

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 12, 2023

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Cycle A

Entrance Antiphon: *Be my protector O God, a mighty stronghold to save me.*

1st Reading: Sirach 15:16-21

Responsorial Psalm: *Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord.*

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Gospel Acclamation: *Blessed are you Father, Lord of heaven and earth, you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.*

Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37

Communion Antiphon: *They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them. They were not disappointed in what they craved.*



www.saintcolumbanyelm.org

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 Mari Evans (St Peter)

Weekly Calendar & Mass Intentions

All events are at St. Columban unless otherwise noted.

MONDAY February 13

Rosary Prayer Group 7:00PM Church

TUESDAY February 14

Valentines Day

Mass 9:00AM + *In Memory of: Mary Hatred RIP* Church

Choir Practice 6:00PM Church

RCIA 6:30PM RE Building

Spanish Prayer Group 6:30PM Parish Hall

WEDNESDAY February 15

Mass 9:00 AM *Int: Choir* Church

THURSDAY February 16

Mass 9:00 AM *Int. Extraordinary Ministers* Church

Sunday Scripture Study 6:30 PM Sm. Hall

FRIDAY February 17

Daly Mass 9:00 AM *Int. Rosary Leaders* Church

Homeschool Enrichment 10:00AM RE Building

SATURDAY February 18

Confessions 3:30 PM Church

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

SUNDAY February 19

7th 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

NO Religious Ed or Confirmation Classes

Week of January 29, 2023

Ordinary Income	St Columban	St Peter
Weekly Goal	\$5,800.00	\$1,000.00
Collection (Cash & Envelopes)	\$2,809.10	\$505.00
Online Giving	\$960.07	\$15.00
Net	(\$2,030.83)	(\$480.00)
Special Funds		
St Vincent DePaul	\$23.88	\$0.00
Sacramentals (Candles, Beeswax tapers, Salt)	\$20.30	\$12.40
Flowers	\$110.00	\$0.00
Building Fund	\$60.38	\$0.00
Mass Intentions	\$90.00	\$0.00
2 nd Collection (name)	\$294.59	\$40.00

Note from the Parish Office



This weekend is the annual collection for PREPARES of Western Washington.

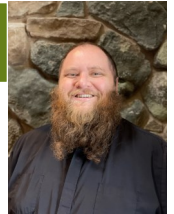
Make your donation online at

preparesforlife.org

OR

Submit a check payable to:
PREPARES

A Word from Father Thompson



While we can easily see the harm and lament what the idolizing of the first Face of Adam, the rogue, does to individuals and our society, there is also danger in an unhealthy attachment to the Face of the Knight that deprives one of the opportunity to pass the torch and become the wise mentor. This unhealthy attachment is especially dangerous for those who are fortunate enough to have avoided the arrested development of perpetual roguishness. One has settled down, taken his place in society. He is contributing and leading. It seems like valuing the selflessness and dedication of the knight would be a good thing, right? Indeed it is, but it can also become an idol we must watch for.

The knight, you see, has power. Yes, the rogue too has potency, and can even make a difference, but the knight—being part of and integrated into the structures of the community—is at least at some point or points in this phase of his life, in his prime in terms of power and authority. The knight has learned to bridle his power and individual will in obedience, but he has also realized that he often finds himself in the position of being the one entrusted with influence or outright command. Power is a heck of a drug. The danger is that a person can be corrupted by a combination of the authority he now has and the vision to which he has dedicated himself. The knight can easily become a tyrant, more sophisticated but morally no better (perhaps worse!) than the petulant rogue who demands the world bend to his uniqueness: the corrupted knight wants the community to bend to his will, for the community's own ostensible good, which he has in mind for it.

But that isn't all, even for those who have the wisdom not to become a tyrant, we all have egos. The biggest challenge the knight faces is that his fate is to one day become the wise man, the magus. Perhaps he dabbled in this from time to time by acting as a mentor to juniors or providing fraternal support to peers, but he was still in his time of power and active service to the community. Part of becoming the magus is to let go of the power of activity, to watch and advise while others (who may or may not listen to your guidance) do and lead. The biggest challenge of all, of course, is that such a transition puts one's legacy somewhat out of one's own control. Some people cannot bring themselves to take these steps, and it turns out badly both for themselves and the community, especially since time will rob the stubborn knight who won't retire of his potency whether he likes it or not; his ability to do what he wants will diminish and diminish, the effectiveness of his service will diminish too, and ultimately he will become unable to serve at all—leaving a hole in leadership, which could have been avoided. How many good things in a company, parish, team, or family, for example, fall apart because a leader has no plan nor the humility to pass the torch, or refuses to do so? I have seen quite a few, and I presume you have as well.

