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We belong to Christ, not ourselves

# ST COLUMBAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

A Parish of the  
Archdiocese of Seattle



## JUNE MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART

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June 18, 2023

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### 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

#### Parish Office Hours at St. Columban

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

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul** Providing emergency assistance for those in need. Help Line: 360-458-1904

**Entrance Antiphon:** O Lord hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God my Savior.

**1st Reading:** Exodus 19: 2-6a

**Responsorial Psalm:** We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

**2nd Reading:** Romans 3: 6-11

**Gospel Acclamation:** The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the Gospel.

**Gospel:** Matthew 9:36-10:8

**Communion Antiphon:** There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek; to live in the house of the Lord, all the days of my life.

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# Welcome to St. Columban

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## St. Columban Parish Pastoral Council

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## St. Peter Advisory Commission

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

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

## St. Columban Parish Finance Council

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

## Weekly Calendar & Mass Intentions

All events are at St. Columban unless otherwise noted.

**MONDAY June 19** **St. Romuald, Abbott**  
 Rosary Prayer Group 7:00PM Church

**TUESDAY June 20**  
**NO DAILY MASS**  
 Spanish Prayer Group 6:30PM Parish Hall

**WEDNESDAY June 21** **St. Aloysius Gonzaga**  
**NO DAILY MASS**  
 Bible Study 11:00AM St. Peter

**THURSDAY June 22** **Ss Paulinus, John Fisher, & Thomas More**  
**NO DAILY MASS**  
 Choir Practice 6:00PM Church  
 Sunday Scripture Study 6:30PM

**FRIDAY June 23**  
**NO DAILY MASS**

**SATURDAY June 24** **Nativity of St. John the Baptist**  
 Knights of Columbus Car Show 9AM-2PM Parish Hall  
 Confession 3:30PM Church  
 Anticipatory Sunday Mass 5:00 PM *Int.: Pro Populo* Church

**SUNDAY June 25** **12th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 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  
 Knights of Columbus Breakfast 11:45AM Parish Hall

"I am but a crooked piece of iron, and have come into religion to be made straight by the hammer of mortification and penance."  
 —St. Aloysius Gonzaga

## From the Parish Office

### Week of June 4, 2023

Ordinary Income	St Columban	St Peter
Weekly Goal	\$5,800.00	\$1,000.00
Collection (Cash & Envelopes)	\$4,953.00	\$720.00
Online Giving	\$1,294.86	\$591.86
Net	\$447.86	\$311.86
Special Funds		
St Vincent DePaul	\$164.41	\$0.00
Sacramentals (Candles, Beeswax tapers, Salt)	\$5.00	\$14.25
Flowers	\$10.00	\$0.00
Building Fund	\$86.06	\$10.00
Mass Intentions	\$0.00	\$0.00

**Thank you to all who participated in this years' Homeschool Enrichment program.** Please remember to fill out the survey on the parish website to help discern what next year's curriculum will look like. All parishioners are invited to provide your input and interest in this program which is offered on Fridays during our academic year.

**Now Hiring: Part Time Bookkeeper.** St. Columban Catholic Church in Yelm is seeking a part-time (12–15 hours per week) bookkeeper. Responsibilities include but are not limited to overseeing weekly donation counting, entering data on proprietary system, posting to appropriate accounts, reconciling checking accounts, reporting to appropriate personnel. Work experience of 2-4 years as bookkeeper required. Final candidate will be required to pass a background check and take Safe Environment training. Interested applicants may submit a resume to [frthompson@saintcolumbanyelm.org](mailto:frthompson@saintcolumbanyelm.org).

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# A Word from Father Thompson



A few years ago, a friend of mine (a faithful Catholic) posted something to Facebook. It was a quote from a politician in Europe calling for swift and disproportionate retribution for the latest atrocity committed by the so-called Islamic State (ISIS). The quote advocated that the world begin to target the families of terrorists with tactics of terror in kind, such as kidnapping and maiming and public murder. I rebuked my friend, telling him that while it is understandable that he feel anger and a desire for justice after someone commits such an evil act, supporting such a response was EVIL and un-Christian, even sinful. He apologized and removed the post.

