

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

May 7, 2023

5th Sunday of Easter

Entrance Antiphon: O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders, alleluia.

1st Reading: Acts 6:1-7

Responsorial Psalm: *Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.*

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9

Gospel Acclamation: *I am the way the truth and the life says the Lord. No one comes to the Father except through me.*

Gospel: John 14:1-12

Communion Antiphon: *I am the true vine and you are the branches says the Lord. Whoever remains in me and I in him bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.*



Welcome to St. Columban

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St. Columban Parish Finance Council

Joseph Judge (St Columban), Mari Evans (St Peter)

"God wills that all his gifts should come to us through Mary" -St. Bernard (+1153)

Weekly Calendar & Mass Intentions

All events are at St. Columban unless otherwise noted.

MONDAY May 8

Rosary Prayer Group 7:00PM Church

TUESDAY May 9

Mass 9:00 AM Church

Choir Practice 6:00PM Church

Spanish Prayer Group 6:30PM Parish Hall

WEDNESDAY May 10

St. John of Avila (Doctor of the Church)

Mass 9:00 AM Church

Bible Study 11:00AM St. Peter

THURSDAY May 11

Mass 9:00AM Church

Sunday Scripture Study 6:30PM

FRIDAY May 12

Ss. Nereus, Achilleus, & St. Pancras (Martyrs)

Mass 9:00AM Church

SATURDAY May 13

Confession 3:30PM Church

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

SUNDAY May 14

6th 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

Mother's Day Brunch Parish Hall

Hosted by the Knights of Columbus

Religious Education and Confirmation Classes have been completed for the academic year, see you all in the fall and have a great summer!

From the Parish Office

Week of April 23, 2023

Ordinary Income	St Columban	St Peter
Weekly Goal	\$5,800.00	\$1,000.00
Collection (Cash & Envelopes)	\$3,607.00	\$448.00
Online Giving	\$1,115.68	\$130.15
Net	(\$1,077.32)	(\$421.85)
Special Funds		
St Vincent DePaul	\$9.41	\$0.00
Sacramentals (Candles, Beeswax tapers, Salt)	\$10.00	\$11.00
Flowers	\$10.00	\$0.00
Building Fund	\$262.61	\$0.00
Mass Intentions	\$0.00	\$0.00
Rice Bowl	\$13.83	\$0.00

Annual Catholic Appeal

Your gift to the ACA impacts many. Thank you to all those who have returned your Annual Catholic Appeal pledge. Your gift supports our youth and young adult ministries for the future of our church, teach the faith and share the beauty of the gospel, and support our priests and lay leaders with training, including all the administrative services needed to support our parish. If you have not yet made a pledge, please consider the letter sent earlier this week from our pastor in support of the Annual Catholic Appeal. If your gift crosses his letter in the mail, thank you for your prompt response! For your convenience, you can use a Pew envelope, scan the QR code on the envelope or online form to make a safe and secure gift to the appeal. Consider pledging over multiple months to be able to give your best gift and support our parish goal.



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A Word from Father Thompson



Our perverse culture does not understand this nor provide young people the mental space to really appreciate how deep and virtuous Philia can become. In particular, our culture cannot fathom how such a close relationship can be a chaste one. Rather, the culture infects everything with a twisted mockery of Eros (degrading it to mere lust), asserting that any sufficiently deep love must have a romantic or sexual element, even if unbeknownst to those in the relationship; it reduces Philia to a mere preamble to romance, or at least puts a ceiling on how deep chaste Philia can be. This is profoundly unhealthy.

Now, the twistedness of Love=Eros=sexuality, seeing them as commodities traded one for another is equally as horrible, which I think does immense and particular harm to girls (boys too, obviously, but girls more), but I think this death of Philia in our society is particularly hard on boys (but girls too, obviously). Boys are by nature more often inclined towards things and ideas than people and feelings, so it is often harder for them to develop Philia in the first place, but they do have feelings and are still made for human connection.

A world that says that love past a certain level of emotional and spiritual intimacy must or should involve physical intimacy or sexual feelings is a real threat to healthy friendship, especially for boys. As youths mature, their capacity for a richer inner life and thus deeper friendships develops in parallel with the capacity for (healthy) Eros and Agape, and all this spiritual and psychological growth occurs alongside (or slightly behind) having to navigate the new dimension of carnal potency and appetite. A culture that ignores the full depth of the spiritual desire to love and be loved, or twists and conflates it overmuch with carnal expressions leaves young people in aporia—a situation where there seems no way out, Boys especially: slower as they tend to be to trust others with their inner life and feelings, but wanting to love and be loved as much as anyone.

