

Christi simus, non nostri

We belong to Christ, not ourselves

ST COLUMBAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

A Parish of the
Archdiocese of Seattle



St. Columban Church

506 First St. S | Yelm, WA 98597

Sunday Mass: 10:30 AM

Saturday 5:00 PM

Daily Mass 9:00 AM (Tuesday-Friday, Except First Fridays)

Eucharistic Adoration First Fridays 6:30 PM

Confessions Saturday 3:30-4:30 PM

Anointing of the Sick By request

Baptism & Wedding Preparation

Contact the Parish Office

St. Peter Mission

149 Keithahn St S | Tenino, WA 98589

Sunday Mass 8:00 AM | First Friday Mass 9:00 AM

Confessions Sunday 7:30-7:45 AM

Anointing of the Sick By request

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Providing emergency assistance for those in need.

Help Line: 360-458-1904

Parish Office Hours at St. Columban Mon.-Thurs. 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM Friday by appointment

January 15, 2023

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Cycle A

Entrance Antiphon: *All the Earth shall bow down before you O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!*

1st Reading: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

Responsorial Psalm: *Here I am Lord, I come to do your will.*

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

Gospel Acclamation: *The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us. To those who accepted him, he gave power to become children of God.*

Gospel: John 1:29-34

Communion Antiphon: *You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.*



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Weekly Calendar & Mass Intentions

All events are at St. Columban unless otherwise noted.

MONDAY January 16 Martin Luther King Jr.
PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
 Rosary Prayer Group 7:00PM Church

TUESDAY January 17
NO DAILY MASS
 RCIA 6:30PM RE Building
 Spanish Prayer Group 6:30PM Parish Hall

WEDNESDAY January 18
NO DAILY MASS

THURSDAY January 19
 Mass 9:00 AM + *In Mem: Greg & Chuck Blacketer RIP* Church
 Choir Practice 6:00PM Church
 Sunday Scripture Study 6:30 PM Sm. Hall

FRIDAY January 20
 Mass 9:00 AM + *In Mem: Bob Blacketer RIP* Church
 Homeschool Enrichment 10:15 AM RE Building

SATURDAY January 21
 Confessions 3:30 PM Church
 Anticipatory Sunday Mass 5:00 PM *Int.: Pro Populo* Church

SUNDAY January 22 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
 Confession 7:30-7:45 AM St. Peter
 Sunday Mass 8:00 AM *Int.: Pro Populo* St. Peter

Sunday Mass 10:30 AM *Int.: Pro Populo* Church
 Faith Formation (Grades K-5) 9:00-10:15 AM RE Building
 Youth Scripture Study (Grades 6-12) 9:15-10:00 AM Small Hall
 Confirmation Preparation 11:45-1:00 PM RE Building
 Knights of Columbus Breakfast 11:45AM Parish Hall

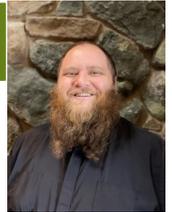
Week of January 1, 2023

Ordinary Income	St Columban	St Peter
Weekly Goal	\$5,800.00	\$1,000.00
Collection (Cash & Envelopes)	\$4,508.00	\$934.00
Online Giving	\$1,183.30	\$160.00
Net	(\$108.70)	\$94.00
Special Funds		
St Vincent DePaul	\$148.88	\$0.00
Sacramentals (Candles, Beeswax tapers, Salt)	\$36.25	\$21.00
Flowers	\$45.00	\$0.00
Building Fund	\$145.38	\$0.00
Mass Intentions	\$0.00	\$0.00
2 nd Collection (name)	\$39.59	\$0.00

From the Parish Office

- Thank you to all who helped to take down all of our Christmas decorations! May God reward you.
- In observance of the civic holiday, the **Parish Office will be closed Monday January 16th**, and there will be **NO DAILY MASS Tues January 17th & Wed Jan 18th**.
- A special collection for the *Northwest Catholic* will be held the weekend of January 28-29. More information next week. See NWCatholic.org/give
- Please begin to bring in your Palms from last year's Palm Sunday for us to use for Ash Wednesday. They may be dropped off in the basket in the Narthex.

A Word from Father Thompson



Once more I would like to bring up the topic of receiving Holy Communion well. We have not had any recent issues per se or accidents, but it is periodically a good idea to write on this topic, as it concerns the Most Holy Body and Blood Soul and Divinity of the Risen and Glorified Jesus Christ, our Lord and God! (i.e. it is very important!)

Traditionally, and for the vast majority of Roman Catholic history (the Eastern churches have their own customs) Holy Communion was received directly on the tongue from the hand of the priest himself, or other ordained clergy. For the past few decades, by special permission, The United States has been allowed to receive Holy Communion customarily standing and in our hands, as well as enabling priests to deputize parishioners to assist in the distribution of Holy Communion.