A few weeks later, there was a terrorist attack in San Bernardino, California and I heard other people expressing wishes that the dead terrorists were burning in Hell. In innumerable cases since as well, I will hear people echoing these sentiments and others like them. I don't know how many times I have heard people express a hope that pervers be abused in prison, those who harm police be mistreated in custody, that criminals be killed by police in standoffs, that murderers be executed swiftly (i.e. setting due process aside). Responses like this to evil are perhaps understandable, but are nonetheless wrong and signs of our fallen human nature. That does not excuse the initial atrocity, of course, and I am not saying that justice should not be meted out in response to great evil, only that the Christian heart should reject the impulse toward revenge for the sake of revenge. Wishing evil on sinners is the exact opposite of what Jesus Christ taught us.

Like I told my friend, I understand the hunger for swift and exact justice. The desire for justice is a good thing, it is a reflection of the Image of God (who is the just judge), in us. However, like so much of humanity, that desire for the scales of justice to balance is wounded by sin, and we all have a dark impulse to go beyond the bounds of virtuous justice and to resort to vicious vengeance. God gave the Israelites the law "an eye for an eye" not to demand retribution but to temper the impulse to excessive retribution by setting a limit: no more than the original harm. However, Jesus taught us the more perfect way of mercy. We are to forgive as we wish to be forgiven, we are to pray for our enemies, we are to prefer being struck twice than strike back once. The abominable evils perpetrated by Russia against in Ukraine in past weeks, as well as the ongoing wickedness of dictators and terrorists throughout the world, and the ever-present cancer of society which is Marxism (no matter how slight) all serve as an opportunity to remember and actually practice this command of Jesus Christ.

That is not to say we do not believe in the need for justice. Those who do evil need to be opposed and their ability to threaten the innocent must be definitively ended. Christians may be called to turn the other cheek, but we do not have the option of turning other people's cheeks; we have an obligation to defend, or at least aid, the innocent. However, even as we hope and perhaps even act to cause the schemes of the wicked to fail, we should not wish additional evil on the evildoers, or to treat them as less than human, or to pretend a personal vendetta or hunger for revenge is justice.

So when the next terrible thing happens in the world or in our community, pray for the victims, of course, and hunger for justice, but I would ask you to add a prayer for the perpetrators (and mean it!): Lord Have Mercy, Christ Have Mercy, Lord Have Mercy.

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, Eitan Hadayo, Tracy Slater, Stan Villadelgado

### **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 June 2023:** *For the abolition of torture:* We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.

# Elementary & Adult Faith Formation

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## 5 Ways to Celebrate a Catholic Dad on Father's Day.

### 1. PRAY with and for him

- Give Dad a bouquet of white lilies, the symbol of Saint Joseph, protector of the family together with a spiritual bouquet (collection of all the prayers you have prayed or will pray for him)
- Gather as a family and pray a prayer to Saint Joseph for Dad and his intentions
- Have a Mass offered for Dad and attend it together as a family

### 2. Make a Catholic Moments Pilgrimage

Visit important places in Dad's life as a Catholic and a Dad either through a photo slideshow or by really going to the various places – examples of places to “visit”: where he received Baptism, 1st Communion, Confirmation, Marriage, house where he lived growing up, schools he attended, place he met Mom, first place Mom and Dad lived when newly married, etc. Ask Dad to share a story / memory at each place and pray a prayer for him at each place.

### 3. Make a Love of the Father Video / Photo Montage

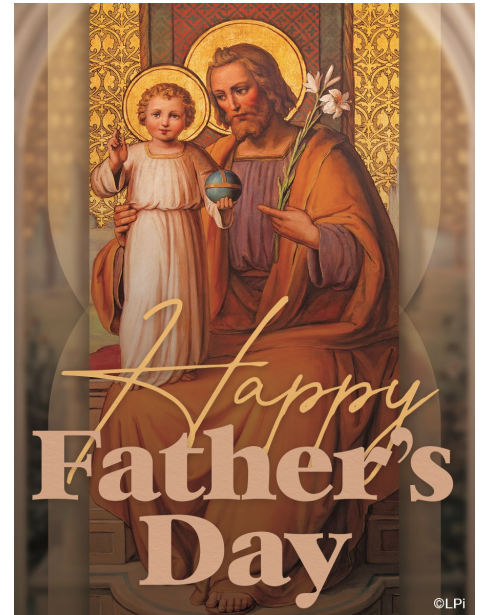
Take the time to tell your Dad how you see him making the love of God the Father visible and/or felt. Use your cell phone to take pictures or short videos that express all the reasons you (and your siblings – if you have them, or your children if you are Mom) are grateful for Dad and for all that he does.

