

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 29, 2023

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time Cycle A

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

1st Reading: Zephania 2:3;3:12-13

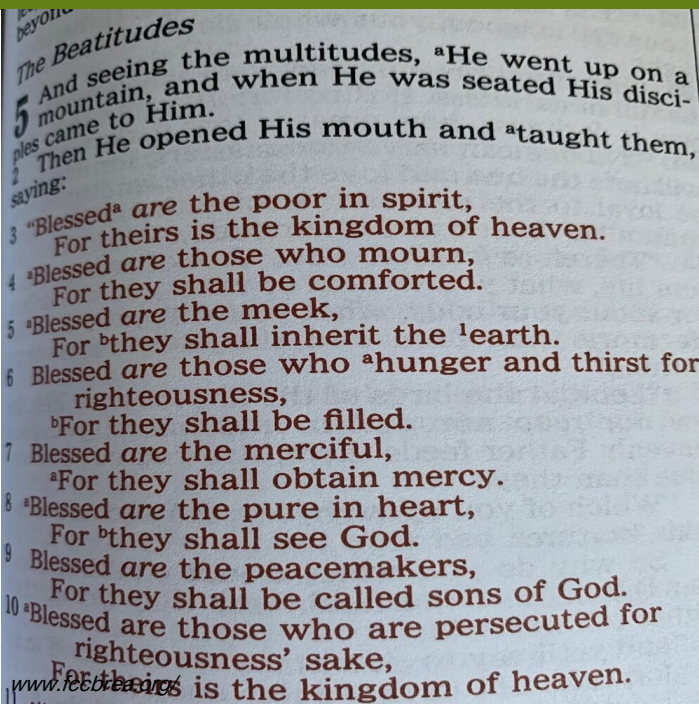
Responsorial Psalm: *Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!*

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Gospel Acclamation: *Rejoice and be glad; your reward will be great in heaven.*

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12a

Communion Antiphon: *Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God.*



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Weekly Calendar & Mass Intentions

All events are at St. Columban unless otherwise noted.

MONDAY January 30

Rosary Prayer Group 7:00PM Church

TUESDAY January 31

Mass 9:00AM *Int. St. Vincent de Paul Ministry* Church

Choir Practice 6:00PM Church

RCIA 6:30PM RE Building

Spanish Prayer Group 6:30PM Parish Hall

WEDNESDAY February 1

Mass 9:00 AM *Int: Altar Server Ministry* Church

THURSDAY February 2

Mass 9:00 AM *Int. Altar Society* Church

Sunday Scripture Study 6:30 PM Sm. Hall

FRIDAY February 3

First Friday Mass 9:00 AM St. Peter Mission

Homeschool Enrichment 10:00AM RE Building

First Friday Devotions 6:30PM Church

SATURDAY February 4

Confessions 3:30 PM Church

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

SUNDAY February 5

5th 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

Week of January 15, 2023

Ordinary Income	St Columban	St Peter
Weekly Goal	\$5,800.00	\$1,000.00
Collection (Cash & Envelopes)	\$3,724.00	\$796.00
Online Giving	\$993.35	\$15.00
Net	(\$1,082.65)	(\$189.00)
Special Funds		
St Vincent DePaul	\$199.41	\$0.00
Sacramentals (Candles, Beeswax tapers, Salt)	\$17.00	\$0.00
Flowers	\$305.00	\$15.00
Building Fund	\$752.00	\$0.00
Mass Intentions	\$0.00	\$0.00
2 nd Collection (name)	\$0.00	\$20.00

Note from the Parish Office

New to the Parish?

Please be sure to fill out a **Registration Form** so we can send you donation envelopes and other important parish communication.

Forms are available in the narthex or on our website at:

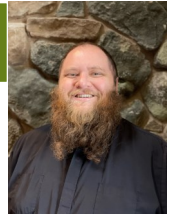
saintcolumbanyelm.org/parish-registration

For those who use Direct Withdrawal through Online Giving.

