

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

July 2, 2023

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon: All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!

1st Reading: 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a

Responsorial Psalm: *Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.*

2nd Reading: Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

Gospel Acclamation: *You are the chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation. Announce the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.*

Gospel: Matthew 10:37-42

Communion Antiphon: *Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name.*



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Welcome to St. Columban

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

Weekly Calendar & Mass Intentions

All events are at St. Columban unless otherwise noted.

MONDAY July 3 **St. Thomas, Apostle**

Rosary Prayer Group 7:00PM Church

TUESDAY July 4 **Independence Day**

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

NO DAILY MASS

Spanish Prayer Group 6:30PM Parish Hall

WEDNESDAY July 5 **St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest**

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

NO DAILY MASS

Bible Study 11:00AM St. Peter

THURSDAY July 6 **St. Maria Goretti, Virgin & Martyr**

Mass 9:00AM Church

Choir Practice 6:00PM Church

FRIDAY July 7

First Friday Mass 9:00AM St. Peter

First Friday Devotions 6:30PM Church

SATURDAY July 8 **B.V.M**

Confession 3:30PM Church

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

SUNDAY July 9 **14th 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

Daughters of Mary Fellowship 11:45AM Parish Hall

"Prayer is the noble supplication which we lift up to the throne of God. It is the most efficient means to obtain from God the graces which we need, and especially the strength of persevering in these times, in which the hatred of the sons of the devil is breaking out violently against the sheep who are faithful to the fold." - Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati (d. 1925)

From the Parish Office

Week of June 18, 2023

Ordinary Income	St Columban	St Peter
Weekly Goal	\$5,800.00	\$1,000.00
Collection (Cash & Envelopes)	\$3,513.00	\$641.25
Online Giving	\$1,113.46	\$170.15
Net	(\$1,173.54)	(\$188.60)
Special Funds		
St Vincent DePaul	\$39.41	\$0.00
Sacramentals (Candles, Beeswax tapers, Salt)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Flowers	\$0.00	\$5.00
Building Fund	\$178.07	\$0.00
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.

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

A Word from Father Thompson



Being that this is Independence Day weekend, and the chaos and division of the past few years, I thought it might be good reflect on the value of patriotism. The Catechism of the Catholic Church says in Paragraph 2239, “It is the duty of citizens to contribute along with the civil authorities to the good of society in a spirit of truth, justice, solidarity, and freedom. The love and service of one’s country follow from the duty of gratitude and belong to the order of charity. Submission to legitimate authorities and service of the common good require citizens to fulfill their roles in the life of the political community.”

The Catechism goes on to speak about duties such as obeying the law, paying taxes, voting, etc. It also reminds us that objecting, resisting, or even opposing unjust or untrue laws or acts of authority—as such violate the Natural or Divine Law—is itself an act of loyalty to one’s homeland because all authority has its roots in God. No earthly authority can rest on its own power alone lest it become despotic and self-referential.

Although only one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence was a Catholic, this understanding of all (legitimate) authority having its roots in God is one that was shared among the founders, even those who were not explicitly religious. There were political philosophies at the time that rooted civil authority in mere agreement among men, or as a reflection or response to power struggles. While these philosophies were well known to our founders, it is significant that when it came time to express the fundamental reason for our nation’s existence, they said it was because all men are created equal by God, that he gives us all the same inalienable rights, and that governments exist to protect that reality.

While, obviously not everything our nation was doing at the time or since has been in line with that ideal, our national history by and large is one of trying to seek the common and individual good, and bit by bit considering those who had previously been left out in that calculus. Not only that, but being a nation founded on an idea, rather than shared racial or ethnic history means that we were also able to grow in our willingness to welcome those who want to adopt our philosophy and find a place as one of us (the “Melting Pot” is one of my favorite things about our country). We are not perfect by any means today, but there is something to be said about the most fundamental motive for our existence as a people being to honor the fundamental, inherent, and inalienable dignity and equality of one another. In religious terms, we could speak of recognizing the image and likeness of God in all people.