While I heartily recommend the traditional practice (Holy Communion on the tongue, whether kneeling or standing), because—like most things—traditional practices are time-tested to be naturally more inclined to reverence, to receive in that manner does not make you a better or more of a “real” Catholic. On the other hand, it does mean that it is imperative that those who choose to take advantage of the option to receive Holy Communion in the hand do so with reverence, attention, and devotion. I know this is a tall order and is a standard we all fall short of, but that only means that we should come back next time even more intent on showing proper love and respect for Jesus’ gift of Himself to us.

First, we should receive Holy Communion worthily. If we need to go to Confession before receiving Holy Communion, we should seek out Confession as fast as possible and abstain from Holy Communion in the meantime; note that if you are not in a state of grace, you still need to come to Mass even if you aren’t receiving.

With regard to the actual reception, remember if you receive on the tongue to make your mouth and tongue a very large target for the priest. However you receive, stand very close to the minister, say one step closer than you normally would to another person. If you are receiving on the hand, make sure that your palm is up and flat, supported by your other hand. This requires both hands: if you only have one hand available for any reason, you should instead receive on the tongue.

Furthermore, your hands should be clean! This is not only applies to children, as you might think, but also to those who are gardeners or farmers. This is especially important in our community, as many of you are farmers or otherwise work very hard with your hands, which takes its toll! I know hard work can grind dirt into the ridges of your handprints, but there is a clear difference between skin stained from working and hands coated with dirt that one has not bothered to wash off. Taking care to properly wash up before Mass is a must. Even still, it is important to consider the state of one’s hands, and whether receiving on your tongue, if you don’t already, might be more worthy.

Finally, if there is some accidental drop of the Eucharist, while the ministers will take care of the drop if either species of the Eucharist falls to the floor, it is still incumbent upon the rest of us to pay enough attention not to step on the spot where it fell if the clean-up is delayed for some reason.

As Catholics, what we do and what we believe are one, and so we need to make sure that we act as if what we believe is actually true (because it is). So, take the Eucharist Seriously!

In Christ,

Remember in Your 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:

The Sick and Homebound

Jessica Nash, Robert Fisher, Mary Taylor,
John Gallwas, Dan Kavanaugh, Vivienne Hayden,
Ralph Monroe

The Deceased

Pope Benedict XVI

Extraordinary Intentions

- + All those in harm’s way, especially those experiencing natural disasters and terrorism.
- + All the souls in purgatory, especially those who have no one to pray for them.

To add a name to this list or request a Mass Intention please contact the parish office. All submissions must have permission from the named individual or an authorized family member for privacy purposes.

St. Columban Prayer Chain: Confidential and private prayer chain. To join contact the parish office.

Elementary Faith Formation

Gaby Makinster 360-458-3031 x2 *habla Español* gaby@saintcolumbanyelm.org



Welcome Back!!

May you be blessed in 2023 with God's grace and surrounded by your loved ones this year and always!

Faith Formation: Grades K-5

All K-5 classes meet before Mass from 9AM-10:15AM on Sundays.

Jan 22 Class
Jan 29 Class

2022-2023 TUITION IS DUE

It is time to get the remainder of your religious education tuition fees into the parish office. Friendly reminders will be mailed over the next two weeks to those with remaining balances.



THE ATTENDANCE CHALLENGE

Our volunteer catechists are committed to planning lessons and activities for each scheduled class—right up to the last class day's celebration. Let us all please remember to honor and respect our volunteers' efforts with good attendance—right up to the end of classes in May.

Remember...If classes are cancelled due to snow or ice, a Flocknote text message will be sent out. Regardless if there is class or not, always keep your family's safety foremost in your decision to come to class or not.



RCIA & Adult Faith Formation



The next class is Tuesday January 17th at 6:30pm in the RE Building.

The topic is: Introduction to the Sacraments– Eucharist

Look into the fulfillment of God's promise to be with us and give us life as well as some explanation of the church's teaching for how Christ becomes present in the Eucharist.

What the Catholic Church Teaches

1367 The sacrifice of Christ and the sacrifice of the Eucharist are one single sacrifice: "The victim is one and the same: the same now offers through the ministry of priests, who then offered himself on the cross; only the manner of offering is different." "And since in this divine sacrifice which is celebrated in the Mass, the same Christ who offered himself once in a bloody manner on the altar of the cross is contained and offered in an unbloody manner. . . this sacrifice is truly propitiatory." 190

1368 The Eucharist is also the sacrifice of the Church. The Church which is the Body of Christ participates in the offering of her Head. With him, she herself is offered whole and entire. She unites herself to his intercession with the Father for all men. In the Eucharist the sacrifice of Christ becomes also the sacrifice of the members of his Body. The lives of the faithful, their praise, sufferings, prayer, and work, are united with those of Christ and with his total offering, and so acquire a new value. Christ's sacrifice present on the altar makes it possible for all generations of Christians to be united with his offering.

