

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

February 5, 2023

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Cycle A

Entrance Antiphon: *O come, let us worship God, and bow low before the God who made us, for He is the Lord our God.*

1st Reading: Isaiah 58:7-10

Responsorial Psalm: *The just man is a light in darkness to the upright.*

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Gospel Acclamation: *I am the light of the world, says the Lord. Whoever follows me will have the light of life.*

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16

Communion Antiphon: *I will come to the altar of God, to God who restores the joy of my youth.*



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Weekly Calendar & Mass Intentions

All events are at St. Columban unless otherwise noted.

MONDAY February 6 *St. Paul Miki and Companions*
 Rosary Prayer Group 7:00PM Church

TUESDAY February 7
 Mass 9:00AM *Int. Salvador Valencia Gutierrez* Church
 Choir Practice 6:00PM Church
 RCIA 6:30PM RE Building
 Spanish Prayer Group 6:30PM Parish Hall

WEDNESDAY February 8 *St. Jerome Emiliani, St. Josephine Bakhita*
 Mass 9:00 AM *Int: Spanish Prayer Group* Church

THURSDAY February 9
 Mass 9:00 AM *Int. Rosary Prayer Group* Church
 Sunday Scripture Study 6:30 PM Sm. Hall

FRIDAY February 10 *St. Scholastica*
 Daly Mass 9:00 AM *Int. Homeschool Enrichment Program* Church
 Homeschool Enrichment 10:00AM RE Building

SATURDAY February 11 *Our Lady of Lourdes*
 Confessions 3:30 PM Church
 Anticipatory Sunday Mass 5:00 PM *Int.: Pro Populo* Church

SUNDAY February 12 **6th 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
 Daughters of Mary Fellowship 11:45AM Parish Hall

Week of January 22, 2023

Ordinary Income	St Columban	St Peter
Weekly Goal	\$5,800.00	\$1,000.00
Collection (Cash & Envelopes)	\$2,896.00	\$452.00
Online Giving	\$1,979.21	\$170.15
Net	(\$924.79)	(\$377.85)
Special Funds		
St Vincent DePaul	\$157.75	\$0.00
Sacramentals (Candles, Beeswax tapers, Salt)	\$22.00	\$0.00
Flowers	\$0.00	\$0.00
Building Fund	\$220.35	\$0.00
Mass Intentions	\$0.00	\$0.00
2 nd Collection (name)	\$20.00	\$20.00

Note from the Parish Office

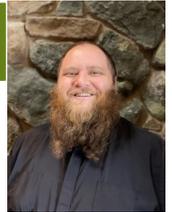
For those who use Direct Withdrawal through Online Giving.

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

Remember that if you are new to the parish, please fill out a registration form so we can send you donation envelopes and other parish communications.

This is especially important for enrollment into our Sacramental programs (Religious Ed & Confirmation).

A Word from Father Thompson



Last week, I wrote about the “Three Faces of Adam” trope in stories, and how it charts the character development of a hero or heroes in a story (symbolized as the rogue, the knight, and the wise man/magus... or other trios of character types). I mentioned also that it is supposed to be representative of our real-life journey of identity and maturity. That is ultimately why we tell stories, after all: to explore ideas, especially “big” ideas about life and meaning and virtue and vice and humanity and God.

One of the great difficulties of our present culture is that we glorify, even idolize, the first face of Adam: the rogue, hunter, or squire; the youthful, free-spirited, iconoclastic, man who sees himself as so unique and talented that world does not understand him. This is more than just our materialistic fetish for youth, but part of a wider rebellion against objective truth and due reverence for the structure, hierarchy, tradition, roles, and obligations of society. Everyone wants to be the tragically unique one, who defies definition by the world and whom the world has no right to call upon or lay obligations upon. We glorify looking out for ourselves and our whims first and foremost; even if we join common cause with others, it is a loose confederation of convenience, not a true community (look how quickly these sorts of folks, these days quite manifest in the “woke” crowd, turn on one another).