I know these reflections on the Faces of Adam are a little esoteric, but I hope they have been at least somewhat edifying. I also know they are a bit masculine, there is actually a feminine form of this same trope, appropriately called "Faces of Eve" (Maid, Mistress, Matron), which is generally similar—albeit taking into account realities, perspectives, and different challenges particular to women—and which one could look into if one were interested in a less militaristic or medieval metaphor. Also, there is a very good spiritual reflection on all this by Fr. Ronald Rolheiser called "Sacred Fire: A Vision for a Deeper Human and Christian Maturity," which might help you more than me trying to cram such a vast concept into three articles.

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

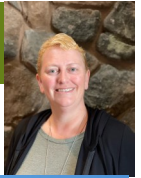
Extraordinary Intentions

- + 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.



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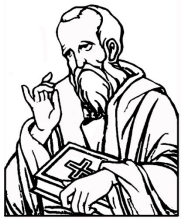
Council 17152

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



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

Meets every 2nd Tuesday of the Month

Next meeting is February 14th, 2023

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

Also Available via Zoom

All Women of the Parish are Invited!



Email us for more information at daughtersofmary@saintcolumbanyelm.org

Holy Land Crafts

Supporting Christian families in the Holy Land

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



February 12th

AVAILABLE AT ALL MASSES



Winter Clothes Closet

Hours of Operation:

Tuesdays & Thursdays
6:00PM—8:00PM Parish Hall

CLOSING FEBRUARY 16th!

We are no longer accepting donations, but wish to thank you for your support of this ministry to those in need in our community.

Elementary Faith Formation

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



Saint Valentine's Day is celebrated on February 14th. There are many variations to his story. But one of my favorites is as follows: St. Valentine's was arrested for secretly marrying couples so husbands wouldn't have to go to war. Another variation of the legend of St. Valentine says he refused to sacrifice to pagan gods, was imprisoned and while imprisoned he healed the jailer's blind daughter. On the day of his execution, he left the girl a note signed, "Your Valentine." One way you can celebrate this day with your children is by sharing the story of how you met over dinner.



Tuition is now Due

Tuition is used for the purchase of the curriculum books used in class along with other catechetical items. **Please call me if you are in need of a scholarship.**

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
Mar 5 Class

Another option is to Consecrate your family to the Sacred Heart of Jesus or the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Nothing says Valentine's Day like a big, red heart. But Catholics hold two hearts above all others as symbols of undying love: the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. So why not make a prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus a centerpiece of your family prayer on Valentine's Day?

Links to both of these articles can be found on the digital copy of the bulletin.

Act of Love Morning Prayer.

O Lord God, I love you above all things
and I love my neighbor for your sake
because you are the highest, infinite and
perfect good,
worthy of all my love.
In this love I intend to live and die.
Amen.

RCIA & Adult Faith Formation



The next class is Tuesday February 14 at 6:30pm in the Religious Education Building.

The topic is: Pillars of Catholic Social Teaching

Understand the two pillars and key points of Catholic Social Teaching: Respect life & the Common Good with some emphasis on stewardship of Creation.

What the Catholic Church Teaches

1906 By common good is to be understood "the sum total of social conditions which allow people, either as groups or as individuals, to reach their fulfillment more fully and more easily." The common good concerns the life of all. It calls for prudence from each, and even more from those who exercise the office of authority. It consists of three essential elements:

1907 First, the common good presupposes respect for the person as such. In the name of the common good, public authorities are bound to respect the fundamental and inalienable rights of the human person. Society should permit each of its members to fulfill his vocation. In particular, the common good resides in the conditions for the exercise of the natural freedoms indispensable for the development of the human vocation, such as "the right to act according to a sound norm of conscience and to safeguard . . . privacy, and rightful freedom also in matters of religion."

Catechism of the Catholic Church, paragraphs 1906 & 1907

Youth Ministry & Confirmation



CONFIRMATION



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

Second Year Confirmation Class update

- Parents, please come to the Parish Office this week to pick up your candidate's Confirmation text books in order to complete missed classes at home. They will need to read the content and use the lesson videos accessible online to answer the lesson questions. A tailored checklist of lessons to make up will be included; all must lessons must be completed by Easter.
- Classes continue after the Confirmation Mass Date, with Classes scheduled on April 30 and May 7 for all Confirmation Students. These dates are absolutely required.
- Our Confirmation Date is set! Friday, April 28 at 6:30pm. Rehearsal will be following Mass on April 23, sponsors or an adult stand-in are required to attend.