Catechism of the Catholic Church, paragraphs 1367 & 1368



Youth Ministry & Confirmation



Sunday Scripture Study meets 9:15-10AM. Confirmation classes meet after Mass 11:45-1:00PM. Same dates as Elementary Faith Formation. All Confirmation students must sign-in for Sunday Mass; sign-in sheet is posted in the Narthex.

YM Saturday January 21 9am-2pm. POC: Chad Lucero chad@saintcolumbanyelm.org

Hey Parents!

Mandatory Parent & Sponsor Meeting is scheduled for Next Sunday, Jan. 22, during Confirmation Classes in the RE building (immediately following the Breakfast). For every parent of a first or second year confirmation candidate. Sponsors who live in the area are strongly encouraged to attend.



Youth Ministry Saturday: Fortify Your Faith

January 21, 9am-2pm, Parish Hall
A Mini-Retreat for everyone Grades 6-12

- Icebreakers and Prayer
- All about the Winter Coat Closet
- Learn about the Brown Scapular
- Potluck meal, bring a dish or a dessert item to share
- Special movie screening



Understand Your Catholic Faith with
The Catechism in a Year Podcast
with Fr. Mike Schmitz!

Starting January 1, 2023

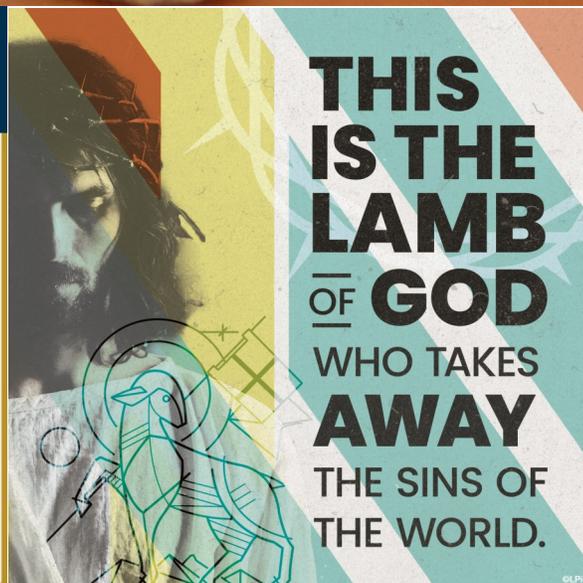
By listening to this podcast, Catholics will:

- Read the entire *Catechism of the Catholic Church* in 365 days
- Understand the essentials of the Catholic Faith and why they matter
- Transform their relationship with the Church that Christ founded

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Parish Ministries & Events



Please contact Jennifer at the Parish Office for more information about events and to connect with our various parish groups: 360-458-3031 x1 jennifer@saintcolumbanyelm.org



Altar Society

Meets every Thursday after Daily Mass to clean the church.



Knights of Columbus

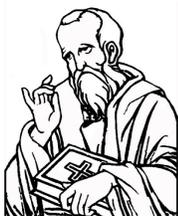
Council 17152

Next Council Meeting

This Wed. Jan. 19th
5:30PM Church
6PM Hall

Next Breakfast

January 22nd following Sunday Mass



St. Peter's Circle

St. Peter Mission Tenino

Meets Bi-monthly

Next Meeting

March 14th
9:30 AM

Spaghetti Dinner



Knights of Columbus

Let's enjoy one another's company over a plate of pasta once again.

Saturday January 28, 6:00 PM

Tickets go on sale after Masses in January.

Daughters of Mary

Meets every 2nd Tuesday of the Month

Next meeting is February 14th, 2023

10:00 AM in the Religious Education Building Rm. 103

Also Available via Zoom

All Women of the Parish are Invited!



Email us for more information at daughtersofmary@saintcolumbanyelm.org

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

To request assistance please leave a voicemail
(360) 458-1904

Monthly Meeting

January 19th, 7:00 PM
Parish Hall

Winter Clothes Closet

Hours of Operation:

Tuesdays & Thursdays

6:00PM—8:00PM Parish Hall

Free winter clothes to anyone in need, no questions asked!

We are in need of Socks & Gloves

Clothing donations may be made before or after Mass, during hours of operation, or by contacting the Parish Office.





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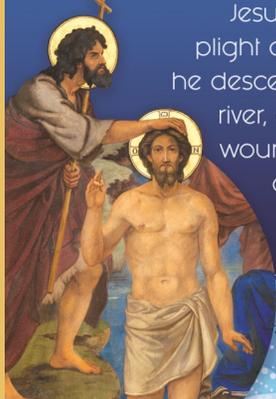
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- POPE EMERITUS BENEDICT XVI



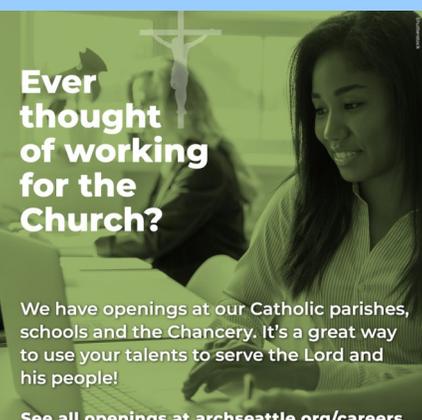
**Prayer intentions of the Holy Father,
Pope Francis for January 2023**

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.