### 4. Make a Catholic Dad Calendar

Make a daily or monthly calendar with personal photos and scriptural or Saint quotes as well as memories of good times together, your thoughts about his good points/virtues, etc.

### 5. Give him a retreat! Better yet go with him on retreat!

Send him on a Men's Retreat ...a great way to give him time away to be renewed in his faith and strengthened as a Catholic Dad.



## REGISTER FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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I will be in the narthex after mass on Sunday June 18th and 25th for any families that would like to register. We begin faith formation from K-5 grades. Sacramental prep begins in 1st grade with the sacrament being received in Second grade. Youth Ministry is from 6th –12 grade. Confirmation prep begins in 6th grade with the reception of Confirmation in 7th grade. Plus other Youth Ministry events.



"Day after day I was able to observe the austere way in which he lived. By profession he was a soldier and, after my mother's death, his life became one of constant prayer. Sometimes I would wake up during the night and find my father on his knees, just as I would always see him kneeling in the parish church. We never spoke about a vocation to the priesthood, but his example was in a way my first seminary, a kind of domestic seminary."

- Pope St. John Paul II, about his own father

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# Youth Ministry

**Saint of the Week:** St. Aloysius Gonzaga (Feast Day June 21)

O Holy Mary, my mother,  
into your blessed trust and custody,  
and into the care of your mercy  
I this day, every day,  
and in the hour of my death,  
commend my soul and my body.  
To you I commit all my anxieties  
and miseries,  
my life and the end of my life,  
that by your most holy intercession  
and by your merits  
all my actions may be directed  
and disposed  
according to your will  
and that of your Son.  
Amen.



Guercino (1591-1666) *The Vocation of Saint Aloysius (Luigi) Gonzaga*. Public Domain

**June - Month of the Sacred Heart**

**How do I foster a devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus?**

- Visit Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration every First Friday
- Pray the Litany of the Sacred Heart
- Go to Confession regularly and resolve to never receive Holy Communion when not in a State of Grace



**12 Promises of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, as revealed to St. Margaret Mary (d. 1690)**

1. I will give them all the graces necessary in their state of life.
2. I will establish peace in their homes.
3. I will comfort them in all their afflictions.
4. I will be their secure refuge during life, and above all, in death.
5. I will bestow abundant blessings upon all their undertakings.
6. Sinners will find in my Heart the source and infinite ocean of mercy.
7. Lukewarm souls shall become fervent.
8. Fervent souls shall quickly mount to high perfection.
9. I will bless every place in which an image of my Heart is exposed and honored.
10. I will give to priests the gift of touching the most hardened hearts.
11. Those who shall promote this devotion shall have their names written in my Heart.
12. I promise you in the excessive mercy of my Heart that my all-powerful love will grant to all those who receive Holy Communion on the First Fridays in nine consecutive months the grace of final perseverance; they shall not die in my disgrace, nor without receiving their sacraments. My divine Heart shall be their safe refuge in this last moment.

**Questions of the Week, Reflect and Respond to the Sunday Readings**

**First Reading:** *"Therefore, if you hearken to my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my special possession, dearer to me than all other people, though all the earth is mine. You shall be to me a kingdom of priests, a holy nation."* (Ex 19:5-6)

The Lord teaches Moses that Israel is intended to be his "treasured possession among all peoples ... a kingdom of priests, a holy nation." How would you react when you receive an incredible gift?

**Second Reading:** *Indeed, if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, how much more, once reconciled, will we be saved by his life.* (Rom 5:10)

Paul teaches the Christians in Rome that believers are reconciled to God and saved from the final wrath through the death of his Son, Jesus. What do you think we should do with this incredible message of reconciliation and salvation?

**Gospel:** *Then he summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits to drive them out and to cure every disease and every illness.* (Mt 10:1)

Jesus commissioned the twelve disciples to "proclaim the kingdom of heaven is at hand" and "cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, drive out demons" — in other words, disciples are called to follow Jesus' lead. How can we modern disciples follow Jesus' lead?