First Year Confirmation Class Update

If your student has already turned in their Sponsor Form, completed their questionnaire given at the beginning of the year, and has had consistent attendance then they are on-track for Confirmation in **Spring 2024**.

POC: Chad Lucero chad@saintcolumbanyelm.org

NEXT SUNDAY, February 19

Come Join us for Coffee & Donuts to fundraise for the Middle School Encounter and for future outside Youth Ministry events. Help support us!

COFFEE & DONUTS



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



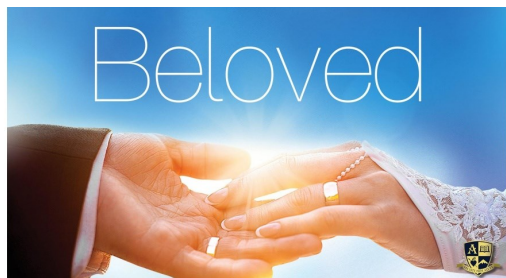
Middle School Encounter
Bellarmine Prep
Saturday March 11

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!**

Catholic Media Recommendations for Everyone



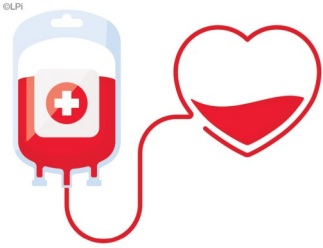
Our parish pays for a subscription to [FORMED.org](https://www.formed.org), a streaming service from the Augustine Institute and Ignatius press. Go to [formed.org/signup](https://www.formed.org/signup) and enter our parish name to redeem your **FREE** membership.



Beloved - Session 1: Does Marriage Matter?

Happy Feast of St. Valentine! This Valentine's Day, remind yourself of the beauty of the Sacrament of Marriage with the Beloved series, presented by the Augustine Institute.

Blood Drive coming up



American Red Cross

St. Columban Parish Hall

Thursday February 23,
11:00am - 4:00pm



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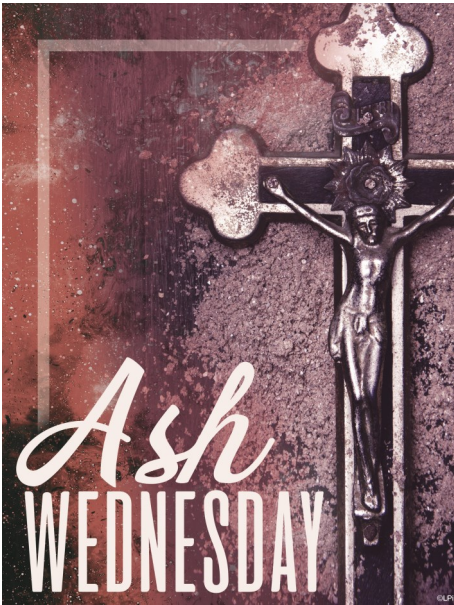
Pre-register for an appointment online:

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

Search for "KnightsYelm"

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Council 17152

Lent begins next week



Ash Wednesday - February 22nd

**Obligatory Day of Fasting & Abstinence*

Mass with distribution of Ashes

9:00AM @ St. Peter Mission

7:00PM @ St. Columban

LENTEN DISCIPLINES OF FASTING & ABSTINENCE

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.

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JOIN US FOR THE
STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Lenten Fridays starting February 24

St. Columban

Stations of the Cross w/ Confession

6:00PM

Lenten Soup Supper

6:30PM

Feb 24 hosted by the Spanish Prayer Group

St. Peter Mission

Stations of the Cross

6:00PM

Soup Supper

6:30PM



January 24, 2023

Supporting Life and Justice for the Common Good in Washington State

The Catholic Church has a history of social teaching that goes back centuries and provides a compelling challenge for living responsibly and building a just society. Based on our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, our Church proclaims that human life is sacred, and that the dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society. This belief is the foundation of all the principles of our social teachings. We believe that every person is precious, that people are more important than things, and that the measure of every institution is whether it threatens or enhances the life and dignity of the human person.