Now, we ought not be blindly patriotic, excusing the imperfections and sins of our society, or mistaking our national values for the deeper religious truths of which they are mere shadows. Nor should we ever drink the poison of those philosophies (past or present) that see society solely as a power struggle among identity groups. Instead, we, as Christians, should continue to challenge and oppose injustices that still remain or that might arise in our nation, and we need always to remember that our first citizenship is in the Kingdom of God. However, we really do have a good thing here, and the core philosophy of our nation is very compatible with (but not the same thing as) the values of our faith. We are blessed.

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 July 2023: For a Eucharistic life We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

MEETING CHRIST: EXPLORING THE LITURGY

CHRIST HIMSELF SPEAKS: THE LITURGY OF THE WORD (Part 2 of 5)

We have gathered and begun our shared prayer. Following the Introductory Rites of the Mass (see Part 1 in this series!) we move into the Liturgy of the Word.

The Church tells us that Christ is present in the liturgy in four ways: in the sacrament of his Body and Blood, the Eucharist; in the assembly gathered for prayer; in the priest presider; and in the word proclaimed: “Christ himself speaks when the holy Scriptures are read in the Church.” In other words, the Liturgy of the Word is sacramental.

The Second Vatican Council spoke about two tables being spread before us in the Mass: the table of the Word and the table of the Eucharist. We receive the same Christ at both tables. At the beginning of Mass, the Book of the Gospels is placed on the altar, honoring the presence of the same Christ who will feed us with his Body and Blood later on in the Mass.

Jesus was nourished by the Scriptures and knew them intimately. In his teaching, he referenced dozens of passages that span the Old Testament, from the Pentateuch to the Prophets. After his Resurrection, Jesus explained the Scriptures to two of his disciples as they walked from Jerusalem to Emmaus. Down through the ages, the Church has continued to walk that road with Jesus, seeking to understand the Scriptures in light of the Resurrection. The Bible, in the words of the Second Vatican Council, is “a mirror in which the pilgrim Church on earth looks at God” (*Dei Verbum*, 7).

The Lectionary

At every liturgy of the Church—from Sunday Mass to a Communion visit by a lay minister to the Rite of Committal at a graveside—a passage from Scripture is proclaimed. At Mass, the readings come from a book called the Lectionary. The Lectionary is the same everywhere—on any given day, any Catholic Church you might visit, anywhere in the world, is proclaiming, listening to, and reflecting on the same Scripture readings.

The Lectionary is a book of carefully selected passages from the Bible. Before the Second Vatican Council, the Lectionary was fairly limited in its scope. In fact, only 16% of the New Testament and 1% of the Old Testament were proclaimed in the course of the year!

The expanded Lectionary that has been used since 1969 includes a lot more Scripture, but still falls far short of including the entirety of the Bible: in the course of three years, we hear 71.5% of the New Testament, and 13.5% of the Old Testament. (The lesson here is: we are really missing out if we do not read the Bible on our own or as part of a study group, in addition to hearing the readings at Mass!) The Lectionary is designed with several purposes in view. The readings are chosen to include key passages from the



BELOW: A detail from the Codex Sinaiticus, one of the earliest existing Biblical manuscripts, dating to around 330-360. It is in Greek, and contains all of the New Testament and most of the Old Testament, though some sections have been lost. This passage is Luke 11:2: “When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come.”

Scriptures, especially the Gospels; to illuminate the liturgical seasons; and to allow the Old and New Testaments to “speak” to one another, as it were, by highlighting Old Testament passages that foreshadow teachings and events in the life of Jesus.

On Sundays, we hear three readings. Except in Easter Time, when the Acts of the Apostles is read, the First Reading comes from the Old Testament and usually relates closely to the Gospel. For example, when we hear the parable of the dishonest steward from Luke, we also hear a passage from the prophet Amos about God’s anger with those who defraud the poor. “God, the inspirer and author of both Testaments, wisely arranged that the New Testament be hidden in the Old and the Old be made manifest in the New” (DV, 16).