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## From the Archdiocese

**"Give and it will be given to you." - Luke 6:38 /**

If you received Archbishop Etienne's letter this past week, please prayerfully consider your gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal. In addition to the many ministries that support those in need, your gift also supports the staff of insert parish name and name pastor/ vicar, on a regular basis with a range of centralized services such as seminarian support, continuing education for our priests, deacons, and lay leaders and much more. Thank you to the many of you who have chosen to make your best gift by pledging over several months. To date, we have heard from about 25% of our parish.



**PARTNERS  
IN THE GOSPEL**

See what's new with the Partners in the Gospel initiative. The Current Reality report

provides a snapshot of the archdiocese today and outlines data and trends across the region – as well as forecasts demographic changes over the next decade. It also outlines the urgent need for change and why we must re-envision parish life today. View the Current Reality Video at [archseattle.org/partners](http://archseattle.org/partners).

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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](mailto:jennifer@saintcolumbanyelm.org)



### Altar Society

Meets every Thursday  
after Daily Mass to clean  
the church.



### Daughters of Mary

St. Columban Catholic Church Yelm, WA

#### Monthly Meeting

July 25th, 6:00PM

RE Bldg.

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



### Knights of Columbus

Council 17152 / Assembly 3947

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#### Next Council Meeting:

June 21, Begins with Evening  
Prayer in the Church at 5:30  
PM

#### Next Assembly Meeting:

June 19

Join us for our next breakfast!

June 25, after the

#### Prayer Groups

Rosary Group Mondays 7pm,  
Church

Spanish Group Tuesdays  
6:30pm, Hall

### Society of St. Vincent de Paul

#### Monthly Meeting

June 22, 7:00 PM Parish Hall



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

Next Meeting  
July 11th 9:30 AM



## Presented by The Knights of Columbus

St. Columban Council 17152

In conjunction with Yelm Prairie Days 2023



**SATURDAY, JUNE 24<sup>TH</sup> | 9AM – 3PM REG FEE ONLY \$20**

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All funds raised go towards purchasing new coats for Kids. Last year we were able to gift over 300 coats to kids in our community on Black Friday weekend!

Trophies for the Top 10, People's Choice, Father's Favorite, Knights' Choice, Club Participation and Long Distances. Goody Bags, Raffle and Food for purchase. Registration fee is \$20 per vehicle and payable at the door. Pre-registration is available by mailing your contact information and a \$20 check to the church address, above payable to the Knights of Columbus. No charge to come see cars!

For more information contact Darren Johnson @ 253-709-4588 or  
[KofC@saintcolumbanyelm.org](mailto:KofC@saintcolumbanyelm.org)

**Mark you calendars! Parish Picnic & Ministry Fair will  
be held Sunday, August 13, following the 10:30 Mass!**

**Sign up for updates via email or text: [saintcolumbanyelm.flocknote.com](https://saintcolumbanyelm.flocknote.com)**



# 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](https://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](https://watch.formed.org/this-week-on-formed)



### Saint Thomas More: The Age of the Author

This engaging series delves into the lives of the saints who led the Catholic Counter-Reformation. In this episode, learn about St. Thomas More, a patient witness to the faith who endured a heroic martyrdom at the hands of Henry VIII.



### The Baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist | The Bible and Baptism | Episode 3

Dr. John Sehorn joins Fr. Isaac Morales, OP, a Dominican friar of the Province of Saint Joseph and Associate Professor of Theology at Providence College. This episode highlights the significance of Jesus' baptism at the hands of his cousin, John the Baptist.

## Outside Events

**Mental Health First Aid Training**  
A Workshop for Catholic Leaders in Parish Ministry

Mental Health issues are on the rise...  
how will your parish ministry respond?

*the Seven Principles for Making Marriage Work*

### A Workshop for Married & Engaged Catholic Couples

#### YOU WILL LEARN ABOUT

- Risk factors and warning signs of mental health and substance use problems.
- Information on anxiety, depression, trauma, substance use (including opioids), non-suicidal self injury, disorders in which psychosis may occur, disruptive behavior disorders and eating disorders.
- A 5-step Action Plan to help someone who is developing a mental health problem or is in crisis.
- Available evidence-based professional, peer and self-help resources.