If you increased your stewardship pledge this year, please be sure to update the amount in your Online Giving account.

Visit: saintcolumbanyelm.org/stewardship

A Word from Father Thompson



There is a literary trope called the “Three Faces of Adam” which refers to a triad of roles that characters, especially male characters, in a story inhabit at different times of life and experience. The idea of the trope is to explore how our real-life emotions, roles, and outlook on the world change throughout life, as well as responsibilities.

The general idea is that the first stage is man who is filled with potential, drive, and potency but generally lives for himself and his own ambitions. Even if he has duties to fulfill, they are external to him and not wholly “who he is.” This man may be the, or a, “good guy,” but even if he is the protagonist or is doing courageous acts, he is too self-focused truly to be a hero yet. This stage has names such as the Hunter, Rouge, Knave, or Squire. He can be edgy, misunderstood by the order of society, and this can make him exciting, plucky, or dashing. However, he is clearly immature, and that immaturity limits him (even if he hasn’t yet learned to see or admit it).

The second stage, is the man who has honed his skill and, having internalized his duty and devoted himself to something bigger than himself, at the cost of roguish freedom, is in the place where he can truly be a hero. He is no longer the hunter or rogue, motivated by his own glory and hunger for adventure, brooding over how the rest of the world couldn’t possibly understand someone as unique and gifted as he; However, he does on some level stake his self-worth and value on his own activity: yes, his power is directed to service, but he has a degree of self-satisfaction in his ability to be of heroic service. This face of Adam is often called the Knight.

The most mature face of Adam is called things like Magus (wise man), Lord, or Prophet; it is often—and quite naturally—associated with age. The character now has the hard-won wisdom, he has purged himself of immature vainglory, he knows the true value of service to others. However, there is a catch: that wisdom came at the cost of age and the toll past heroic efforts and sacrifices took on him. The Magus can no longer be the hero himself. In becoming the Magus, he had to learn to let go of being the protagonist and to pass the torch to others: calling the rouge out of his selfish immaturity and desire to be both praised for his unique gifts yet misunderstood, and into selfless service of others; and directing the active heroism of the Knight while also passing on the wisdom the Knight will need when age and sacrifice in turn makes him the Magus. Yet, even the wise old man has character development left and is not static or perfect by any means: His struggle is that his wisdom was gained at the cost of regrets and scars that now acutely ache, the Knight and especially the Rogue do not always listen to his wisdom (which, ironically, could save them from making the same mistakes receiving the same scars), every blessing he gives costs him something he cannot get back, and he knows that he will even have to one day let go even of the role of mentorship and decline to helpless senility and ultimately death. The Magus’s mission is to come to terms with the reality that the story will continue without him.

More to come on this in the next few weeks.

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, Jeanine Kavanaugh,
Vivienne Hayden, Ralph Monroe

The Deceased

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



As a reminder, Next Sunday Feb 5 our Religious Ed Program will be teaching our youth in grades K-5. The program is called Empowering Gods Children. The program is designed to teach children about their safety, rights and boundaries, so that they have the tools to protect themselves.

The lessons are age appropriate and will be presented as follows.

K-1st Physical boundaries

2-3 **Safe adults—safe touches.** Mom/dad– hugs.

Boundaries– you have rights. When and how to speak up.

4-5 **Secrets, surprises and promises.** When they are good (birthday party) and when they are not and who you can tell.

Grooming– Recognizing risky adult behavior. Students learn about the type of behavior that may indicate grooming. It also helps students learn to trust their own instincts about what is “okay” and what is “not okay”.

Tuition is now Due

Faith Formation: Grades K-12

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

- Feb 5 Class (Safe boundaries)
- Feb 12 Class
- Feb 19 NO Class President’s Day
- Feb 26th Class

“And these words which I command you this day shall be upon your heart; and you shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.”

