

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 22, 2023

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Cycle A

Entrance Antiphon: *O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the Earth. In his presence are majesty and splendor, strength and honor in his holy place.*

1st Reading: Isaiah 8:23b-9:3

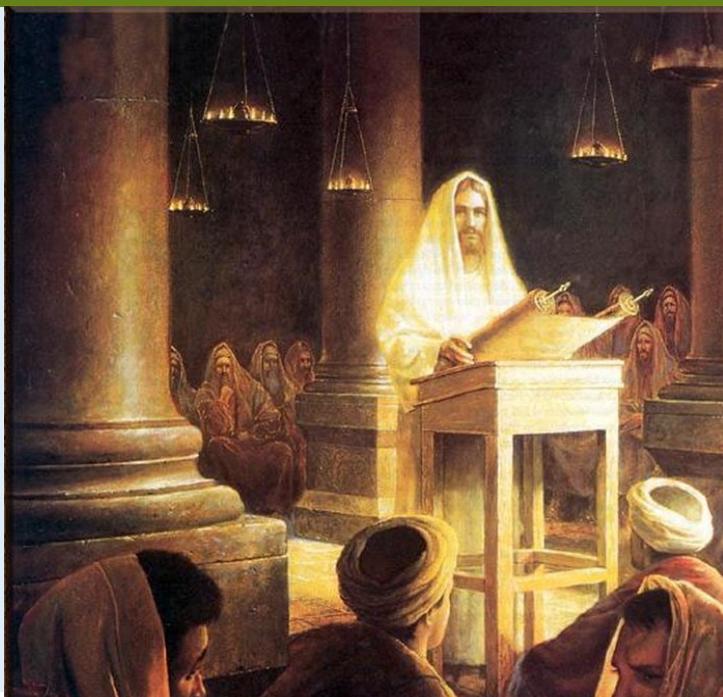
Responsorial Psalm: *The Lord is my light and my salvation*

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17

Gospel Acclamation: *Jesus proclaimed the Gospel of the kingdom and cured every disease among the people.*

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

Communion Antiphon: *Look toward the Lord and be radiant, let your faces not be abashed.*



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Weekly Calendar & Mass Intentions

All events are at St. Columban unless otherwise noted.

MONDAY January 23

Rosary Prayer Group 7:00PM Church

TUESDAY January 24

Mass 9:00AM *Int. Volunteers of the Parish & Mission* Church

Choir Practice 6:00PM Church

RCIA 6:30PM RE Building

Spanish Prayer Group 6:30PM Parish Hall

WEDNESDAY January 25

Mass 9:00 AM *Int: Daniel Walker* Church

THURSDAY January 26

Mass 9:00 AM + *In Mem: Henry Wayne RIP* Church

Sunday Scripture Study 6:30 PM Sm. Hall

FRIDAY January 27

Mass 9:00 AM + *In Mem: Doug Gillespie RIP* Church

Homeschool Enrichment 10:00AM RE Building

SATURDAY January 28

Confessions 3:30 PM Church

Anticipatory Sunday Mass 5:00 PM *Int.: Pro Populo* Church

SUNDAY January 29 4th 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 Bible 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 8, 2023

Ordinary Income	St Columban	St Peter
Weekly Goal	\$5,800.00	\$1,000.00
Collection (Cash & Envelopes)	\$2,103.16	\$483.00
Online Giving	\$1,812.59	\$431.30
Net	(\$1,884.25)	(\$85.70)
Special Funds		
St Vincent DePaul	\$148.18	\$0.00
Sacramentals (Candles, Beeswax tapers, Salt)	\$0.00	\$1.00
Flowers	\$140.65	\$0.00
Building Fund	\$84.79	\$0.00
Mass Intentions	\$18.00	\$0.00
2 nd Collection	\$49.28	\$0.00

Year-end tax letters have been mailed out. If you notice any mistakes, please contact Holly at the Parish Office as soon as possible.

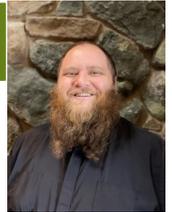
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Remember to return your Palms to make the Ashes for Ash Wednesday.