...and More!

Friday,  
June 23  
9am-5pm

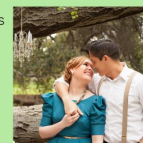
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Catholic Church  
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Olympia, WA 98513

[www.stgeorgeolympia.org](http://www.stgeorgeolympia.org)

Registration: \$99  
(Register today - space is limited!)

#### YOU WILL LEARN HOW TO

- Foster respect, affection & closeness
- Build & share a deeper connection with each other's inner world
- Keep conflict discussions calm
- Break through & resolve conflict gridlock
- Strengthen & maintain the positive gains in your relationship



...and More!

Saturday,  
June 24  
10am-5pm

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[MOUNTTABORCOUNSELING.COM](http://MOUNTTABORCOUNSELING.COM)

Scan Code  
to register!



#### MEET YOUR CERTIFIED WORKSHOP LEADERS

Deacon Basil and Brittany Balke have been married for almost 12 years and consider themselves lifelong learners. Deacon Basil is a Catholic deacon. He has a Master's in Counseling and is a Licensed Mental Health Counselor who has worked with hundreds of couples in his professional practice. Brittany is a trained Coach and a graduate student in Mental Health Counseling. Both are certified leaders in the Seven Principles workshop from The Gottman Institute. They have four children and are passionate about helping people live happy, meaningful lives!

*Dea Basil & Brittany*  
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to register!



Happy Father's Day! Why not give your husband a gift of a lifetime by spending a special weekend away with each other. Learn how to have a great marriage by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on Oct 13-15, 2023 at Archbishop Brunett Retreat Center at the Palisades, Federal Way, WA, Oct 6-8 Immaculate Heart Retreat Center, Spokane, WA or Aug 25-27 Beaverton, OR. For more information about Worldwide Marriage Encounter, please visit [www.wmenc.org](http://www.wmenc.org). For questions, or to find out more about a Virtual Encounter Weekend, feel free to contact: Jeff and Sandy Corneil 360-930-2321.

**Chosen, Called, and Sent Forth**

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# At Home with

# Faith

**Jesus sent his disciples to proclaim that the kingdom of God is at hand.**

We are also called to do this work in our own way today.

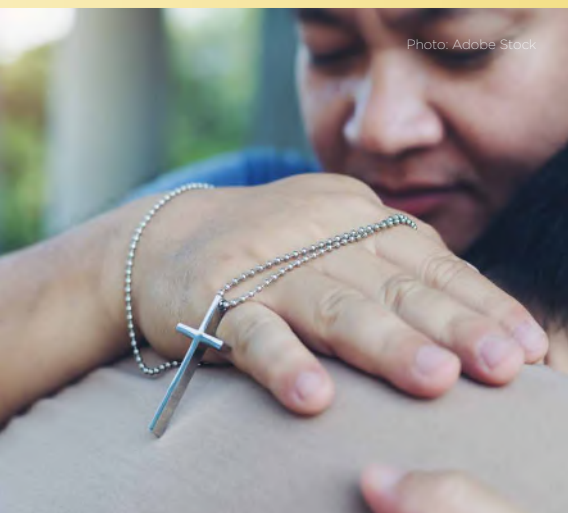


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The word “apostle” comes from the Greek word *apostolos*, which means “person sent.” In today’s gospel reading, Matthew lists the names of the twelve disciples and calls them “apostles,” reminding us that they were being sent out to continue Christ’s work.

We are also called to follow in their footsteps – not to keep our faith tucked away and out of sight, but to go out into the world, proclaiming the kingdom of God. We are called to meet one another with vulnerability and acceptance, becoming agents of healing and change. This is what it means to be “a kingdom of priests, a holy nation.” (Exodus 19:6) We have been chosen, called, and sent forth.

## 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](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings)  
or download an app such as *Laudate*  
or *iBreviary* to access the  
Mass readings.

**Exodus 19:2-6a**

“You shall be to me a kingdom of priests, a holy nation.”

**Psalms 100:1-3,5**

“We are his people, the sheep of his flock.”

**Romans 5:6-11**

“While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

**Matthew 9:36-10:8**

“The harvest is plenty but the laborers are few.”



