

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, *resuming in May*

Confessions Saturday 3:30-4:30 PM,
Fridays in Lent 6:00 PM *until all are heard*

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 (*resumes May 5*)

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

April 16, 2023

2nd Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy Sunday

Entrance Antiphon: Like newborn infants you must long for the pure spiritual milk, alleluia.

1st Reading: Acts 2:42-47

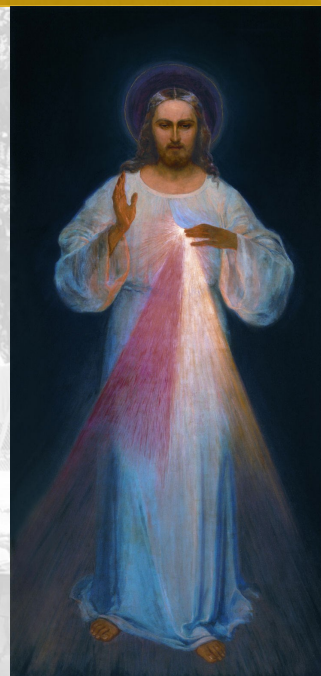
Responsorial Psalm: *Give thanks to the Lord for he is good., his love is everlasting.*

2nd Reading: 1 Peter: 1:3-9

Gospel Acclamation: *You believe in me Thomas, because you have seen me says the Lord. Blessed are they who have not seen me, but still believe!*

Gospel: John 20:19-31

Communion Antiphon: *Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.*



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Weekly Calendar & Mass Intentions

All events are at St. Columban unless otherwise noted.

MONDAY April 17

Rosary Prayer Group 7:00PM Church

TUESDAY April 18

Mass 9:00 AM *Int: Alicia Wells* Church

Choir Practice 6:00PM Church

Spanish Prayer Group 6:30PM Parish Hall

WEDNESDAY April 19

Mass 9:00 AM Church

Bible Study 11:00AM St. Peter

THURSDAY April 20

Mass 9:00AM Church

Sunday Scripture Study 6:30PM

FRIDAY April 21

St. Anselm, Bishop and Doctor

Mass 9:00AM Church

Homeschool Enrichment 10:00AM RE Building

SATURDAY April 22

Confession 3:30PM Church

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

SUNDAY April 23

3rd Sunday of Easter

Confession 7:30-7:45AM 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) 9:00-10:15AM RE Building

Youth Scripture Study (Grades 6-12) 9:15-10:00AM Sm. Hall

Confirmation Preparation 11:45-1PM RE Building

Confirmation Mass Rehearsal 11:45AM Church

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From the Parish Office

Week of April 2, 2023

Ordinary Income	St Columban	St Peter
Weekly Goal	\$5,800.00	\$1,000.00
Collection (Cash & Envelopes)	\$3,659.00	\$1,579.00
Online Giving	\$974.25	\$35.00
Net	(\$1,166.75)	\$614.00
Special Funds		
St Vincent DePaul	\$154.41	\$0.00
Sacramentals (Candles, Beeswax tapers, Salt)	\$14.05	\$0.00
Flowers	\$25.00	\$0.00
Building Fund	\$94.63	\$10.00
Mass Intentions	\$0.00	\$0.00
2 nd Collection (Catholic Relief Services)	\$25.00	\$115.00



Celebrate the Easter Season
 April 9 to May 28

A Word from Father Thompson



One of the small but fascinating details about the accounts of Jesus's Resurrection is the state of the burial cloths found in the empty tomb. They are rolled and folded, but not just that, the cloth that covered his face was folded up and placed elsewhere. This may seem like an inconsequential detail, but there is not one syllable in sacred scripture, much less the Gospels, which is superfluous. Other than these small details in the Gospels demonstrating they were drawn from accounts of real people with memories of what they saw and experienced, rather than some mythological account or invented story, I think the orderliness of the empty tomb suggests something profound. God did it for a reason.

