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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 (Resumes Sep. 1)

**Confessions** Saturday 3:30-4:30 PM

**Anointing of the Sick** By request

**Baptism & Wedding Preparation**

Contact the Parish Office

**Parish Office Hours at St. Columban** Mon.-Thurs. 9:30 AM - 2:00 PM Friday by appointment

## 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

August 6, 2023

## The Transfiguration of the Lord

**Entrance Antiphon:** Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. Hide not your face from me.

**1st Reading:** Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

**Responsorial Psalm:** *The Lord is king, the Most High over all the earth.* (Psalm 97)

**2nd Reading:** 2 Peter 1:16-19

**Gospel Acclamation:** *This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.*

**Gospel:** Matthew 17:1-9

**Communion Antiphon:** Tell no one the vision you have seen, until the Son of Man shall rise from the dead.

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

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

# Welcome to St. Columban

## Parish Staff

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## St. Columban Parish Pastoral Council

Judith Cusick (Chairperson), Sheila Johnson, Jerome Didier, Joseph Judge, Dennis Stumpf

## St. Peter Advisory Commission

Sherry Bachmann (Chairperson), Marilyn Ritter, Bernie Schwarz, Bob Bacon, Diane Weston  
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## St. Columban Parish Finance Council

## Weekly Calendar & Mass Intentions

All events are at St. Columban unless otherwise noted.

**MONDAY August 7 St. Sixtus II and Companions**  
Rosary Prayer Group 7:00PM Church

**TUESDAY August 8 St. Dominic**  
Daily Mass 9:00AM + In Mem: Sixto Fregoso RIP Church  
Spanish Prayer Group 6:30PM Church

**WEDNESDAY August 9 St. Benedicta of the Cross**  
Daily Mass 9:00AM Int: Joaquin Makinster Church

**THURSDAY August 10 St. Lawrence**  
Daily Mass 9:00AM Int: Lilia Rojas Church  
Altar Society Weekly Church Cleaning 9:30AM  
Choir Practice 6:00PM Church

**FRIDAY August 11 St. Clare**  
Daily Mass 9:00AM Int: Eliazén Bahena Medoza Church

**SATURDAY August 12 St. Jane Frances de Chantal**  
Confession 3:30PM Church  
Anticipatory Sunday Mass 5:00 PM Int.: Pro Populo Church

**SUNDAY August 13 19th 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

**2023 Parish Picnic & Ministry Fair 11:45AM Parish Hall**

## From the Parish Office

### Week of July 23, 2023

Ordinary Income	St Columban	St Peter
Weekly Goal	\$5,800.00	\$1,000.00
Collection (Cash & Envelopes)	\$3,426.00	\$922.61
Online Giving	\$1,163.00	\$15.00
Net	(\$1,211.00)	(\$62.39)
<b>Special Funds</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
St Vincent DePaul	\$45.00	\$0.00
Sacramentals (Candles, Beeswax tapers, Salt)	\$15.00	\$0.00
Flowers	\$220.00	\$0.00
Building Fund	\$120.00	\$0.00
Mass Intentions	\$0.00	\$100.00
Peter's Pence	\$5.00	\$0.00



THE  
**Transfiguration**  
OF THE LORD



Over the next few months we will be transitioning into a new parish data & online giving system, stay tuned for more information!



## A Word from Father Thompson



As one of the Deadly Sins, Sloth—whose opposite virtue is Diligence—is often misunderstood. While laziness and shirking responsibilities are morally wrong and may be manifestations or symptoms of Sloth, they aren't actually the essence of this sin itself. Rather, Sloth is a “giving up” or slackened commitment to one's vocation. Sloth is not merely choosing not to do one's duty, it is looking at one's duty and asking oneself “what's the point?...” Indeed, the classical name for Sloth, Acedia, is actually a pretty vivid metaphor: *Acetum* in Latin is the word for Vinegar, wine that has soured and so lost its richness and taste; It also could derive from the Greek word for “carefulness” *kedos* and the negative prefix *a*, so “not-careful” or negligent. Either origin of the word captures the idea well, but the wine turning to vinegar is so much more vivid and a great metaphor for a person who has “soured” and lost the “first love” that led him to a way of life in the first place.