The First Reading is followed by a psalm—one of the 150 songs included in the Old Testament book of Psalms, which was and is the prayer and hymn book of the Jewish people. Jesus prayed the psalms; as he hung upon the cross, the words of two psalms were on his lips (see Psalm 22:1; Psalm 31:5). The psalm is chosen for its connection to the First Reading and is called “responsorial” because we join in a sung or spoken response.

The Second Reading is often the wild card of the Liturgy of the Word. In Ordinary Time, the Second Reading is simply a semi-continuous reading of one of the New Testament Epistles, moving through the text over the

course of several weeks, without reference to how the passage lines up with the other readings.

The third reading is the Gospel and is set apart in several ways. This reading is proclaimed by an ordained minister, a deacon or priest. We stand to listen. The reading is proclaimed from a special Book of the Gospels. Candles are carried, and the book is solemnly carried from the altar to the ambo. Sung acclamations give special honor to the Gospel reading. Through all of these outward signs, we acknowledge the living word of God and the presence of Christ. The proclamation of the Gospel is the high point of the Liturgy of the Word.

Responding to the Word

After listening to the Word in the three readings and the psalm, we respond in three ways.

The homily forms part of the Liturgy of the Word. In it, the preacher makes a connection between the Scriptures and our own community, our own place and time. The homily is not a Scripture lesson, but an integration of the Scripture readings into our lives. The preacher's task is to help us find ourselves in the Scriptures, as Jesus did in his conversation with the disciples on the road to Emmaus.

Our second response is the creed or profession of faith. These words express the core of our belief about who Jesus is and who we are. This profession unites us with the Church throughout the world. At the heart of the Creed is the identity and the ongoing presence of Jesus.

Our third response is the Prayer of the Faithful, also called the Universal Prayer. In these prayers, we

get specific: we bring before God the needs of our Church, our world, and our own faith community. Nourished by the Scriptures, which have been broken open for us in the homily, we broaden our perspective, looking beyond our individual needs and intentions to the needs of the world.

Throughout the Liturgy of the Word, there is a pattern of listening and response. We do not take in the word passively, but actively. How can we keep responding to the word of God after Mass is over?

—Corinna Laughlin, *Pastoral Assistant for Liturgy*

A Prayer before the Liturgy of the Word

"If today you hear God's voice, harden not your hearts." (Psalm 95)

Come, Holy Spirit, Spirit of wisdom, knowledge, and understanding! Open my ears to the Word, so that I may believe what I hear, understand what I believe, and love and live my faith more effectively. Amen.

MEETING CHRIST: EXPLORING THE LITURGY is a 5-part series of articles provided by the Archdiocese of Seattle

"What would happen were we to treat the Bible as we treat our mobile phone? Were we to always carry it with us, what would happen? Were we to turn back when we forget it: you forget your mobile phone — 'oh! I don't have it, I'm going back to look for it'; were we to open it several times a day; were we to read God's messages contained in the Bible as we read telephone messages, what would happen?"

(Pope Francis, March 5, 2017)

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

First Reading: *"I know that Elisha is a holy man of God. Since he visits us often, let us arrange a little room on the roof and furnish it for him with a bed, table, chair, and lamp, so that when he comes to us he can stay there." (2 Kgs 4:9-10)*

The Shunammite woman is rewarded with the promise of a newborn son for her generous hospitality to the prophet Elisha. To whom could you show a good measure of charity this week?

Second Reading: *Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life. (Rom 6:3-4)*

In Paul's view, since Jesus defeated death in his resurrection, he challenged the believers in Rome to think of themselves as "being dead to sin and living for God." How often do you think of ways to put your faith into action?

Gospel: *"Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me." (Mt 10:40)*

Jesus teaches his disciples about the challenges and rewards of following him. What do you personally find most challenging or rewarding in following Jesus?

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Catholic Media Recommendations for Everyone

THIS WEEK ON FORMED

formed.org/signup

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



Maria Goretti: The Story of the Patroness of Modern Youth
Learn more about the holy life and martyrdom of St. Maria Goretti in this moving documentary. In particular, the film highlights her ultimate act of love: forgiving her murderer on her deathbed.