This can lead to very dark and unhealthy places: From political extremes and social movements (left and right) that have tearing down society and rewriting history as a goal; to man-children in mom’s basement who cannot seem to grow up; to college graduates embittered because there is no market for their niche degree (or they aren’t offered a 6-figure salary on day 1); to misogynistic incels; to outright insane and even demonic (and I mean that) things like the ideologies of sexuality and gender now popular wherein people claim to be so misunderstood and unique that the perceptions and expectations of others in society, and even the reality of their own bodies must bend to their own self-definition.

Of course, not all youthful exploration or rebellion constitutes or leads to these moral diseases. We may be annoyed and roll our eyes about the teenager with dyed hair and outrageous fashion sense, but it is not the end of the world; the first face of Adam is there for a reason, it is a stage of maturity that we must all pass through. The second face of Adam, the knight, had to have been a squire or hunter or rogue for a time, lest he lack personality and become an interchangeable cog in a societal machine. The lesson that turns the edgy and misunderstood rogue into a knight is when he gains the maturity to realize that while integrating himself into the structure of his community and society does cost some freedom, true, it does require of him humility to abandon falsehoods and misconceptions of youthful ignorance, true, but it does not truly cost him that uniqueness in himself that the rogue so values: he can remain an individual, but realizes that uniqueness is at its best in service of something greater than oneself.

Our problem is that the impulsiveness and self-discovery and testing of boundaries of the rogue, which should be tempered and guided by the example of those who wear the second Face of Adam (the knight) and the mentorship of the third Face (the wise man/magus), are not being challenged or guided. Instead, they are being indulged and idolized, and frankly used by those who find it easier to manipulate emotional and ideological children than to stand toe to toe with the bridled power and maturity of Adam’s second and third Faces.

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.

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 15th
5:30PM Church
6PM Hall

Next Breakfast

February 26th
following Sunday Mass

You have the power to save lives

Give Blood

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

Pre-register for an appointment online:
redcrossblood.org Search for "KnightsYelm"

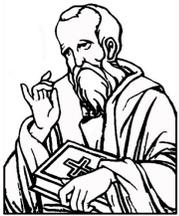
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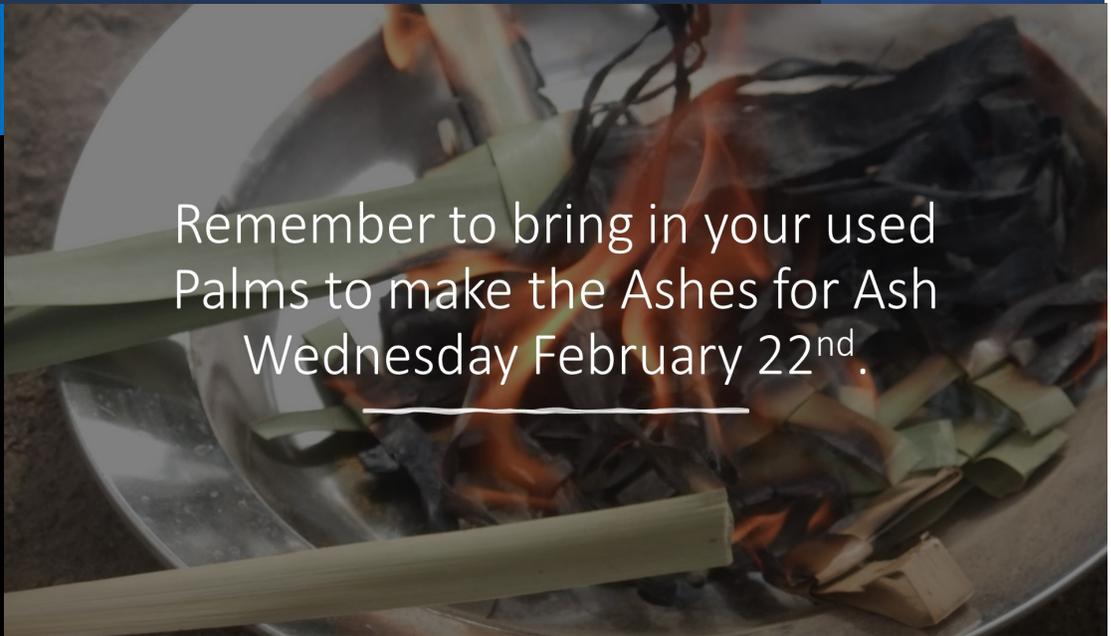
St. Peter's Circle

St. Peter Mission Tenino

Meets Bi-monthly

Next Meeting

March 14th
9:30 AM



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

Holy Land Crafts

*Supporting Christian families
in the Holy Land*



COMING SOON!