The worst scenario, of course, is that this relational aporia leaves them vulnerable to predation: Avuncular “mentoring” of conflicted or love-starved youths by older peers or even abusive adults is a not-infrequent pattern of initiating them into aberrant behaviors and philosophies (sexual or otherwise). However, even in less horrific and more common experiences, boys can grapple with a desire to love and be loved by their friends more but, due to the death of Philia, lack the concepts needed to know what to do about it, as the only next step the world has taught or shown them is romance. So, youths might question if their deepening affection for friends is a sign of (disordered) sexual desire; this is probably not so, but it does play into the social agenda. Even if they reject that sexual confusion, conflating Eros and Philia can still lead to an unhealthy bottling up of their inner lives and desires for deeper love, settling for pleasure and distraction elsewhere, and the cycle of risking and trusting others that builds up Philia hits a ceiling. Thus, many boys and young men may have lots of buddies, but don’t know how to make—or that they can even have—incredibly deep same-sex friendships that have nothing to do with romance. Again, girls experience these things too, but in their own way and with nuances and pitfalls that I frankly know less about.

Parents should be aware of all this, and form their children in spite of this and other lies of our culture.

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, Dan &
Jeanine Kavanaugh, Vivienne
Hayden, Ralph Monroe, Kolleen
Kelly, Eitan Hadayo

The Deceased

Extraordinary Intentions

- + All those in harm’s way, especially those experiencing natural disasters and terrorism.
- + All the souls in purgatory, especially those who have no one to pray for them.

To add a name to this list or request a Mass Intention please contact the parish office. All submissions must have permission from the named individual or an authorized family member for privacy purposes. St. Columban Prayer

Chain: Confidential and private prayer chain. To join, contact the parish office.

Elementary Faith Formation

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



Have you ever wondered why we crown Mary? And why do we crown her in May? You are not alone, many of us have often wondered the same thing. If you are like me, you have many memories of May Crowning and have probably participated in some over the years. But why?

The Catechism of the Catholic Church testifies to the foundation of the tradition, which lies securely in the reverence due to the Mother of God. As the whole trajectory of the Church is Marian in nature. "Mary goes before us all in the holiness that is the Church's mystery as 'the bride without spot or wrinkle,'" it says, "this is why the 'Marian' dimension of the Church precedes the 'Petrine'" (CCC 773).

In 1987, the Marian year as declared by Pope St. John Paul II, the Congregation for the Sacraments and Divine Worship prepared the Order of Crowning and Image of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Pope St. John Paul II approved it and ordered its issuance. This captured the significance of this pious practice:

"The queen symbol was attributed to Mary because she was a perfect follower of Christ, who is the absolute 'crown' of creation. She is the Mother of the Son of God, who is the messianic King. Mary is the Mother of Christ, the Word Incarnate... 'He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High; The Lord will give Him the throne of His father David; and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of His kingdom there will be no end.' Elizabeth greeted the Blessed Virgin, pregnant with Jesus, as 'the mother of my Lord.' Mary is the perfect follower of Christ. The maid of Nazareth consented to God's plan; she journeyed on the pilgrimage of faith; she listened to God's Word and kept it in her heart; she remained steadfastly in close union with her Son, all the way to the foot of the Cross; she persevered in prayer with the Church. Thus, in an eminent way, she won the 'crown of righteousness,' 'the crown of life,' 'the crown of glory' that is promised to those who follow Christ. And upon completion of her earthly sojourn, she was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory and was exalted by the Lord as Queen of all, in order that she might be more completely conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords and the victor over death."



Many have said that we crown Mary in May because it is between Easter and Pentecost, which is a very sacred time in our liturgical year. There are several feast days that are celebrated in May. Others have said we crown in May because there are numerous apparitions that occurred in May. There are others that say it is springtime, a time of new life and new beginnings. So why is it in May? They are all right.

So today, on the last day of catechism classes, here at Saint Columban we will crown our blessed Mother Mary and shower her with beautiful flowers.

Have a safe and Blessed rest of the year!

Remember in everything we do, Christ first!

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.

Youth Ministry & Confirmation

Today was our last day of classes. Thank you to our awesome catechists Bill Gonzales, Catherine Ricalde, Debera Ricalde, and Carol Roden and to our volunteers Isagani Ricalde and others for your help this school year as we relaunched the Youth Ministry here at St. Columban. Our Last Youth Ministry Saturday will be May 20, all youth Grades 6-12 are invited.



Congratulations

to our Newly Confirmed:

Emelina B, Leah B, Lucy H, Jacqueline M, Jennifer M, Kiera M, Rafael O, Zander P.

