

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 14, 2023

6th Sunday of Easter

Entrance Antiphon: Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard. Proclaim to the ends of the Earth, the Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

1st Reading: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

Responsorial Psalm: *Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.*

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18

Gospel Acclamation: *Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him and we will come to him.*

Gospel: John 14:15-21

Communion Antiphon: *If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.*

Happy
Mother's
Day



Welcome to St. Columban

Parish Staff

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Sherry Bachmann (Chairperson), Marilyn Ritter, Bernie Schwarz, Bob Bacon, Diane Weston

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St. Columban Parish Finance Council

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

"Let Mary never be far from your lips and from your heart. Following her, you will never lose your way. Praying to her, you will never sink into despair. Contemplating her, you will never go wrong."
 - Saint Bernadine of Siena (+1444)

Weekly Calendar & Mass Intentions

All events are at St. Columban unless otherwise noted.

MONDAY May 15 **St. Isidore the Worker**
 Rosary Prayer Group 7:00PM Church

TUESDAY May 16
 Mass 9:00 AM Church
 Spanish Prayer Group 6:30PM Parish Hall

WEDNESDAY May 17
 Mass 9:00 AM Church
 Bible Study 11:00AM St. Peter
 Choir Practice 6:00PM Church

THURSDAY May 18 **St. John I, Pope & Martyr**
 Mass 9:00AM Church
 Sunday Scripture Study 6:30PM

FRIDAY May 19
 Mass 9:00AM *+In Mem: Lloyd Black RIP* Church

SATURDAY May 20 **St. Bernadine of Siena, Priest**
 Confession 3:30PM Church
 Anticipatory Sunday Mass 5:00 PM *Int.: Pro Populo* Church

SUNDAY May 21 **Ascension of the Lord**
 Confession 7:30-7:45AM St. Peter
 Sunday Mass 8:00 AM *Int.: Pro Populo* St. Peter

Sunday Mass with First Holy Communion
 10:30 AM *Int.: Pro Populo* Church

From the Parish Office

Week of April 30, 2023

Ordinary Income	St Columban	St Peter
Weekly Goal	\$5,800.00	\$1,000.00
Collection	\$3,026.00	\$432.00
Online Giving	\$664.62	\$15.00
Net	(\$2,109.38)	(\$553.00)
Special Funds		
St Vincent DePaul	\$23.88	
Sacramentals (Candles,	\$10.00	
Flowers	\$0.00	
Building Fund	\$120.44	
Mass Intentions	\$21.00	
2nd Collection (name)		

We will be implementing a new Parishioner Relationship and Engagement database in the coming months.

As part of the preparation for data migration from our current database, we need to make sure your contact information is correct.

It is essential we hear back from everyone regardless of whether changes need to be made.

Please contact us if you have had any change in your contact information or family, so we can get our database migration off to the right foot! Thank you!

Sign up for updates via email or text: saintcolumbanyelm.flocknote.com

A Word from Father Thompson



Motherhood is important. I mean that in every manner one can imagine. Motherhood is good for women themselves, it is good for their families, it is good for the Church, it is good for society. Indeed, it is essential to the health of all of those things. The same is true for men as fathers, of course, in their own way, but just that: in their own way. There is no such thing as a generic parent, and just because men and women are of equal spiritual dignity, that does not mean that in every facet of their being they are equal.

There is a real sense in which motherhood has the priority in the parental vocation; of course this in no way excludes or degrades fathers, both are necessary and a child has a right to be conceived, born, and raised in the context of loving parents who have been strengthened in their vocation by the Sacrament of Matrimony. Mothers, however, have a primary role in this project by dint of nature. I mean more than just the reality that mothers bear and give birth to their children, and literally nurture and feed them, but that the tone and shape of the mother-child relationship continues along these lines even after infancy. Mothers make people, both literally but also spiritually (scientists would tell us also psychologically); A newborn baby is a blank slate that learns every rudiment of humanity from his mother. I have even heard it said that “there is no such thing as a baby, only a mother and her baby.”

