

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. 9:30 AM - 2:00 PM Friday by appointment

Welcome to St. Columban Parish

We spread the Roman Catholic faith to the communities of McKenna, Nisqually, Rainier, Roy, Tenino, and Yelm in southeast Thurston and southwest Pierce counties.

Our community has grown since its origins at the former St. Margaret Mary Church in McKenna, and our current church in Yelm is named for the Irish-born 6th century missionary to Europe St. Columbanus of Bobbio. We have also been present in Tenino since 1891 through St. Peter Mission, named for the apostle and first pope.

Parishioners contribute their time, talent, and treasure to support several ministries that help our community grow deeper as disciples of Jesus Christ. See page 4 for a list of ministries and events happening here at our church.

We invite you to register as a parishioner online at <u>saintcolumbanyelm.org</u>.

Who was St. Columban?

He was one of the greatest of the Irish missionary monks, helping re-evangelize Gaul and Northern Italy after the fall of the Roman Empire. He founded several monastic centers in what are now France, Switzerland, and Italy, creating bastions of learning, faith and culture which helped to reclaim Europe from the Dark Ages. If you're a fan of private confession, thank St. Columban! He also was known for his Godgiven good looks, his ability to tame animals into prayer, and being the patron saint against floods and of motorcyclists. His feast day is November 23.

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Weekly Calendar & Mass Intentions

All events are at St. Columban unless otherwise noted.

Mass intentions may be reserved by parishioners.

Please contact the Parish Office to schedule.

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MONDAY April 10	
PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	
Rosary Prayer Group 7:00PM	Church
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TUESDAY April 11	
NO DAILY MASS	
Choir Practice 6:00PM	Church
RCIA 6:30PM	RE Building
Spanish Prayer Group 6:30PM	Parish Hall
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WEDNESDAY April 12	
NO DAILY MASS	Church
THURSDAY April 13	
NO DAILY MASS	
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FRIDAY April 14	
NO DAILY MASS	
NO Homeschool Enrichment	
SATURDAY April 15	
Confessions 3:30 PM	Church
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SUNDAY April 16 2nd Sunday of Easter	
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
	RE Building
Faith Formation (Grades K-5) 9:00-10:15AM	
Youth Scripture Study (Grades 6-12) 9:15-10:00AM	Sm. Hall
	RE Building
Confirmation Preparation 11:45-1:00PM Divine Mercy Chaplet 12:00PM	Church

Morning Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord

Entrance Antiphon: I have risen and I am with you still. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia, alleluia.

1st Reading: Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Responsorial Psalm: This is the day the Lord has made,

let us rejoice and be glad.

2nd Reading: Colossians: 3:1-4

Gospel Acclamation: Christ our paschal lamb has been sacrificed, let us then feast with joy in the Lord.

Gospel: John 20: 1-9

Communion Antiphon: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth alleluia, alleluia.

On the cover *Resurrection of Christ* (c. 1700) by Noël Coypel (1628-1707) Museum of Fine Arts of Rennes, Wikimedia Commons, Public Domain

A Word from Father Thompson

For many years I have been intrigued by the fact that Jesus Christ in his resurrected glory still bears the wounds of his passion. You would think that the victor over sin and death would put behind him the marks of these conquered foes, yet Jesus Christ chooses to keep them; not only that, he chooses to make the wounds of his passion part of his eternally glorified body; and not only *that*; when Thomas initially doubted the Resurrection, Our Lord used his wounds as the proof of his identity. It would be one thing to see someone you thought was dead alive and well. It would be something far more miraculous to see that same person alive, and yet bearing mortal wounds that do not limit or pain him anymore. Christ's choice to retain his wounds is a lesson for us, especially for those who perhaps feel far from God and their faith.

The world, the flesh, and the Devil proclaim a false hope of glory without suffering, but Christ retaining the marks of the Passion proclaims that the way to the Resurrection necessarily passes through the Cross. Salvation, though freely given to us by God, is still not without cost, and we cannot receive our share in the Resurrection without a willingness to endure suffering of our own. Christ's wounds teach us that our difficulties in life are not signs that God has abandoned us or is angry with us. Our pain is not God's positive will, rather he gives meaning and hope in our suffering if we offer it in union with the suffering of Christ. Suffering is often a barrier to faith for many people, but the glorious wounds of Christ teach us that it should not be.