Special thanks to Bishop Schuster, Parents, Sponsors, our Catechists, and the volunteer liturgical ministers who made the Confirmation liturgy happen. Photos courtesy Lilia A'Hearn

Saints of the Week

May 8—Blessed Miriam Teresa Demjanovich (+1927)

May 10 – St. John of Ávila, Priest and Doctor of the Church (+1569)

St. Damien de Vuester of Molokai' (+1889)

May 12– Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs;

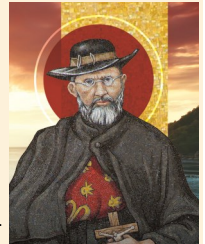
St. Pancras, Martyr (+303)

May 13 — Our Lady of Fatima



Blessed Miriam Teresa Demjanovich made it her short life's mission in early 1900s New Jersey, to educate everyone about humanity's universal call to holiness. Her writings can be found in a book called *The Greater Perfection*. She lived a life of contemplation and charity.

Father Damien was a priest from Belgium and member of the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary. He ministered to the Lepers in Hawaii from 1873 until his death. He taught the faith while also caring for the patients. He leaders within the Leper colony in Molokai' to build houses, schools, roads, hospitals, and churches. He dressed residents' ulcers, built a reservoir, made coffins, dug graves, shared pipes, and ate poi with them, providing both medical and emotional support.



Summer Youth Conferences

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

IGNITE YOUR TORCH
NORTHWEST
A CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE LIKE NO OTHER

JULY 6-9, 2023
UNIVERSITY OF PORTLAND
REGISTER ONLINE AT: WWW.IGNITENW.ORG
Deadline is Wednesday, May 31

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

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.

QUO VADIS DAYS

This amazing 4-day camp for high school men grades 9-12 with priests and seminarians from the Archdiocese of Seattle will provide participants the opportunity to:

- Learn more about the priesthood
- Deepen their faith
- Better discern God's call in their lives

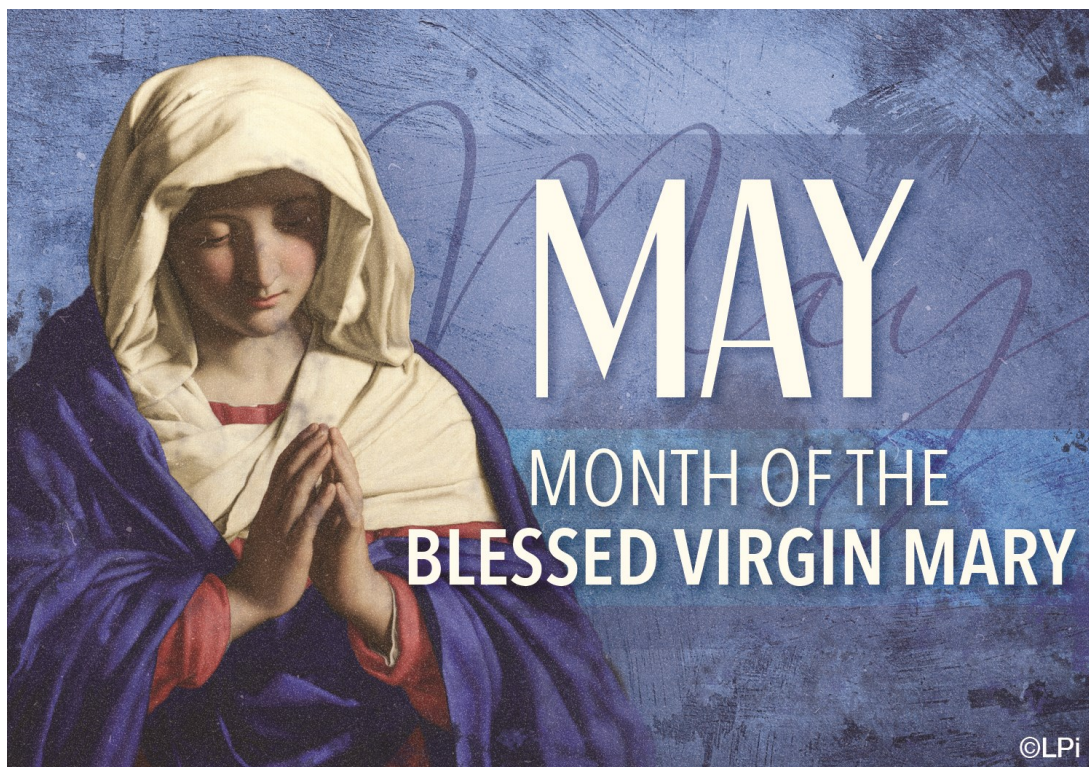
Space is limited to 60 participants. The nominal \$50 fee can be waived in cases of need. Email the Office of Vocations with questions: vocations@seattlearch.org

JUNE 26-29, 2023
AT CAMP HAMILTON

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Parish Ministries & Events

Please contact Jennifer at the Parish Office for more information about events and to connect with our various parish groups: 360-458-3031 x1 jennifer@saintcolumbanyelm.org



The Pope's Prayer Intention for May 2023: For church movements and groups.