A selection of beautiful and unique religious items (*Nativities, Crucifixes, Rosaries, Statues*).

February 12th

Available at all Masses

Elementary Faith Formation

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



Tuition is now Due

Faith Formation: Grades K-12

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

Feb 12 Class
Feb 19 NO Class President's Day
Feb 26th Class
March 5 Class

Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone hung around his neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea. Woe to the world because of things that cause sin! Such things must come, but woe to the one through whom they come. Mt 18:6-7

Today our catechists were able to teach your children about Safe boundaries. The following questions are suggestions for you to continue the conversation with your child. All of these discussions were don't at an age appropriate level

Do you have boundaries? What are they?

- What is the difference between secrets and surprises?
- What are good pictures and what are bad pictures? Discuss further who and where can pictures be taken.
- What are your family rules for sleep overs? Is there a code where your child can call you to let you know they want to come home?
- What do you do if your child's friend shared a secret with them? Does your child know to come to you if they were asked to keep a secret?

RCIA & Adult Faith Formation



The next class is Tuesday February 7th at 6:30pm in the Religious Education Building.

The topic is: Moral Decision making and presentation of the Creed

Understand how a Catholic makes decisions in a complex world and when there are conflicting values in a given situation.

What the Catholic Church Teaches

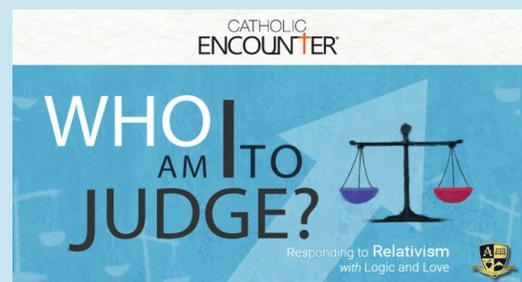
1750-The morality of human acts depends on:

- the object chosen;
- - the end in view or the intention;
- the circumstances of the action.

The object, the intention, and the circumstances make up the "sources," or constitutive elements, of the morality of human acts.

1755-An act is good when the object, the intention, and the circumstances are all good. A good act is vitiated by an evil intention (praying in order to be seen as good). Some acts are evil in themselves (as fornication) and are always wrong to choose.

Catechism of the Catholic Church, paragraphs 1750 & 1755



How do we talk about morality in a world that no longer believes in truth? This 8-part study program gives us an important key to respond effectively to relativism—a Catholic moral worldview. Learn how Catholic morality is all about love, how making a judgment is not judging a person's soul, and how, in the words of Pope Francis, "relativism wounds people" and is "the spiritual poverty of our times."

Watch "Who am I to Judge" on our FORMED.org for more on Morality! (Linked on our Facebook page)

Youth Ministry & Confirmation

POC: Chad Lucero chad@saintcolumbanyelm.org



CONFIRMATION

Parents and Sponsors! Are you or your candidate able to answer the following questions?

1. What sacrament have you been preparing to receive?
2. Who comes to strengthen us in the Sacrament of Confirmation?
3. Will you actually see the Holy Spirit when you are confirmed?
4. Have you learned what steps the bishop will do to confirm you? What will he do first with the oil? Then what?
5. What kind of special oil will the Bishop use? Do you remember the name?
6. What sacraments have you received so far in your life?
7. What do you think it means to be a disciple of Christ?
8. How many times can you be confirmed?
9. Can you tell me what some of the gifts of the Holy Spirit are? (ask the meaning of some of the gifts they listed)
10. Can you name any of the fruits of the Holy Spirit? (ask the meaning of some of the fruits they listed)
11. Have you chosen a saint's name for your confirmation name? if so can you tell me a little bit about the saint you chose?