A second, related, lesson from the wounds of the resurrected Christ is that our pasts are not a barrier to glory. Past difficulties are no barrier at all to God's ability and desire to give us his salvation. Though Christ himself was sinless, his wounds are evidence that he bore the full weight of our sins, and so assure us that our past sins and mistakes--no matter how evil or shameful--can be overcome by God's grace. Some find themselves distanced from God because they don't believe themselves worthy of forgiveness, of that their sins are too great. No one is beyond redemption. God's mercy and love is more powerful than any sin we could possibly commit.

Jesus Christ living eternally despite his wounds, and indeed his wounds being one primary way he can be recognized as the Risen One, also teaches us that God's mercy and love is so immense that He can and will transform and glorify our wounds as well. Our pasts cannot be undone, but by Grace our old scars and shames can be made glorious proofs how great God's power and love is: that he can give us life and joy in spite of our pasts.

Out of town and missed Fr. Thompson's homily or need to listen to it again? Tune in to the Mass recordings on our YouTube channel: youtube.com/@stcolumbanyelm

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, Robert Fisher, Joseph Whitney, Tracy Slater, Pope Francis

The Deceased

John Heymann, Matthias Flom

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.

April is the month dedicated to the Blessed Sacrament. May we all deepen our devotion in belief in the True Presence of Jesus Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity in the Most Holy Eucharist.

The Pope's Prayer Intention for April 2023:

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For a culture of peace and non-violence: We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by states and citizens.

Parish Ministries & Events

"The parish is where the Church lives. Parishes are communities of faith, of action, and of hope. They are where the Gospel is proclaimed and celebrated, where believers are formed and sent to renew the earth. Parishes are the home of the Christian community; they are the heart of our Church. Parishes are the place where God's people meet Jesus in word and sacrament and come in touch with the source of the Church's life."

—Communities of Salt and Light, USCCB

Whether you are new to the parish or have been here for many years, we encourage you to share your time, talents and treasures in support of the mission of our parish community.

Contact Jennifer Langham at the Parish Office for more information about events and to connect with a group: 360-458-3031x1 jennifer@saintcolumbanyelm.org



Altar Society

A team of talented parishioners beautifully maintain and clean the Church every Thursday after Daily Mass.



Daughters of Mary

In the spirit of Mary our Mother, we strive to be attentive to the spiritual and corporal needs of our pastor, parish, and community through service and prayer.

Open to all women of the parish, we assist with parish activities and provide outreach in a variety of ways. Current initiatives include *Cards of Comfort*, where letters and notes of encouragement are collected and delivered to residents of various retirement homes and the most vulnerable in our community, and the *Seven Sisters* prayer apostolate.

Daughters of Mary members meet inperson or over Zoom every second Tuesday of every month at 10 AM, as well as for Ladies socials and to host monthly fellowship after Sunday Mass.

Homebound Ministry

Ministers are trained to bring Holy Communion to those who cannot physically attend Mass due to health constraints, servicing local care facilities and private residences in our area.

Liturgical Ministries

The laity assist with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass through various roles. Ordinar-

ily, attendance of Sunday, Mass and union of one's prayers to that of the priest and the Church during the Mass fulfills this role. Parishioners with certain talents also can volunteer as Greeters, Ushers, Extraordi-



nary Ministers of Holy Communion, and members of the Choir (*Music Ministry*) to assist our community in our Sunday worship. Additionally, boys who have already received their First Holy Communion are trained to become Altar Servers. All these roles help the greater Body of Christ at our church; if you feel called to assist in any Liturgical Ministry please contact us at the Parish Office.

Knights of Columbus Council 17152

We are Catholic gentlemen committed to the exemplification of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism and to the defense of the priesthood.



Council 17152 hosts the annual Coats for Kids Car Show every summer, which raises money for winter coats. The Council also spearheads several social dinners and monthly breakfasts happening throughout the year. All men of the parish are welcome to join! Council meetings are held every third Wednesday of the month.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul was founded in 1833 to help impoverished people living in the slums of Paris, France. Our chapter is composed of parishioners who provide assistance and prayerful healing to those in need in our community. Members meet weekly and monitor the helpline. For assistance please leave a voicemail at (360) 458-1904.

Prayer Groups

A couple parishioner-led prayer groups meet weekly: the Monday Prayer Group meets in the Church at 7:00 PM and the Spanish Prayer Group meets Tuesdays in the Hall at 6:30 PM. The Spanish Prayer Group also hosts Las Mañanitas in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe every year.

Winter Clothes Closet

Parishioners donate gently-used clothing for distribution to the community October thru March. Its mission is "To provide warm clothing to those in need, no questions asked."