A Word from Father Thompson



One of my favorite Latin proverbs is *Fabri Fabricando Fimus* – “We become carpenters by carving.” It is a great proverb because it is a challenge and encouragement both for those who are leading others as well as those who are learning.

For the learner, it is an encouragement that practice makes perfect, as well as the challenge that one will never accomplish anything unless one has the humility to run the risk of being imperfect at first. For those who lead and teach, it encourages patience with learners, but also constitutes a challenge for oneself: As one presently in the position of competence and activity, one must be willing to take the risk of trusting those more junior, realizing that their efforts may take longer to accomplish, and may not end up as good as our own products and services right now. We take that risk because we know the learner will never improve if his skills are never in fact exercised.

No matter how excellent a teacher is, or how skilled he is in his own right, the one and only way to make a man a carpenter is to put saw and hammer in his hand. Education in theory, critique of practice work, trusting him with small tasks is indispensable too, but there is no way around the fact that at some point he will need to be entrusted with a whole project. The first few pieces may not be perfect, but only more carving and gentle encouragement is going to help that.

Our culture has to a great degree lost a sense of this. People young and old are very entitled, arrogant, and even fearful in their own ways. We all know the stereotype of the young person who expects the standard of living they had in his parents’ home and is unwilling to start at the bottom. There is even a phenomenon of “quiet quitting” that refuses to strive in one’s career unless rewards are given in advance; a desire to be called a carpenter before one is willing to pick up a tool. At the same time, we also know the entitlement of us who are already established in our lives, unwilling to be patient with people who are new at their trades, expecting every good and service to be as flawless as if it had been done by a robot.

We need to be more patient and more human with one another.

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, Mary Taylor, Dan Kavanaugh,
Vivienne Hayden, Ralph Monroe, Nick Loch

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

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Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.

Body of Christ, save me.

Blood of Christ, inebriate me.

Water from the side of Christ, wash me.

Passion of Christ, strengthen me.

O Good Jesus, hear me.

Within Thy wounds hide me.

Suffer me not to be separated from thee.

From the malignant enemy defend me.

In the hour of my death call me.

And bid me come unto Thee,

That with all Thy saints,

I may praise thee

Forever and ever.

Amen.



In our K-5 program, for the month of December 11 students prayed 1105 prayers. Keep up the the good work faithful young prayer warriors!

Tuition is now Due

Faith Formation: Grades K-12

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

Jan 29 Class

Feb 5 Class (Safe Boundaries)

Feb 12 Class

Feb 19 NO Class (Presidents Day)

RCIA & Adult Faith Formation



The next class is Tuesday January 24h at 6:30pm in the Religious Education Building.

The topic is: Sacraments– Matrimony and Holy Orders

Understand both the church's teaching about Matrimony and the importance of celebrating marriage in the Church and what is necessary if there has been a precious marriage.

What the Catholic Church Teaches

I. MARRIAGE IN GOD'S PLAN

1602 Sacred Scripture begins with the creation of man and woman in the image and likeness of God and concludes with a vision of "the wedding-feast of the Lamb." Scripture speaks throughout of marriage and its "mystery," its institution and the meaning God has given it, its origin and its end, its various realizations throughout the history of salvation, the difficulties arising from sin and its renewal "in the Lord" in the New Covenant of Christ and the Church.

Marriage in the order of creation

1606 Every man experiences evil around him and within himself. This experience makes itself felt in the relationships between man and woman. Their union has always been threatened by discord, a spirit of domination, infidelity, jealousy, and conflicts that can escalate into hatred and separation. This disorder can manifest itself more or less acutely, and can be more or less overcome according to the circumstances of cultures, eras, and individuals, but it does seem to have a universal character.

Catechism of the Catholic Church, paragraphs 1602 & 1606

Praying for Life

Tomorrow, the Church in the United States observes the annual “Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children.” This day is set aside to pray for the legal protection of human life and to do penance for the violations to human dignity through abortion. We are called to observe this day through prayer and penance.