Fathers impart life in their own way (both physically and spiritually) and serve their parts in the development and care and education of the people Mothers create, yet just as is the case physically, what sets the parents apart and makes their parenthood qualitatively different is that Fathers have a certain distance that colors their relationship to their children and how they guide, protect, and form their children. Incidentally, this is why God reveals himself as Father: because he is transcendent, apart from the world he has created and imparted life to, yet still intimately connected to it, and it relies on him to be sustained in being; God is not Mother, as we do not develop and grow within him (this analogy, you will notice IS the vision of God some heretics and non-Christian new-age types have, and the proceeding—and that God has revealed himself as Father—are why they are wrong). Even men and women who are not physical parents, a healthy living of our Christian and personal vocations will always have a deep sense of a maternal or paternal quality to it.

Unfortunately, as we all know and lament, the uniqueness and gifts and dignity of women and mothers especially have been under a sustained attack by the ignorant, deceived, and even wicked/evil forces of our culture and world (and ultimately the Enemy) for decades now. Everything from contraception degrading women to be used as objects by men and to condition us to see the lifegiving power of motherhood as some sort of problem to be overcome, to visions equality that deny that men and women can be equals while still being different, to worldly values that see motherhood in particular as a burden or oppression, to false ideologies that the parties sexes are irrelevant to the participants in marriage or parenting, to the denial and trivialization of what a woman even is by the gender ideologies.

Mothers: you are real. You have dignity. You are among the most important people on earth doing the most important things on earth. God chose to have a mother. God chose to make a mother the highest honor of our race, the queen of the angels, the greatest among the saints. Don't let the world rob you of the dignity and glory you have as Christians and women and mothers.

Happy Mothers' Day!

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, 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.

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.

Elementary & Adult Faith Formation

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



Can you believe that we are one week away from First Communion? Please keep these little ones and their families in your prayers.

First Communion practice will be Saturday May 20th at 10:00 am. Remember to Contact Lilia at bahenalilia123@gmail.com if you are interested in having a mini photography session after First Communion Mass.

FIRST COMMUNION MINI SESSION



\$85

MAY 21, 2023

WWW.LILIACREATIVITY.COM

Faith Formation: Grades K-12

All classes for the 22-23 catechetical school year have come to an end. We are now accepting registrations for the 23-24 catechetical school year.

Tuition is used for the purchase of the curriculum books used in class along with other catechetical items.



THANK YOU!

Catherine Ricalde, Carole Roden, Bill Gonzales, Debera Ricalde, Izzy Ricalde, Cathy Crisanto, Jessica Anderson, Ginny Viadelgado, Diana Wayne, Lilly and Angie Peck, Lilia Rojas-Valencia, Marie Ney, Theresa Gonzales, Chrissy Dehan, Lisa Hiiva, Yvonne Dagum, Mary Ricalde, Matt and Yvette Dobson, Chris Hennigan, James Briggs, Fr. Daniel Dozier and last but not least Father Thompson.

Thank you all for your time and dedication you have shared to teach our beautiful Catholic faith.

Lord, thank you for these men and women who have worked with love and patience in our catechetical program this year. Thank you for the gifts they have shared in service to this parish. We ask you to bless each of them. Please keep them healthy, happy, and close to you. Give them an enjoyable summertime! In Jesus name we pray. Amen!



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.