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

Regina Caeli

Queen of Heaven

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.

This is one of four Marian antiphons, with the following versicles and prayers, traditionally said or sung after night prayer, immediately before going to sleep. It is said throughout Eastertide. (That is, from Easter Day through Pentecost, the seventh Sunday after Easter. The *Regina caeli* is also said in place of the Angelus during Eastertide.

Regina caeli

V. Regina caeli, laetare, alleluia.

R. Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia.

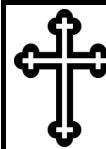
V. Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia.

R. Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.

V. Gaude et laetare, Virgo Maria, alleluia.

R. Quia surrexit Dominus vere, alleluia.

Oremus. Deus, qui per resurrectionem Filii tui, Domini nostri Iesu Christi, mundum laetificare dignatus es: praesta, quaesumus; ut per eius Genetricem Virginem Mariam, perpetuae capiamus gaudia vitae. Per eundem Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.



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



Knights of Columbus

Council 17152

CHARITY + UNITY
FRATERNITY + PATRIOTISM

Next Meeting: May 17,
Begins with Evening Prayer
in the Church at 5:30 PM

Join us for our next
breakfast! May 28, after the

Prayer Groups

Rosary Prayer Group

Mondays - Church
7:00 PM

Spanish Prayer Group

Tuesdays - Hall 6:30PM

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Monthly Meeting

May 18, 7:00 PM

Parish Hall

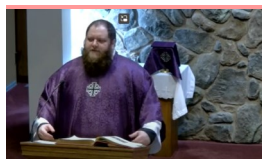


St. Peter's Circle

St. Peter Mission
Tenino

Next Meeting

May 9th 9:30 AM



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

Catholic Media Recommendations for Everyone

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

REAL WOMANHOOD
LISA COTTER



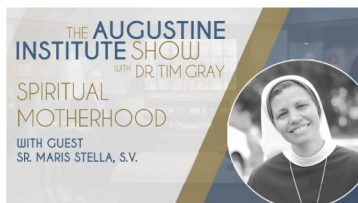
Real Womanhood by Lisa Cotter

What does it mean to be a real woman in today's culture? Join Lisa Cotter in her talk Real Womanhood, as she draws on modern-day saints, St. John Paul II to define what it means to be an authentic woman.



The 13th Day

In a world torn apart by persecution, war, and oppression, three children in Fatima were chosen by God to offer an urgent message of hope to the world. Based on the memoirs of the oldest seer, Lucia Santos, The 13th Day dramatizes the true story of three young shepherds who experienced six apparitions of Our Lady, which culminated in the final prophesied miracle on October 13.



Spiritual Motherhood | The Augustine Institute Show

Join Dr. Tim Gray and Sr. Maris Stella for a conversation on the vocation of every woman, that of motherhood. Although all women will not be called to be physical mothers, every woman is called to be a spiritual mother.

Outside Events

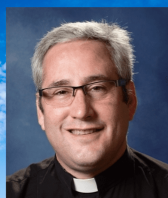


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Power In Weakness

GOD'S WORK IN THE MIDST
OF SUFFERING RETREAT

May 12 - 14 Abp. Brunett Retreat Center, Federal Way
We all experience suffering and pain in this life, but it becomes an entirely different experience in the light of our faith in the Lord and through the grace of the Holy Spirit.

Retreat led by Fr. James Northrop. Go to archseattle.org/archbishop-brunett-retreat-center/ to learn more.

ENCOUNTER SEATTLE CAMPUS



PRESENTS: BARBARA HEIL May 12th & 13th - 2 Locations

Barbara Heil is a former Pentecostal minister who has traveled the world as a missionary, dynamic speaker and evangelist. Her amazing journey with the Lord led Barbara into full communion with the Catholic Church in April of 2013.

She is an anointed teacher with a passion to awaken others to life in Christ, and to lead people in deepening their walk with God empowered by the Holy Spirit.