Confirmation classes meet after Mass 11:45-1:00PM in the RE building. Same dates as Elementary Faith Formation.

Attendance matters! All Confirmation students must sign-in for Sunday Mass; sign-in sheet is posted in the Narthex

SCRIPTURE STUDY ©LPI

Youth Sunday Scripture Study meets 9:15-10AM in the Youth Space. Open for all youth Grades 6-12.

Bible Tidbit: There are 73 books in the Bible: 46 in the Old Testament and 27 in the New Testament. Within the Old Testament are the 5 of the Pentateuch and 18 Prophetic Books, the longest of these is the book of Isaiah.

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

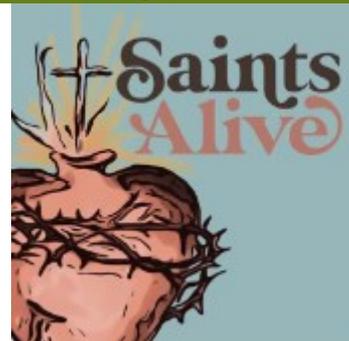
Please reply to the Youth Ministry Email to RSVP

Catholic Media Recommendations for Everyone

Podcasts

I stumbled on *Saints Alive* whilst finding something else to listen to after purging my phone of secular podcasts as this new year began. Knowing just the

bare minimum about St. John Bosco, I listed to this episode wanting to learn more about this patron saint of youth. Boy, did this episode keep me on my toes! He was determined to serve the poor, marginalized boys of his community and discerned his vocation to stay close to the underserved, all while avoiding the anti-Catholic persecution of his time. This podcast presents every hagiography as it should be presented in this modern age, as an epic radio drama. They utilize voice actors and background music with sounds that keep your mind on edge. Be sure to check this podcast out; so far they have also featured St. Nicholas (yes that St. Nicholas), St. Joan of Arc, and St. Thomas More, among others. By the way "hagiography" is a fancy word meaning the biography of a saint. -Mr. Chad



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Bakhita: From Slave to Saint

Bakhita: From Slave to Saint tells the incredible story of St. Josephine Bakhita. Originally born in Sudan, Josephine was kidnapped by slavers and was eventually sold to a merchant in Italy. By the grace of God, she lived a heroic life of forgiveness and mercy which led her to become a saint.

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February is dedicated to the Holy Family



Consecration to the Holy Family

O Jesus, our most loving Redeemer, who having come to enlighten the world with Thy teaching and example, didst will to pass the greater part of Thy life in humility and subjection to Mary and Joseph in the poor home of Nazareth, thus sanctifying the Family that was to be an example for all Christian families, graciously receive our family as it dedicates and consecrates itself to Thee this day. Do Thou defend us, guard us and establish amongst us Thy holy fear, true peace, and concord in Christian love: in order that, by conforming ourselves to the divine pattern of Thy family, we may be able, all of us without exception, to attain to eternal happiness.

Mary, dear Mother of Jesus and Mother of us, by thy kindly intercession make this our humble offering acceptable in the sight of Jesus, and obtain for us His graces and blessings.

O Saint Joseph, most holy guardian of Jesus and Mary, assist us by thy prayers in all our spiritual and temporal necessities; that so we may be enabled to praise our divine Savior Jesus, together with Mary and thee, for all eternity.

An excerpt from Pope St. John Paul II's 1994 *Letter to Families*, addressing the importance of Motherhood and Fatherhood to families.

The family has always been considered as the first and basic expression of man's *social nature*. Even today this way of looking at things remains unchanged. Nowadays, however, emphasis tends to be laid on how much the family, as the smallest and most basic human community, owes to the personal contribution of a man and a woman. The family is in fact a community of persons whose proper way of existing and living together is communion: *communio personarum*. Here too, while always acknowledging the absolute transcendence of the Creator with regard to his creatures, we can see the family's ultimate relationship to the divine "We". *Only persons are capable of living "in communion"*. The family originates in a marital communion described by the Second Vatican Council as a "covenant", *in which man and woman "give themselves to each other and accept each other"*.