Saint of the Week



Picture Credit: Wikimedia.org, Wolfgang Sauber, Photograph of Saint Isidore the Labourer on a ceremonial standard in the parish church of Hütttau in Salzburg, Austria

(Text adapted from The Catholic Encyclopedia, hosted on newadvent.org)

St. Isidore the Farmer, in Spanish: San Isidro Labrador, patron saint of farmers & day-laborers, Feast: May 15

Isidore was a Spanish day laborer, born near Madrid, about the year 1070; d. 15 May, 1130, at the same place. He was in the service of a certain Juan de Vargas on a farm in the vicinity of Madrid. Every morning before going to work he was accustomed to hear a Mass at one of the churches in Madrid. One day his fellow-laborer complained to their master that Isidore was always late for work in the morning. Upon investigation, so runs the legend, the master found Isidore at prayer, while an angel was doing the ploughing for him. On another occasion his master saw an angel ploughing on either side of him, so that Isidore's work was equal to that of three of his fellow-laborer. Isidore is also said to have brought back to life the deceased daughter of his master and to have caused a fountain of fresh water to burst from the dry earth in order to quench the thirst of his master.

He was married to Maria Torribia, a canonized saint, who is venerated in Spain as Maria della Cabeza, from the fact that her head (Spanish, cabeza) is often carried in procession especially in time of drought. They had one son, who died in his youth. On one occasion this son fell into a deep well and at the prayers of his parents the water of the well is said to have risen miraculously to the level of the ground, bringing the child with it, alive and well. Hereupon the parents made a vow of continence and lived in separate houses.

Forty years after Isidore's death, his body was transferred from the cemetery to the church of St. Andrew. He is said to have appeared to Alfonso of Castile, and to have shown him the hidden path by which he surprised the Moors and gained the victory of Las Navas de Tolosa, in 1212. When King Philip III of Spain was cured of a deadly disease by touching the relics of the saint, the king replaced the old reliquary by a costly silver one. He was canonized by Gregory XV, along with Sts. Ignatius, Francis Xavier, Teresa, and Philip Neri, on 12 March, 1622. St. Isidore is widely venerated as the patron of peasants and day-laborers. The cities of Madrid, Leon, Saragossa, and Seville also, honor him as their patron. His feast is celebrated on 15 May.

Youth Ministry & Confirmation

Confirmation students, we will see you in the fall! Contact Chad Lucero at chad@saintcolumbianym.org for any questions and how to sign up for upcoming YM activities. Do you have a teen who hasn't been attending any of our activities? No worries, just drop in May 20.

Summer Youth Conferences & Camps

Does your teen need to reconnect with the Catholic faith in a fun and meaningful way during the summer?

Quo Vadis Days, June 26-29, 2023 at Camp Hamilton (Monroe) 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

Youth Ministry Saturday
"Where do we go from here?"
 A Mini-Retreat for everyone
 Grades 6-12 (that means you!)
 May 20
 9am-2pm
 Parish Hall
 Summer Kick-off
 Goodbyes, Hellos, and More



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.

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



Prayers for Mothers Day

Blessing of Mothers from the Book of Blessings

Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your Church. Bless these women, that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer for Mothers

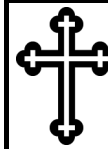
Heavenly Father, from the beginning you have chosen to entrust the human person to mothers in a special way. We thank and praise you for the gift of mothers; for their tenderness, care, and compassion, for their intuition and encouragement, for commitment and sacrifice. Bless all mothers this day. Keep, strengthen, and refresh them in your loving care. May they be blessed by our open-hearted love and gratitude. Amen.

Prayer to the Mother of the Lord for all mothers

Mary, on this day when we honor all mothers, we turn to you. We thank the Lord whom you serve for the great gift of motherhood. Never has it been known that anyone who sought your intercession was left unaided by grace. Dear Mother, thank you for your "Yes" to the invitation of the angel which brought heaven to earth and changed human history. You opened yourself to God's word and the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.

Dear mother, intercede for all of our mothers. Ask your Divine Son to give them the grace of surrendered love so that they could join with you in giving their own "Fiat." May they find daily strength to say yes to the call to the sacrificial love - the very heart of the vocation of motherhood. May their love and witness be a source of great inspiration for all of us called to follow your Son.

On this Mothers day, Mother of the Word Incarnate, pray for us who have recourse to you. In the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.