Sloth can manifest in many forms: doing one's vocational duty adequately but joylessly, doing the bare minimum to avoid repercussions, willingness to bear minor repercussions for sup-par performance, or even busying ourselves with anything other than what our vocations require of us, and various other scenarios. Sloth is seen in the priest who phones in his ministry, or neglects Mass and the Liturgy of the Hours when he doesn't have to celebrate them publicly; in the loveless marriage, or inattentive parenting; in the monk or nun who doesn't follow the Order's rule of life. However, perhaps even more common (and probably the root of Sloth in particular vocations) is Sloth with regard to our universal Baptismal vocation to holiness, to be “other christs” to the world: in things like joyless or disengaged Mass attendance, keeping the Lord's Day poorly, failing to pray daily, keeping our faith as a private matter only, or even choosing political or financial or social values over our fidelity to Christ.

Now, there are a few caveats I would like to insert, though. It is extremely important to know that Sloth is not to be confused with mental health difficulties such as Depression; yes, they can overlap and even feed off one another, but they aren't the same thing and Mental Health needs cared for in its own way. Also, sometimes you are just having a bad day, tough month, horrible year and all you can do is get out of bed and do what you can as best you can manage. That is not Sloth because that disengagement of one's will, which is the core of the sin, has not happened. For example, there is a big difference between coming to Mass actively disengaged, bitterly fulfilling an obligation, and coming to Mass emotionally strained or tired or discouraged, when being present is all the participation you have to give and you are relying on the rest of the Body of Christ to carry you, because what little you have to give you are bringing to God in love and trust.

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, Stan Villadelgado, Pam Henslee, Fr. James Quinlan, Robert Fisher

### The Deceased

Patrick Baron, Tracy Slater

### 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 INTENTIONS August 2023: For World Youth Day** We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

# Faith Formation

## REGISTER FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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All classes for K-12 Faith Formation begin September 10. Gaby will be in the narthex after Sunday Mass on August 6 and 13 for any families that would like to register.

At St. Columban, we provide an opportunity for children and youth to learn about their Catholic faith and grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ through study, prayer, and community service.

We have Faith Formation classes available for every grade level!

**Children ~ Grades K-5**

**Youth ~ Grades 6-12**

Our curriculum, developed by the Archdiocese of Seattle, is built upon the four pillars of the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

Recent revisions place an intentional focus on all dimensions of faith formation: knowledge of faith, liturgical life, moral formation, prayer, belonging to a community and the formation of a missionary spirit. The curriculum is very comprehensive.

Combined with the love and guidance of dedicated volunteer catechists, the children and youth learn to See as a Catholic, Celebrate as a Catholic and Live as a Catholic.

The sacraments are efficacious signs of grace, instituted by Christ and entrusted to the Church, by which divine life is dispensed to us.<sup>[2]</sup>

- ✚ In **Confirmation** the baptized Christian is sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit and is strengthened for service to the Body of Christ
- ✚ **Reconciliation** is the sacrament by which sins committed after Baptism are forgiven.
- ✚ **Holy Communion** is the receiving of Jesus Christ body, blood, soul, and divinity in the Holy Eucharist.

Catechesis for these sacraments first begins in the family...

- ◆ Where love and forgiveness are modeled daily.
- ◆ And as participants in the Sunday Eucharist (Holy Mass) and in the life of the parish.

### First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion

Formal catechesis is a **two year** program.

- ◆ Formation begins in first grade.
- ◆ Must complete a full first year in first grade before advancing to year two.

**Second Graders:** Immediate preparation for First Communion normally occurs in the second grade after fulfilling year one in first grade.

**Pre-teens and older teens** are also invited to simultaneously prepare for Confirmation. Reception of the sacraments would be during the second full year of preparation.



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## Christian Initiation (RCIA), adapted for Children & Youth (Ages 7+)

### RCIA adapted for children ages 7+

The Christian Initiation of these children requires both a conversion that is both personal and adapted to their age, education or degree of social development. The process of initiation must also be adapted to both spiritual progress, that is to the children's growth in faith and the catechetical instruction they receive.