The neatly rolled up burial cloths, and the head-wrap folded up and set in a separate place remind me a bit of the account of Creation in Genesis. The ancient pagans believed the world was created in the midst of struggle and conflict between cosmic forces. The nearby Mesopotamians believed the world was made from the broken corpse of a great dragon, slain by the all-seeing god-king Marduk; In contrast, the Jews believed that God spoke the world into being from nothing. Creation comes to be completely in accord with the will of God, without struggle and without resistance and with no more effort than God willing it to be so. Genesis presents God as being in complete control of the situation.

So too the shroud and head-wrap in the empty tomb. Thieves trying to perpetuate a hoax by stealing Christ's body would have just torn off the burial bands and ran off with the body before anyone (the Roman guards in particular) noticed or intervened.

However most profoundly: Had God accomplished the Resurrection in some violent and chaotic event, there would have been more of a mess, true, but such a raw display of divine power might have given the impression that death still had some power that had to be overthrown. No. Instead, Jesus Christ, victor over death, took up his life again without struggle or resistance and raised himself in glory as easily as one wakes from sleep. He even took the time to fold up the covers, if only to demonstrate how in control of the situation he was.

Sometimes, it is some of the simplest and easily-overlooked details that can express the most profound things.

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, Joseph Whitney, Tracy Slater

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.

The Pope's Prayer Intention for April 2023 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

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



SPRING BAZAAR & OUTDOOR SALE

—ONE DAY ONLY!—

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

SPONSORED BY THE DAUGHTERS OF MARY
& KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 17152

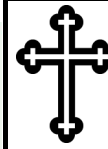
We are accepting
donations of:

- Plants & Plant Starts, Camping Gear (clean & good condition)
- Books (gently used)
- Sports Gear (clean & good condition)
- Yard Games (clean & no missing parts)
- Outdoor Furniture
- Tools (clean & good condition)
- Small Household Appliances (clean & working)
- Household Decor



Contact the Parish Office to schedule a drop-off.

PLEASE NO CLOTHES, LARGE FURNITURE, MATTRESSES, OR HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INCLUDING BATTERIES OR PAINT. NO DUMPING!
WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND GENEROSITY!



Altar Society
Meets every Thursday
after Daily Mass to clean
the church.



Daughters of Mary
St. Columban Catholic Church Yelm, WA

Monthly Meeting

May 9th, 10:00 AM

RE Bldg.

[daughtersofmary@
saintcolumbanyelm.org](mailto:daughtersofmary@saintcolumbanyelm.org)



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Council 17152

CHARITY + UNITY
FRATERNITY + PATRIOTISM

Next Meeting: April 19th
5:30 PM Church 6 PM Hall

Join us for our next
breakfast! April 30, after the
10:30 Mass

Prayer Groups

Rosary Prayer Group

Mondays - Church

7:00 PM

Spanish Prayer Group

Tuesdays - Hall

6:30PMf



**Society of
St. Vincent de Paul**

Monthly Meeting

April 20th, 7:00 PM

Parish Hall



St. Peter's Circle
*St. Peter Mission
Tenino*

Next Meeting

May 9th 9:30 AM

Outside Events



**2023 Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Conference St. Michael Parish,
Olympia Saturday, April 29, 2023**

Guest speakers include Bishop Frank Schuster, Dr. Tom Curran,
Deacon James Thurman, and John Leonneti. Lunch will be
provided. Register online: seattlemensconference.org

Liturgical & Devotional Notes

Alleluia! During the Easter season the *Regina caeli* is sung as the seasonal Marian antiphon. Translated as *Queen of Heaven*, it proclaims the joy of the resurrection and how the Blessed Virgin Mary felt upon learning that her son had been risen from the dead. It is typically sung to conclude Night Prayer as part of the Liturgy of the Hours and is prayed in place of *The Angelus* at 6am, 12 noon and 6pm until Pentecost. Try praying this it with your family this Easter season!



Regina Caeli

V. Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.
R. For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.
V. Has risen, as he said, alleluia.
R. Pray for us to God, alleluia.
V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.
R. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.
Let us pray. O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Jesus, I trust in You!