The human person is not only sacred but also social. How we organize our society in economics, law, and politics directly affects human dignity and the capacity of individuals to grow in community. Clearly stated, as Catholics we believe in the inviolate dignity of the human person from conception to natural death.

Abortion remains legal in Washington state, even after the overturning of *Roe v. Wade*. Nonetheless, efforts are underway in our state to pass an extreme constitutional amendment that would go far beyond *Roe v. Wade* and exceed what voters have approved in our state. Instead of the current state law (as approved by voters) allowing abortions only until the point of viability, Senate Joint Resolution 8202 and House Joint Resolution 4201 are attempting to enshrine in the state constitution the "right" for an abortion to be performed at any point up to birth. This extreme proposal ignores the "right" to life of an unborn baby and should be rejected by the legislature.

In light of this, it is important to note that our call as Catholics requires us to be involved in promoting public policy for the common good. This is one of those important moments that requires our action and involvement. As an element of our faith in Jesus Christ, our teaching tells us that "... in the Catholic tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue; and participation in the political process is a moral obligation." (*Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, USCCB)

In addition, the Catholic Church in Washington does not only profess our belief in supporting life and the dignity of the human person – we take action. Through our Catholic Charities Pregnancy and Parenting Support (PREPARES) program, we offer women, children and families support services that enable them to raise their children, and access important social services for the first five years of the child's life.

As Catholics we must take this opportunity to speak up for the unborn and in support of life. We must state what we believe is the heart of God on behalf of those who cannot defend

themselves. Therefore, it is our moral obligation and our duty to vote our consciences on this amendment when the opportunity presents itself. We must also contact the governor and respective state representatives to let them know our supportive position on life and why this issue is so important to our society, state, and culture.

Pope St. John Paul II wrote, “Disregard for the right to life, precisely because it leads to the killing of the person whom society exists to serve, is what most directly conflicts with the possibility of achieving the common good. ... Abortion and euthanasia are thus crimes which no human law can claim to legitimize.” (*Evangelium Vitae*)

Pope Francis further states, “It is troubling to see how simple and convenient it has become for some to deny the existence of a human life as a solution to problems that can and must be solved for both the mother and her unborn child.” (Speech to the United Nations, September 25, 2020)

Also, in the encyclical *Evangelium Vitae*, Pope St. John Paul II wrote, “But responsibility likewise falls on the legislators who have promoted and approved abortion laws, and, to the extent that they have a say in the matter, on the administrators of the health-care centers where abortions are performed. In this sense abortion goes beyond the responsibility of individuals and beyond the harm done to them and takes on a distinctly social dimension. It is a most serious *wound* inflicted on society and its culture by the very people who ought to be society’s promoters and defenders.”

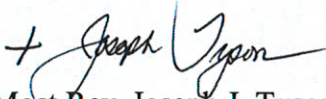
According to the State Department of Health, of nearly 100,000 pregnancies in Washington in 2020, there were just over 16,000 abortions. We must act on behalf of these lives being lost.

We call on Catholics and people of good will everywhere to continue their efforts to be involved in the political process to promote laws and policies supporting life, liberty, and justice for the common good. This is our Christian calling and responsibility.

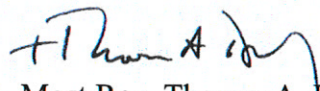
In the heart of Christ,



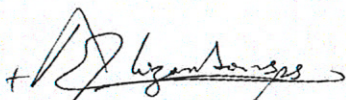
Most Rev. Paul D. Etienne
Archbishop of Seattle



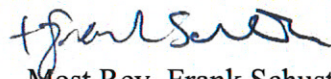
Most Rev. Joseph J. Tyson
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Most Rev. Thomas A. Daly
Bishop of Spokane



Most Rev. Eusebio Elizondo, M.Sp.S.
Auxiliary Bishop of Seattle



Most Rev. Frank Schuster
Auxiliary Bishop of Seattle

PREPARES Open Your Heart Campaign 2023



PREPARES

Pregnancy & Parenting Support

A Life-Affirming, Life-Changing Promise of Support

PREPARES is a parish-based partnership with your local Catholic Charities providing families in need, free of charge, the following:

- Food
- Diapers and Wipes
- Clothing
- Housing Referral
- Support Groups
- Parenting Classes

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

Ways to Help



DONATE

Support PREPARES by donating to the **OPEN YOUR HEART CAMPAIGN** by mail or online at **PREPARESforlife.org**. **100% of your donation will go directly to serve families in need thanks to the generous sponsorship of The Knights of Columbus Council #676.**



VOLUNTEER

Become a trained PREPARES volunteer at a local Catholic parish as a **FAMILY COMPANION** or **SUPPORT GROUP** member for Moms and Dads. Both opportunities provide practical, emotional presence and support to families in need.