Although the legal decision *Roe vs. Wade* has been overturned, there is still a lot to do, especially here in the state of Washington. You can find pro-life resources from the USCCB at respectlife.org. A couple prayers from the site are printed below, as well as an infographic found on the last page.

Day of Prayer for the
**LEGAL PROTECTION
OF UNBORN CHILDREN**

Every Life is Worth Living

Heavenly Father, thank you for the precious gift of life.

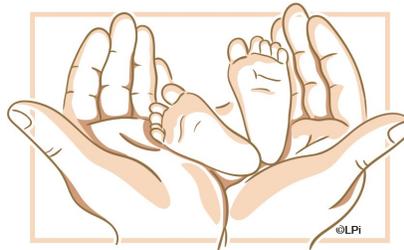
Help us to cherish and protect this gift, even in the midst of fear, pain, and suffering.

Give us love for all people, especially the most vulnerable, and help us bear witness to the truth that every life is worth living.

Grant us the humility to accept help when we are in need, and teach us to be merciful to all.

Through our words and actions, may others encounter the outstretched hands of Your mercy.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.



A Prayer for Pregnant Mothers

O Blessed Mother, you received the good news of the incarnation of Christ, your Son, with faith and trust. Grant your protection to all pregnant mothers facing difficulties.

Guide us as we strive to make our parish communities places of welcome and assistance for mothers in need. Help us become instruments of God’s love and compassion.

Mary, Mother of the Church, graciously help us build a culture of life and a civilization of love, together with all people of good will, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life.* Amen.

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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. POC: Chad Lucero chad@saintcolumbanyelm.org

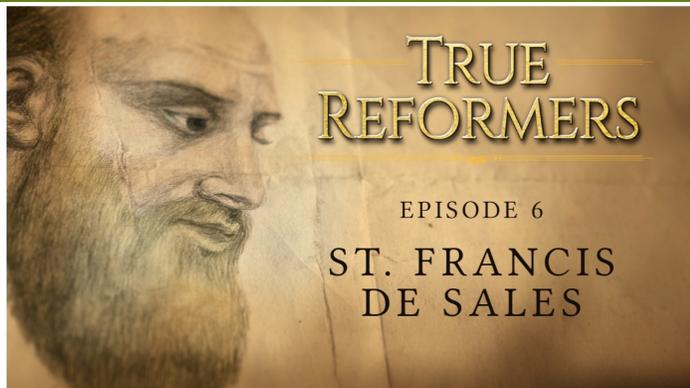


Save THE Date

- Next YM Saturday is **February 25 9 am - 2 pm**
- Archdiocesan *Middle School Encounter* Youth Conference **March 11**, Bellarmine Prep Tacoma



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Saint Francis de Sales: Pastor of Souls

St. Francis de Sales became a hero during the Catholic Reformation for his pastoral care and spiritual writings. Join Dr. Chris Blum as he walks through the life of this great saint, who is celebrated on January 24th!

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

1. Visit formed.org/signup
2. Enter our parish zip or name
3. Enter your name and email



An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE and ignatius press

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
February 15
5:30PM Church
6PM Hall

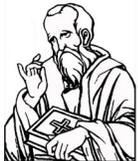


Daughters of Mary

St. Columban Catholic Church Yelm, WA

Monthly Meeting

February 14, 10:00 AM
RE Bldg.
daughtersomary@saintcolumbanyelm.org



St. Peter's Circle

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.

Candlemas

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

February 2, 2023

9:00AM

Bring your candles to be blessed!



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!

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



The Truth About **Abortion** & **Women's Health**

Abortion does not save women's lives.

Abortion is the **direct** and **intentional** killing of a child in the womb.

Abortion is never medically necessary. It does not treat or solve any pregnancy-related complication.

Outlawing abortion will not affect treatment for miscarriage.

Treatment for miscarriage and abortion is not the same thing.

There is a complete moral and legal difference between losing a child through miscarriage and intentionally taking the life of a child.

In the tragic case of miscarriage, surgery may be necessary—and is an ethical treatment—to remove the remains of an unborn child who has *already died*.