Today is the Second Sunday of Easter, or the Sunday of Divine Mercy, as proclaimed by Pope St. John Paul II. Please take home a Divine Mercy Prayer card and image in the Narthex.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK + We invite you to reflect and respond to the readings of the Sunday Mass this week

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47

We hear how the original believers in the risen Jesus lived in peace and harmony in Jerusalem. What could you do to promote good-will and happiness in your community of friends or co-workers?

Second Reading: 1 Peter: 1:3-9

Peter speaks of a "new birth" of "indescribable and glorious joy" that awaits all believers "in the final time" (Jesus' Second Coming). How often do you think about your own resurrection from the dead?

Gospel: St. John 20:19-31

The risen Jesus says to Thomas, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." Do you consider yourself blessed in this regard?

Find additional resources for Bible study at sundayscripturestudy.com and through our FORMED.org subscription.

Out of town and missed Fr. Thompson's homily do or wish to listen to it again? Tune in to the Mass recordings on our YouTube channel

[@stcolumbanyelm](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCstcolumbanyelm)

Catholic Media Recommendations for Everyone



Looking for a gift for your son or daughter for First Communion or Confirmation? Or for your God-child? YouTuber Gabriel Castillo has an excellent video with wholesome Catholic gift ideas. Find a link on our YouTube channel [@stcolumbanyelm](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCstcolumbanyelm).



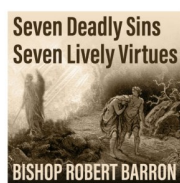
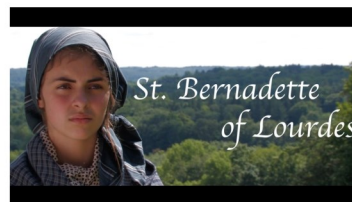
Did you know *Sacred Heart Radio* has a local podcast highlighting local faith initiatives of Catholics from around Western Washington? Tune in on *Faith Retriever*, hosted by Deacon Eric Page.

THIS WEEK ON FORMED

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/this-week-on-formed



God's School of Trust Divine Mercy Episode 1

The sin of our first parents, Adam and Eve, has distorted the way we see God. But God hasn't given up on us. In fact, he has tirelessly worked to heal our distorted image of him through his "School of Trust," beginning with his Chosen People in the Old Testament.

St. Bernadette of Lourdes

"St. Bernadette of Lourdes" is a beautiful and faithful retelling of the familiar story of one of the world's most beloved saints. Humorous, moving, and reverent, this unique, award-winning, independent film has been seen by millions worldwide and has sold tens of thousands of copies since its release in 2009.

Seven Deadly Sins, Seven Lively Virtues by Bishop Robert Barron

Join noted professor of theology and author Bishop Robert Barron in this revealing presentation as he sheds light on the seven deadly sins—those great spiritual blocks that inhibit our relationship with God and others—and the antidote to them, the seven lively virtues!

Elementary Faith Formation



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WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

+Confession & First Communion

Question:

Do children need to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before their First Communion?

Answer:

For centuries the Catholic Church has taught that a person needs to be in a state of grace (free from mortal sins) in order to worthily receive the Eucharist. To that end, Catholics should make an effort to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation any time they recognize the need for the sacrament (and in keeping with the precept of the Church that asks that we celebrate this sacrament at least once each year).

Registration forms for next year classes will be available during class these last couple of weeks. For tuition payments, I will be accepting cash, credit card or checks. Payments can also be made online on the St. Columban website.

Remember that tuition is used to cover the curriculum and other class room expenses.

Faith Formation: Grades K-12

All K-5 classes meet before Mass from 9AM-10:15AM on Sundays. Confirmation students 6-12 meet 11:45-1PM.