(Deuteronomy 6:6-7)

RCIA & Adult Faith Formation



The next class is Tuesday January 31st at 6:30pm in the Religious Education Building.

The topic is: Introduction to the Sacraments–Confirmation

Understand both the church’s teaching about confirmation as well as the ceremony words and actions..

What the Catholic Church Teaches

1287 This fullness of the Spirit was not to remain uniquely the Messiah's, but was to be communicated to *the whole messianic people*. On several occasions Christ promised this outpouring of the Spirit, a promise which he fulfilled first on Easter Sunday and then more strikingly at Pentecost. Filled with the Holy Spirit the apostles began to proclaim "the mighty works of God," and Peter declared this outpouring of the Spirit to be the sign of the messianic age. Those who believed in the apostolic preaching and were baptized received the gift of the Holy Spirit in their turn. **1310** To receive Confirmation one must be in a state of grace. One should receive the sacrament of Penance in order to be cleansed for the gift of the Holy Spirit. More intense prayer should prepare one to receive the strength and graces of the Holy Spirit with docility and readiness to act.

Catechism of the Catholic Church, paragraphs 1287 & 1310



Pope Francis’ Prayer Intention for February 2023

For parishes

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome

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. POC: Chad Lucero chad@saintcolumbanyelm.org

CONFIRMATION

Second Year Confirmation update

Our Confirmation Date is set! Friday, April 28 at 6:30pm.

Make no mistake, there is still a lot to do to prepare candidates. This includes verification of Sponsors (Please do not be late in turning-in Sponsor forms!), completion of *Chosen* classes, and more. Check your emails for updates!



Thank You!

A big Thank You for our parishioners who have taken time out of their Saturdays to introduce our youth to your Parish Ministry: Leslie Seffern of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Virginia Damron of the Altar Society, Jennifer Langham of the Music Ministry (Choir), and John Bauer of the Winter Clothes Closet.

Also our youth worked to seal windows in the new Youth Space in the Old Church as well as picking up debris in the Prayer Garden during Youth Ministry Saturday. Keep it up!

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MIDDLE SCHOOL ENCOUNTER 2023 GENERATION OF HOPE

SCHEDULE

9:30	Doors open/Registration
10:30	Welcome/Opening Game
11:00	Keynote Session 1
11:45	Lunch
12:30	Activity Rotations: Games, Service, Prayer
1:45	Breakout sessions by grade
2:15	Parish Time
2:45	Keynote Session 2
3:30	Open Mic
3:45	Prepare for Mass: Praise & Worship
4:00	Mass
5:00	Blessing and Dismissal

SATURDAY, MARCH 11
BELLARMINE PREP, TACOMA






Join youth in grades 6-8 and experience God through community, learning, and prayer. A day of journeying in faith as pilgrims of hope through lively general sessions, engaging workshops, and a fun-filled gathering of the universal Church.

Cost: \$40/youth, \$25/adults

REGISTRATION OPENS SOON!

Youth Ministry Saturday: A mini-retreat

February 25, 9am-2pm
Parish Hall, **Grades 6-12**

-  Prayer together
-  Special guest speaker
-  Potluck meal, bring a dish or a dessert item to share
-  Special screening
-  Icebreakers and Fun



PATRON SAINT
OF YOUTH

St. John Bosco

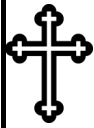
Feast day January 31

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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.