Jesus shares the plight of us sinners; he descends into the river, and into the wounded history of humanity.

POPE FRANCIS



Ever thought of working for the Church?

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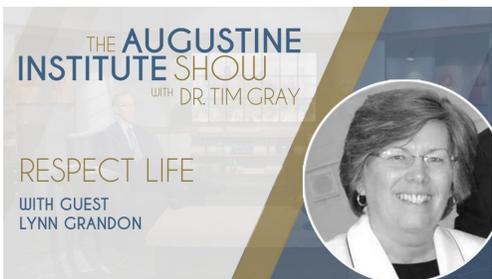
St. Anthony of Egypt

Taylor Kemp & Dr. Elizabeth Klein

FORMEDNOW

Saint Anthony of Egypt

St. Anthony was a saint whose heroic life of humility and prayer inspired many other great Saints, including St. Athanasius and St. Augustine. Sit down with Taylor Kemp and Dr. Elizabeth Klein as they explore the life of this great saint.



THE AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE SHOW

WITH DR. TIM GRAY

RESPECT LIFE

WITH GUEST LYNN GRANDON

Respect Life The Augustine Institute Show

Dr. Tim Gray welcomes Lynn Grandon on to his show to discuss what it means to respect life. You will leave this conversation with great ideas for how you can get involved in the pro-life movement.



ART & CULTURE

How Do We Live Pro-Life?

Dr. Ben Akers & Lynn Grandon

FORMEDNOW

How Do We Live Pro-Life?

The Catholic Church is committed to being pro-life. What does this mean and how are we called to live this out? Join Dr. Ben Akers and Lynn Grandon as they discuss what it means to live pro-life.

Our parish pays for a subscription to FORMED.org, a streaming service, allowing you to register for FREE:

Visit signup.formed.org and select our parish name.





In teaching our youth about our Catholic Faith, we have been called to a ministry. A ministry that embodies the mission of Christ in caring for our youth and caring for one another. We have not only been called to teach our youth about our Catholic faith but to do so in a space that is a safe, and a space that allows our youth to form a relationship with God.

As a result the Archdiocese of Seattle would like to take this opportunity to educate our youth and give them the tools they need to protect themselves from those who may harm them. In creating a safe space for our youth, we can teach and show them the ways of Christ in a safe environment conducive to learning. Keeping our minors and vulnerable adult's safe starts with you.

This Winter Saint Columban will provide one sexual abuse prevention course to your youth. This lesson has been integrated into the religious task and essential concepts taught within Faith Formation as to seem as natural as possible while being most effective for our youth in the context of abuse prevention.

Please understand that your child is being given a lesson about sexual abuse prevention, not sex education. While these topics do have similar names, they are completely different subject matter. **Sexual abuse prevention** courses teach and give our youth the tools they need to protect themselves from those who may try to harm them. **Sex Education** is curriculum designed to examine issues relating to human sexuality, including relations, responsibility, sexual anatomy, sexual activity, reproduction, etc.

To help you understand what your youth will be offered, we ask you to visit: <http://www.seattlearchdiocese.org/SEP/faithformation.aspx>. This will provide you with "Parent/ Guardian Resources," to inform you about the curriculum being used while also making available the actual lessons.

As the guardian, you have the right to opt your child/youth out of this lesson. You may do so by clicking on the link "Opting Out." You will need to fill this form with your Catechetical Leader.





Empowering God's Children Youth Safe Environment Program Information Sheet & Opt-Out Option

Dear Parents and Guardians,

In an effort to assist in the monumental mission of protecting children from abuse, the Saint Columban is partnering with you to present a safe environment lesson to your youth within their youth program. It is our cherished role as adults to fully protect children. In addition, we must also teach children about their safety rights and boundaries, so that they have tools to protect themselves.