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



Daughters of Mary
St. Columban Catholic Church Yelm, WA

Monthly Meeting
June 13th, 10:00 AM
RE Bldg.
[daughtersofmary@
saintcolumbanyelm.org](mailto:daughtersofmary@saintcolumbanyelm.org)



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Assembly 3947

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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
10:30 Mass

**Society of
St. Vincent de Paul**

Monthly Meeting
May 18, 7:00 PM Parish Hall



Annual Catholic Appeal

“We are carrying out the
Gospel as the living body
of Christ: feeding the
hungry, clothing the
poor, visiting the sick
and imprisoned.”

- ARCHBISHOP ETIENNE

Prayer Groups

Rosary Group Mondays - Church 7PM
Spanish Group Tuesdays - Hall 6:30PM



St. Peter's Circle
St. Peter Mission Tenino

Next Meeting
May 9th 9:30 AM

From the Archdiocese

"Give and it will be given to you." - Luke 6:38 / Through the Annual Catholic Appeal, our parish has been answering the call to support our own local Catholic community. 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. Thank you to all who have returned your ACA pledges and gifts. As you know, all funds received over our goal will be returned to our parish.



Washington State Catholic Conference

SB 5280 UPDATE



Thank You,

CATHOLIC ADVOCATES!

Thank you for your advocacy on Senate Bill 5280 (SB 5280)! Advocates sent 4,687 messages to their legislators, urging them to protect children, the clergy-penitent privilege, and the sacrament of reconciliation. The WSCC opposed the amended version of this bill, and ultimately the bill did not pass out of the Legislature before the end of the session. While this bill was not passed by the Legislature this year, legislators are likely to work on the bill once again in the 2024 legislative session. The WSCC looks forward to working with the House and Senate to pass a bill that protects children, the clergy-penitent privilege, and the sacrament of reconciliation.

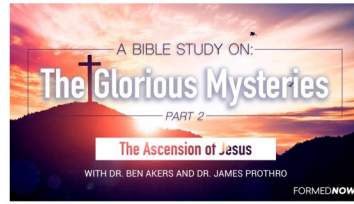
Catholic Media Recommendations for Everyone

THIS WEEK ON FORMED

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

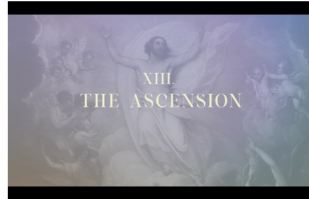
Go to formed.org/signup and enter our parish name to redeem your FREE membership.

Once logged-in access these suggestions at watch.formed.org/this-week-on-formed



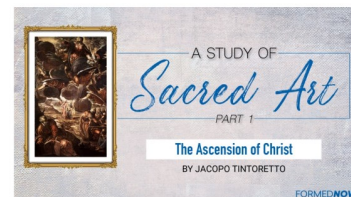
A Bible Study on the Glorious Mysteries: The Ascension (Part 2 of 5)

Join Dr. Ben Akers and professors from the Augustine Institute Graduate School as they walk through the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary through the lens of Sacred Scripture.



Via Lucis - Station 13: The Ascension

Pray with Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Tim Gray as they walk through the Stations of the Resurrection. In this meditation, you will reflect on the mystery of Christ's ascension into Heaven.



The Ascension | Sacred Art

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp to expand your knowledge of sacred art. In this episode on FORMED, they discuss The Ascension of Christ by Jacopo Tintoretto.

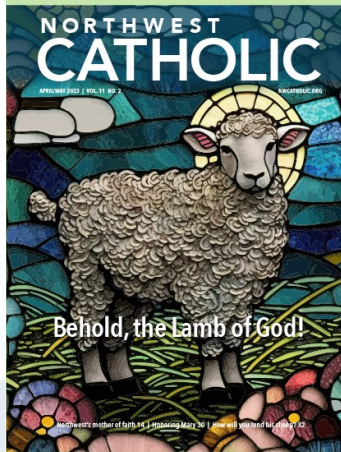
Outside Events



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Check out the April/May issue

Northwest's Mother of Fatih

Honoring Mary

How will you tend his sheep?