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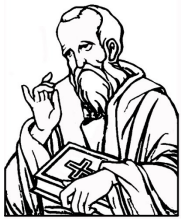
Council 17152

Next Council Meeting

February 15th
5:30PM Church
6PM Hall

Next Breakfast

February 26th following Sunday Mass



St. Peter's Circle

St. Peter Mission Tenino

Meets Bi-monthly

Next Meeting

March 14th
9:30 AM

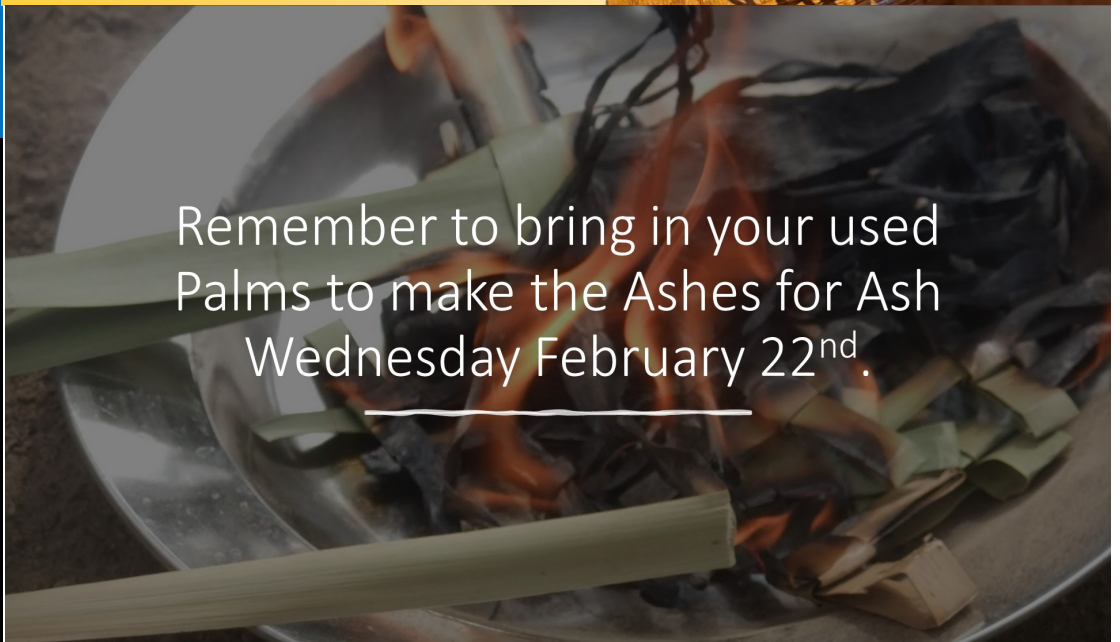
Candlemas

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

February 2, 2023

9:00AM

Bring your candles to be blessed!



Remember to bring in your used Palms to make the Ashes for Ash Wednesday February 22nd.



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

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

Monthly Meeting

February 16th, 7:00 PM
Parish Hall



Daughters of Mary

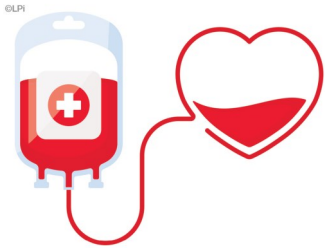
St. Columban Catholic Church Yelm, WA

Monthly Meeting

February 14th, 10:00 AM
RE Bldg.

daughtersofmary@saintcolumbanyelm.org

Blood Drive coming up



St. Columban Parish Hall
Thursday February 23,
11:00am - 4:00pm



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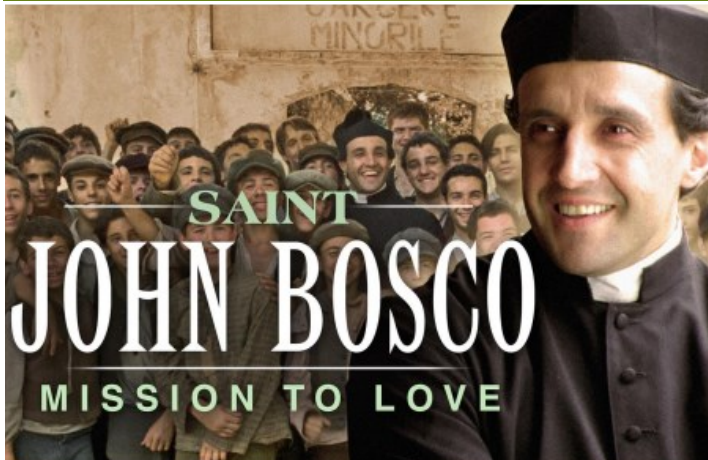
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<https://www.redcrossblood.org/>