The Annie Moses Show - Salute To America

Based on the historical records and the personal testimony of his fellow friars, this is the amazing true story of the life of the famous stigmatic monk, St. Padre Pio, a contemporary saint who died in 1968.



The Resurrection of Jesus: Luke 24 | Bible Project | Book Collection

This video concludes Luke's epic portrait of Jesus of Nazareth. The disciples discover the empty tomb and eventually have their entire view of the world turned upside-down as they meet the risen Jesus. Luke shows how Jesus' kingdom of God mission to its climactic moment, and he sets the stage for its continuation in Luke's second volume, Acts.

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




JULY

Month of the *Precious Blood*



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, 6:00 PM

RE Bldg.

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



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Next Council Meeting:

July 19, Begins with Evening
Prayer in the Church at 5:30
PM

Next Assembly Meeting:

July 17

Join us for our next breakfast!

July 23, after the

Prayer Groups

Rosary Group Mondays

7pm, Church

Spanish Group

Tuesdays 6:30pm, Hall

Society of

St. Vincent de Paul

Monthly Meeting

July 20, 7:00 PM Parish Hall



St. Peter's Circle

St. Peter Mission Tenino

Next Meeting

July 11th 9:30 AM

You have the power to save lives

Give Blood

St. Columban Parish Hall

Friday, August 4, 11am - 5pm

Pre-register for an appointment online:
redcrossblood.org Search for "KnightsYelm"



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Annual Parish Picnic

& Ministry Fair



Sunday August 13th

at the parish hall following the 10:30AM Mass

Volunteers & Donations Needed!

Sign-ups available in the narthex

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

From the Archdiocese



**PARTNERS
IN THE GOSPEL**

UPDATE

An update for parishes and parishioners on Partners in the Gospel

In May, all priests and pastoral coordinators joined together for their first phase of consultation.



The day opened with Mass at St. Thomas Parish in Tukwila, followed by a review of the proposed parish families across the archdiocese.



Members from each deanery joined together to review and discuss every proposed parish family in the deanery, highlighting strengths of the plan as well as recommending changes.



"I feel pretty good and actually encouraged about the whole process."

– Archdiocesan Pastor

"It's very easy for us to just continue to keep doing the same thing and hoping that things will improve. That's not a strategy to make a difference."

– Archbishop Etienne

Mark your calendars!

Sept. 23 – Oct. 14, 2023 – Consultation with the faithful. Parishes will host sessions for input and feedback on the draft parish family configurations.

Early 2024 – Final parish family plan will be released.

July 2024 – Parish families, under the leadership of one pastor, will begin.

64% of Parishes are operating a deficit.

Read the full Current Reality Report, just released in June, and view the accompanying video at archseattle.org/partners



June 29, 2023

WSCC SUPPORT POSITION FOR REFERENDUM 101

Dear Pastors and Parish Administrators,

On June 15, a letter was issued to pastors stating that the Washington State Catholic Conference (WSCC) did not have a position on Referendum 101, which would overturn Senate Bill 5599 (SB 5599). During the legislative session, the WSCC opposed SB 5599. We are updating our position on Referendum 101 to “support.”

At the discretion of pastors, signatures for this referendum may be collected at parishes. Parishioners must obtain approval from pastors prior to collecting signatures on church grounds. Signatures are due to the Secretary of State on July 15.

Explanation of SB 5599: Previously, licensed overnight shelters or licensed organizations providing services to homeless or runaway youth were required to contact a child’s parents if it was known that the child was away from home without permission. With the passing of SB 5599 earlier this year, parents do not need to be notified if a child is seeking “protected health care services.” Namely, if a youth is seeking an abortion or gender-affirming care, parents or legal guardians do not need to be notified. The WSCC opposed this bill during the legislative session.

We thank the faithful who have contacted us and indicated their willingness to take action to support Referendum 101. We appreciate their advocacy for the common good.

Should you have questions, please contact us at wsc@WACatholics.org.

In Christ,

Mario Villanueva
Executive Director
Washington State Catholic Conference

Calling all local high school students
and college-aged young adults!