The Book of Genesis helps us to see this truth when it states, in reference to the establishment of the family through marriage, that "a man leaves his father and his mother and cleaves to his wife, and they become one flesh" (*Gen 2:24*). In the Gospel, Christ, disputing with the Pharisees, quotes these same words and then adds: "So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man put asunder" (*Mt 19:6*). In this way, he reveals anew the binding content of a fact which exists "from the beginning" (*Mt 19:8*) and which always preserves this content. If the Master confirms it "now", he does so in order to make clear and unmistakable to all, at the dawn of the New Covenant, the *indissoluble character of marriage as the basis of the common good of the family*.

When, in union with the Apostle, we bow our knees before the Father from whom all fatherhood and motherhood is named (cf. *Eph 3:14-15*), we come to realize that parenthood is the event whereby the family, already constituted by the conjugal covenant of marriage, is brought

about "in the full and specific sense". *Motherhood necessarily implies fatherhood*, and in turn, *fatherhood necessarily implies motherhood*. This is the result of the duality bestowed by the Creator upon human beings "from the beginning".

I have spoken of two closely related yet not identical concepts: the concept of "communion" and that of "community". "Communion" has to do with the personal relationship between the "I" and the "thou". "Community" on the other hand transcends this framework and moves towards a "society", a "we". The family, as a community of persons, is thus the first human "society". It arises whenever there comes into being the conjugal covenant of marriage, which opens the spouses to a lasting communion of love and of life, and it is brought to completion in a full and specific way with the procreation of children: the "communion" of the spouses gives rise to the "community" of the family. The "community" of the family is completely pervaded by the very essence of "communion". On the human level, can there be any other "communion" comparable to that *between a mother and a child* whom she has carried in her womb and then brought to birth?

In the family thus constituted there appears a new unity, in which the relationship "of communion" between the parents attains complete fulfillment. Experience teaches that this fulfillment represents both a task and a challenge. The task involves the spouses in living out their original covenant. *The children* born to them—and here is the challenge—*should consolidate that covenant*, enriching and deepening the conjugal communion of the father and mother. When this does not occur, we need to ask if the selfishness which lurks even in the love of man and woman as a result of the human inclination to evil is not stronger than this love. Married couples need to be well aware of this. From the outset they need to have their hearts and thoughts turned towards the God "from whom every family is named", *so that their fatherhood and motherhood will draw from that source the power to be continually renewed in love*.

From the Archdiocese of Seattle

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.



Middle School
Encounter
Bellarmine Prep
Saturday March 11

We are invited to encounter the love of God. We are called to be with others and for others. We are anointed as the generation of hope.

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.

Registration opens soon!

For more information see archseattle.org/partners/

Hand Carved Olive Wood from Bethlehem

History of Holy Land Handicrafts

The handicrafts trade in the Holy Land has evolved as a cultural tradition of the Holy land people over many centuries and has become an industry of significance to the local economy. Beautiful handmade souvenirs made from the native olive tree provide Christian pilgrims with cherished memorials of their holy pilgrimage. Olivewood artisans use only the pruned and discarded pieces of young olive trees and sprouts from the old, unproductive trees. The artistry of Mother-of-Pearl is a tradition traced to the earth 17th century and has evolved along with the olivewood trade.



The ancient crafts of olivewood and Mother-of-Pearl started in Bethlehem hundreds of years ago when Franciscan monks trained the local population in carving Crosses, crucifixes, and reproductions of the Nativity scene of Jesus birth in Bethlehem and the Holy Sepulcher of Jerusalem. The demand for souvenirs from the Holy Land can be traced to the early centuries of Christianity and the tradition of relic hunters. For centuries, early Christians believed in the spiritual powers of relics, the most sought after being The Holy Grail—the name of a legendary sacred vessel identified with the chalice of the Eucharist—and The True Cross, the actual cross on which Christ was crucified, believed to have been lost when carried into battle during one of the Crusades. Centuries later, Christians learned to satisfy their hunger for relics with other artifacts from the Holy Land, including ordinary stones which have been transported to every part of the earth by pilgrims. Historical documents and writing of Christian pilgrims over the centuries tell of the beauty of the olivewood souvenirs.