While the same surgery is done to perform an abortion, abortions impose this procedure on a **living child** with the **intention** of ending his or her life.

Women can get the lifesaving treatments they need—without abortion.

In rare cases, and in the absence of better alternatives, life-threatening maternal health conditions may require interventions that **indirectly** and **unintentionally** lead to the death of an unborn child. **Abortion restrictions will not prevent women from receiving these treatments.**

When the lives of mother and child are in immediate danger, the goal is to fight to save both patients. **Effective treatments exist that seek to save the life of the mother and never to intentionally harm her unborn child.**

When a woman's life is at risk in pregnancy, preterm delivery may be used as a lifesaving medical intervention to preserve the life of both mother and child.¹

Ectopic pregnancies result when an embryo implants outside the uterus—often in the fallopian tube. Sadly, such embryos cannot survive and this condition can pose serious risks to the mother. While ectopic pregnancies sometimes resolve naturally, interventions are often necessary.

When done ethically, treatment for an ectopic pregnancy is not abortion. Ethical interventions include the removal of the damaged fallopian tube containing the embryo or, if embryo death has already occurred, medication can be used to resolve the ectopic pregnancy.

Bottom line: Abortion restrictions never prevent women from receiving life-saving treatment.²

If you or someone you know is struggling after involvement in an abortion, the Church offers confidential, compassionate help through Project Rachel Ministry. Visit www.hopeafterabortion.org for more information.

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¹ Buskmiller, C. 2018. "The ethics of interstitial and cesarean scar ectopic pregnancies: four case studies and a review of the literature". The Linacre Quarterly 85(3): 252-269. ² For further information on these topics, reference: [1] National Catholic Bioethics Center, "Medical Interventions During Pregnancy in Light of Dobbs," <https://www.ncbcenter.org/ncbc-news/bioethics-public-policy-report-august-12-2022-egqx2>. [2] American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists, "Myth vs. Fact: Correcting Misinformation on Maternal Medical Care," <https://aaplog.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/AAPOG-Myth-v-Fact-v5.pdf>.



PARTNERS IN THE GOSPEL

Prayer for Partners in the Gospel

Gracious God, we praise and thank you
for the Catholic Church in Western Washington.

We praise and thank you
for the women and men
who have shared the joy of the Gospel here
for more than 170 years.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us
that we might encounter your Son anew
and become more effective partners
in sharing the Good News of his saving love.

May our partnership in the Gospel
empower us to be your missionary disciples,
bringing the Good News to all,
especially to those who are marginalized or hurting in any way.

Give us the courage,
the flexibility and the vision
to renew parish life,
so that the good work,
begun long ago,
may continue among us,
and one day, be brought to completion
in your Kingdom,
where you live and reign
for ever and ever.

Amen.

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At Home with Faith

The peace of Christ isn't necessarily something we feel emerge from within us.
Usually, we have to ask our Lord for it.



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Knowing how rivalries trick us into seeing our brothers and sisters as adversaries, St. Paul calls us to set them aside. Instead, he encourages us to “put on . . . heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another, as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. . . And let the peace of Christ control your hearts.” (Colossians 3:12-14)

The peace of Christ isn't necessarily something we feel emerge from within us. Usually, we have to ask our Lord for it. Then, he is only too happy to grant it.

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.

Isaiah 8:23-9:3

The people who walked in darkness will see a great light.

Psalms 27

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

Let there be no rivalries among you.

Matthew 4:12-23

The people who sit in darkness have seen a great light.

At Home with **Faith**

Talk

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

Sibling rivalries present one of the most challenging problems for us as parents. Of course, this problem really belongs to the bigger problem of rivalry and division in general which makes it hard for us to receive the peace of Christ.

When we have an opportunity, we can let our children know about how we overcame our own challenges with rivalries. Maybe we talk about how we overcame our own sibling rivalry by discovering the value of our siblings as we got to know them. Maybe we talk about how we learned to better understand people who think differently than we do politically or religiously. Either way, we want to let our children know that setting aside these rivalries opened our hearts to the peace of Christ.