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Saint John Bosco: Mission to Love

Flavio Insinna gives a winning performance as John Bosco, the great priest and educator of youth. Beautifully filmed in Italy, this epic movie dramatizes the many challenges that he had to overcome from his childhood all the way to founding his religious order.

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

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3. Enter your name and email

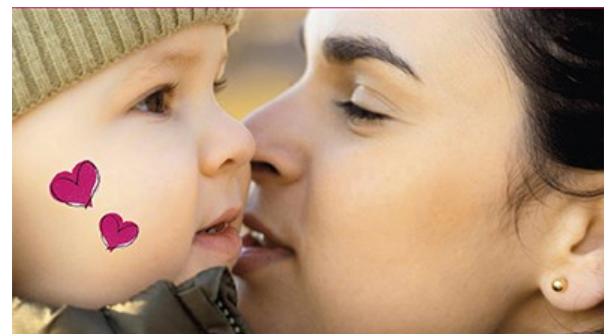


From the Archdiocese of Seattle

PREPARES – Pregnancy and Parenting Support - is a program initiated by the bishops of Washington state in 2014. It began as a conversation about how to live out our Catholic teachings about the value of all human life and the prerequisite to protect and help those in need. In other words, the bishops sought to “walk our talk” regarding the intrinsic connection of life and justice.

PREPARES was devised as a parish-based program that would assist young, vulnerable families in need during the first five years of their child’s life. The goal is that pregnant women and families without adequate resources can obtain essential resources through our parishes. Many parishes already had programs that assisted pregnant women and families and most now participate in the PREPARES program.

Help support PREPARES with the Open Your Heart Campaign collection the Weekend of February 4-5.



Open Your Heart...
To Infants & Children in Need



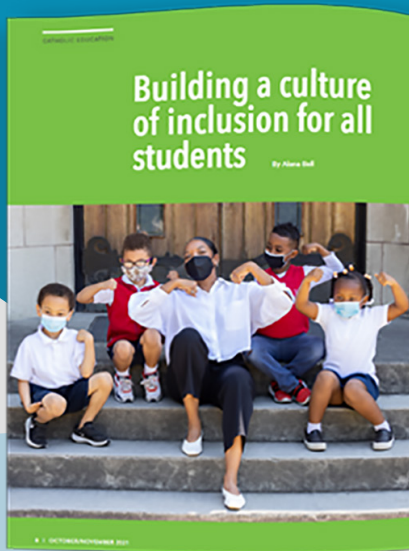
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IN THE GOSPEL**

Partners in Gospel is a strategic pastoral planning effort taking place across the Archdiocese of Seattle to re-invigorate and renew our local Catholic Church.

Today we face many realities that impact parish life and make it difficult to fully live out our mission. This archdiocesan-wide renewal effort, led by the Holy Spirit and grounded in prayer, will

help us better support vibrant, sustainable, mission-focused parish communities across the entire Archdiocese of Seattle. To learn more about Partners in the Gospel, please **visit archseattle.org/Partners**.

Now more than ever we need the Good News



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At Home with Faith

Mary's Magnificat teaches us that God often does his best work with us when we are in positions that make us feel bowed down or humble. If our hearts are open, these times can prove to be the most spiritually enriching.



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All priests, women and men religious and deacons promise to pray the Cantic of Mary or the Magnificat every day. This beautiful prayer of Mary rejoices in how God “has shown might with his arm, dispersed the arrogant of mind and heart. He has thrown down the rulers from their thrones but lifted up the lowly.” (Luke 1:51-52)

It's natural to relish moments of triumph and apparent success. Yet, it can often be the times when we are “bowed down” that we grow the most, provided we are prepared to accept the growth God offers us.