# At Home with Faith

## Talk

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

**“Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, drive out demons.” (Matthew 10:8) These are the things that Jesus sent the apostles to do.** It might be hard for some of us to imagine ourselves doing these exact things in our own lives, but there are many other ways that we can proclaim the Kingdom of God – to help bring about healing, forgiveness, and new life. What are some ways that you can do the work of God in your own circumstances and surroundings?

**“Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give.” (Matthew 10:8) Think of a time when you received something for free, whether it be a gift, some cash, or even a kind act or a compliment.** How did it make you feel? How did you respond through your actions? Sometimes, it’s helpful to think about times in our own lives when we received an unexpected gift so that we can remember the feeling of receiving something without cost. This can teach us to open our eyes to the sacrifice of Jesus and to see it for what it is – the ultimate gift of new life that has been freely given to us, which we are now being called to share with others.

**Below is a prayer to “Live the Gospel, Be Disciples” from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). Parents are encouraged to pray this prayer with their children while modeling discipleship in their own lives.**

Loving Father,  
Open our hearts to hidden realities:  
    your love for all people,  
    your presence in the community,  
    your call to justice and peace.  
May the sacraments stir in us  
that same love for those with whom we worship  
and all members of our human family.

Christ Jesus,  
Help us to imitate your example:  
    healing the sick,  
    welcoming the stranger,  
    assisting the poor and vulnerable.  
May the sacraments remind us  
of your love and self-giving,  
which we strive to imitate.

Holy Spirit,  
Make visible to our eyes what is invisible:  
    your call to your people,  
    your summons to live our faith daily  
    as witnesses of justice and peace.  
May the sacraments move us  
to engage in love-inspired action  
that transforms us and the world.

Amen.

Source:  
<https://www.usccb.org/prayers/prayer-live-gospel-be-disciples>

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<https://www.athomewithfaith.org>



**SUNDAY, JUNE 18, 2023**

# 11<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, make this proclamation: 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, drive out demons. Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give." - Mt 10:6-8



# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

"Therefore, if you hearken to my voice and keep my covenant,  
you shall be my special possession,  
dearer to me than all other people,  
though all the earth is mine.  
You shall be to me a kingdom of priests, a holy nation." (Ex 19:5-6)

### Psalm:

We are his people: the sheep of his flock. (Ps 100)

### Second Reading:

Indeed, if, while we were enemies,  
we were reconciled to God through the death of  
his Son,  
how much more, once reconciled,  
will we be saved by his life. (Rom 5:10)

### Gospel:

Then he summoned his twelve disciples  
and gave them authority over unclean spirits  
to drive them out and to cure every disease and  
every illness. (Mt 10:1)

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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Without cost we have received, without cost  
we are to give. Do we open our hearts to one  
another with the same reckless love and mercy  
that God opens His heart to us? How quickly the  
world could change if we did.

## Observances for the week of June 18, 2023

- Sunday:** 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Father's Day  
**Monday:** St. Romuald, Abbot  
**Tuesday:** World Refugee Day  
**Wednesday:** St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious  
**Thursday:** St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop; Sts. John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More, Martyrs  
**Saturday:** The Nativity of St. John the Baptist  
**Next Sunday:** 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time



## Saint of the week

Venerable Mother Angeline founded the Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and the Infirm in New York. She provided healthcare, housing, and dignity for the elderly making certain that the people in her care enjoyed a life full of community and joy during their advanced years.

## Prayer

Almighty and Eternal Father, we thank You for the inspiration You gave to Your daughter, Mother M. Angeline Teresa, to establish the Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm, and to provide loving care for countless elderly men and women with compassion and a respect for their dignity and a regard for life in all its stages. In particular, moved by her example of prayerful trust in Your mercy, we ask You through her intercession for this special intention (pause to add your petitions for healing, etc.) If it be Your gracious will, grant that the virtues of Venerable Mary Angeline Teresa may be recognized and provide a lasting example for Your people.

We ask this through Our Lord Jesus Christ, Your son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

Amen.