How to grow in overcoming rivalries with our family with Fr. Mike Schmitz

Video: Family brings out the worst in you (so that God can heal it)

<https://youtu.be/KhnHPkpthrg>

In this 10-minute video, Fr. Mike Schmitz talks about how God uses our families to bring out the best in us...by challenging us.

The challenge of distraction and division: Fr. Mike Schmitz

Video: Why Are We So Divided Right Now?

<https://youtu.be/m3IVINKrv2k>

In this 8-minute video, Fr. Mike Schmitz discusses the realities of division and distraction in our culture.

For more resources, visit us online at:

<https://www.athomewithfaith.org>



SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 2023

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“Come after me, and I will make you fishers
of men.” - Mt 4:19

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 22, 2023

- 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
- Monday:** Heb 9:15, 24-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Mk 3:22-30
- Tuesday:** Heb 10:1-10/Ps 40:2 and 4ab, 708a, 10, 11/Mk 3:31-35
- Wednesday:** Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18
- Thursday:** 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Tit 1:1-5/12/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25
- Friday:** Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40/Mk 4:26-34
- Saturday:** Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Mk 4:35-41
- Next Sunday:** Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 (Matthew 5:3)/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 22, 2023

- Sunday:** 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin, Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
- Tuesday:** St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Wednesday:** The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
- Thursday:** Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops
- Friday:** St. Angela Merici, Virgin
- Saturday:** St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church
- Next Sunday:** 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Celebrate Catholic Schools Week

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

When Jesus called Simon and Andrew, they left “at once” to follow him; when he called James and John, they did likewise. St. Peter, St. Andrew, St. James and St. John, pray for us, that God will grant us similar courage and clarity when called by Christ.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Marianne Cope immigrated to the USA from Germany when she was a child. A gifted leader, she oversaw schools, hospitals, and missions during her long life. Most notably, she volunteered to provide care to those outcast with leprosy in Hawaii.

PRAYER

Prayer for St. Marianne Cope's intercession

Lord Jesus, you who gave us your commandment of love of God and neighbor, and identified yourself in a special way with the most needy of your people, hear our prayer. Faithful to your teaching, St. Marianne Cope loved and served her neighbor, especially the most desolate outcast, giving herself generously and heroically for those afflicted by leprosy. She alleviated their physical and spiritual sufferings, thus helping them to accept their afflictions with patience.

Her care and concern for others manifested the great love you have for us. Through her merits and intercession, grant us the favor which we confidently ask of you so that the people of God, following the inspiration of her life and apostolate, may practice charity towards all according to your word and example.

Amen.

(Prayer Source: <https://www.saintmarianne.org/prayer---novena2.html>)

WORSHIP & MEDITATION

FIRST READING

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light; (Is 9:1)



PSALM

The Lord is my light and my
salvation. (Ps 27)



