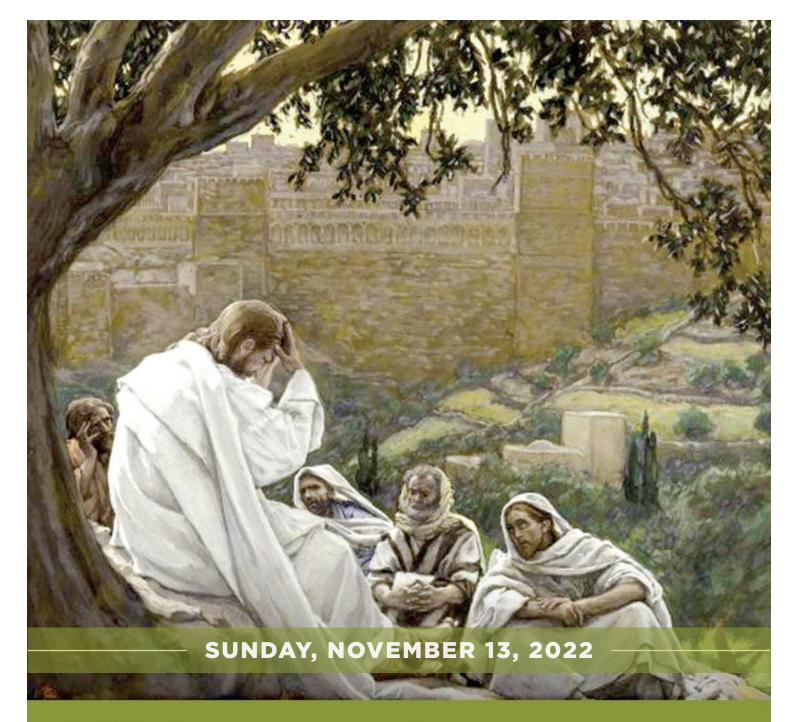
This 1-minute video describes our role in the Church as the Laity.

### A reminder of how we all have important work to do collaborating with God's work:

"The farmer who ploughs his field while constantly raising his heart to God, just as much as the carpenter, the blacksmith, the office worker, the academic – all Christians in fact – have to be an example for their colleagues at work, and to be humble about it. Therefore, everyone, in [her or] his job, in whatever place [she or] he has in society, must feel obliged to make their work God's work, sowing everywhere the peace and Joy of the Lord." (St. Josemaria Escriva, Friends of God, 70)

For more resources, visit us online at:

https://www.athomewithfaith.org



# 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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"It will lead to your giving testimony. Remember, you are not to prepare your defense beforehand, for I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that all your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute." - Lk 21:13-15

### WEEKLY PRAYER

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 13, 2022

**Sunday:** Mal 3:19-20a/Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9/2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19

**Monday:** Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 18:35-43

**Tuesday:** Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 19:11-28

**Thursday:** Rv 5:1-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 19:41-44

Friday: Rv 10:8-11/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Lk 19:45-48

**Saturday:** Rv 11:4-12/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Lk 20:27-40

Next Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43

#### **OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 13, 2022**

**Sunday:** 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; Discover Catholic Schools

Week; St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

**Tuesday:** St. Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

**Wednesday:** St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude, Virgin

**Thursday:** St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

**Friday:** The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul,

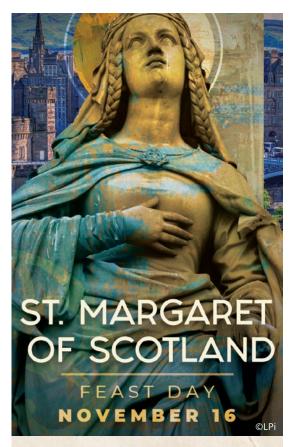
Apostles; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin

**Next Sunday:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

#### LIVE THE LITURGY

#### Inspiration for the week

Jesus assures us that the world, as we know it, will one day come to an end. When will this be? In one sense, having an answer to that question really does not matter. Faith is faith and either we have it or we do not. Secure in that faith, we know that when one thing ends, another begins. In the meantime, we are asked to persevere and remain strong through all of life's inevitable challenges and obstacles. What we see and experience as we journey to the day when all is one in Christ, may cause our faith to be shaken and tested. Trust and endurance are what are needed as world events unfold. Even though life can be uncertain and terrifying at times, faithful people will be protected. It does not matter what day or hour the end will come. We must remain ready and vigilant anyway.



#### SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Margaret was born in exile around 1045, in what is now Hungary. She is the daughter of Princess Agatha of Hungary and Edward the Atheling the Anglo-Saxon heir to the throne of England. The family returned to England, but Edward died soon after their arrival, making Margaret's brother Edgar the presumptive heir. However, the Norman Conquest would turn their world upside down. Agatha and her children fled the country. They likely intended to go back to Hungary, but they were shipwrecked off the coast of Scotland.

King Malcolm Canmore III took the exiles under his wing, and he fell in love with the beautiful and gracious Margaret. Although she initially rebuffed his proposals, the couple were married in 1070 at castle of Dunfermline. Margaret and Malcolm had eight children, six sons and two daughters. Margaret brought culture to the Scottish court and used her influence to soften her rough husband. The saint led a life of austerity, aiding Church reform, promoting Easter communion, and founding churches and monasteries. She instituted the Queen's Ferry to the shrine of St. Andrew and founded pilgrimage hostels.

Saint Margaret, Queen of Scotland, died on November 16,1093, four days after her husband and eldest son were killed in the battle of Alnwick. She was canonized by Pope Innocent IV in 1250 and named patron of Scotland in 1673.



#### FIRST READING

But for you who fear my name, there will arise the sun of justice with its healing rays.

(Mal 3:20)



#### **PSALM**

The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice. (Ps 98)



#### SECOND READING

We instructed you that if anyone was unwilling to work, neither should that one eat. (2 Thes 3:10)



#### GOSPEL

"You will be hated by all because of my name,

but not a hair on your head will be destroyed.

By your perseverance you will secure your lives." (Lk 12:17-19)

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### **WORSHIP & MEDITATION**



#### **GOSPEL MEDITATION**

#### **Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture**

Many make it their life's ambition to determine precisely when the world will end. By reading the signs of the times, consulting scripture, or looking to prophetic predictions that are sometimes centuries old, they claim a certain credibility in being able to do so. Is all that necessary to know? Even when his disciples pointedly ask him this question, Jesus does not directly answer. While the end will inevitably come, Jesus points out that there is a lot we need to do first: remain faithful, face persecution, endure suffering, face wars and insurrections, and give testimony. Human beings tend to focus their energies on the wrong kingdom. Consumed with all of the things we have built and seeking to preserve them, we forget that we belong to a different kingdom, the Kingdom of God.

All of the "stuff" we have constructed will be taken away. All that will remain is God's kingdom. Which kingdom do we prefer? We answer that question by honestly looking at where we invest most of our time and energy. What matters to us as we embrace a new moment or day in our lives? If our relationship with God, the strength and integrity of our souls, and the steadfastness of our character are of utmost importance, then it matters little when the physical end will come. We will have what we need to persevere, endure, and confront whatever comes our way. Jesus cautions that we do not allow ourselves to be overwhelmed or overly terrified by the agonies and disappointments of the world. Although we may be apprehensive and uncertain when faced with complex challenges, God is with us. We will receive the inspiration we need to forge ahead.

God is a God of salvation and new beginnings. Whether we consider the daily unfolding of our earthly lives or our eternal ones to come, God never leaves us with dead ends. There is always hope, and there is always something new to come. As Julian of Norwich reminds us, "God made us, God loves us and God keeps us." This wisdom holds true whether life is stable and profitable or challenging and uncertain. If we remember this simple truth, we will be ready regardless of the day or the hour.