Friday,
May 12th

6-9PM

Conversations
with God

St. Stephen the Martyr
13055 SE 192nd ST
Renton, WA

**TRANSFORMATION
NIGHTS**

6:00 PM : Part I Praise & Worship	7:00 PM : Part 2 Renewal of the Mind Teaching	8:00 PM : Part 3 Prayer Ministry
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Saturday, May 13th - Prophetic Workshop

*Pursue love, but strive eagerly for the spiritual gifts,
above all that you may prophecy. 1 COR 14:1*

God speaks to us and through us for the building up of the body of Christ. This workshop is designed to awaken, equip and activate you in hearing and responding to the voice of God to then share what you hear with others.



Pre-Registration Required
\$35 (lunch included)

Deadline to register Friday, May 12 @ 12 noon
<https://ascendnw.regfox.com/prophetic-workshop>

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
1200 E 5th St., Arlington, WA
(Mass @ 9am prior to workshop)

encounterschool.org/seattle + seattle@encounterschool.org



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“Give,
and it will
be given
to you.”

— Luke 6:38

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Your support enables our Pastoral Outreach team to hold the hands of the dying in hospitals, to accompany our incarcerated brothers and sisters, support the seafarers entering our ports after months away at sea and be a welcoming neighbor for immigrants and those seeking asylum.

Our Pastoral Outreach team also provides guidance to support your parish ministries – most recently for our mental health, deaf and inclusion ministries. Thank you for your generous support of the Annual Catholic Appeal!”

Joe Cotton, Director of Pastoral Care and Outreach Ministry

PICTURED FROM TOP: Joe Cotton with seafarer volunteer, Hospital ministry, Prison baptism



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“Den, y les será dado.”

— Lucas 6,38

La **Petición Católica Anual** financia ministerios y servicios para su comunidad católica local -que incluye a su prójimo y su parroquia. Su donativo asegura la disponibilidad de ministerios de asistencia social, educación, servicios de administración para parroquias, ¡y mucho más!



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Su apoyo permite al Equipo de Asistencia Social tomar la mano del que agoniza en un hospital, acompañar a nuestros hermanos encarcelados, apoyar a los marineros que llegan a nuestros puertos luego de meses en alta mar y acoger a los inmigrantes y refugiados que buscan asilo.

Nuestro Equipo de Asistencia Social también brinda orientación y apoyo a sus ministerios parroquiales –más recientemente a nuestros ministerios de salud mental, de ayuda a sordomudos y de inclusión. ¡Gracias por su generoso apoyo a la Petición Católica Anual!”

Joe Cotton, Director de Cuidado Pastoral y Asistencia Social

IMÁGENES DESDE ARRIBA: Joe Cotton con un voluntario marino, ministerio en hospitales, bautismo en una cárcel.



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**PARTNERS
IN THE GOSPEL**

UPDATE

An update for parishes and parishoners on Partners in the Gospel

The Partners in the Gospel consultative process for parish family configurations has officially begun.

PartnersEdge, consultants who have worked with several other dioceses, delivered “Draft Zero” of potential parish family configurations based on their data analysis. Specifically, PartnersEdge reviewed parish annual report data as well as priest numbers, parish locations and map data to develop this draft.

“Draft Zero” was then reviewed by the Partners Oversight Committee and the Presbyteral Council to provide input that reflects “on the ground” realities in addition to the data. This process was grounded in prayer and much discernment as the groups examined the potential configurations, reviewed historical relationships, identified multicultural communities, discussed travel and commuting challenges and much more. This additional input was collected to refine the potential parish family configurations with the understanding that the input was not for the final draft, but instead to develop “Draft One” for the next phase of consultation with all the priests in the archdiocese.

Priests will have two different opportunities to review and provide feedback before the next draft is developed for feedback and input by parish and school staff and all Catholics later this fall.



Jesus Gomez Sanchez, parishoner from of St. Joseph Parish in Vancouver, shares his perspective about Partners in the Gospel.

Scan QR code to watch video.



“Partners in the Gospel is ... meant to help us live our faith in face of the challenges that we are dealing with as an archdiocese today.”

– Archbishop Etienne

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UPDATE

Noticias actuales para parroquias y feligreses sobre Compañeros en el Evangelio

El proceso de Compañeros en el Evangelio para la configuración de familias de parroquias ha comenzado oficialmente.

PartnersEdge, los consultores que han trabajado con varias otras diócesis, entregó el "Borrador Cero" de las configuraciones potenciales de familias de parroquias basado en su análisis de datos. Específicamente, PartnersEdge revisó los datos del reporte anual de parroquias, así como los números de sacerdotes, ubicaciones de las parroquias y datos de mapas para desarrollar este borrador.