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.

Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13

The Lord will leave a faithful remnant.

Psalms 146

God loves the just and raises up those who were bowed down.

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

God chose the foolish to shame the wise.

Matthew 5:1-12a

Blessed are the poor in spirit.

At Home with **Faith**

Talk

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

Have you had an experience where, at first, you felt like what was happening to you was bad or confusing, but you later realized that God was using the experience for good?

Maybe you turned down or didn't get a job that offered a lot of prestige, but you discovered that a different job allowed you stay connected to family, friends and a community of faith, and now you realize how much more important that is.

Or maybe you never felt like you were part of a popular clique of children in middle school, but you never missed it because your friends were genuine and helped you to grow as a person.

Share these examples with your child and let him or her know how God can do the most with us when we are in humble situations.



Learn about how God raises up the lowly:

Read the Cantic of Mary

<https://www.catholic.org/prayers/prayer.php?p=539>

Learn about the Magnificat in this 4-minute video:



**The Meaning of the Cantic of Mary
(The Religion Teacher)**

<https://youtu.be/TxBK4eFaqK0>

For more resources, visit us online at:

<https://www.athomewithfaith.org>



SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2023

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter
every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be
glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.” - Mt 5:10-12a

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 29, 2023

- 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
- Monday:** Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24/Mk 5:1-20
- Tuesday:** Heb 12:1-4/Ps 22:26b-27, 28 and 30, 31-32/Mk 5:21-43
- Wednesday:** Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a/Mk 6:1-6
- Thursday:** Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
- Friday:** Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc/Mk 6:14-29
- Saturday:** Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mk 6:30-34
- Next Sunday:** Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 29, 2023

- Sunday:** 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Celebrate Catholic Schools Week
- Tuesday:** St. John Bosco, Priest
- Thursday:** The Presentation of the Lord, World Day for Consecrated Life
- Friday:** St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop
- Next Sunday:** 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

Every day, God offers each of us countless opportunities to embody the Beatitudes. Blink and you might miss them. Where is God inviting you to poverty of spirit? Where does he beg you to hunger for righteousness? How does he ask you to make peace?



SAINT OF THE WEEK

A Union veteran of the civil war, Father Baker later donated his life savings to support the outreach institutions he ran. He created the Our Lady of Victory Association uniting Catholics around the USA in support of these successful missions.

PRAYER

Prayer for the Cause of V. Father Nelson Baker

Lord, you gave us Your Servant Nelson Baker as an example of service to the poor, homeless and the young. By Father Baker's ardent concern for those in need, inflame our hearts and lives with compassion for the poor, justice for the oppressed, hope for the troubled and courage to those in doubt.

We pray through the intercession of Our Lady of Victory, if it be Your will, that Your Servant, Nelson Baker, may one day be canonized.

Amen.

WORSHIP & MEDITATION

FIRST READING

But I will leave as a remnant in
your midst
a people humble and lowly.
(Zep 3:12)



PSALM

Blessed the poor in spirit; the
kingdom of heaven is theirs!
(Ps 146)
Or Alleluia.



SECOND READING

Rather, God chose the foolish of
the world to shame the wise,
and God chose the weak of the
world to shame the strong.
(1 Cor 1:27)



GOSPEL

“Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of
heaven.” (Mt 5:3)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

In my parents' bedroom there were on the wall two photos of my mom and dad from their early adulthoods. The photo of my mother entranced me when I was a boy. I loved looking at it, even though I saw her in daily life. Something about that picture captured her perfectly. It was an image of the joy, wisdom, beauty, and strength that enveloped me from the start of my life. It was an icon of the woman who fed, taught, and encouraged me. I felt a deep pride that I came from such beauty.