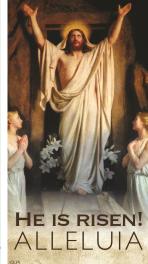
SPRING BAZAAR & OUTDOOR SALE

-ONE DAY ONLY!-

SATURDAY, MAY 6TH, 2023 | 9 A.M. TO 2 P.M.

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Faith Formation & Sacramental Preparation

Education in the faith by the parents should begin in the child's earliest years. This already happens when family members help one another to grow in faith by the witness of a Christian life in keeping with the Gospel. Family catechesis precedes, accompanies, and enriches other forms of instruction in the faith. Parents have the mission of teaching their children to pray and to discover their vocation as children of God. The parish is the Eucharistic community and the heart of the liturgical life of Christian families; it is a privileged place for the catechesis of children and parents. -CCC 2226

At St. Columban, we provide an opportunity for children and youth to learn about their Catholic faith and grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ through study, prayer, and community service.

The curriculum, developed by the Archdiocese of Seattle, is built upon the four pillars of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Recent revisions place an intentional focus on all dimensions of faith formation: knowledge of faith, liturgical life, moral formation, prayer, belonging to a community and the formation of a missionary spirit. The curriculum is very comprehensive.

Combined with the love and guidance of dedicated volunteer catechists, the children and youth learn to See as a Catholic, Celebrate as a Catholic and Live as a Catholic.

Catechesis for these sacraments first begins in the family...

- Where love and forgiveness are modeled daily and
- As participants in the Sunday Eucharist and in the life of the parish.

Elementary Faith Formation (Gr. K-5) & Preparation for First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion (Ages 7+)

Our Religious Education program begins in Kindergarten with classes for every grade level. Sacramental Preparation for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion is normally offered starting in the 1st grade with reception at the end of the 2nd grade year. Consult with registrar if your student is older.

Christian Initiation adapted for children ages

7+ The Christian Initiation of these children requires both a conversion that is both personal and adapted to their age, education or degree of social development. The process of initiation must also be adapted to both spiritual progress, that is to the children's growth in faith and the catechetical instruction they receive. This

program requires two years of formation here at St. Columban.

Youth Ministry (Gr. 6-12) Join us for fellowship & discipleship! We meet monthly for a mini-retreat and weekly

for drop-in Bible Study & faith sharing. Additional outside outings and offerings happen throughout the year. Contact Chad Lucero chad@saintcolumbanyelm.org

Confirmation (Gr. 6-12) - Preparation for Confirmation is as twoyear program, beginning in the 6th grade with reception at the end of the 7th grade year. All older teens may also enroll with reception of Confirmation at the end of their second year of preparation. Preteens and older teens also needing preparation for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion are also invited.

Christian Initiation for Adults - Non-Christians and Christians seeking full communion into the Catholic Church are invited to discern through the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) program. Classes resume Fall 2023.

Bible Studies - Both a Youth Scripture Study and an Adult Scripture Study meet weekly to discuss the upcoming Sunday Mass readings, using Lectio Divina and through Catholic exegesis.

Sacrament of Matrimony - Contact the parish office to schedule a meeting with Father.

Sacrament of Baptism - Baptisms are celebrated during Mass on Sundays or shortly after. (Except during Advent and Lent) Before scheduling a date, the following are needed: (1) Registration paperwork, (2) Birth Certificate or adoption forms., (3) Godparent/ sponsor forms, (4) Baptism preparation class certificate.



THIS WEEK ON

Our parish pays for a subscription to FORMED.org, a streaming service from the Augustine Institute and Ignatius press.

Go to formed.org/ signup and enter our parish name to redeem your FREE membership.

Once logged-in, access these suggestions at watch.formed.org/thisweek-on-formed





Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage

Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage, cinematically walks through the locations of the Holy Week story, representing the most important days of human history. Immersed in the real and sacred places of the Holy Land, the pilgrim faithful is brought tangibly nearer to the story, the landscape, and the reality of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Divine Mercy Chaplet Franciscan Friars of the Renewal

Consider praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy in a new way with the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. This video on FORMED includes breathtaking footage of Catholics across the world performing works of mercy and asking God to have mercy on us.



Connect with the Catholic Church



The Roman Catholic Church in Western Washington is ministered by the Archdiocese of Seattle, headed by Archbishop Paul Etienne. The Archdiocese has recently begun a strategic pastoral planning effort called *Partners in the Gospel*. This renewal effort will help to better support vibrant, sustainable, mission-focused parish communities. Visit https://archseattle.org/partners/ to learn more.