El "Borrador Cero" luego fue revisado por el Comité de Supervisión de Compañeros [en el Evangelio] y por el Consejo Presbiterial para que ofrezcan una opinión que refleje las realidades "en el campo" además de los datos. Este proceso estuvo basado en la oración y en mucho discernimiento mientras los grupos examinaron las configuraciones, revisaron las relaciones históricas, identificaron comunidades multiculturales, discutieron las dificultades de transporte y traslado y mucho más. Esta opinión adicional fue recolectada para refinar las configuraciones potenciales de familias de parroquias con el entendimiento de que esa opinión no fue para el borrador final, sino para desarrollar el "primer borrador" para la siguiente fase de consulta con todas las parroquias de la arquidiócesis.

Los sacerdotes tendrán dos oportunidades diferentes para revisar y brindar su retroinformación antes de que se desarrolle el siguiente borrador para obtener la opinión y retroinformación del personal de la parroquia y de la escuela y de todos los católicos más adelante en el otoño.



Jesús Gómez Sánchez, feligrés de la Parroquia San José en Vancouver, comparte su perspectiva acerca de Compañeros en el Evangelio.

Escanee el código QR para mirar el video con subtítulos en español.



"Compañeros en el Evangelio fue...diseñado para ayudarnos a vivir nuestra fe ante los desafíos que estamos enfrentando como arquidiócesis hoy en día".

– Arzobispo Etienne

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At Home with Faith

Jesus himself is the path to eternal life. There may be times when we feel lost, but if we always draw near to Jesus, we will always find our way.



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There are days and seasons when life can feel disorienting. Life changes, parenting, illness, loss – all of these and more can make a person feel lost, isolated, and fearful of the future.

This Sunday's gospel reading reminds us that we are not alone when we struggle to see the road ahead. The disciples felt the same way when Jesus told them that he would only be with them a little while longer. But Jesus' words offer comfort to those who feel lost: "I am the way and the truth and the life." (John 14:6)

In times when we are uncertain which way to go, we only need to listen to Jesus' voice and walk in his footsteps. Now and always, Jesus is our map, our compass, and our way home.

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.

Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7

Seven disciples are selected to serve at table.

Psalms 33:1-2,4-5,18-19

Lord, let your mercy be on us as we place our trust in you.

1 Peter 2:4-9

Like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house.

John 14:1-12

Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life.

At Home with Faith

Talk

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

How do we know when we are doing the right thing or going the right way in life? It's impossible to always be certain, and this uncertainty can make us feel hesitant and even fearful of the future.

Talk to your family about a time when you went someplace new or unfamiliar. Did you go alone or with other people? Was there anybody there to welcome and guide you? If you went alone, how did it feel to be in an unfamiliar place? How does it compare to going to an unfamiliar place with someone you trust?

There are seasons in life that push us beyond what is familiar and comfortable. But Jesus reminds us that he himself is preparing a place for us and will take us back to himself. We may not know exactly where we are headed, but we know the way because we know Jesus.

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Celebrate the Easter Season
April 9 to May 28

Share this prayer by Thomas Merton with your family, especially for moments when you feel lost.

My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road, though I may know nothing about it. Therefore will I trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.

– Thomas Merton, “Thoughts in Solitude”

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SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2023

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



"In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?" - Jn 14:2

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

So the Twelve called together the community of the disciples and said,

"It is not right for us to neglect the word of God to serve at table.

Brothers, select from among you seven reputable men, filled with the Spirit and wisdom, whom we shall appoint to this task, whereas we shall devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." (Acts 6:2-4)

Psalm:

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you. (Ps 33)

Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

You are "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own, so that you may announce the praises" of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. (1 Pt 2:9)

Gospel:

Jesus said to him,

"I am the way and the truth and the life.

No one comes to the Father except through me.

If you know me, then you will also know my Father."

(Jn 14:6-7)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

To those who persist in faith, the truth is a living stone, strong enough to support the weight of real joy. To those who despair of faith, it is a stumbling block. The truth will always be in their way.

Observances for the week of May 7, 2023

- Sunday:** 5th Sunday of Easter
- Wednesday:** St. John of Avila, Priest and Doctor of the Church; St. Damien de Veuster, Priest
- Friday:** Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; St. Pancras, Martyr
- Saturday:** Our Lady of Fatima
- Next Sunday:** 6th Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day



Saint of the week

Blessed Miriam Teresa Demjanovich made it her short life's mission in early 1900s New Jersey, to educate everyone about humanity's universal call to holiness. Her writings can be found in a book called *The Greater Perfection*. She lived a life of contemplation and charity.