SECOND READING

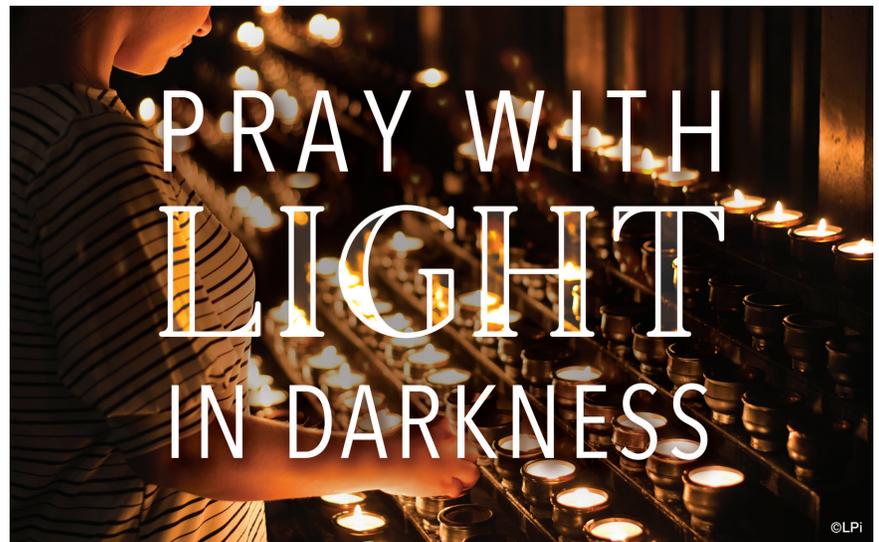
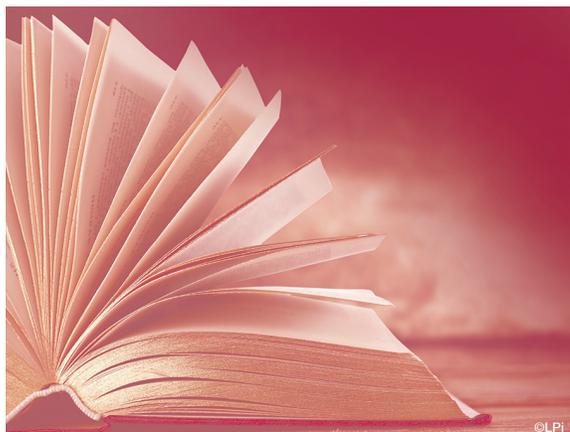
I urge you, brothers and sisters, in
the name of our Lord Jesus
Christ,
that all of you agree in what you
say,
and that you be united in the
same mind and in the same
purpose. (1 Cor 1:10)



GOSPEL

He left Nazareth and went to live in
Capernaum by the sea,
in the region of Zebulun and
Naphtali,
that what had been said through
Isaiah the prophet
might be fulfilled. (Mt 4:13-14)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When I was a young seminarian, I asked a wise old priest how to pray better. He said simply, "Don't lie when you pray." He helped me to see how much energy I waste in trying to appear acceptable to God when I pray. For me, prayer was showing off for God and hiding what was ugly.

It's stunning that the Gospel of Matthew tells us of Jesus, "**He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali...**" This isn't just the Lord's relocation up north. It's his moving into places of shame and defeat. This region was where the enemy invasion of Israel began centuries before. Jesus left the comfortable confines of Nazareth and sought out a place of darkness, not to bring shame, but to announce the dawning of his light.

When we pray, we usually prefer Jesus to stay put in our little Nazareths — where we feel comfortable, successful, and in control. But he moves. He re-locates into the Zebulons and Naphtalis of our shame, embarrassment, fear, and sense of being defeated. The question for us is: will we allow him to take up residence in those places in our prayer time? Will we talk to him honestly about our places of darkness? If we do, we're no longer lying when we pray.

— Father John Muir

LITURGICAL LIFE

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

The Art of Retreat

Social media has made it far too easy for me to share my opinion.

These virtual spaces tend to strip our words of all empathy. Someone will post something that I think is nonsense, and I just have to tell them why — and quickly! Hurry! Before they delete it!

Nine times out of ten, when the dust is settled, I find that I've said too much and listened too little.

As I've gotten older, the motto I try (not always successfully) to live by is this: You do not have to be on the attack all of the time, even if it's for what you think is the truth.

I can't help but notice that the first thing Jesus does when he hears of the arrest of John the Baptist is to retreat. He doesn't punch a hole in a wall or take to the streets in protest. He withdraws.

And what does he do after withdrawing? A lot of praying, I would imagine. A lot of thinking, a lot of reflecting. A lot of listening to the voice of his Father.