The following is a directory of the many Catholic resources offered in our area. Some may not be directly affiliated with or overseen by the Archdiocese, and all are offered to anyone regardless of background.

Catholic Community Services https://ccsww.org/

The mission at Catholic Community Services is to serve all people, especially the poor and most vulnerable, with compassion, love and respect. CCS partners with other organizations and individuals to provide essential services to thousands of children, adults and families.

Thurston, Mason, & Lewis Counties (360) 753-3340 ext. 127 Pierce County (253) 383-3697 / Toll Free: (800) 372-3697

Catholic Education

Holy Family School, Lacey (Preschool-8th Grade) holyfamilylacey.org (360) 491-7060

Saint Michael Parish School, Olympia (Preschool-8th Grade) stmikesolympia.org (360) 754-5131

Pope John Paul II High School, Lacey (Grades 9-12) popejp2hs.org (360) 438-7600

St. Martin's University, Lacey (Undergraduate & Graduate programs) <u>stmartin.edu</u>

Engaged Encounter www.ceeeseattle.org (206) 618-1130 Catholic Engaged Encounter provides marriage preparation for engaged couples. These weekends help couples concentrate on each other, focusing on communication and to prepare them for a lifetime together. Upcoming Dates June 10-11 St. Bridget Parish in Seattle and October 7-8 at Warm Beach Conference Center in Stanwood.

Ethics and Safe Environment - The Archdiocese of Seattle has a longstanding commitment to transparency, accountability and assistance to people sexually abused by clergy or by anyone working on behalf of the Church. Please report any suspicion of abuse or individuals who are violating policies or are involved in unethical conduct. Visit archseattle.org/report-abuse/

Mental Health Ministry - St. James Cathedral hosts Wellness Wednesdays - a free monthly mental health speaker series over Zoom, sponsored by the Archdiocesan Mental Health Ministry. Visit archseattle.org/ministries/outreach-ministries/mental-health-ministry/

PREPARES - Pregnancy & Parenting Support https://preparesforlife.org/ PREPARES is a nurturing response and promise to mothers and fathers who have chosen life, a promise of support and care from pregnancy to their child's fifth birthday. This program offers life-affirming services to vulnerable children and their families by providing essential needs to new moms and their children.

Project Rachel - Hope and Healing after Abortion www.ccsww.org/projectrachel

Call for a confidential, compassionate conversation. English: (206) 920-6413 / Español: (206) 450-7814

Respect Life Why are Catholics Pro-Life? respectlife.org

Retrouvaille - Help for Marriages www.helpourmarriage.org / 206-706-2608 / Considering Separation or Divorce? Wait! There is an alternative. Retrouvaille (pronounced *retro-vi*) has









SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST 5/28

As Catholics, we celebrate the Easter Season from Easter Sunday through Pentecost on May 28. The season is marked by three solemnities and two feasts, and we also observe the month of Mary in May. Learn more about these great feasts and ways to celebrate all Easter season at archseattle.org/Easter.



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brought healing to tens of thousands of troubled marriages worldwide. Your situation may seem hopeless, but there is always hope, and you are not alone in your struggle. Contact us to receive information confidentially or to register for our upcoming program on April 14-16, 2023.

Vocations– *God is calling You*, We all have a vocation. Our vocation is who we are; a career is what we do. The Vocations office can help you discover how God is calling you, whether that is to Married Life, Diocesan priesthood, Religious Life, or the Diaconate. Learn more about discernment and vocations at their website www.seattlevocations.com

"God, what do you want me to do with my life for you?"

Benedictine vocations: St. Martin's Abbey, Lacey stmartinsabbey.org/

Eastern-Catholic women's religious community: Holy Theophany Monastery, Olympia (Lake St. Clair area) holytheophanymonastery.org

Sacred Heart Radio - Catholic Radio for the Northwest SHR is listener-supported Catholic radio, broadcasting programs from EWTN radio as well as local productions. sacredheartradio.org Tune in on the app or on air Olympia 1240 AM/FM 104.7 Lakewood/Tacoma 1180 AM / FM 107.3

Young Adults (Ages 18-30s) Sign up for The Scroll newsletter, which brings you the latest young adult events and happenings to your inbox. Text SCROLL to 22828. Or contact Chad Lucero at the parish office chad@saintcolumbanyelm.org

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Upcoming Events

Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Conference, St. Michael Parish, Olympia Sat, April 29, 2023 Guest speakers include Bishop Frank Schuster, Dr. Tom Curran, Deacon James Thurman, and Jon Leonetti. Lunch is provided with registration. Register online: seattlemensconference.org