Prayer

*Official Prayer for the Canonization of
Blessed Miriam Teresa Demjanovich*

Most Holy and Blessed Trinity, whom Blessed Miriam Teresa loved so ardently, grant that we like her may become ever more conscious of Your Divine Presence within our souls. We implore You to continue to show signs that Your humble servant enjoys glory with You in Heaven, and to hasten the day when we may render her a lasting tribute of our veneration and love. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

(Prayer Source: <https://www.scnj.org/blessed-miriam-teresa>)

Readings for the week of May 7, 2023

Sunday:

Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 (22)/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

Monday:

Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday:

Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday:

Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8

Thursday:

Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11

Friday:

Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn 15:12-17

Saturday:

Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

Next Sunday:

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 (1)/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21



Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

If you had to summarize the essential core of the Christian life, what would it be? Mercy, truth, or love, perhaps? The readings today suggest another word which may surprise you. That word is *priesthood*.

St. Peter says to us, **"You are a 'chosen race, a royal priesthood...'"** To be part of a priesthood is to offer a particular sacrifice in order for the community to survive and thrive. Jesus is the great high priest because he offers the one perfect sacrifice which heals and perfects the entire human race. Peter the Apostle wants us to know that all the baptized share in this priestly ministry. The whole of our lives, including every detail, is meant to become our acceptable offering to God.

The baptized exercise this priesthood in many ways, I'll mention three. At Sunday Mass, in private prayer, and in daily work. At Mass, we offer the sacrifice of our lives with that of the priest, who symbolizes Christ the Priest. In our prayer, a "morning offering" prayer is a great way to offer up all the joys and sufferings of the day to come. In our daily work, we sacrifice our time, comfort, money, and energy to do good for others. All this gives the deepest possible meaning to our lives: we share in the priesthood which saves the world. That's at the core of our faith.

— Father John Muir



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(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Building on the Cornerstone

Before I married my husband, I assumed there were “ugly houses” and “pretty houses,” and that was that. But Matt is an architect, someone who reads books with titles like “A Field Guide to American Houses” for fun and who uses the term *vernacular architecture* like he knows what it means.

Through him, I’ve come to learn a lot about why certain structures simply don’t have a pleasing look. There is a logic to ugliness, as it turns out. One of the main reasons a building or a home might strike some of us as ugly is because it has undergone a careless renovation. Whether out of laziness or an effort to be cost-effective, additions are made that depart from the architectural style of the original structure. The result is slapdash, confusing — ugly, for lack of a better word.

What is added on later must somewhat resemble the original. If you want to depart dramatically from the original style of a building, it’s better to build a separate structure altogether.

I think of this principle when I consider Christ as the “cornerstone.” We know we are called to model ourselves on Christ, to build on his example. But so often we cherry-pick elements of his message and attempt to build on it with additions that make no sense.

When someone looks at us, at our lives, they should be able to tell after whom that life is patterned. We must resemble the cornerstone, if we do not, it will be apparent, unseemly. You can’t see God the Father without embracing God the Son. You can’t chart the future of a house without any thought for its past.

If Christ is not our inspiration, he will be our contradiction.

“...like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house...to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.” — 1 Peter 2:5

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Are Catholics obligated to attend Mass each Sunday, or receive Communion each Sunday?

Answer:

The questions about Mass attendance and the reception of Holy Communion are clearly outlined in what are traditionally called the “Precepts” of the Church. These specific teachings are intended to stand alongside the Ten Commandments as fundamental practices for Catholics and are outlined in the Code of Canon Law. The obligations related to Mass attendance and receiving Communion are outlined in the first and third precepts, which we find quoted in the Catechism of the Catholic Church (no. 2042):

The first precept (“You shall attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation and rest from servile labor”) requires the faithful to sanctify the day commemorating the Resurrection of the Lord as well as the principal liturgical feasts honoring the mysteries of the Lord, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the saints; in the first place, by participating in the Eucharistic celebration, in which the Christian community is gathered, and by resting from those works and activities which could impede such a sanctification of these days.

The third precept (“You shall receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season”) 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.

Rather than seeing these as obligations that are simply to be fulfilled out of a sense of duty, Pope Saint John Paul II reminds us of the grace that is made available to us when we gather for Sunday celebrations of the Eucharist: “Sunday is the day which is at the very heart of the Christian life... Time given to Christ is never time lost, but is rather time gained, so that our relationships and indeed our whole life may become more profoundly human” (Dies Domini, no. 7).

Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

- Jn 14:6-7

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

We hear today of some of the practical problems (assisting widows) the early Christians faced with the growing Church in Jerusalem. They solved the problem with division of labor. Which of your co-workers or friends need your help this week to carry a burden?

Second Reading

Peter contrasts those with faith who announce the praises of God to those without faith who disobey God's word. How do you react to family or friends who are without faith?