This school year, your child will be presented with a program entitled *Empowering God's Children*, in which Lesson Leaders present a safety lesson to children that houses a grade-appropriate video component along with a hands-on activity. The material is designed to better equip your child to know their rights, recognize their boundaries, and to empower them to protect themselves when safe adults are not immediately available—and ultimately be safer from people who might want to harm them. Youth will participate within one of the following lessons:

- Lesson 1: *Physical Boundaries: Safe and Unsafe Touching Rules*
- Lesson 2: *Safe Adults, Safe Touches and Special Safe Adults*
- Lesson 3: *Boundaries: You Have Rights!*
- Lesson 4: *Secrets, Surprises and Promises*
- Lesson 5: *Being a Safe Friend*

As the primary educators of your children, parents and guardians are encouraged to review these materials ahead of time and discuss the information at home. If you have ever thought about how to empower children to protect themselves, fortify their boundaries or increase their safety through in-person and online situations, then reviewing the lessons on your own to both begin *and* reiterate the message at home is the best next step to take. Thank you for your partnership with us to protect youth.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Date(s) of in-program training: February 5th 2023

Makeup training dates: N/A

For questions, or to obtain access to the specific lesson and related activities, please communicate with:
(Name / Position / Contact information) *Gaby Makinster 360-458-3031 XT 2*

Please note: You also have the ability to “opt” the youth out of the formal in-program safety lesson if you only plan to provide safe environment education at home. Please complete, detach and submit the form below if you do not want your child to receive safe environment information via their youth program about ways to protect themselves. Your coordinator will reach out to you regarding relevant protocol, i.e., child separation from others during lesson, alternative activities, etc.

TO OPT-OUT THE CHILD FROM THE SAFETY LESSON, RETURN THIS PORTION TO:

(Name / Location) Saint Columban Religious Ed building, BY (Date) 1/29/2023

I, (name of parent or guardian) _____, have reviewed the safety lessons and DO NOT give my permission for this location to present the *Empowering God's Children* Safety Lesson to my child (printed name of child) _____ Grade _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

ARCHDIOCESE OF SEATTLE

At Home with Faith

Through Baptism and Confirmation, God provides each of us special gifts or charisms for the good of the Church and the world. Let's explore these gifts together and discover how we can use them for good



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.

In this Sunday's First Reading, God tells us through Isaiah, "It is too little for you to be my servant . . . I will make you a light to the nations." (Isaiah 49:5-6) God calls us as people of faith to be a light to all the peoples of the world.

In *Lumen Gentium* (Light to the Nations) the Second Vatican Council's Dogmatic Constitution of the Church, we learn about how every baptized person is called, like Isaiah, to be a light to all the people around us. Through Baptism and Confirmation, we received charisms or gifts of the Holy Spirit for the good of the Church and the world.

Isaiah 49: 3, 5-6

It is too little for you to be my servant, I will make you a light to the nations.

Psalm 40

I waited for the Lord and he put a new song in my mouth.

1 Corinthians 1:1-3

You have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be holy.

John 1:29-34

He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.

At Home with **Faith**

Talk

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

From Deacon Eric Paige:

Take a moment to share with your child something you observe about a gift that God has granted them as part of their personality. Let them know that you think God granted them that gift for the good of the Church and/or the world.

For example, my daughter Olivia is uniquely perceptive. Because of her perceptiveness, she has a unique ability to brighten someone's day by offering a kind word or small gesture to other people in a way that really touches them. I'll tell her this and suggest that this may be a gift God granted her, through which he intends to offer a light to other people.

Do the same for your child so they too can be a light for the nations.

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Learn more about how God calls and equips us to become a light to the nations:

Read these articles to learn more about charisms:

What Is a Charism? Understanding Our Holy Traditions (Busted Halo)

<https://bustedhalo.com/ministry-resources/what-is-a-charism-understanding-our-holy-traditions>

Charisms FAQ (Catherine of Siena Institute)

<https://siena.org/charisms-faq>

Watch this 10-minute video by Bishop Robert Barron where he comments on the Sacrament of Confirmation:

Bishop Barron on the Sacrament of Confirmation

<https://youtu.be/f-UuMAU7qT0>

For more resources, visit us online at:

<https://www.athomewithfaith.org>



SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2023

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“Now I have seen and testified that he is
the Son of God.” - Jn 1:34

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 15, 2023

- Sunday:** Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34
- Monday:** Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 2:18-22
- Tuesday:** Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 NS 10c/Mk 2:23-28
- Wednesday:** Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 3:1-6
- Thursday:** Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Mk 3:7-12
- Friday:** Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mk 3:13-19
- Saturday:** Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 3:20-21
- Next Sunday:** Is 8:23—9:3/Ps 27:1,4, 13-14 (1a)/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

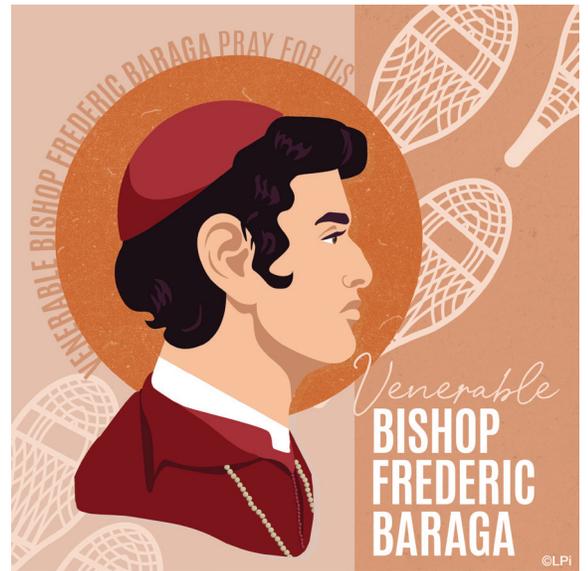
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 15, 2023

- Sunday:** 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** Martin Luther King Day
- Tuesday:** St. Anthony, Abbot
- Wednesday:** January 18-25 is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
- Friday:** St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr
- Saturday:** St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr
- Next Sunday:** 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

John the Baptist had been told that he would see the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world. He listened, he believed, and he kept his eyes open. He was ready when God revealed the truth. Let's ask ourselves: are our eyes open? Are we ready?