Saint Benedict's 12 Steps of Humility Retreat Series Part 1, St. Martin's Abbey (Lacey), August 12, 2023 Hosted by the Oblate Community of St. Martin's Abbey For more information and to sign up: https://form.jotform.com/saintbenedictoblates/humility

Summer Youth Conferences

Ignite Your Torch Northwest, July 6-9, 2023 (Thu-Sun), University of Portland

www.ignitenw.org lanite is a high school Catholic youth conference in which "on fire" religious seek to Ignite the faith of teens through engaging talks, small group discussion, and just hanging out. It is Eucharistic-centered, devoted to Our Blessed Mother, catechetical in nature, and teaches youth practical ways to build up the culture of life. It is an opportunity for youth to make new friendships in Christ, to worship, pray, learn, and recreate together. Register online; Deadline is Wednesday, May 31. Questions? Contact us at info@ignitenw.org, 360-535-3999

Does your teen need to reconnect with the Catholic faith in a fun and meaningful way during the summer? Contact Chad Lucero at chad@saintcolumbanyelm.org for any questions and how to sign up.

Steubenville Northwest, July 14-16, 2023 (Fri-Sun), First Interstate Center for Arts (Spokane) steubenvilleconferences.com/events/nw/

High School youth from around the country gather each summer to Steubenville youth conferences to experience the life-changing love of Christ and be strengthened in their journeys of discipleship. This year's dynamic speakers are Fr. Agustino Torres, Paul J Kim, Michael Gormley, Lisa Cotter, Dan Harms, and Ben Walther.

Camp Solanus, August 5-10 (Sat-Thu), Camp Hamilton (Monroe) https://www.stnicholascc.org/csregister

Inspired by Camp Pine Hills in Ann Arbor, Michigan, 7th-12th Grade boys are invited to challenge themselves through rigorous daily sports, games, and activities. Forming squads, they will grow closer as brothers, building lives of discipleship, friendship, and leadership.

Retreat

Archbishop Brunett Retreat Center https://archseattle.org/archbishop-brunett-retreat-center/

Come and enjoy an inspiring view of the water and walk through forested trails and the Stations of the Cross. Retreats are scheduled all throughout the year, usually involving a weekend away from home and familiar Centers routines, with talks, reflections, and time for prayer and spiritual reading. The goal of going on retreat is to rekindle and deepen your relationship with Christ.

CYO - Youth Summer Camps www.cyo.camp Counselors challenge campers to live, learn and grow in the Catholic faith. CYO Camps are the only summer camps in Washington that inspire campers to learn respect and dignity for themselves, others and the environment... all through Catholic teachings.

From the Parish Office

Week of March 26, 2023		
Ordinary Income	St Columban	St Peter
Weekly Goal	\$5,800.00	\$1,000.00
Collection (Cash & Envelopes)	\$8,975.00	\$634.00
Online Giving	\$1,692.10	\$15.00
Net	\$4,867.10	(\$351.00)
Special Funds		
St Vincent DePaul	\$152.22	\$5.00
Sacramentals (Candles, Beeswax tapers, Salt)	\$22.00	\$0.00
Flowers	\$65.00	\$23.00
Building Fund	\$167.95	\$10.00
Mass Intentions	\$100.00	\$0.00
2 nd Collection (Catholic Relief Services)	\$49.59	\$0.00



In Divine Mercy in My Soul: Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska, Jesus revealed to Saint Faustina a 9 day novena that He desired be prayed in preparation for Divine Mercy Sunday. The novena was to begin on Good Friday and end on the Feast of Mercy which was to take place on the Eighth Day of Easter.

During this novena that Jesus Himself revealed to Saint Faustina, He asked that each day be dedicated to prayers for a different grouping of people.

Visit www.thedivinemercy.org to pray the Chaplet and Novena with the Church this week and to learn more.



An update for parishes and parishoners on Partners in the Gospel

Parishes across the archdiocese continue to pray for the renewal of parish life through Partners in the Gospel. Meanwhile, parish staff recently received a guidebook called Tilling the Soil, which outlines ways to foster community, ground people in the true mission of the Church and prepare people to participate in Partners in the Gospel.



Watch Father Michael Dion, pastor of St. Michael Parish in Snohomish, share his perspective about Partners in the Gospel.

LATEST UPDATE

This month, we're diving deeper into the six pillar work groups.

The Partners in the Gospel team developed these distinct pillar groups to ensure no aspect of parish life was overlooked during this strategic pastoral planning process. Each group, comprised of both lay leaders and clergy, will research and develop tools and resources to help guide parish families in the process of re-envisioning and becoming one canonical parish.