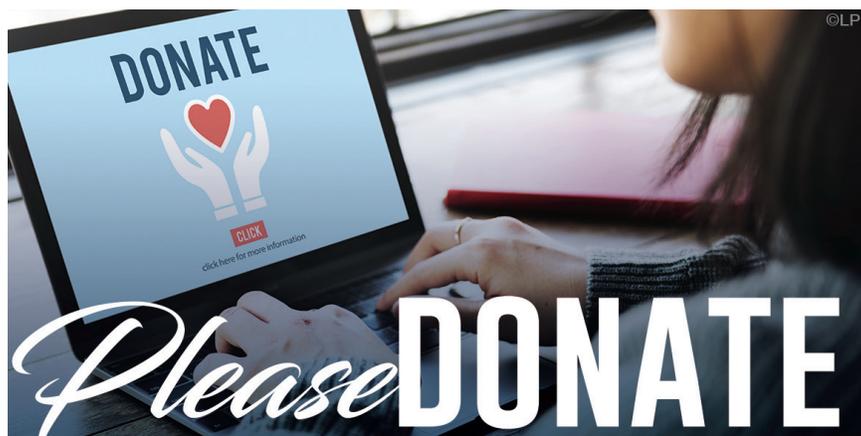
Sometimes we mistake stillness with vulnerability. But Christ shows us that to withdraw, to contemplate, can actually be a tremendous show of strength. Even the fiercest dogs wait for the command of their master before they act.

For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with the wisdom of human eloquence. — 1 Corinthians 1:17

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING

Our parish is grateful for your continued support. Thank you!



WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Catholic Life Explained:

Question:

What is the difference between a chastisement and a punishment?

Answer:

The distinction between chastisement and punishment is, in many ways, a subtle one, but which is still relevant in our Catholic tradition.

First, chastisement is a concept that is grounded in Sacred Scripture. Here, we see chastisement as a response by God to people's actions that is intended to teach a lesson. As St. John Paul II observed, "chastisement appears to be ... a kind of divine pedagogy, in which the last word is reserved to mercy: He scourges and then shows mercy, casts down to the depths of the nether world, and he brings up from the great abyss" (Tobit 13:2). The idea here is that in order to capture our attention or to highlight how we have not lived out our covenant-relationship with God as we should, there are times when God uses events in life to draw us back to the quality of relationship or faith that we should have.

The concept of punishment, however, has a different sense. The Catechism of the Church observes that punishment is the consequence of a damaging action that "has the primary aim of redressing the disorder" and to protect the community and the common good from further damage or harm (see no. 2266). Although we always hope that someone who is being punished for a crime or some other harmful action will learn from their actions, punishment isn't necessarily intended to teach a lesson in the same way that a chastisement is.

Ultimately, how we make the distinction between chastisement and punishment is a matter of discernment. As with almost everything in life, our experiences can be an opportunity for grace — or for something less — depending on how open we are to recognizing the movement of God's Spirit within them.

LITURGICAL LIFE

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

The prophet Isaiah foresaw a future reversal of fortune for the people living in the land of Zebulun and Naphtali. When have you received an unexpected blessing or gift in your life?

Second Reading

Paul urged the believers in the city of Corinth to be of one heart and one mind as a community of faith, united in Jesus. How do you resolve division or conflict in your home or workplace?

Gospel Reading

In the Gospel reading we hear about the beginning of Jesus' public ministry in Capernaum which included teaching, healing, and calling the first four disciples. How do you think people initially reacted to Jesus?