April	16	Class
April	23	Class
April	30	Class
May	7	Last Class/ Crowning of Mary

In the case of children preparing for their First Communion, the Code of Canon Law is very clear that they should also celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation before receiving the Eucharist for the first time: "It is the responsibility, in the first place, of parents and those who take the place of parents as well as of the pastor to see that children who have reached the use of reason are correctly prepared and are nourished by the divine food as early as possible, preceded by sacramental confession" (Canon 914).

While some might question the significance of the Sacrament of Reconciliation — especially in the case of children who might not fully understand the reality of sin or the meaning of the sacrament itself — a child's "First Confession" can be a wonderful time for families to reflect together on the quality of their relationships, how they put their faith into practice, and, when it is possible, to celebrate the sacrament as a family. In the end, the celebration of these two sacraments marks important moments in the spiritual journeys of children and we hope their "First Confession" and "First Communion" help instill in them a love of the sacraments of the Church.

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Adult Faith Formation



Our RCIA classes have come to an end. Registration is now open for the upcoming year 2023-2024 are happening now through September when classes begin. Please contact Gaby Makinster for more information on how to register.

The Third precept: *You shall receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season.*

CCC The third precept "guarantees as a minimum the reception of the Lord's Body and Blood in connection with the Paschal feasts, the origin and center of the Christian liturgy."

Canon Can. 913 §1. The administration of the Most Holy Eucharist to children requires that they have sufficient knowledge and careful preparation so that they understand the mystery of Christ according to their capacity and are able to receive the body of Christ with faith and devotion.

§2. The Most Holy Eucharist, however, can be administered to children in danger of death if they can distinguish the body of Christ from ordinary food and receive communion reverently.

Can. 918 It is highly recommended that the faithful receive holy communion during the eucharistic celebration itself. It is to be administered outside the Mass, however, to those who request it for a just cause, with the liturgical rites being observed.

Can. 919 §1. A person who is to receive the Most Holy Eucharist is to abstain for at least one hour before holy communion from any food and drink, except for only water and medicine.

§3. The elderly, the infirm, and those who care for them can receive the Most Holy Eucharist even if they have eaten something within the preceding hour.



Youth Ministry & Confirmation



CONFIRMATION MASS IS COMING UP FOR OUR SECOND YEAR CANDIDATES!

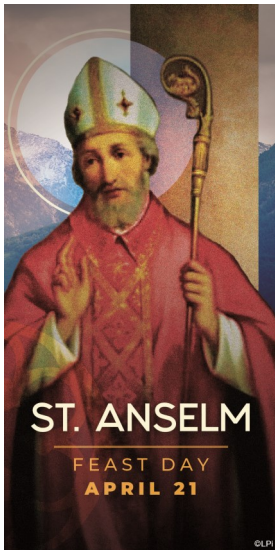
- Rehearsal in Next Sunday April 2w3 following the 10:30 Mass, Candidates and Sponsor or Adult stand-in for the sponsor are required to attend
- Confirmation Mass is Scheduled for Saturday April 28 at 6:30 PM. We will notify you via email of show-up time and additional notes.
- Dress code: It goes without saying to dress your Sunday best. Please relay this message to your guests, family members, and sponsors.
- Classes continue April 30 and May 7 for All Confirmation Students

Chad Lucero chad@saintcolumbanyelm.org

POPE QUIZ! Where does Pope Francis call his official residence and, as Bishop of Rome, where is his Cathedral? Email me your correct answer to be entered into a drawing for next Youth Ministry Saturday.



Saint of the Week



St. Anselm of Canterbury

Lived: 1033 -1109, Canterbury, England
Occupation: Abbot
Remembered as: Bishop, Doctor of the Church
Patronage: Benedictines, Scholars, Exiled people,
Known for: Scholar, monk, abbot, Originator of the ontological argument for the existence of God

A Prayer of St. Anselm

O Lord my God.
Teach my heart this day
where and how to find you.
You have made me and re-made me,
and you have bestowed on me
all the good things I possess,
and still I do not know you.
I have not yet done

that for which I was made.

Teach me to seek you,
for I cannot seek you
unless you teach me,
or find you
unless you show yourself to me.