The proceeds are to support Christian Catholic families in the Holy Land since it is the major source of income for them there. **We got our wares from more than 75 families in Bethlehem** . They are very beautiful and unique items.(Nativities, Crucifixes, Rosaries, Statues).

The Christian population has dropped from 22% to less than 2% in the past two decades. And this is a way to support them stay there.

Khaled Jaraysa Cell # 2062273253





COMMUNITY RESOURCE NIGHT

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 22, 2023
5-7 P.M.
YELM HIGH SCHOOL

**VISIT WITH THE OVER 50
PROVIDERS AND ATTEND THE
PANEL PRESENTATION AT 5:30 P.M.**

- South Sound Parent to Parent
- Sea Mar Community Clinic
- Timberland Regional Library
- Behavioral Health Resources
- Habitat for Humanity
- Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
- Joint Base Lewis-McChord
- More details available on our website at ycs.wednet.edu

****Please note that Sea Mar
offers some services that are
morally objectionable.
St. Columban Parish Staff**

HOSTED BY THE OFFICE OF STUDENT SUPPORT
Contact: Denise_Kennelly@ycs.wednet.edu

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At Home with Faith

St. Paul Miki and his companions provide us an example of what it looks like to follow Jesus' example joyfully. Share this example with your children and encourage them to let their light shine.

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Born into a wealthy Japanese family in the 16th century and educated by the Jesuits, St. Paul Miki ultimately joined the order and became a very well-known and successful preacher of the faith. When the rulers of Japan persecuted Christianity and crucified St. Paul Miki along with 25 companions, the saint preached a final time from his cross: "I want to say to you all once again: Ask Christ to help you to become happy. . . .After Christ's example I forgive my persecutors. I ask God to have pity on all, and I hope my blood will fall on my fellow men as a fruitful rain."

Following Jesus is never easy. But doing so brings joy and lets our light shine before others.

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 58:7-10

If you act justly, God will raise you from the darkness.

Psalms 112

The just one man is a light in darkness.

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

I resolved to know nothing except Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

Matthew 5:13-16

A city on a mountain cannot be hidden. Let your light shine before others.

At Home with **Faith**

Talk

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

Share with your child Jesus' analogy of a city on a mountain and his call to let our light shine before others. Let your child know that Jesus' command to let our light shine by being an example of faith applies to him or her. Maybe your child is an older sibling or maybe they have a gift in some area or another that prompts people to admire them. In whatever case, let them know that other people see what they are doing and can be inspired by their example. Let your child know that Jesus wants them to let their light shine through a joyful example of faith.



Learn about St. Paul Miki and his feast day of February 6th:



Read about St. Paul Miki and Companions:

Saint Paul Miki and Companions
(Franciscan Media)

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-paul-miki-and-companions/>



Watch this 4-minute video to learn more about St. Paul Miki:

St. Paul Miki: The Story of the First Japanese Jesuit
(Aleteia)

<https://youtu.be/prdM5QXfQ3Q>

For more resources, visit us online at:

<https://www.athomewithfaith.org>



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2023

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden.” - Mt 5:14

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your wound shall quickly be healed. (Is 58:8)

Psalm:

The just man is a light in darkness to the upright. (Ps 112)
Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

When I came to you, brothers and sisters,
proclaiming the mystery of God,
I did not come with sublimity of words or of wisdom.
For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you
except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. (1 Cor 2:1-2)

Gospel:

"You are the light of the world.
A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden.
Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket."
(Mt 5:14-15)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

We can't be afraid to season our lives with the truth,
even if we face a world of picky eaters. Christians,
don't be afraid of flavor!

Or

It's hard to shine the light of truth in a world that so
often prefers darkness. But God has built his city on
a hill, not a valley. His glory, by definition, exists to be
proclaimed, as salt exists to give flavor.