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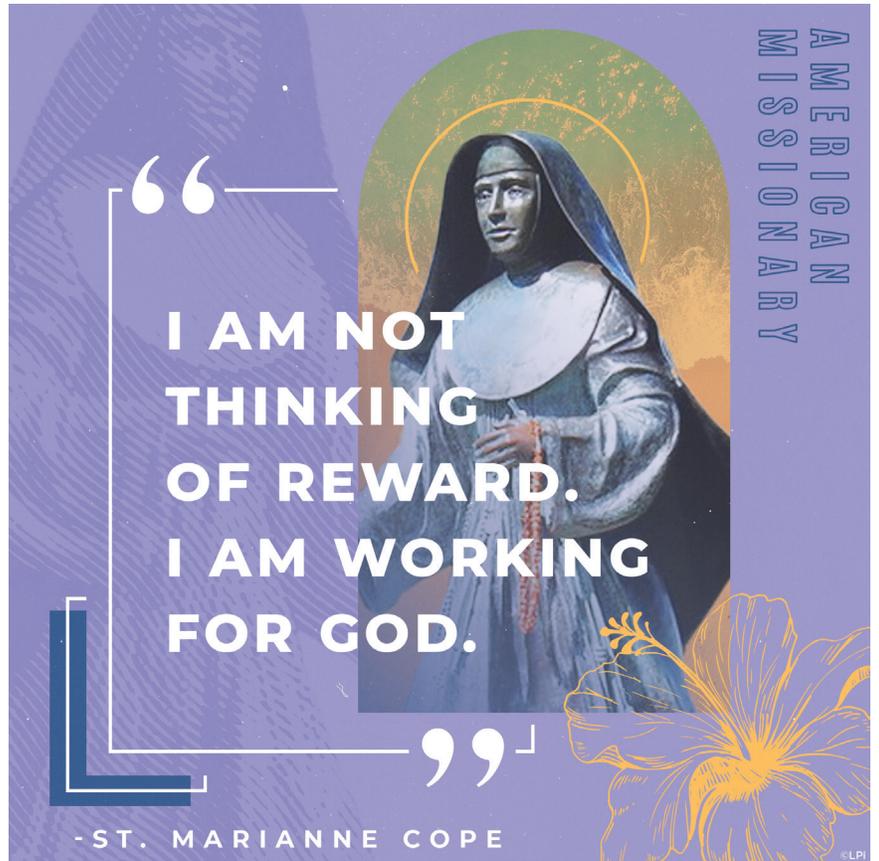
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On those dwelling in a land
overshadowed by death
light has arisen.

From that time on, Jesus
began to preach and say,
"Repent, for the kingdom of
heaven is at hand."

- Mt 4:16b-17

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The Lord
is my light
& salvation.

P S A L M 27

As [Jesus] was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen. He said to them, “Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.”

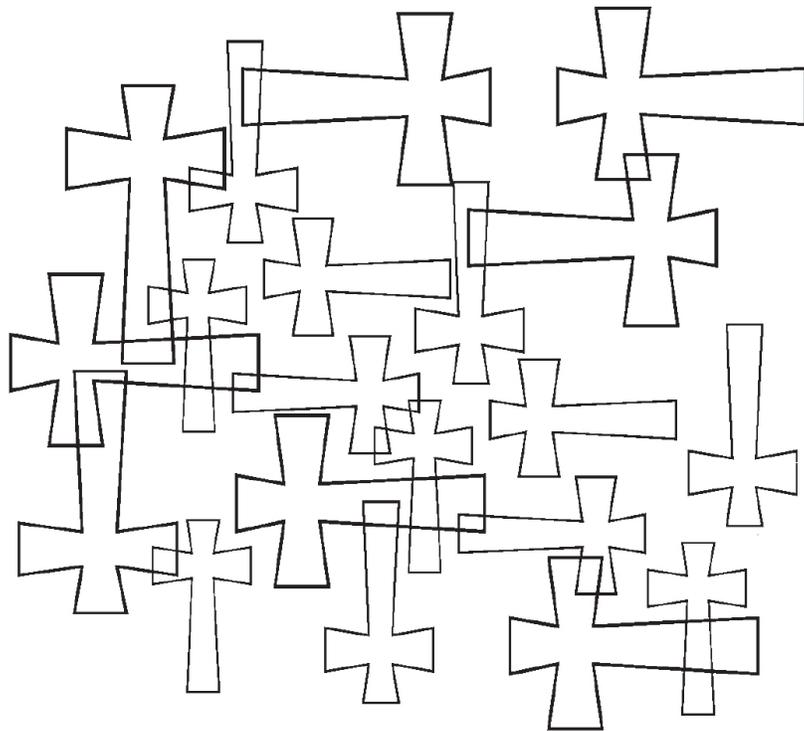
- Mt 4:18-19

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How many crosses can you count?



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SHARING THE GOSPEL

Today's Gospel talks about people living in darkness.

When you think about darkness, you may also think about stumbling, falling, or even being afraid. That's what your life could be like without

God. You could stumble around trying to find love or happiness, but without God you will only fall. Jesus brings light into a dark, unhappy world. With Jesus, you no longer need to fall, and you don't need to be afraid. God loves you.

PRAYER

Dear God, thank you that with Jesus I don't need to be afraid.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Sing the song, "This Little Light of Mine."

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