Worship & Prayer: This team's focus is on encountering Christ in the Eucharist and the sacraments. It will provide recommendations around Sunday Mass, engagement, unity and the liturgy as the source of our grace to become missionary disciples.

Community & Hospitality: This team, recognizing that a Christian life is founded on a relationship with Jesus, will prepare tools and resources to foster hospitality, faith sharing, service, parish groups and healing.

Discipleship: Discipleship is a lifelong process that begins with a call. The team will explore discipleship through formation, integration and stewardship with a special focus on young disciples.

Mission & Evangelization: This team will examine what missionary discipleship looks like in practice. They will prepare tools to help parishes "go out" while focusing on relationship with Jesus, accompaniment, inclusion, mercy and kinship.

Leadership & Governance: This team is reviewing canonical requirements related to becoming one parish and developing guidance on consultative leadership structures and staffing.

Administration & Finance: This team will provide parishes a clear, concise outline with checklists and timelines related to administration, stewardship, finance, development, infrastructure, property and technology.

Scan code to watch Father Michael Dion's video.



"Partners in the Gospel is a call upon our faith, a call upon the grace of the risen Jesus Christ to make a difference, to make our parishes more vibrant, and to allow our people, and hopefully more people, to live our Catholic faith at deeper and deeper levels."

– Archbishop Etienne

Eagle Scout Project for St. Columban presented by Joaquin Makinster





Hello, my name is Joaquin Makinster and I have been a member of St. Columban since I was very young. I am also a member of the Boy Scouts Troop # 679. As I prepare to complete my Eagle Rank which is the highest rank a scout can achieve, the final step is to complete my Eagle Project which I have been given permission to do on our grounds here at St. Columban.

As many of you know, we have a beautiful prayer garden with our Outdoor Stations of the Cross. However, these are on wet and often unstable ground. I would like to create a walking path between the Stations of the Cross filled with compacted pea-gravel making it stable enough to safely walk on. My hope is to begin this project sometime in June or July.



In order to raise the funds needed to complete this project, my team and I are selling pre-made Enchilada Dinners which will be made available the week of April 17th. The cost and choices are listed below.

\$45.00 for a family of 4

\$25.00 for a family of 2

Options are:

Green chili chicken enchiladas Cheese red or green enchiladas Red beef enchiladas Served w/rice and beans.

Please contact Gaby Makinster at 253-330-9466 to place your order or visit my table in the narthex after Mass.

Thank you in advance for your support!



Like the first disciples, the Easter season invites us to gradually learn the plan that God has for each of us through the resurrection of Jesus. Let's commit to growing in that relationship this Easter season.



Read

Take time to read and reflect on the Scriptures for this day.

Don't have access to a Bible?

Visit <u>www.usccb.org/bible/readings</u> or download an app such as *Laudate* or *iBreviary* to access the Mass readings.

Happy Easter! After the time of preparation of Lent, we have reached the Season of Easter.

The Easter Sequence, sung before the Gospel reading on Easter Sunday, explains how "Christ our hope has arisen." This song explains what must have puzzled the Disciples on the first Easter Sunday: what happened?

After the journey of Lent, Easter shows us the journey of understanding that the Disciples began over the first Easter season. After his Resurrection, Jesus explains to the Disciples how God is working through his Son to save us and draw us closer to him. Encourage your family to think of the Easter season as a revelation of God's plan for us in Jesus.

Acts 10:34, 37-43

To him all the prophets bear witness.

Psalm 118

The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

Colossians 3:1-4

You have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

John 20:1-9

The tomb is empty.

At Home with Faith

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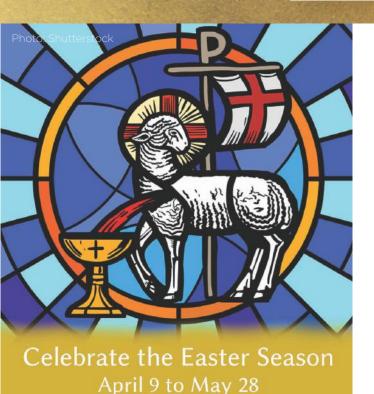
Here are some reflection questions to help you have **Great Conversations** with the whole family.

Sacred Scripture tells us that our lives are hidden with Christ in God. Jesus' resurrection on Easter reveals the God's plan for us which, in the light of Easter, we can see throughout creation. God permits death only so that he can bring forth new life.