**This program requires two years of formation here at St. Columban.**

Read more about this program on our website [saintcolumbanym.org/RCIA-for-Children](http://saintcolumbanym.org/RCIA-for-Children).

## Confirmation

*Strengthening our youth with the gifts of The Holy Spirit!*

In the Archdiocese of Seattle, Confirmation is given in the 7th grade. Preparation for Confirmation is a **two year program**. Our program is structured with preparation beginning in the 6th Grade. Older teens are welcome to enroll and prepare for Confirmation.

A main part of the journey towards the Sacrament of Confirmation is establishing a sense of community among the youth. They will be expected to attend and/or volunteer for various ministries and participate in Youth Ministry activities over the course of the **two years of Confirmation prep**.

## RCIA (Christian Initiation for Adults)

Non-Christians and Christians seeking full communion into the Catholic Church are invited to discern through the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) program. Classes resume Fall 2023 and meet weekly. Contact Gaby for more information and how to sign-up.

*"Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding, and my entire will, All I have and call my own. You have given all to me. To you, Lord, I return it. Everything is yours; do with it what you will. Give me only your love and your grace, that is enough for me." 7*  
- *Suscipe* prayer of St. Ignatius of Loyola +1556



## Youth Ministry

For all students grades 6-12. Activities, retreats, bible Studies, and social event times vary throughout the year. Additional fees may be required for activities held outside the parish.

## Unplug with the Lord: Recognizing God's Voice.

Tue. Aug. 15- Thu. Aug. 17 at the Palisades Retreat Center in Federal Way

Register now to attend this multi-day retreat for incoming High School Juniors, Seniors, and recent graduates. You will explore ways to grow in relationship with the Lord and discern God's plan in your life. Led by Fr. Justin Ryan and hosted by Archdiocese of Seattle Youth Ministry Services. Contact Archdiocese of Seattle Youth Ministry Services to inquire about scholarships at (206) 274-

## Our Youth Ministry Values at St. Columban

1. Our primary identity is as beloved sons and beloved daughters of God, no matter what. You are here because God wanted you here. Willing our existence, God create each of us out of love to love and for love.
2. We glorify God by striving to fully live our state in life. God gave us families and communities where we learn our faith, pray for each other's needs, and build virtue together as members of his Church, the Body of Christ.
3. As pilgrims on a journey together we are always on mission. We attend Holy Mass and receive the sacraments to better endure the trials of life, train us to be of service to one another, and to prepare us for eternal life in Heaven.

## Questions of the Week

Reflect and Respond to the Sunday Readings

**First Reading:** *His clothing was bright as snow, and the hair on his head as white as wool; his throne was flames of fire, with wheels of burning fire. (Dn 7:9)*

In a vision, the prophet Daniel sees the heavenly throne of God and the coming kingdom of God represented by a human figure, a "son of man." The vision speaks to God's everlasting love and ultimate control of the world. Why do you think God reveals Himself in visions?

**Second Reading:** *When that unique declaration came to him from the majestic glory, "This is my Son, my beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven while we were with him on the holy mountain. (2 Pt 1:17-18)*

Peter speaks of his eyewitness to the majesty of Jesus Christ. How might you witness to family or friends this week your beliefs about Jesus?

**Gospel:** *And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. (Mt 17:2)*

The transfiguration reveals Jesus's divinity to Peter, James, and John, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." What would you say is the most important lesson from Jesus that we should listen to?

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

*Edith Stein: The Seventh Chamber*

This film is a moving, artistic portrayal of the life of Jewish philosopher, Catholic convert, and Carmelite martyr, Edith Stein. It powerfully captures the interior struggles of this extraordinary woman and her journey toward the Lord.

*Clare and Francis*

This outstanding movie is unique among films about St. Francis because of the historical accuracy of the story and its authentic spirit of joy and piety so characteristic of Francis, as well as the major role played by Clare. Both



founded major religious orders, and together they inspired many to follow their radical call to live the Gospel.