SAINT OF THE WEEK

Known as the Snowshoe Priest, Venerable Bishop Frederic Baraga, was a lifelong missionary to the Native American people of the upper Midwest. He loved the people he served, knew their languages, and even published the first Ojibwe-English dictionary!

PRAYER

Prayer for the Cause of V. Frederic Irenaeus Baraga

O God, thank you for the life and holiness of your servant, Frederic Baraga.

I pray you will honor him by the title of Saint. He dedicated himself completely to missionary activity to make you known, loved, and served by the people who you love. As a man of peace and love, Baraga brought peace and love wherever he traveled.

Lord, grant Venerable Bishop Baraga the grace of beatification.

We ask this in Christ name.

Amen.

(Prayer Source: <https://bishopbaraga.org/cause/>)

WORSHIP & MEDITATION

FIRST READING

I will make you a light to the nations;
that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth. (Is 49:6)



PSALM

Here am I, Lord; come to do your will. (Ps 40)



SECOND READING

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Cor 1:3)



GOSPEL

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." (Jn 1:29)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

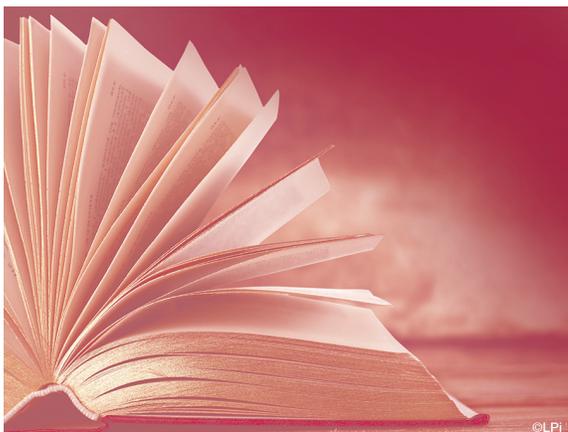
Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When I was a kid, I remember the priest at Mass announcing, "The Lamb of God!" Frankly, it struck me as nonsense. I thought: Why in the world does God have a lamb? And where is this lamb?

John the Baptist sees Jesus coming toward him and announces, "Behold the lamb of God." His Jewish listeners knew what he meant. God's lamb is the thing that is sacrificed at the Jewish Passover and consumed by the participants. For almost a thousand years, lambs were ritually slaughtered and eaten in Jerusalem at Passover. The lamb meant sacrifice, freedom from sin, and communion with God. The Baptist is saying in effect, "This man will be ritually sacrificed and consumed so that God's people may be free from sin and united to God."

It's crucial to relate to Jesus as a friend, brother, teacher, and Lord of our lives. But we should also learn to interact with Him as our lamb of God. That means we intentionally place on him our sins, sadnesses, and hopes, and offer him to God. Then we consume him to make us free. This is what we do at every Mass. That's why he is the Lamb of God.

— Father John Muir



LITURGICAL LIFE

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Showing Up

I broke my foot once, when my second child was only 12 weeks old, and I was about to move houses. For six weeks I was confined to a chair, a shrieking newborn in my arms, a toddler running circles around me, and my right foot rendered useless by a plaster cast. I couldn't do anything without assistance. I couldn't eat or get a drink or change my clothes or feed my children.

My family was in dire straits. A lot of people offered help, but there was a core group of friends and family members who really saved us.

These are the people who turned up in my driveway with empty vans and cooked meals. These are the people who blocked off their Saturdays to haul furniture, mow our lawn, and run after unruly kids. These are the people who said: "Here I am. Give me a job."

If you've ever really, really needed another person's help, you know that "showing up" means more than saying: "Let me know what you need." It means saying: "I'm already here. Tell me what to do."

So often, I pay lip service to the idea of submission. "What do you want, God?" I ask, and I secretly hope that what He wants isn't one of those things that I'm not willing to give.