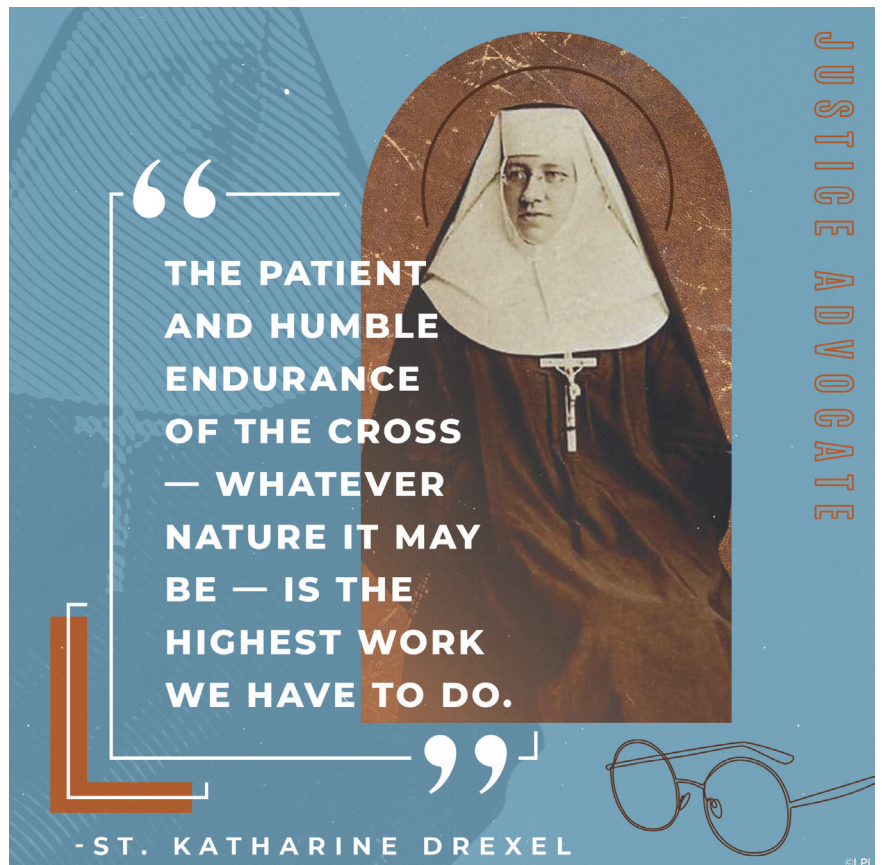
Gospel Reading

Jesus assured his disciples that “whoever believes in me will do the works that I do.” How do you think you imitate Jesus?



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“In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be.”
- Jn 14:2-3

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Prayer

Thank you for promising to make a special place for me in heaven, Jesus.

Mission for the Week

Jesus is getting ready for you. Make sure you are getting ready for Jesus. Ask God to help you grow closer to him every day.

Sharing the Gospel

Jesus is getting a place ready for you in heaven. One day you can spend time with Jesus there. You will never get sick. You will never be sad. You will never be left out. You will be loved because you are God's special child, and he wants to spend time with you every day.

Now color the picture!



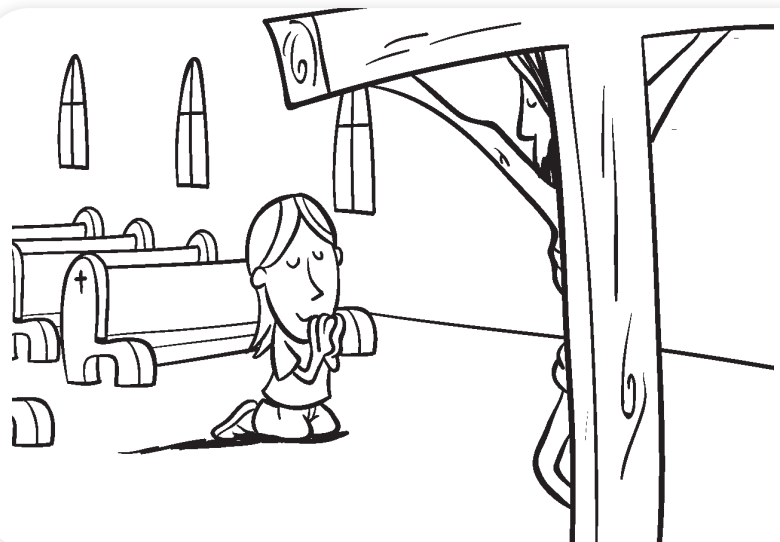
Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

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