The beatitudes of Jesus are a kind of self-portrait. But it is a strange picture. At first, the blessings of being poor, mourning, and hungering and thirsting for righteousness may seem bizarre or, worse, a religious delusion. Who wants to look like *that*? But if we look again, we begin to see the characteristics of Jesus' form. He becomes poor and fills it with his riches for us, he weeps and mourns for us, and fills it with his joy, he hungers and thirsts for us to be righteous, and so satisfies us. And so on. It's the way he appears on the cross.

Perhaps we should put on our bedroom room walls the words of the beatitudes next to a crucifix of the Lord Jesus. Then we can do what the beatitudes are designed for, to gaze at the joy, wisdom, beauty, and strength of the one who is our origin, and who is with us every day. And little by little, we'll start to look like him.

— *Father John Muir*

LITURGICAL LIFE

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

The Humble of the Earth

When I think of the Beatitudes, I think of collectible coffee mugs emblazoned with the words *Blessed are the peacemakers*, with little pastel flowers stenciled in the white spaces of the lettering. I think of greeting cards and decorative wall hangings.

Why? These are the Beatitudes, for heaven's sake — revolutionary and radical. An uncompromising impeachment of worldly values. They are the opposite of banal.

But I cringed from my head to my toes when I read my first draft of this reflection, a retelling of a time in my life when I decided to embrace humility and meekness. I realized that the Beatitudes aren't something I can tell you about. Poverty of spirit, the hunger for righteousness, the gladness God gives to the downtrodden — these are concepts that must be animated within us. They must be lived. So instead of telling you my story, I want you to tell yours.

I invite you to think of a time when you were vulnerable. When you were discouraged or humbled or felt like a failure. A time when you were cut low. The loss of a job, perhaps, or the rejection of a loved one. The abrupt end of some road that you felt sure would be long and prosperous.

Resentment, envy, and vengefulness flourish in moments like this. Did you experience those feelings? Did you embrace them? Did you want to?

What did the world tell you this moment should mean?

What does Christ tell you it should mean? Have you figured it out, or are you still working on it?

God chose the foolish of the world to shame the wise, and God chose the weak of the world to shame the strong. — 1 Corinthians 1:27

— 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 "Saint" and a "Blessed"?

Answer:

The process of proclaiming someone as a saint in the Catholic Church has evolved over the course of many centuries. In the beginning, those honored as saints were almost exclusively biblical figures or martyrs. However, after the legalization of Christianity in the fourth century, new holy women and men came to be honored as saints, and this was often done by popular acclaim or by the local bishop or abbot.

It was Pope Gregory IX (who was pope from 1227 to 1241) who officially proclaimed that only the pope had the authority to add someone to the official list (the "canon") of saints. This is the meaning of the word "canonization."

Today, the saint-making process includes several steps, including detailed studies of the person's life and a recognition that they died as a martyr or lived a life of "heroic virtue." Once someone is recognized as a martyr or if a miracle is attributed to their intercession, they will be beatified and honored as "Blessed." This means that they can be celebrated by Catholics in a particular country or region or by the members of certain religious community. If another miracle occurs and is approved, then the "Blessed" is canonized and honored with the title "Saint," meaning that they are now officially recognized as a universal model of holiness and an intercessor.

LITURGICAL LIFE

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

The prophet Zephaniah speaks of a “remnant of Israel” who will survive God’s judgement and live as a humble and truthful people. What other qualities (besides humility and integrity) make for a good community?

Second Reading

Paul offers us an interesting sketch of the members of the Corinthian community: foolish, weak, lowly, and despised. How would you describe your community of faith?

Gospel Reading

Jesus begins his Sermon on the Mount with a list of eight “beatitudes” (blessings). Which of these beatitudes do you see in yourself?