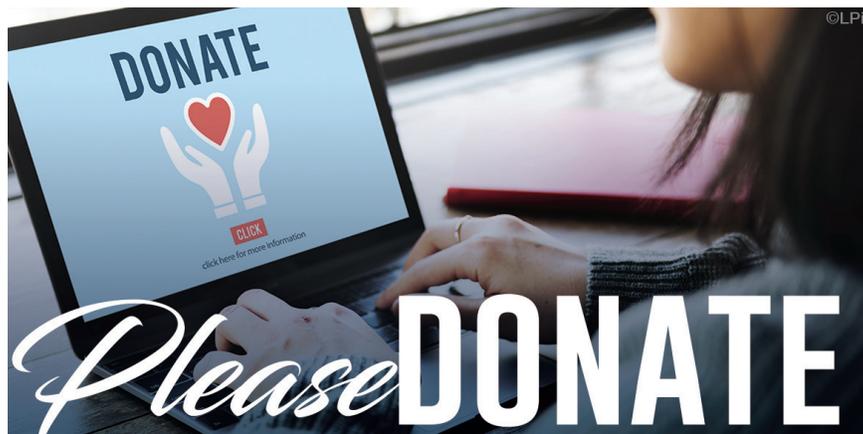
What if I really strove to "show up" for God? What if I was ready to give what He asks of me, whatever it is?

Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will. — Psalm 40

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

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WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Catholic Life Explained:

Question:

What is unique or different about the way Catholics read and are exposed to the Bible?

Answer:

Catholics are exposed to Scripture primarily through the Sunday readings from a book known as the *Lectionary*. The *Lectionary* is a book of selected passages from the Bible set in the context of a liturgical season, such as Advent, Lent, or ordinary time. There are four readings assigned to any Sunday: the first reading (usually from the Old Testament), the responsorial psalm, the second reading (usually from a New Testament letter), and the Gospel reading.

These readings together give them a new context. The selected readings relate to one another in a unique manner that is not present in the Bible text itself. In close proximity to each other, these readings now have the opportunity to converse with each other in a way that would have not been possible before. A homilist pays attention to all four readings, preparing a reflection that speaks of this conversation among the readings, enabling us to zero in on what this unique combination of God's word has to say to us this particular Sunday.

Next time you attend Sunday liturgy, try reading the Scripture ahead of time and see how this new relationship among the readings addresses and challenges you to be a better Christian here and now.

LITURGICAL LIFE

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

The prophet Isaiah spoke of how God, through Israel, would show his “glory” to all people and have his “salvation reach to the ends of the earth.” What do you imagine the world will look like when this happens?

Second Reading

Today’s reading is the opening greeting of Paul’s First Letter to the Corinthians. Paul tells the believers in Corinth that they (and all believers) are “sanctified” (blessed) and “called to be holy.” What do you think it takes to be blessed and holy?

Gospel Reading

In today’s Gospel reading we hear John the Baptist testify that Jesus is the Son of God. If you had the chance, what would you tell people about Jesus?



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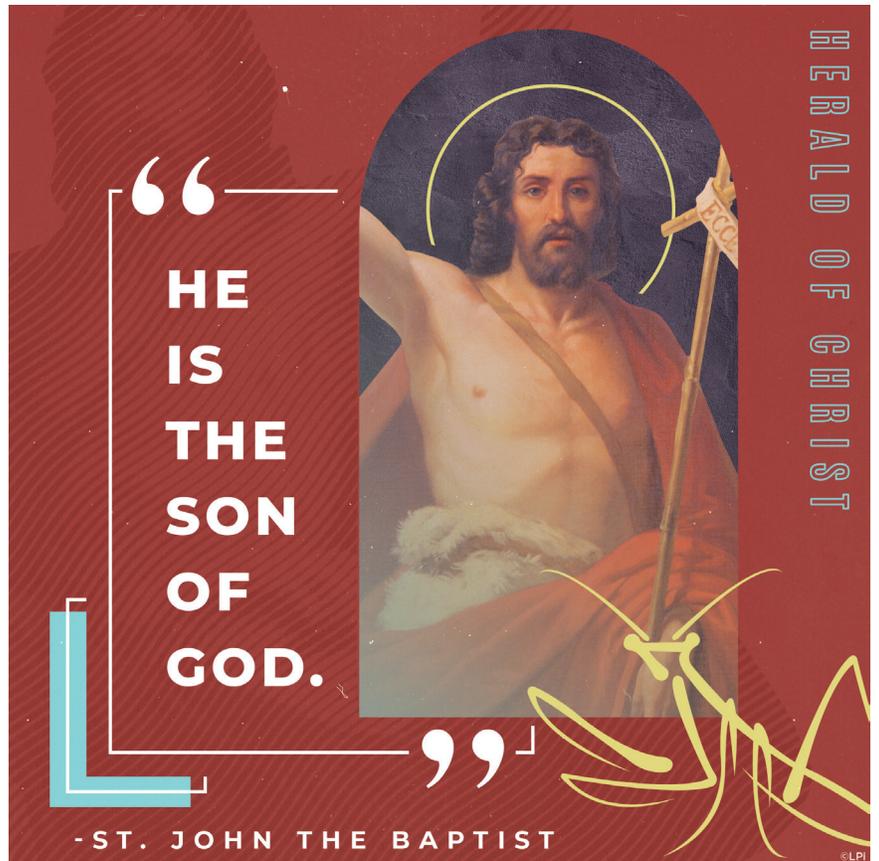
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John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. He is the one of whom I said, ‘A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.’” - Jn 1:29-30

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2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





HERE
AM I,
LORD;
TO DO
YOUR
WILL.