In Jesus' resurrection we see God's plan for us revealed. The new birth that we see coming forth in spring after the dormancy of winter is typical for so much of what God does. He constantly brings forth new life when we are prepared to let him do so.

Encourage your family to take note of this pattern. Let Easter be a celebration of Jesus' resurrection, our hope for our rebirth in heaven, and an inspiration to see God's pattern of bringing forth new life in our lives on Earth.

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"Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said.

Come and see the place where he lay." - Mt 28:5b-6

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible.

not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. (Acts 10:40-41)

Psalm:

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. (Ps 118)

Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. (Col 3:1)

Gospel:

"For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead. (Jn 20: 9)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

We are witnesses of all that Christ has done in our lives, in our souls, in our hearts. We have seen the empty tomb. We have touched the abandoned burial cloths. "Go tell my brothers," Jesus commands us. "Do not be afraid."

Observances for the week of **April 9, 2023**

Sunday: Easter Sunday

Saturday: Tax Day

Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)



Saint of the week

Venerable Mother Maria Kaupas, a Lithuanian immigrant to the USA, founded the Sisters of St. Casmir and started schools and hospitals all over the USA and Lithuania. The Sisters continue to care for immigrants, children, and the sick to this dav!

Prayer

Prayer for the Beatification of Venerable Mother Maria

O loving Jesus, we beseech you, grant that your servant, Mother Maria, who was imbued with your Eucharistic Presence while on earth, may through the intercession of your Immaculate Mother and Saint Casimir, be glorified by visible signs and miracles; so that for your glory and salvation of souls, she may, by your power, be declared Blessed.

Amen.

(Prayer Source:

https://www.sistersofstcasimir.org/)

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of April 9, 2023

Sunday:

AActs 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10

Monday:

Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday:

Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/ Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday:

Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:13-35

Thursday:

Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-48

Friday:

Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-14

Saturday:

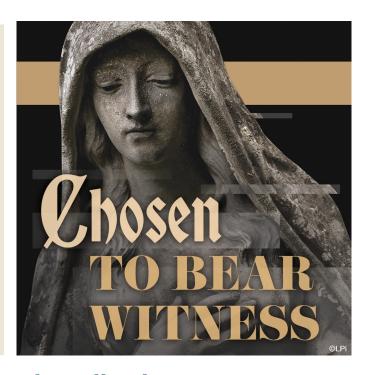
Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9-15

Next Sunday:

Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31



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Gospel Meditation Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

"When Jesus had risen, early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had driven seven demons." (Mark 16:9)

Popular Catholic piety sometimes posits that the newly risen Jesus appears first to the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a happy thought, but it's simply not what the scriptures report. We are told quite directly that he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, "out of whom he had driven seven demons."

Why would the gospel writer remind us of this unsavory detail of Mary's past? Historians tell us women were not qualified to give legal testimony. On top of that, to be possessed by not just one, but seven demons, is unsavory and terrifying. What damage had they done to her? What did she do to allow herself to be home to such evil? It doesn't seem to matter. Jesus chose Mary Magdalene to be the first one who saw him risen from the dead. He decided she was qualified.

Do you think that you are disqualified from seeing and announcing the risen Jesus because of your past demons? Maybe they are the demons of despair, confusion, self-hatred, pride, addiction, failure, boredom, laziness, or other sins. Well, don't. In the light of the Risen Jesus, all these past demons make our witness that much more believable — only if we allow ourselves to be touched by the liberating hand of Christ, just as Mary Magdalene did.

— Father John Muir

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Easter Sunday and Object Permanence

When you play peekaboo with a very young baby who has not yet developed object permanence, you actually feel kind of mean. As soon as your hands obscure your face, their little eyes widen with alarm and their expression crumbles into confusion and despair.

Because they can no longer see you, they believe you no longer exist. Their little brains are unable to understand that just because a thing cannot be seen, it is still there, still alive, still full of love and care and protection.

Aw, man, you can hear them thinking. I guess I don't have a mom anymore.

On Easter morning, Mary Magdalene sees the burial cloth but no body. Her human mind makes sense of the situation the best way it knows how, she assumes the Lord has been taken. I'm sure I would have thought the same thing, in her position.

She cannot conceive, on her own, the reality that Christ has risen from the dead. It doesn't matter that he has told his disciples again and again that this will happen. They weren't ready to understand then.

In many ways, Easter is when the human race really achieved object permanence. But we still struggle with it, don't we? I certainly do. So often I can be heard accusing God: "You weren't there. Where were you? I couldn't find you."

But I looked for him in the flesh. I looked for him in the stale yeast of the world — in money or success or affirmation or (worst of all) convenience and pleasure. Of course, I would not find him there, among the dead.