JOIN US LOCALLY FOR **WORLD YOUTH DAY**

AUGUST 1: ST. MARY, ANACORTES

AUGUST 3: OUR LADY OF LOURDES, VANCOUVER

AUGUST 5: ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL, SEATTLE

As youth from around the world celebrate World Youth Day with the Pope in Lisbon, Portugal, the Archdiocese of Seattle is participating locally with three regional gatherings, creating a mini version of the experience at Lisbon, with speakers, Mass, activities, lunch and more. Join for one or all three events.

To learn more and register,
scan or click the QR code



Archdiocese of Seattle's
Youth and Young Adult Ministries



Welcoming Christ in One Another

July 2, 2023

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

ARCHDIOCESE OF SEATTLE

At Home with Faith

We were baptized into the death of Jesus Christ so that in him we may also “live in newness of life.” (Romans 6:4) Now we are called to share this newness of life with one another.



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“Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me.” (Matthew 10:40)

Discipleship can sometimes feel isolating. There may be times when we are viewed or treated differently by others because of our beliefs. Even among families and friends, divisions and conflicts might occur when our faith calls us to live in a way that clashes with the expectations of others.

Today’s Gospel passage reminds us that when we welcome one another, we are also welcoming Christ. When we assist others in their Christian walk, we are honoring the Lord. Living faithfully in the world may come with challenges, but we become stronger when we are united in Christ.

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.

2 Kings 4:8-11,14-16a

Elisha is treated with welcome.

Psalms 89:2-3,16-19

“Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.”

Romans 6:3-4,8-11

We have been baptized into Christ’s death and into new life.

Matthew 10:37-42

“Whoever receives you receives me.”

At Home with Faith

Talk

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

“If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him.” (Romans 6:8) When we are baptized, we are either immersed or poured over with water to symbolize the cleansing of original sin and becoming reborn into new life in Christ. Parents of children who were baptized as infants can take this opportunity to share their baptism stories: show pictures, light their baptismal candle, recall their response to the water, and discuss the baptismal promises that were made (see the section below). This can help affirm your children’s identity as Christians and help them remember what baptism is all about.

“Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me.” (Matthew 10:40) We may not have any prophets walking among us as they did in the Old Testament, but there are those who actively share the faith. Think of one or two people in your life who have helped you build your relationship with God. What are some ways that you can show them your appreciation? If you feel inspired by the work that they are doing, how can you actively support or help them in their ministry?

Parents can share the baptismal vows with their children as a way of affirming their identity as Christians. This can be especially meaningful for children who were baptized as infants.

BAPTISMAL VOWS (Roman Missal, 3rd Edition, 2011)

V. Do you renounce Satan?

R. I do.

V. And all his works?

R. I do.

V. And all his empty show?

R. I do.

OR:

V. Do you renounce sin, so as to live in the freedom of the children of God?

R. I do.

V. Do you renounce the lure of evil, so that sin may have no mastery over you?

R. I do.

V. Do you renounce Satan, the author and prince of sin?

R. I do.

V. Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?

R. I do.

V. Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered death and was buried, rose again from the dead and is seated at the right hand of the Father?

R. I do.

V. Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?

R. I do.

V. And may almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and bestowed on us forgiveness of our sins, keep us by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord, for eternal life.

R. Amen.

All are sprinkled with holy water.

Source: <https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/activities/view.cfm?id=1047>

For more resources, visit us online at:

<https://www.athomewithfaith.org>



SUNDAY, JULY 2, 2023

13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“Whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple--amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward.” - Mt 10:42

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

"I know that Elisha is a holy man of God.
Since he visits us often, let us arrange a little room on
the roof
and furnish it for him with a bed, table, chair, and
lamp,
so that when he comes to us he can stay there."
(2 Kgs 4:9-10)

Psalm:

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord. (Ps 89)

Second Reading:

Are you unaware that we who were baptized into
Christ Jesus
were baptized into his death?
We were indeed buried with him through baptism
into death,
so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead
by the glory of the Father,
we too might live in newness of life. (Rom 6:3-4)

Gospel:

"Whoever receives you receives me,
and whoever receives me receives the one who sent
me." (Mt 10:40)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Our relationship with Christ is the ultimate starting point. The wellspring. Every good quality in our character, every kind action of our lives, every devout practice of our day must flow from this place where we encounter him in our hearts.