Let me seek you in my desire;
let me desire you in my seeking.
Let me find you by loving you;
let me love you when I find you.

From the *Proslogion* by St Anselm *Let me know you and love you, so that I may find my joy in you*

My soul, have you found what you are looking for? You were looking for God, and you have discovered that he is the supreme being, and that you could not possibly imagine anything more perfect. You have discovered that this supreme being is life itself, light, wisdom, goodness, eternal blessedness and blessed eternity. He is everywhere, and he is timeless.

Lord my God, you gave me life and restored it when I lost it. Tell my soul that so long as for you what else you are besides what it has already understood, so that it may see you clearly. It stands on tiptoe to see more, but apart from what it has seen already, it sees nothing but darkness. Of course it does not really see darkness, because there is no darkness in you, but it sees that it can see no further because of the darkness in itself.

Surely, Lord, inaccessible light is your dwelling place, for no one apart from yourself can enter into it and fully comprehend you. If I fail to see this light it is simply because it is too bright for me. Still, it is by this light that I do see all that I can, even as weak eyes, unable to look straight at the sun, see all that they can by the sun's light.

The light in which you dwell, Lord, is beyond my understanding. It is so brilliant that I cannot bear it, I cannot turn my mind's eye toward it for any length of time. I am dazzled by its brightness, amazed by its grandeur, overwhelmed by its immensity, bewildered by its abundance.

O supreme and inaccessible light, O complete and blessed truth, how far you are from me, even though I am so near to you! How remote you are from my sight, even though I am present to yours! You are everywhere in your entirety, and yet I do not see you; in you I move and have my being, and yet I cannot approach you; you are within me and around me, and yet I do not perceive you.

O God, let me know you and love you so that I may find my joy in you; and if I cannot do so fully in this life, let me at least make some progress every day, until at last that knowledge, love and joy come to me in all their plenitude. While I am here on earth let me learn to know you better, so that in heaven I may know you fully; let my love for you grow deeper here, so that there I may love you fully. On earth then I shall have great joy in hope, and in heaven complete joy in the fulfilment of my hope.

O Lord, through your Son you command us, no, you counsel us to ask, and you promise that you will hear us so that our joy may be complete. Lord, I am making the request that you urge us to make through your Wonder-Counsellor. Give me then what you promise to give through your Truth. You, O God, are faithful; grant that I may receive my request, so that my joy may be complete.

Meanwhile, let this hope of mine be in my thoughts and on my tongue; let my heart be filled with it, my voice speak of it; let my soul hunger for it, my body thirst for it, my whole being yearn for it, until I enter into the joy of the Lord, who is Three in One, blessed for ever. Amen.

From the Archdiocese



Today we face many realities that impact parish life and make it difficult to fully live out our mission. Learn more about *Partners in the Gospel*, our current archdiocesan-wide renewal effort. Visit archseattle.org/partners/ to learn more.

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**The Daughters of Mary & Knights of Columbus Council 17152
Presents the 2023...**



**Saturday May 6th from 9AM – 2PM
in the Parish Hall**

Now Accepting Donations!

Bazaar Items

Plants & Plant Starts

Please be sure the plants are adequately watered and labeled.

Drop off is **Friday May 5th** from 9-12PM in the parish hall.

Baked Items

Please no perishable items and please label items especially if they are gluten free or contain nuts.

Drop off is **Friday May 5th** from 9-12PM in the parish hall.

Books

Gently used and in good condition.

Please use the bin available in the narthex.

Outdoor Sale Items

All items must be in good working condition and clean if possible.

Contact the parish office to set up a drop off time or contact John Scotto (206) 805-9279 to schedule a pick up.

Camping Gear

Sports Gear

Lawn Care Tools

Yard Games (no missing parts)

Outdoor Furniture

Small Power Tools

Tools

Gardening Tools

Small Household Appliances

Household Décor

PLEASE NO CLOTHES, LARGE FURNITURE,
MATTRESSES, OR HAZARDOUS MATERIALS
INCLUDING BATTERIES OR PAINT. NO DUMPING!