Think of what is above, not of what is on earth.

— Colossians 3:2

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Why are Catholics required to get married in a church, and not outside or at a different venue?

Answer:

Because the sacrament of marriage is a sacred covenant between the husband and wife, the celebration of the sacrament of matrimony is much more than simply a social or family event. So, the rule that the sacrament be celebrated in a church is a way to help reinforce the deeper meaning of Christian marriage. To help make this clearer, the Church's tradition also normally includes the celebration of the Mass when the marriage is being celebrated between two Catholics. and so a church or chapel is the ideal setting. For special reasons which vary from diocese to diocese — the local bishop can give permission for the marriage to be celebrated in another suitable place. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed.

- Jn 20:6-8

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

Peter speaks about himself and the other apostles as "witnesses" to Jesus' public ministry as well as his death and resurrection from the dead. What are some ways you could give witness to the risen Jesus this week?

Second Reading

Paul encourages the Christians in Corinth to see themselves as a community defined by sincerity and truth rather than malice and wickedness. Does this describe your circle of friends?

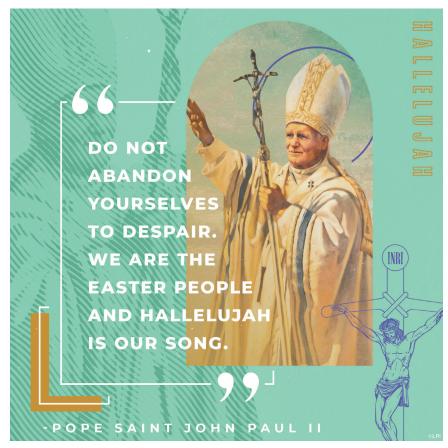
Gospel Reading

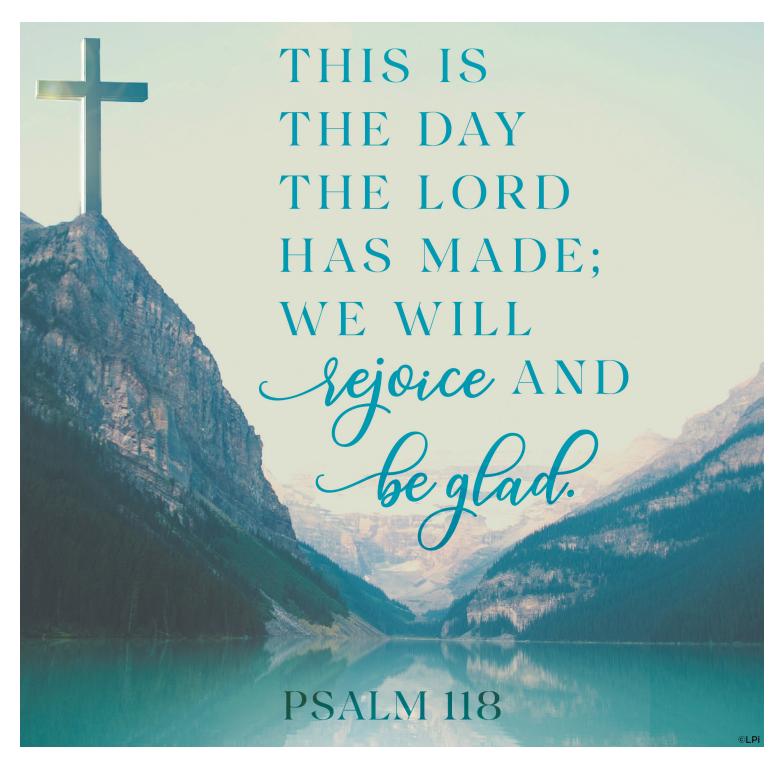
The two women (Mary Magdalene and the other Mary) experience a range of emotions (from fear to being overjoyed) as they encounter first the angel and then the resurrected Jesus. How do you imagine you would react to encountering Jesus risen from the dead?



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Prayer

God, I thank you for bringing Jesus back to life.

Mission for the Week

Bake Resurrection Cookies with your family tonight. You can find the recipe online at https://www.catholicicing.com/how-to-make-easterstory-cookies-with-a-printable-recipe/

Sharing the Gospel

It was very early in the morning on Sunday. The tomb stone was rolled away. Jesus was gone. All that was left inside were the strips of linen cloth. When John and Peter saw it, they were amazed. They did not understand all the promises the prophets wrote about Jesus yet. However, they knew he was alive. He had risen from the dead!

Now color the picture!



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