Observances for the week of July 2, 2023

Sunday: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Thomas, Apostle
Tuesday: Independence Day
Wednesday: St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest; St. Elizabeth of Portugal
Thursday: St. Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr
Next Sunday: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saint of the week

Servant of God Fernando Rielo Pardal was a philosopher, mystical poet, author, and founder of the Idente Missionaries of Christ the Redeemer. He also founded a metaphysical school of thought called the Genetic Metaphysics of Fernando Rielo.

Prayer

Father, who granted Your son Fernando the grace of following Your voice and that of Your Son, Jesus Christ, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, when You said, "Be holy, son, as I, Your Father, am holy" (Mt 5:48), grant that I, too, following his example, may fully live the love to which You call me and, in imitating your Son, Jesus Christ, or Firstborn Brother, make Your name known so that all of us, on feeling ourselves to be children of the Father, may worship You.

I ask You, Father, to glorify your son Fernando and to grant me, through his intercession, the grace which I request. Amen.

(Prayer Source: <https://www.idente.org/postulation-of-the-cause/?lang=en>)

Readings for the week of July 2, 2023

Sunday:

2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19
(2a)/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42

Monday:

Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 20:24-29

Tuesday:

Gn 19:15-29/Ps 26:2-3, 9-10, 11-12/
Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday:

Gn 21:5, 8-20a/Ps 34:7-8, 10-11, 12-13/Mt
8:28-34

Thursday:

Gn 22:1b-19/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Mt
9:1-8

Friday:

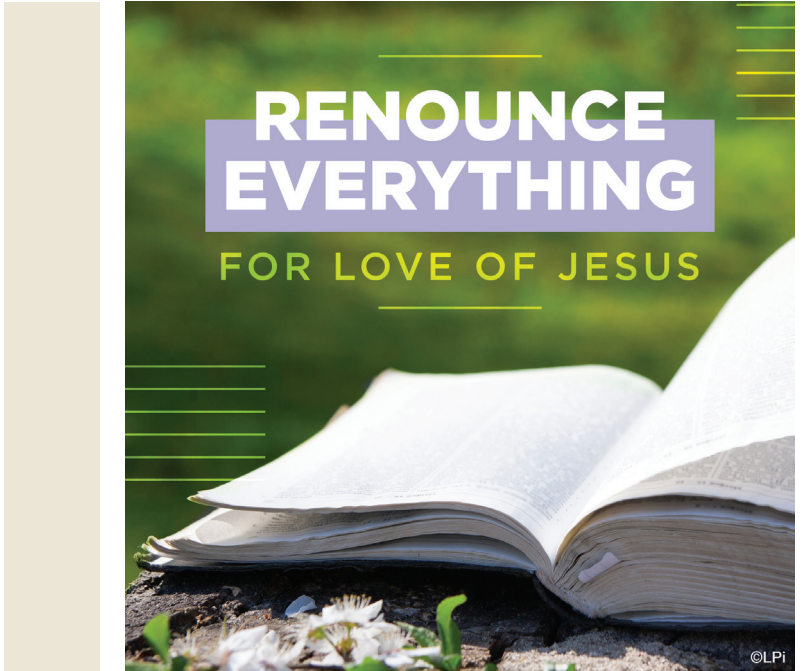
Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/Ps 106:1b-2,
3-4a, 4b-5/Mt 9:9-13

Saturday:

Gn 27:1-5, 15-29/Ps 135:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt
9:14-17

Next Sunday:

Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14
(see 1)/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30



Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

As a boy my favorite board game was “Chutes and Ladders.” The players roll dice to move from the start to the finish, from the bottom of the board to the top. If you land on a chute, you slide back and down. It was a bummer. Land on a ladder, and you jump well up the board and near the goal. It was a thrill to find a ladder and draw closer to the goal. That’s life, isn’t it? At every moment, we’re either moving closer or farther from the goal of our lives.