NORTHWEST PRO-LIFE CONFERENCE "A DESTINATION FOR LIFE CHAMPIONS"

On June 23, 2022, the US Supreme Court's decision in the Dobbs V Jackson case overturned Roe V. Wade and marked the official start of the new phase of the pro-life movement! This game-changing event was a huge step forward, but it also imposes new challenges, in a unique way, on states where abortion is still legal.

Within the last couple years, you may have heard people say something similar to this: "when Roe V Wade is overturned, states like Washington will become a *destination* for abortion." Well, our local politicians are already working hard to make that a reality, as evidenced by the legislation that was proposed last session. Pro-abortion activists came unhinged over the Dobbs decision and are stopping at nothing to continue killing preborn children. We will not stand around and allow the place we call our home to become a safe haven for killing innocent human beings. The opposition is strong, so we must be also. This means the northwest is a destination, not for abortion, but for the best of the best, the most passionate and dedicated members of the pro-life movement, those who will persevere until abortion is no more. It is a "Destination for Life Champions." Register at <https://nwprolifeconference.org/>



JUNE 24, 2023



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Only with your support of the **Annual Catholic Appeal** can we provide vital ministries and services for the people and parishes in our archdiocese. Your donation ensures the availability of outreach ministries, education, faith formation, support services for parishes and much more!

Give today to ensure the future of vital ministries, including:

- **Hospital and Healthcare** – Provides accompaniment for the sick offering prayers, sacraments and comfort to patients and their families.
- **Youth and Young Adult** – Provides pastoral care to over 2,500 young adults ages 18-39 through formation opportunities, fellowship events and college campus ministry.
- **CYO Camps** – Provides the only summer camps in Washington that inspire campers through Catholic teachings to learn respect and dignity for themselves, others and the environment.
- **Mental Health** – Provides suicide prevention, mental health awareness and education for parishes and Catholics to reduce the stigma of mental illness and provide a welcoming community.
- **Administration Support** – Provides centralized parish support including human resources, building construction, financial services, insurance, payroll and benefits, communication, and more.

PICTURED: Youth giving back



“Give, and it will be given to you.”

—Luke 6:38

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Annual Catholic Appeal

“Den, y les será dado.”

— Lucas 6,38

Solo con su apoyo a la **Petición Católica Anual** podemos ofrecer ministerios vitales y servicios a las personas y parroquias en nuestra arquidiócesis. Su donativo asegura la disponibilidad de ministerios de asistencia social, educación, servicios de administración para parroquias, ¡y mucho más!

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- **Hospital y Cuidado de la salud** – Brinda acompañamiento a los enfermos, ofreciendo oraciones, sacramentos y consuelo a pacientes y familiares.
- **Adolescentes y jóvenes adultos** – Brinda cuidado pastoral a más de 2500 jóvenes adultos entre 18 y 39 años por medio de oportunidades de formación, eventos sociales y ministerio.
- **CYO Camps** – Ofrece los únicos campamentos de verano en el estado que inspiran a los participantes por medio de las enseñanzas católicas a respetar su propia dignidad y el medio ambiente.
- **Salud mental** – Ofrece prevención del suicidio, concientización sobre la salud mental y educación a parroquias y católicos a fin de reducir el estigma de la enfermedad mental y brindar una comunidad acogedora.
- **Apoyo administrativo** – Provee apoyo centralizado a parroquias, incluyendo recursos humanos, construcción de edificios, finanzas, seguro, pago de salarios y beneficios, comunicación y más.

IMAGEN: Jóvenes retribuyendo con su trabajo



“Den, Y se les será dado.”