Psalm 40

John testified further, saying, “I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him. I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, ‘On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’ Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God.”

- Jn 1:32-34

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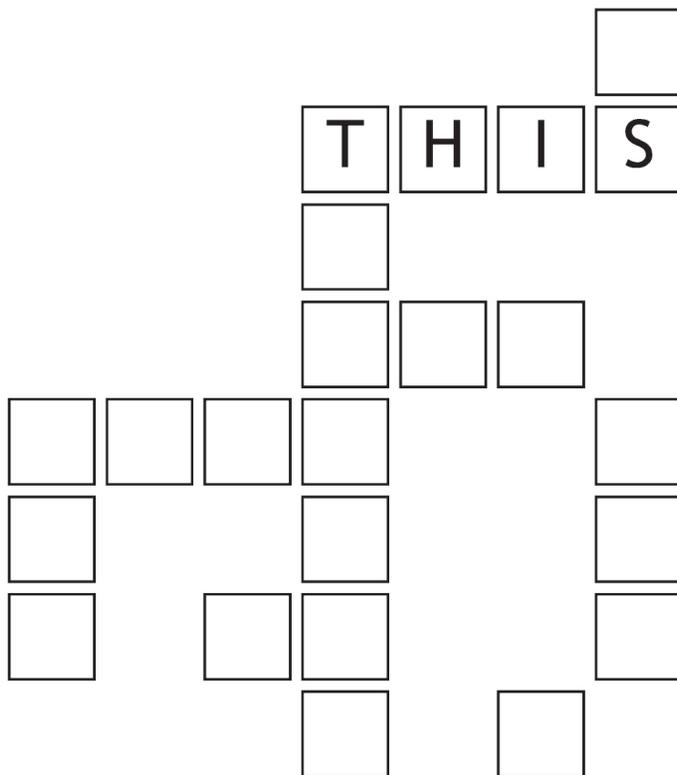
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COMPLETE A
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Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

I testify that this is the Son of God.



SHARING THE GOSPEL

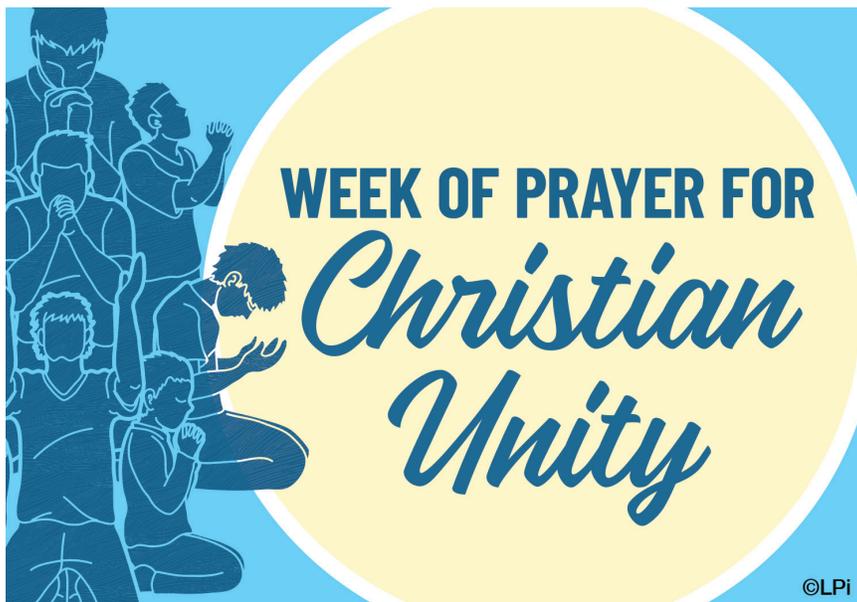
Imagine how excited John the Baptist must have felt after he baptized Jesus. He knew without a doubt that Jesus was God's Son. The very next day John told the crowds that Jesus would take away the sins of the world. God's people had eaten a Passover lamb every year to remember how God saved them from death in Egypt. Jesus was the Lamb of God. He frees you from your old sins and offers you new life with God.

PRAYER

Dear God, thank you for sending Jesus to take away my sins.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Read the story about the very first Passover, when God saved the Hebrews from the Angel of Death (Exodus 12).





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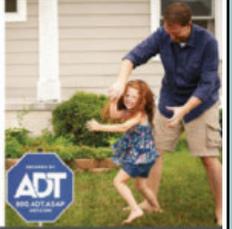
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