## Saint of the Week:

### St. Dominic de Guzmán

1170-1221 Spain/Italy. Feast Aug. 8.

Priest and founder of the Order of Preachers.

While pregnant, his mother Blessed Joan of Aza had a vision that her child was a dog who would set the world on fire with a torch it carried in its mouth; a dog with a torch in its mouth became a symbol for the Order which he founded, the Dominicans. He studied philosophy and theology in Spain and began to preach against the Albigensian heresy. After some discouragement to his mission he received a vision from Our Lady who showed him a wreath of roses, representing the rosary. She told him to say the rosary daily, teach it to all who would listen, and eventually the true faith would win out. St. Dominic and his order subsequently spread devotion to the Holy Rosary. A pious legend says that Dominic received a vision of a beggar who, like Dominic, would do great things for the Faith. Dominic met the beggar the next day. He embraced him and said, "You are my companion and must walk with me. If we hold together, no earthly power can withstand us." The beggar was St. Francis of Assisi.

Read more at [catholicsaints.info/saint-dominic-de-guzman/](http://catholicsaints.info/saint-dominic-de-guzman/).

Picture *The vision of St. Dominic receiving the Rosary from the Virgin* by Bernardo Cavallino



"Do not weep, for I shall be more useful to you after my death and I shall help you then more effectively than during my life." -St. Dominic

## Straight out of the Catechism

CCC 568: Christ's Transfiguration aims at strengthening the apostles' faith in anticipation of his Passion: the ascent on to the "high mountain" prepares for the ascent to Calvary. Christ, Head of the Church, manifests what his Body contains and radiates in the sacraments: "the hope of glory"

## Wisdom from St. Columban

Be helpful when you are at the bottom of the ladder and be the lowest when you are in authority.

Be simple in faith but well trained in manners.

Be demanding in your own affairs but unconcerned in those of others



Excerpts from a *Letter to a Young Disciple* by St. Columban

# Parish Ministries & Events

Whether you are new to the parish or have been here for many years, we encourage you to share your time, talents and treasures in support of the mission of our parish community.

Contact Jennifer Langham at the Parish Office for more information about events and to connect with a group: 360-458-3031x1 / jennifer@saintcolumbanyelm.org



**The Annual Parish Picnic is coming up! Get to know the many groups that serve our community. A representative from each group will be present in the Parish Hall during the Picnic.**



**Annual Parish Picnic**  
& Ministry Fair

**Sunday August 13<sup>th</sup>**

at the parish hall following the 10:30AM Mass

## Altar Society

A team of talented parishioners beautifully maintain and clean the Church every Thursday after Daily Mass.



## Daughters of Mary

*In the spirit of Mary our Mother, we strive to be attentive to the spiritual and corporal needs of our pastor, parish, and community through service and prayer.*



Open to all women of the parish, we assist with parish activities and provide outreach in a variety of ways. Current initiatives include *Cards of Comfort*, where letters and notes of encouragement are collected and delivered to residents of various retirement homes and the most vulnerable in our community, and the *Seven Sisters* prayer apostolate.

Daughters of Mary members meet in-person or over Zoom on the last Tuesday of every month at 6PM in the Parish Hall and host a monthly fellowship after Sunday Mass.

## Faith Formation

Volunteer parishioners help teach all grades of students as well as sacramental preparation classes for First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, and for Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA). Training and support for new and returning catechists is provided.

## Homebound Ministry

Ministers are trained to bring Holy Communion to those who cannot physically attend Mass due to health constraints, servicing local care facilities and private residences in our area.

## Liturgical Ministries

The laity assist with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass through various roles. Ordinarily, attendance of Sunday Mass and union of one's prayers to that of the priest and the Church during the Mass fulfills this role. Parishioners with certain talents also can volunteer as Greeters, Ushers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, and members of the Choir (*Music Ministry*) to assist our community in our Sunday worship. Additionally, boys who have already received their First Holy Communion are trained to become Altar Servers. All these roles help the greater Body of Christ at our church.