ASSIST

Sponsor a parish based **NEEDS DRIVE** to collect and distribute food and household needs or a **CLOTHING CLOSET** accessible to PREPARES families. Establish a parish **TRAVELING CRIB** for the collection of baby essentials. Provide age-appropriate **PREPARES BAGS** filled with infant and child items such as diapers, wipes, blankets, toys, and books.

For more information about PREPARES, visit www.preparesforlife.org

PREPARES Campaña Abre tu Corazón 2023



PREPARES

Apoyo Durante el Embarazo y la Crianza

Una promesa de apoyo que afirma y cambia vidas

PREPARES es un programa parroquial asociado con sus Caridades Católicas locales. El programa brinda sin costo alguno, los siguientes elementos esenciales para las familias necesitadas, lo cual puede incluir:

- Alimentos
- Pañales y Toallitas húmedas
- Ropa
- Recursos de vivienda
- Grupos de apoyo
- Clases para los padres

Abre tu corazón... 
A las bebés y niños en necesidad

Formas de ayudar



DONANDO

Apoya a PREPARES donando a la CAMPAÑA ABRE TU CORAZÓN por correo o en línea en:

PREPARESforlife.org. *El 100% de tú donación sera destinada directamente a servir a las familias necesitadas gracias al generoso patrocinio del Consejo Caballeros de Colón #676.*



SERVICIO VOLUNTARIO

Conviértete en un voluntario capacitado de PREPARES en una parroquia católica local como COMPAÑERO DE FAMILIA o miembro del GRUPO DE APOYO para mamás y papás. Ambas oportunidades brindan presencia práctica y emocional, y apoyan a las familias necesitadas.



AYUDANDO

Patrocina una recaudación de artículos esenciales basada en la parroquia para recolectar y distribuir alimentos y artículos para el hogar, o para el armario de ropa accesible a las familias de PREPARES. Establece una cuna viajera parroquial para la colecta de artículos esenciales para bebés. Proporciona bolsas de PREPARES apropiadas para la edad con artículos para bebés y niños con pañales, toallitas húmedas, cobijas, juguetes y libros.

Para obtener más información sobre PREPARES, visite www.preparesforlife.org



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At Home with Faith

Jesus' command to set aside anger and be reconciled with our sister and brother isn't just good for our sisters and brothers. This reconciliation lifts the burden of anger from our hearts and frees us to love.



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In his Sermon on the Mount, Jesus tells us that if we are about to make an offering to God but burdened by anger and a conflict with our sister or brother. The first thing we should do is reconcile and find peace with our sister or brother.

Harboring anger in our heart can distort our perceptions and emotional reactions. We might be angry with someone at work, but our memory and imagination can bring angry responses home with us impacting our relationships with those we love.

Jesus' call to reconciliation isn't just for the good of the person with whom we have a conflict. It's good for everyone around 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.

Sirach 15:15-20

The commandments will save you.

Psalms 119

Blessed are those who follow the law of the Lord.

1 Corinthians 2:6-10

No eye has seen or ear heard the depths of God's plans for those who love him.

Matthew 5:17-27

First reconcile with your brother then offer your sacrifice at the altar.

At Home with **Faith**

Talk

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

Anger can inhibit our ability to interact with the people we love. When we feel anger, we can take a moment to look inward and ask if we are angry at something in particular. Jesus' guidance should lead us to a very important first step: letting go of anger. Letting go of anger frees our memory and imagination from the distorting filter of anger that can make it so hard to communicate with family and friends.

Did you know that National Marriage Week is February 7-14?