(Prayer Source: <https://motherangeline.org/prayer-to-mother-angeline/>)

## Readings for the week of June 18, 2023

### Sunday:

Ex 19:2-6a/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 (3c)/Rom 5:6-11/Mt 9:36—10:8

### Monday:

2 Cor 6:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4/Mt 5:38-42

### Tuesday:

2 Cor 8:1-9/Ps 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a/Mt 5:43-48

### Wednesday:

2 Cor 9:6-11/Ps 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

### Thursday:

2 Cor 11:1-11/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mt 6:7-15

### Friday:

2 Cor 11:18, 21-30/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 6:19-23

### Saturday:

*Vigil:* Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab and 17/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17  
*Day:* Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80

### Next Sunday:

Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35 (14c)/Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33



## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

In the backyard of the house where I live with other priests, there is a lemon tree which produces a huge amount of fruit. One evening in the spring I needed some lemons for a chicken dish. I glanced from the kitchen and saw the tree bursting with large, bright, gorgeous lemons, hanging thick on seemingly every branch. Turning to Fr. Bob (I'll change his name to protect the innocent) who sat on the couch, I said, "Father, could you pick a few lemons for me?" He said sure and into the backyard he went. He returned a few minutes later empty-handed. "John, there's no lemons. Sorry." I said, "What are you talking about?" I looked again and saw the grapefruit tree on the other side of the yard, which had recently been picked clean of fruit. He didn't see the abundant fruit because he was looking in the wrong place!

Like Fr. Bob, we sadly don't see the fruit all around us. We think that the culture is spiraling down, young people avoid church, and the future looks bleak. Why go out into the world and work? The world looks like a fruitless tree.

Jesus doesn't see things that way. This week he tells us, "**The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few.**" Look again: there is spiritual fruit hanging all around us! The lonely ready to be visited. The sick ready to be healed. The forgotten ready to be remembered. The poor ready to be treated with dignity. The sad ready to be consoled. The young ready for the Gospel. So, let's ask the Lord to send laborers to get to work. And he will. He might send you and me. Just remember to look at the correct trees. — *Father John Muir*



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## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

### The Toy

What does it mean to be God's "special possession"? Our world is dominated by *things*, objects, possessions. To say we are a materialistic culture is an understatement. In that context, it can be really hard to fully appreciate the meaning of being "possessed" by God. I have so many possessions, after all. I acquire and discard them without thought. I am even overwhelmed by them. Sometimes, it feels like *they* possess me.

But then I think of the week after Christmas in a house with small children. In that week, there is always The Toy. The Toy that won the heart of your child under the tree, The Toy to which they emotionally attached themselves in a whirlwind of twinkle lights and sugar cookies. For that one week, The Toy is all there is. There were many gifts, but The Toy is special, and there can only be one.

So, what does it mean to be "possessed" by God? What does it mean to be of his people? It means you will be cherished and protected in ways you do not deserve and cannot understand. It means you are distinguished not by your own merit, but by the love with which you are beheld.

It means that you are always The Toy, and every day is Christmas.

*"Therefore, if you hearken to my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my special possession, dearer to me than all other people, though all the earth is mine." — Exodus 19:5*

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

## Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

### Question:

I've noticed that when I go to Mass at different parishes, sometimes people say and do different things. Why is that?

### Answer:

The Mass in its current form has taken shape over the course of 2,000 years. Over time, traditions, structures, and prayers have been put into place. There are certain rubrics for the Mass that are normative wherever you go. This means you could attend Mass in Malawi or Thailand or Italy and still watch the same basic liturgy unfold, even if you don't understand the language. There may be some cultural differences from place to place, things that aren't specifically listed. For example, in the United States most people go up for Communion in a nice, neat line. In Europe, everyone gets up around the same time. It's a bit of a free-for-all!

Some people might take it upon themselves to change things individually. People may not like something that feels too "liberal" or "conservative," and they may take a well-meaning stance in the opposite direction. When people (including the presiders) do things that are distracting or change the liturgy, it introduces an element that breaks the unity of the assembled community. The important thing to remember is that we gather as the Body of Christ to celebrate the Eucharist. If you are confused, ask! If you are frustrated, pray for the spirit of charity.

“Go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, make this proclamation: ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, drive out demons. Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give.”

- Mt 10:6-8

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## Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

### First Reading

The Lord teaches Moses that Israel is intended to be his “treasured possession among all peoples ... a kingdom of priests, a holy nation.” How would you react when you receive an incredible gift?