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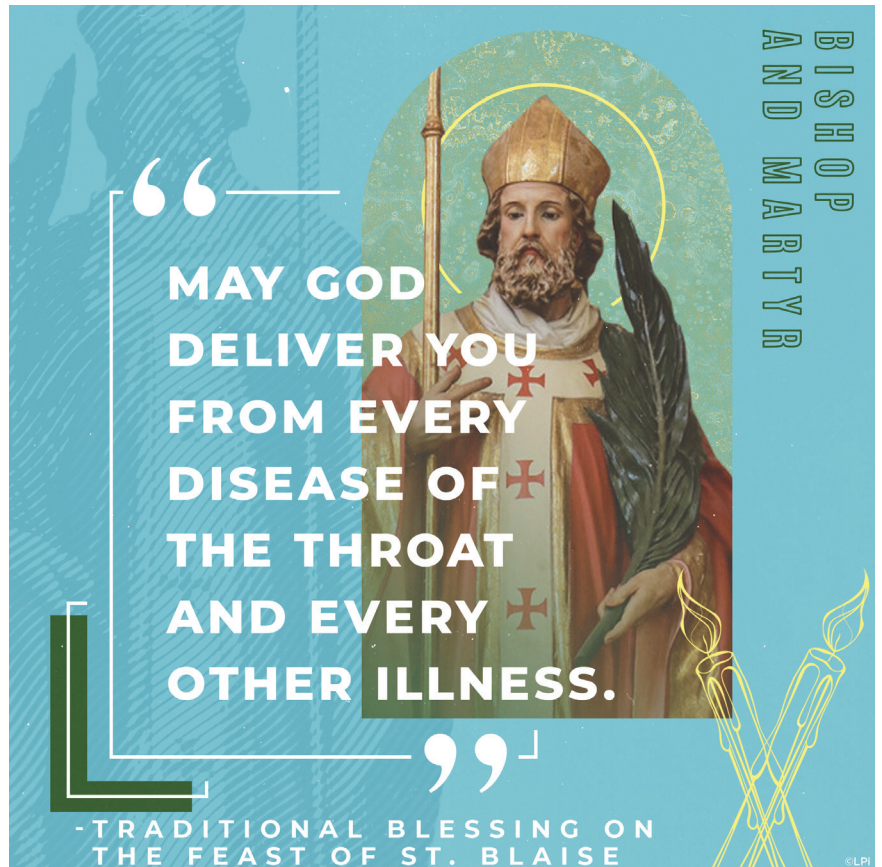
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**“Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown
mercy.
Blessed are the clean of
heart,
for they will see God.”**

- Mt 5:7-8

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BLESSED ARE
THE POOR IN
spirit;
THE KINGDOM
OF HEAVEN
IS THEIRS!

Psalms 146

*“Blessed are
they who are
persecuted
for the sake of
righteousness,
for theirs is
the kingdom of
heaven.*

*Blessed are
you when they
insult you and
persecute you
and utter every
kind of evil
against you
falsely because
of me. Rejoice
and be glad,
for your reward
will be great in
heaven.”*

- Mt 5:10-12a

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READ THE GOSPEL AND COMPLETE A PUZZLE!

Unscramble words from today's Gospel.

blessed
meek
filled

mercy
pure
peace

kingdom
reward
heaven

bsedles

b l e s s e d

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SHARING THE GOSPEL

God sees the loving things you do. When you show kindness to others, especially when they don't deserve it, your kindness will come back to you. When you see others fighting, and you help them get along, you show that you are God's child. When you are gentle, not bossy, you make God smile. Even when it is hard, keep on doing what's right. One day in heaven God will reward you for the good choices you make.

PRAYER

Dear God, help me love other people the way you want me to.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

God loves peacemakers. The next time you are tempted to argue with someone, think of ways to get along instead.





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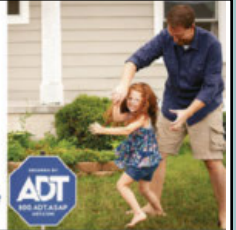
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