— Lucas 6, 38

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The Holy Spirit, Our Advocate

May 14, 2023

6th Sunday of Easter



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At Home with Faith

God sent us the Holy Spirit to be with us always as “another Advocate.” (John 14:16)

Let us reflect on how the Holy Spirit is present in our lives – guiding, helping, and championing us in all that we do.



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.

There are moments in life when we have to “go it alone.” Some moments are joyful, like when a child goes off to college. Other times are painful, like the loss of a parent. No matter the situation, it is natural to face these transitions with a sense of fear and loneliness.

If you feel like you're going it alone, find comfort in the promise of Christ: “I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.” (John 14:18) When humankind lost its way, God sent Jesus to be our Savior. When Jesus had to leave to be with the Father, he sent the Holy Spirit to remain with us. Even now, we can see and feel the Holy Spirit at work in our lives if we observe with open hearts. So let us open our hearts and invite the Holy Spirit in – to be our Advocate, our helper, and our companion through life.

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

Peter and John are sent to pray for the people of Samaria.

Psalms 66:1-7, 16, 20

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

1 Peter 3:15-18

Be ready to share that Christ is the reason for your hope.

John 14:15-21

Jesus promises to send the Holy Spirit to be our Advocate.

At Home with Faith

Talk

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

Ask your family members: what is one experience when you had to do something or go somewhere all on your own? What did you think and feel in those moments? As you listen and share, offer validation for each other's experiences.

Then ask: what are some things that help you feel less alone when you're doing things on your own? For example, students who go to school might feel less alone when they see a note from their parents tucked into their lunch box. Parents who need to go on long work trips can find comfort in daily video chats with their families. In the same way, God sent the Holy Spirit to be among us to make sure that we are never really that far away from him – the Spirit of Truth remains in us and is always with us, no matter what.

Celebrate the Joy of Easter!

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

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Celebrate the Easter Season
April 9 to May 28

Share this prayer by St. Augustine with your family. Encourage each other to pray this prayer every day as a way of staying connected with the Holy Spirit, our Advocate.

Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit,
That my thoughts may all be holy.
Act in me, O Holy Spirit,
That my work, too, may be holy.
Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit,
That I love but what is holy.
Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit,
To defend all that is holy.
Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit,
That I always may be holy.

– St. Augustine

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SUNDAY, MAY 14, 2023

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



"I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth." - Jn 14:16-17a

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Then they laid hands on them
and they received the Holy Spirit. (Acts 8:17)

Psalm:

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy. (Ps 66)
Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

For Christ also suffered for sins once,
the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous,
that he might lead you to God.
Put to death in the flesh,
he was brought to life in the Spirit. (1 Pt 3:18)

Gospel:

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments.
And I will ask the Father,
and he will give you another Advocate to be with
you always,
the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept,
because it neither sees nor knows him." (Jn 14:15-17)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

If we love Christ, we will keep his
commandments, and the world will not accept us.
But we are not left orphans — God sends us an
Advocate. Come, Holy Spirit, and renew the face
of the earth!

Observances for the week of May 14, 2023

- Sunday:** 6th Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day
Monday: St. Isidore
Thursday: The Ascension of the Lord; St. John I, Pope and Martyr
Saturday: St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest; Armed Forces Day
Next Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord; 7th Sunday of Easter; World Communications Day



Saint of the week

Servant of God Mari-Rose Juliette Toussaint, was originally born into slavery in Haiti and later freed in New York City as a young adult. Along with her husband, Venerable Pierre Toussaint, she is remembered for her incredible charity work inside and outside of the Church.

Prayer

Lord God, source of love and compassion, we praise and honor You for the virtuous and charitable life of our sister in Christ, Servant of God Mari-Rose Juliette Toussaint.

Inspired by the example of our Lord Jesus, Juliette worshipped You with love and served Your people with generosity. She attended Mass daily and responded to the practical and spiritual needs of friends and strangers, of the rich and the poor, the sick and the homeless of 19th century, New York.