Observances for the week of February 5, 2023

- Sunday:** 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs
Wednesday: St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin
Friday: St. Scholastica, Virgin
Saturday: Our Lady of Lourdes
Next Sunday: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, World Marriage Day



Saint of the week

Venerable Father Mazzuchelli was one of the first Catholic missionaries to the Great Lakes region traveling the vast area via horseback, canoes, and on foot. He worked alongside new immigrant settlers and native tribes to establish over 24 Catholic communities.

Prayer

Prayer for the Beatification of Father Samuel Mazzuchelli

Lord Jesus, you called your servant, Samuel, even in early youth, to leave home and all for a Dominican life of charity in preaching your holy gospel. You gave him abundant graces of Eucharistic love, devotion to your holy Mother of Sorrows, and a consuming zeal for souls. Grant, we beseech you, that his fervent love and labors for you may become more widely known, to a fruitful increase of your Mystical Body, to his exaltation and to our own constant growth in devoted love of you who with the Father and the Holy Spirit live and reign one God, world without end. Amen.

Readings for the week of February 5, 2023

- Sunday:** Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16
- Monday:** Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c/Mk 6:53-56
- Tuesday:** Gn 1:20—2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 7:1-13
- Wednesday:** Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1 2a, 27-28, 29bc-30/Mk 7:14-23
- Thursday:** Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mk 7:24-30
- Friday:** Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 Mk 7:31-37
- Saturday:** Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13/Mk 8:1-10
- Next Sunday:** Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 (1b)/1 Cor 2:6 10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

I recently decided to learn to cook. As I sit at the feet of various YouTube cooking masters, I notice how much of cooking is adding ingredients that don't provide any more nourishment, like herbs and other seasonings. But man! They make all the difference because they make the meal delightful to eat and share.

Jesus calls his disciples “salt of the world.” No one eats just salt. So, Christians are not meant to replace or do away with the world. They are meant to be agents of preservation and glorification. Notice how often these days the Church seeks to preserve what is threatened: the goodness of marital and family love, the desires of young people for greatness, the value of honest work, healthy economics, and altruistic political engagement, the dignity of the poor and vulnerable. Over and over, we say to a world who wants to throw things out, “It’s worth saving! We’ll preserve it! We’ll show you it’s wonderful.” If we can’t engage the world like that, Jesus says we are the ones who get thrown out, because salt alone is worthless.

Jesus only asks us to do for others what he does for us. He is the “salt” of everything in our lives. Is there something in your life starting to rot a bit? Something tasting bland and boring? Let Jesus salt it and see if you like it better.

— *Father John Muir*

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

If ...

It's a surprising little word — if. For such a short word, it holds an abundance of excuses.

Personally, I could buy a new car if I had a dollar for every time I used the word “if” to explain away my own flaws. “If I wasn't so tired. If we had more money. If the kids weren't always on my last nerve. If I had more talent. If life wasn't so hard.”

If, if, if.

I don't always feel like being the salt of the earth. Can't someone else season the dish? Sometimes it's more than I want to give, more than I want to do, more than I want to be. Sharing my bread, sheltering the oppressed, clothing the naked, and accompanying my neighbor — doing these things in the literal or figurative sense can be completely exhausting. Mediocrity is so easy. It's so comfortable.

But *if*. It looms again, that short but powerful word.

“If” can be deep with excuses, but it can also be wide with possibility. If I bring it all to God. If I stop relying on my own abilities. If I prayed more than I talked. If I make my heart firm. If my faith does not rest on human wisdom.

If not me, who? If not now, when?

“You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden.” — Matthew 5:14

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

What is the “Miraculous Medal” and why is it called that?

Answer:

The medal of the Immaculate Conception that has come to be called simply the “Miraculous Medal” dates back to an apparition of Mary to Saint Catherine Laboure, who was then a novice sister with the Daughters of Charity. On November 27, 1830, Our Lady appeared to her standing on a globe, with shafts of light streaming from her hands and the words, “O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee,” surrounding the image. In the same vision, Catherine saw a capital “M” with a cross above it and below two hearts. Catherine seemed to hear a voice telling her to have what she saw struck as a medal and a promise that those who wore the medal would have the protection and intercession of the Mother of God. The first 1,500 of medals were distributed in 1832. Many miraculous favors were attributed to the use of the medal.