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!

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At Home with Faith

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.

Photo: Adobe Stock

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.

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.

At Home with Faith

Talk

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.

Celebrate the Joy of Easter!

<https://archseattle.org/easter/>

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Celebrate the Easter Season
April 9 to May 28

Watch Archbishop Etienne's Easter video:



Easter 2023 with Archbishop Etienne

<https://vimeo.com/809125015/e2d7079c50>

For more resources, visit us online at:

<https://www.athomewithfaith.org>



SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 2023

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER



Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." - Jn 20:29

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Every day they devoted themselves
to meeting together in the temple area
and to breaking bread in their homes. (Acts 2:46)

Psalm:

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, his love is
everlasting. (Ps 118)
Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus
Christ,
who in his great mercy gave us a new birth to a
living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the
dead. (1 Pt 1:3)

Gospel:

On the evening of that first day of the week,
when the doors were locked, where the disciples
were,
for fear of the Jews,
Jesus came and stood in their midst
and said to them, "Peace be with you." (Jn 20:19)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Doubting Thomas is a mood, and we've all had
it. We hang our every hope on this sign, that
proof. We challenge God: "Make me believe."
To each of us he extends his wounded hand,
to each of us he shows his pierced side. He will
always meet us in our unbelief.

Observances for the week of April 16, 2023

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

Friday: St. Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the
Church

Saturday: Earth Day

Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Easter



Saint of the week

Venerable Cornelia Peacock Connelly
overcame incredible adversity caused by
her husband and other men in her life to go
on to form a wildly successful congregation
— the Society of the Holy Child Jesus —
which still operates in spiritual works of
mercy in 14 countries to this day.

Prayer

The Prayer of Cornelia

Let us love one another
and pray,

Let us love one another
and be faithful,

Let us love one another
and be humble,

Let us love one another
and be filled

with the charity of God.

Let us love one another
with God,

in God, and

for God,

And we shall thus be

one with God

for all eternity.

(Written by Cornelia Peacock Connelly, Foundress,
Society of the Holy Child Jesus)

Readings for the week of April 16, 2023

Sunday:

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

Monday:

Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9/Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday:

Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday:

Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21

Thursday:

Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/
Jn 3:31-36

Friday:

Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4,13-14/Jn 6:1-15

Saturday:

Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21

Next Sunday:

Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11
(11a)/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35



Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A young, engaged couple sat on the couch in front of me as we chatted about their upcoming marriage. The young lady was struggling to trust her future husband. She told me her father had been unfaithful to her mother. She said of her fiancé, “I want him to prove to me that he won’t cheat on me.” The young man looked at me helplessly, raised his eyebrows and shrugged his shoulders. What evidence could he possibly give to validate such a proof? Nothing. All he could do was invite her to trust him.

We all are wounded by experiences of imperfect love. We also are tempted to demand from God proof of His fidelity and goodness. We are like St. Thomas the Apostle who, on that second Sunday of Easter, demands proof of the Lord’s resurrection. **“Unless I see the mark of the nail ... I will not believe.”** Our science, technology and mathematics can indeed prove a great deal. But there are some things that require trusting another person. We prove promises of love only by trusting.

St. Thomas indeed saw the wounds of Jesus and believed. But there is an even greater blessing for us who simply trust Him — and all the truths the Church proclaims — because of the trustworthiness of the Risen One who speaks. This week let’s trust Jesus without seeing him.

— *Father John Muir*



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(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

The Doors We Lock

As a child, and even for a while as a teenager, I experienced an enormous amount of anxiety whenever I went to confession. For so many years I feared it. For so many years I waited in the confession line trembling, feeling sick to my stomach.

In the upper room after Christ's Passion and death, the anxiety of the disciples was so strong that they locked themselves away. But still Christ found a way into their midst. He would not be prevented from bringing mercy and hope to a place shrouded in despair. No door barred in a moment of fear could keep him out.