If it is Your will, let the name of Mari-Rose Juliette Toussaint be officially raised to the rank of saint, so that the world may know this Haitian New Yorker who refused to hate and be bitter, but instead lived to the full commandments of heaven and the divine law of love — love for God and for neighbor. By following her example and asking for her prayer, may we, too, be counted among the blessed in heaven.

We ask for this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Readings for the week of May 14, 2023

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

Monday:

Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday:

Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday:

Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15

Thursday:

Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 16:16-20 *Ascension*: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20

Friday:

Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23

Saturday:

Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn 16:23b-28

Next Sunday:

Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20

Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:12-14/Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8 (13)/1 Pt 4:13-16/Jn 17:1-11a



Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

My dad was adopted as a baby. It's a big part of my family's story. His birth mother placed him in a Catholic orphanage not long after birth. A young couple longing for a baby strolled among the bassinets. My father, then only a few months old, looked at the husband and smiled. The man said, "That's my son." They took him home and the family grew. This moment of adoption was a wonderful truth they celebrated even when my dad was a young boy. They told him, "You're even more special than the other children, because we chose you to be our son." My dad's eyes well up with tears of gratitude whenever he tells the story, even eighty-three years later.

What is your story? Do we think or act like unwanted orphans? Who do we believe ourselves to be? As we continue to ponder Jesus' resurrection, we hear him say to us this Sunday, **"I will not leave you orphans."** God doesn't leave us alone like spiritual orphans. The power that raised Jesus from the dead is the Holy Spirit, who is also called the Spirit of Adoption. He chooses us to be His children, to share God's life forever. He gives us a future filled with hope. We are not orphans anymore! This Easter, that's the story we should share with others. It's the true story we are living right now.

— Father John Muir



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(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Weirdly Christian

For some time, I have worn a brown scapular. If you don't know much about this devotional practice, here is a very quick-and-dirty version, greatly lacking in detail: it's two little pieces of brown cloth, connected by a cord and worn around the neck beneath one's clothing. One of the cloth pieces depicts Our Lady of Mount Carmel appearing to St. Simon Stock, and the other piece — the one that is sometimes visible at the nape of my neck — depicts Our Lady's "scapular promise:" *Whosoever dies clothed in this Scapular shall not suffer eternal fire.*

This reflection is not about the brown scapular, but let me just quickly say that, while I believe the scapular promise, I do not view the scapular as a get-out-of-jail-free card, and neither does the Church. I don't wear it for the purpose of avoiding eternal fire. I wear it as a reminder to myself of my Marian consecration and as an act of humility and prayer.

I have sometimes cringed at the thought of how it looks to the person standing behind me in line at the coffee shop, should they happen to glimpse my scapular and read its brazen promise. We don't go in for talk of hellfire and salvation in polite society these days. I wonder if they think I'm a crazy person. I wonder if I should try to tuck the scapular back down below my collar.

Sometimes I do. But more often than not, I take a deep breath and decide that it's okay for me to feel self-conscious and trust that, if God wants to use this moment for His glory, he will — and if He doesn't, all I've lost is the esteem of others, which isn't worth that much to begin with.

I've always heard it said that if you do Christianity right, the rest of the world should think you're just a little bit weird.

"...the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows him." — John 14:17
Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

The Bible says that Jesus condemned gambling, but I notice that so many parishes have them at festivals and other events. What's correct?

Answer:

Although Jesus speaks of our relationship with material wealth and the very human struggle with greed, the gospels do not include any specific instructions related to gambling. At the same time, the Church is very sensitive to the needs of those who might struggle with an addiction to gambling, and pastoral care should always be offered to those who struggle with this reality in their life.

While it is true that many parish or school communities include gambling or games of chance in festivals and fundraisers (e.g. bingo, roulette, ring tossing, dunking booths, etc.), there is nothing inherently wrong these sorts of events, given they are played fairly and within the limits of reason are not morally objectionable. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us: "Games of chance (card games, etc.) or wagers are not in themselves contrary to justice. They become morally unacceptable when they deprive someone of what is necessary to provide for his needs and those of others" (no. 2413).