Saint Catherine's “Miraculous Medal” is among the recognizable and popular symbols of modern Catholicism. Reflecting on its widespread use, the 2001 Vatican document, “Directory on Popular Piety and Liturgy,” observes that the medal “recalls the mystery of Redemption, the love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and of the Sorrowful Heart of Mary. It signifies the mediatory role of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the mystery of the Church, the relationship between Heaven and earth, this life and eternal life.”

Jesus said to his disciples: “You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned? You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden.”

- Mt 5:13a, 14

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

The prophet Isaiah spoke of God’s desire for us to not only feed the hungry and take care of the afflicted but also to rid ourselves of malicious and accusatory speech. Which of these directives might you be able to do this week?

Second Reading

Paul teaches the Corinthians to place their faith in the power of God more so than in human wisdom. What could be some good ways to make sure this becomes a regular spiritual exercise?

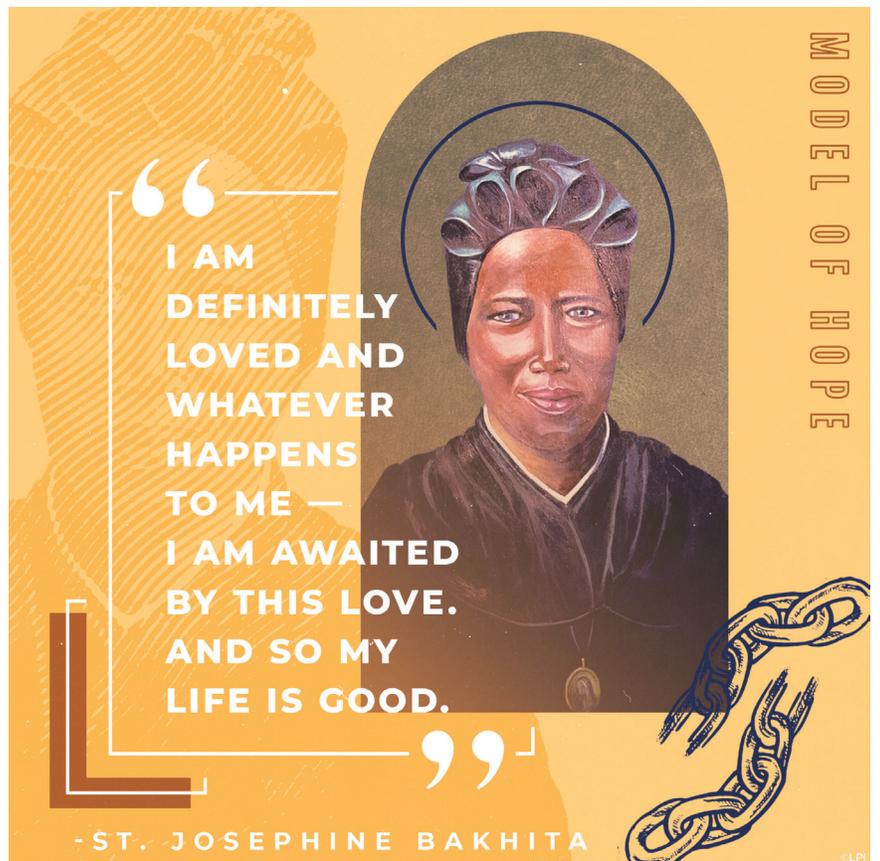
Gospel Reading

Jesus calls his followers to be salt of the earth and light of the world. In other words, Jesus is calling his followers to have a positive influence on the world. In what ways can believers today do good in the world?



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“Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.” - Mt 5:15-16

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Prayer

God, help me to make a difference in the world because I love you.

Mission for the Week

Do a taste-test with boiled eggs. Eat one bit plain. Eat the rest seasoned with salt. The salt makes a big difference. Your love for God should make a big difference in the world, too.

Sharing the Gospel

When you love God, and you follow his example, it will show. You will be loving, patient, and kind. You will be honest and always do your best. You will work hard and share what you have. When you live for God, you make the world a better place.

Now color the picture!



Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

salt
earth
light

city
hill
lamp

shine
good
praise

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