### LITURGICAL LIFE

# RESPONDING Call

#### **EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP**

#### **Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments**

#### Eyes On Your Own Paper

"Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be powerful earthquakes, famines, and plagues from place to place."

Looking at these words, I have to wonder. Am I reading the Bible or today's newspaper headline?

It's never easier to despair than when you glance up and take a good look at what's going on in the world: disasters, natural and contrived, wars, resentments, rivalries, and divisions. It is almost too much sometimes, isn't it? The twenty-four-hour news cycle doesn't help. Add social media and it's enough to push anyone into a nervous breakdown.

When you find yourself in this place of despair, remember Paul's admonishment in his letter to the Thessalonians. Work quietly and eat your own food.

It's not so different from the old "keep-your-eyes-on-your-own-paper" rule of the classroom. Poking our noses into other people's business, we may think we are getting a shortcut to the right answer, but we're really just getting distracted. When we become too preoccupied with events that we cannot control — whether they are happening in our neighborhood or half-aworld away — we are tempted to leave off the very specific work God has given us in our own lives. We are easily lured into anger, bitterness, and anxiety.

What is the work that God has called you to? Is it your career? Your family? Your community? What is your food — what nourishes you, sustains you, connects you to something real, powerful, and life-giving? This is what you should be concerned with. This is where your thoughts and your efforts should be.

Work quietly and eat your own food.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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### WHY DO WE DO THAT?

#### **Catholic Life Explained:**

#### Question:

How does a person become a canonized saint?

#### Answer:

It is important to remember that all the saints are people, real people who lived just as we do! The first saints of the Church were martyrs or theologians known for a holy life. Over time, the Church has established a set process to investigate the causes of saints.

After a holy person's death, the bishop of their diocese initiates the canonization process with the Vatican. Typically, they must wait five years to ensure any false enthusiasm has lessened. With Vatican approval, the process begins and the person receives the title "Servant of God." The first phase involves collecting information about the person's life and scrutinizing it carefully. One person has the specific role of raising doubts — this is the origin of the phrase "devil's advocate!" When it is clear the person truly lived a heroically holy life according to Church teaching, they are declared "Venerable."

If the person is a martyr for the faith, they will also be declared "Blessed." If the person is not a martyr, they must be credited with a miracle. This is also closely examined for authenticity. Once the miracle is authenticated as truly a miracle performed by God through the person or through their intercession, they are beatified. An additional authenticated miracle is required before canonization, and we can call them "Saint."



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"It will lead to your giving testimony. Remember, you are not to prepare your defense beforehand, for I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that all your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute."

- Lk 21:13-15

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### LITURGICAL LIFE

#### **QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK**

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

#### First Reading

The prophet Malachi speaks of God's judgment at the end of time and the importance of fearing the Lord. What do you think it means to "fear" the Lord?

#### **Second Reading**

Paul talks about himself (and Silvanus and Timothy) as a "model" on how to behave for the believers in Thessalonica. Who are some family members that you think model the faith well?

#### **Gospel Reading**

Jesus forewarned his disciples that because of their faith in him, they would be persecuted, even "handed over by parents, brothers, relatives, and friends ... hated by all because of my name." How would you react if your family and friends hated you because of your belief in Jesus?



33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME







"You will even be handed over by parents, brothers, relatives, and friends, and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed. By your perseverance you will secure your lives." - Lk 21:16-19

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#### SHARING THE GOSPEL

Sometimes this world can be a scary place in which to live. Fighting, sickness, and storms can kill a lot of people. Jesus says that when those things happen around you, do not be afraid. Even when you die, you can still live forever with God. You have heaven to look forward to. When scary things happen around you, tell the people you love about Jesus. Tell them they can live forever with Jesus, too, so they don't need to be afraid.

#### **PRAYER**

Dear God, help me to be brave and tell other people about you.

# MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Write down three things that scare you. Tell God about them. Ask God to help you.

### **KIDS CORNER**

Unscramble the words from today's Gospel:

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