Use these daily marriage tips from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops to strengthen your marriage every day:

Daily Marriage Tips Archive - For Your Marriage

<https://www.foryourmarriage.org/daily-marriage-tips-archive/>

Use this At Home Marriage Retreat from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops to strengthen your marriage:

At Home Marriage Retreat, NMW 2023

<https://www.usccb.org/resources/home-marriage-retreat-national-marriage-week-2023>

Have you been away from confession for a while? This 9-minute video offers tips on how to do it:

Going to Confession for the First Time in a Long Time

<https://youtu.be/iWxp5BNgmVY>



For more resources, visit us online at:

<https://www.athomewithfaith.org>



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2023

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**“Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors,
Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all
that you vow.” - Mt 5:33**

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

No one does he command to act unjustly,
to none does he give license to sin. (Sir 15:20)

Psalm:

Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord! (Ps 119)

Second Reading:

Rather, we speak of God's wisdom, mysterious, hidden,
which God predetermined before the ages for our glory.
(1 Cor 2:7)

Gospel:

"I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses
that of the scribes and Pharisees,
you will not enter the kingdom of heaven." (Mt 5:20)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The heart with which we offer our good deeds
matters as much as the deeds themselves. For Christ,
the law is more than a code of conduct. It's a mindset.

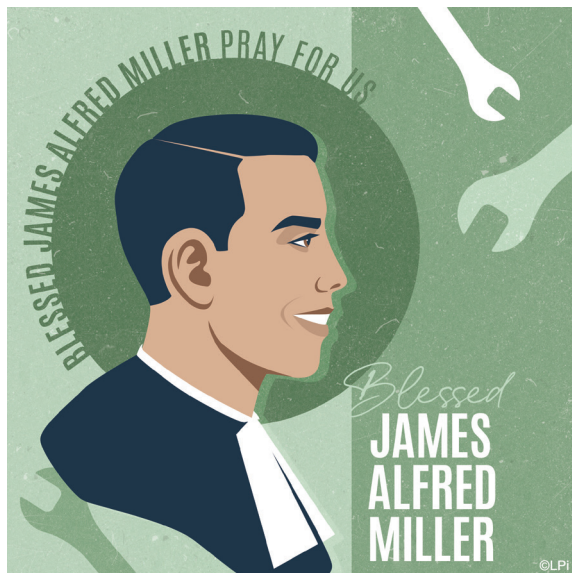
Observances for the week of February 12, 2023

Sunday: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, World Marriage Day

Tuesday: Sts. Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop;
Valentine's Day

Friday: The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

Next Sunday: 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saint of the week

Blessed James Miller, the second ever U.S.-born martyr, served as a missionary and educator to the poorest of the poor in Nicaragua and Guatemala. Shot to death in front of his students in 1982, his legacy of love lives on today through the many schools he started.

Prayer

*Official Prayer for the Intercession of
Blessed Brother James Miller, FSC*

O Blessed Brother James Miller, you heard God's call to become a Brother of the Christian Schools and so became a sign of faith to youth in the United States and in Central America. You placed your life and your trust in Divine Providence and, for spreading the faith, merited the crown of martyrdom. In a world that denies the dignity of the human person, obtain for us from Divine Providence an ever-increasing love of God and our neighbor, especially the poor and oppressed. Obtain for us also the favor we are now asking for [mention request] and the grace and strength to be a witness to Christ's love to all. Amen.

Readings for the week of February 12, 2023

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

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21/Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10 Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Ps 116:12 13, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:22-26

Thursday: Gn 9:1-13/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23/Mk 8:27-33

Friday: Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 8:34—9:1

Saturday: Heb 11:1-7/Ps 145: 2-3, 4-5, 10-11/Mk 9:2-13

Next Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 (8a)/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

It's often said that the Catholic Church lays heavy rules on her members, rules that can almost seem impossible. Mass every Sunday? No lying ever? Sexual purity all the time? I recently said to some non-Catholic friends that more than fifty adults were baptized at my parish at the Easter Vigil. One responded spontaneously with shock, "Why would anyone do that?" In other words, why would someone willingly place themselves in a system with such demanding and rigorous rules?

Of course, no one in the history of religions is more demanding and rigorous than Jesus himself. In the Sermon on the Mount, he says you have to be holier than pharisees or you're out. He says if you call someone a fool, you go to fiery Gehenna. He says you can't even look at a woman with lust or you're guilty of adultery (which was punishable by death). To top it all off, he says you can't even get divorced and re-married. Doesn't he know these are basically impossible demands? What world is he living in?

The new one, actually. He is the new world. Jesus' words aren't meant to condemn. They are meant to signal something new, a restored humanity. Jesus doesn't just give external laws; he gives us his Holy Spirit to internalize the law through love. He wants to fill us with his love. That's what the Church exists to do. Love demands extraordinary things. The "demands" of the Church only make sense because she is filled with Jesus' love. That wildly demanding love is why we are Catholic.