This is the genius of the sacrament of Reconciliation — and of all sacraments, really. Here we are, restricted in so many ways by an existence that is woefully physical. We feel fear, and our body reacts, just as we feel anger and our body reacts.

How can God deliver mercy to us in this flesh-bound state? Through that very flesh which can feel so confining. Through confession, which requires a physical action, and the physical participation not just of the penitent but of the priest.

I don't know how or why my anxiety around the sacrament has lessened over the years. Sometimes, I still feel it come roaring back unexpectedly, and maybe one day it will come back to stay. It doesn't surprise me: after all, I am in the flesh, and I will, as Peter says today, "suffer through various trials." But in all of them Christ will find me. He will not be kept away.

Let the house of Aaron say, "His mercy endures forever." — Psalm 118:3

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Do children need to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before their First Communion?

Answer:

For centuries the Catholic Church has taught that a person needs to be in a state of grace (free from mortal sins) in order to worthily receive the Eucharist. To that end, Catholics should make an effort to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation any time they recognize the need for the sacrament (and in keeping with the precept of the Church that asks that we celebrate this sacrament at least once each year).

In the case of children preparing for their First Communion, the Code of Canon Law is very clear that they should also celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation before receiving the Eucharist for the first time: "It is the responsibility, in the first place, of parents and those who take the place of parents as well as of the pastor to see that children who have reached the use of reason are correctly prepared and are nourished by the divine food as early as possible, preceded by sacramental confession" (Canon 914).

While some might question the significance of the Sacrament of Reconciliation — especially in the case of children who might not fully understand the reality of sin or the meaning of the sacrament itself — a child's "First Confession" can be a wonderful time for families to reflect together on the quality of their relationships, how they put their faith into practice, and, when it is possible, to celebrate the sacrament as a family. In the end, the celebration of these two sacraments marks important moments in the spiritual journeys of children and we hope their "First Confession" and "First Communion" help instill in them a love of the sacraments of the Church.

Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." - Jn 20:26-27

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

We hear how the original believers in the risen Jesus lived in peace and harmony in Jerusalem. What could you do to promote good-will and happiness in your community of friends or co-workers?

Second Reading

Peter speaks of a "new birth" of "indescribable and glorious joy" that awaits all believers "in the final time" (Jesus' Second Coming). How often do you think about your own resurrection from the dead?

Gospel Reading

The risen Jesus says to Thomas, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." Do you consider yourself blessed in this regard?



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TO GOD,
FOR HE IS GOOD,
HIS LOVE IS
EVERLASTING.

PSALM 118



“Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe.” Thomas answered and said to him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.” - Jn 20:27b-29

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Prayer

Jesus, I can hardly wait to see you in heaven.

Mission for the Week

Tell a friend why Jesus is special to you.

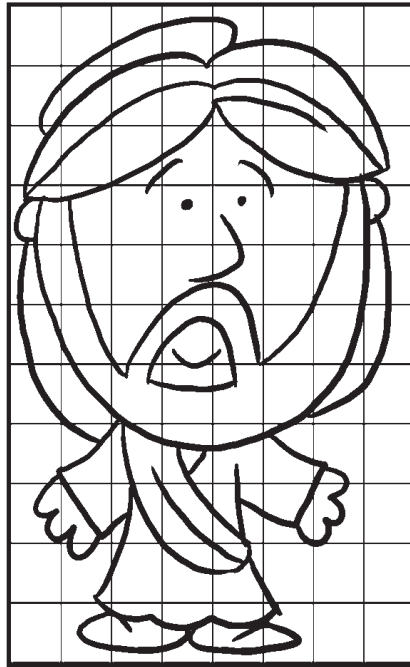
Sharing the Gospel

The disciples must have been very surprised when they saw Jesus alive again. They got to see him, listen to him, and touch him. We don't get to see him like the disciples did after Easter. But Jesus calls us blessed when we believe in him. One day we'll see him again in heaven.

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