As in all things, moderation and a sense of healthy limits should be applied to gambling and games of chance. For those who find themselves living with addiction to gambling, help is available in various 12-step and addiction recovery programs.

“On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me. And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him.”

- Jn 14:20-21

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

We hear how through the prayers of Peter and John the Holy Spirit descended upon those Samaritans who believed in Jesus and were baptized. Can you think of a time when your prayers were answered?

Second Reading

Peter taught his community to be prepared to defend their faith with gentleness and reverence even in a hostile environment. Have you ever had to explain what you believe to someone arguing with you?

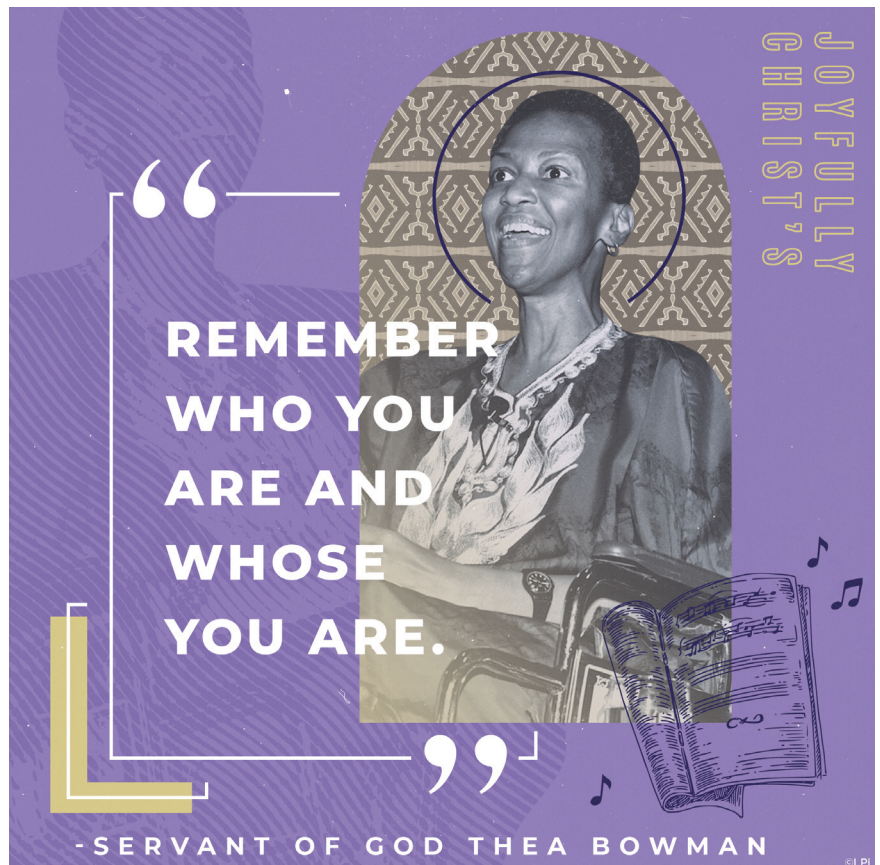
Gospel Reading

Jesus assured his disciples, “I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.” When do you experience Jesus’ presence in your life?



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“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows him. But you know him, because he remains with you, and will be in you.” - Jn 14:15-17

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Prayer

Jesus, help me to love you enough to do all that you ask.

Mission for the Week

Make cards for the sick. Remind them how much Jesus loves them.

Sharing the Gospel

If you love Jesus, you will do what he asks. If someone hurts your feelings, Jesus asks you to forgive. If someone is hard to get along with, Jesus asks you to show love. If someone is sick, Jesus asks you to pray. Learn from Jesus. Follow his example. Love all people like God does.

Now color the picture!



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