— *Father John Muir*

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Feelings and Shiny Things

A friend of mine has a tradition on the first birthday of her children. Three items — a coin, a shot glass, and a rosary — are placed in front of the one-year-old, and whatever object he grasps supposedly bears insight into his future. A coin promises wealth, the rosary indicates holiness, and the shot glass...well, I'm sure you can guess.

Of course, the kid just grabs whatever looks coolest. They're not really choosing money or God or a party. Their choice is ruled by impulse. These days, "I'm not feeling it," is a genuine excuse to avoid something. "I feel that," we say to indicate agreement. "I feel like..." is an acceptable way to offer our opinion. Feelings carry a lot of weight.

Before Christ, there was only the law, and the law dealt primarily with actions. Do this. Do not do this. All well and good. But with the fulfillment of the law, Christ wants us to look inwardly. He wants us to consider the influence of our feelings on our actions, and to understand how our chosen actions can, in turn, inspire certain feelings.

I'm a millennial, so, depending on your age, you may think that I feel either too much or too little. One thing I have learned, though, is that when I give my feelings free rein, my instincts immediately turn into actions. I become the toddler grasping at shiny objects with no thought for what they represent. Anger becomes unkindness. Jealousy becomes cruelty. Fear becomes selfishness.

Free will, I have come to understand, means freedom from the tyranny of feelings. If a feeling is strong enough, it can build a prison. *"If your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away." — Matthew 5:30*

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

What do the colors of the priest's and deacon's vestments mean?

Answer:

In the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church, the colors of the vestments evolved over the course of several centuries and there was wide variation both in the colors used, and in the feasts and seasons associated with particular colors. It was Pope Innocent III (d. 1216) who gave us the basic outline that was later prescribed by Pope Saint Pius V in 1570. The various colors remind us of the dominant themes of a particular season or celebration.

- **White:** Used for the seasons of Christmas and Easter and in celebrations of the Lord, of Mary, the angels, and saints who were not martyrs. This color is also used in Masses for the dead, at baptisms, weddings and other festive celebrations.
- **Red:** As the color of both blood and fire, red is used on Palm Sunday and Good Friday, as well as Pentecost and special celebrations of the Holy Spirit. Moreover, red is used on the feasts and memorials of the Apostles and those saints who died as martyrs.
- **Violet:** The color for Advent and Lent. Violet may also be used in Masses for the dead and on All Souls Day (November 2).
- **Green:** A color of life and hope, green is used throughout Ordinary Time.
- **Other colors:** Rose may be used on the Third Sunday of Advent and the Fourth Sunday of Lent, black may be used in Masses of the dead and on All Souls Day, gold or silver may be used on solemn occasions in place of white, red, or green.

“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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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

The Jewish sage Sirach speaks of the wisdom in being obedient and loyal to God’s will and commandments. How can you exercise obedience and loyalty to God this week?

Second Reading

Paul instructs the Corinthians about the power of the Holy Spirit who guides believers to a mature faith and to understanding God’s wisdom. In what ways do you experience the Holy Spirit in your life?

Gospel Reading

As Jesus continues with his Sermon on the Mount, he addresses a variety of topics in the daily life of his Jewish audience (the Law, anger, adultery, divorce, and oaths), only now filtered through God’s point of view. How can Christians today live daily life according to these standards?




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WIFE, MOTHER,
AND PHYSICIAN,

- ST. GIANNA MOLLA



BLESSED
ARE THOSE
WHO FOLLOW
THE LAW OF
THE LORD!

Psalm 119

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“You have heard that it was said to your ancestors, *You shall not kill; and whoever kills will be liable to judgment.* But I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment.” - Mt 5:21-22a

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Prayer

God, help me to follow your rules with my whole heart.

Mission for the Week

Ask your parents to list three ways you can honor them.

Sharing the Gospel

God's rules stop you from hurting yourself and the people around you. God knows that if you really love him, you will want to follow his rules. You will trust him. You will want to be thoughtful and kind. You will want to love people the way God does.

Now color
the picture!



Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

~~OBEY~~
BETTER
MURDER

ANGRY
FAITHFUL
THOUGHTS

PROMISE
KEEP
SWEAR

Y T O B U O M E U Y S
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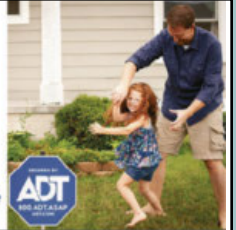
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