### Second Reading

Paul teaches the Christians in Rome that believers are reconciled to God and saved from the final wrath through the death of his Son, Jesus. What do you think we should do with this incredible message of reconciliation and salvation?

### Gospel Reading

Jesus commissioned the twelve disciples to “proclaim the kingdom of heaven is at hand” and “cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, drive out demons” — in other words, disciples are called to follow Jesus’ lead. How can we modern disciples follow Jesus’ lead?



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# We are his people: his flock of sheep.

**PSALM 100**

At the sight of the crowds, Jesus' heart was moved with pity for them because they were troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest." - Mt 9:36-38

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## Prayer

Jesus, help me share your good news with other kids.

## Mission for the Week

Tell a friend about Jesus this week.

### Sharing the Gospel

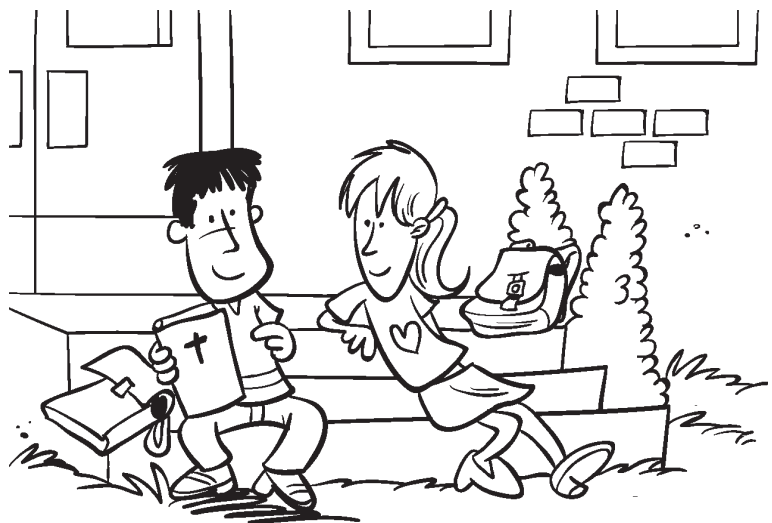
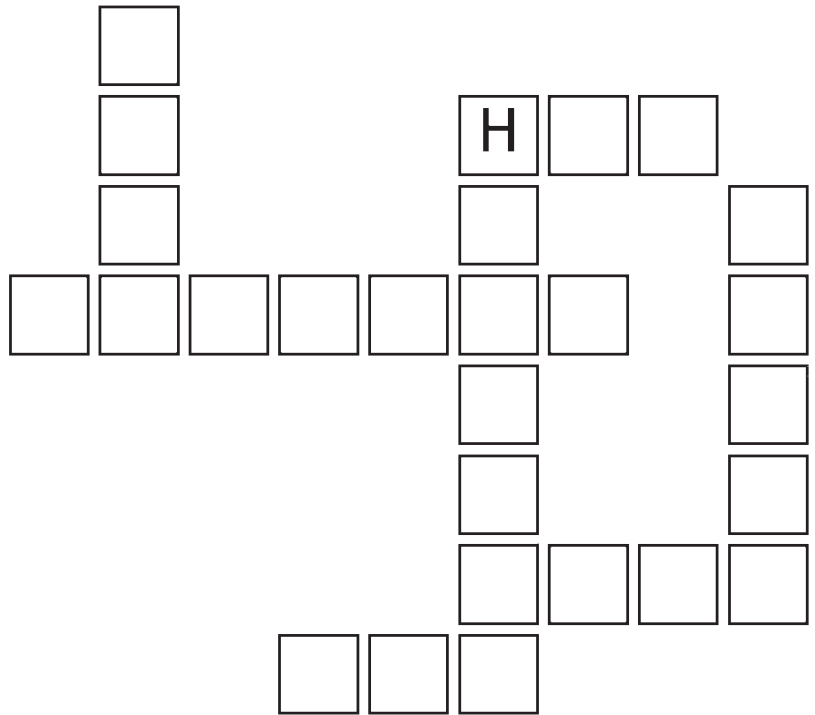
God wants all people to go to heaven one day. Some people are lost. They need help finding their way back to God. You can help them! You know that you are a sinner. You know that Jesus washed your sins away. Well, share that good news! Your friends have made mistakes. Tell them about Jesus' love that washed their sins away, too.

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