How do we win? Jesus tells us the secret of life’s chutes and ladders hinges on getting our loves rightly ordered. What we love in life is meant to be a ladder, drawing us up into God’s love — including our family, friends, work, play, food, and drink. Even to give your water to someone out of love for Christ leads to a sure reward.

But those ladders of our loves can become chutes. If we love even our family members more than Christ, we slide down and back. If we love the persons and things in our life for the sake of Christ, He says we **“surely will not lose our reward.”** The key difference between a chute and ladder, between our spiritual regression and advancement, is our willingness to renounce everything — even our own life — for the love of Jesus. To allow everything and everyone we love to draw us to love him more — that’s the difference between chutes and ladders.

— *Father John Muir*



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(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

A Prophet's Reward

"Move back in with us until you save enough for a decent house," my mother told me over and over again as the birth of my second child neared.

My little family was quickly outgrowing our rented space, but the housing market in our area was a nightmare for first-time homebuyers. As appealing as the offer was, I kept refusing, convinced that my mother didn't understand the chaos, disruption, and loss of personal space that such a move would mean for her and my dad.

I was wrong — she did. And eventually she wore me down. When my son was three months old my family of four moved back into my old bedroom. My parents made an office space for my husband in the basement, and they converted their den into a playroom for two of the loudest children you will ever meet. They told us we could stay as long as we needed to (it ended up being two years). They greeted us with love and warmth every morning and never made us feel like we were an inconvenience.

Today's first reading always reminds me of my mom, not because I consider myself a prophet (hardly) but because of the way she received me — specifically, in whose name she received me.

I've always tried to understand exactly what makes my parents' acts of love — toward me, toward each other, toward perfect strangers — feel so genuine. I think, after more than 30 years, I've finally realized the secret: my parents love God more than they love me. They love God more than they love anyone.

Like making room in their life and their home for me and my boisterous family, these acts originate in sacrifice. They don't come cheap. They come from the cross.

*"Whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."
— Matthew 10:39*

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Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Is the Catholic Mass really celebrated the same throughout the whole world?

Answer:

One of the truisms of the Catholic Faith is that "wherever you go in the world, the Mass is the same." In fact, the answer to this question is both "yes" and "no."

On the one hand, the essential elements of the Roman Rite are the same. The structure of the Mass as it is presented in the Roman Missal is consistent and this is one of the beauties of belonging to a liturgical tradition.

On the other hand, however, there are elements of celebrations that can vary depending on the country or even local region you might be in. For example, in certain parts of the world, certain feasts and solemnities are celebrated on different days (even here in the United States the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord can be celebrated on Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter or it may take the place of the Seventh Sunday of Easter, depending on what diocese you are in). Whether it is the use of certain liturgical colors, local celebrations of regional saints, special seasonal blessings of crops or produce, or the use of dance and processions all demonstrate a sort of organic variety that can exist even within our established liturgical tradition. While we always respect what is essential to the rite, such local variations and traditions are very much in keeping with the vision of liturgical renewal and adaption envisioned by the Second Vatican Council's Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy (nos. 37-40).

“Whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple-amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward.”

- Mt 10:42

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

The Shunammite woman is rewarded with the promise of a newborn son for her generous hospitality to the prophet Elisha. To whom could you show a good measure of charity this week?

Second Reading

In Paul's view, since Jesus defeated death in his resurrection, he challenged the believers in Rome to think of themselves as “being dead to sin and living for God.” How often do you think of ways to put your faith into action?

Gospel Reading

Jesus teaches his disciples about the challenges and rewards of following him. What do you personally find most challenging or rewarding in following Jesus?



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“Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me.” - Mt 10:37-38

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Prayer

God, show me ways to help all people who love you.

Mission for the Week

Together as a family send a care package to a missionary family.

Sharing the Gospel

God wants you to love your family and friends. But God wants you to love him even more. Be kind to your mom and listen to her. Help your dad with chores and have fun with him. But also remember to help people who are not in your family. God gets excited when you share his love with others.

Now color the picture!



Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

LOVE
CROSS
LIFE

GIVE
WELCOME
PROPHET

GOOD
REWARD
FOLLOWER

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