## Knights of Columbus Council 17152 & Assembly 3947

*We are Catholic gentlemen committed to the exemplification of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism and to the defense of the priesthood.*

Council 17152 hosts the annual Coats for Kids Car Show every summer, which raises



money for winter coats. The Council also spearheads several social dinners and monthly breakfasts happening throughout the year. All men of the parish are welcome to join! Council meetings are held every third Wednesday of the month. The Assembly meets the Monday preceding the council meeting.

## Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul was founded in 1833 to help impoverished people living in the slums of Paris, France. Our chapter is composed of parishioners who provide assistance and prayerful healing to those in need in our community. Members meet weekly and monitor the helpline. For assistance please leave a voicemail at (360) 458-1904.



## Prayer Groups

A couple parishioner-led prayer groups meet weekly: the Monday Prayer Group meets in the Church at 7:00 PM and the Spanish Prayer Group meets Tuesdays in the Hall at 6:30 PM. The Spanish Prayer Group also hosts Las Mañanitas in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe every year.

## Winter Clothes Closet

Parishioners donate gently-used clothing for distribution to the community October thru March. Its mission is "To provide warm clothing to those in need, no questions asked."

**Did you mark your calendars? Join us on August 13 for the picnic!**



## Outside Notices & Events



# JESUS CHRIST, THE BREAD OF LIFE 2023 OLPH MARIAN PILGRIMAGE FRI, AUG 18 - SAT AUG 19 OLYMPIA, WA

**Fr. Michael O'Loughlin**  
Byzantine Priest and Podcaster

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challenged, and trans-  
formed for a lifetime of  
courageous leadership and  
service through discovery  
and development of their  
God-given gifts.



SAINT MARTIN'S ABBEY - LACEY, WA  
AUGUST 12TH



SAINT BENEDICT'S 12 STEPS OF

**HUMILITY**

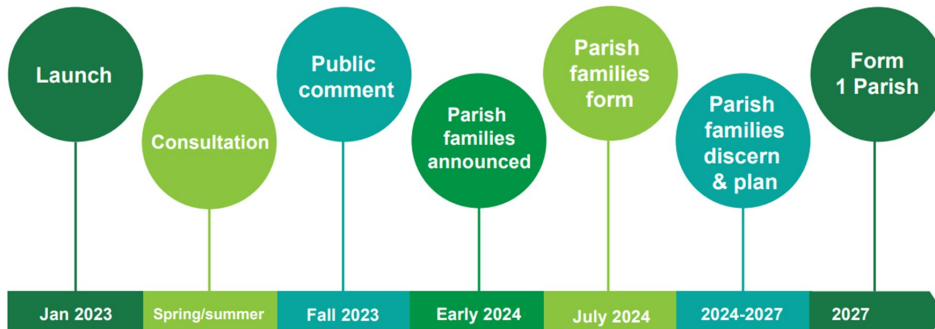
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SERIES - PART 1

Hosted by the Oblate Community of  
St. Martin's Abbey  
For more information and to sign up:  
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**PARTNERS  
IN THE GOSPEL**

Read the latest update and Archbishop  
Etienne's Pastoral Letter linked on our  
website [saintcolumbanyelm.org](http://saintcolumbanyelm.org)



Partners in the Gospel is the next stage of the strategic pastoral planning effort which is taking place across the Archdiocese of Seattle to re-invigorate and renew our local Catholic Church.



# Protecting Gods Children

**Abuse statistics are startling.** But abuse doesn't have to happen.

As an employee, volunteer, or parent, you are the primary protector of our children. Their safety is up to you. As a Church, we are committed to helping you fulfill this tremendous responsibility. Saint Columban invites you to attend *Protecting God's Children* which teaches employees, volunteers, and parents how to help prevent child sexual abuse.

**All employee and those volunteers who have unsupervised, ongoing access to minors or vulnerable adults are required to attend.**

You'll learn very specific actions you can take to protect our children, the children of our parish and the children in the community.

We value your presence, and we know that you will conclude your time was well spent. Join us in the fight to end child abuse.

**Date: August 24, 2023**

**Time: 6:00 PM**

**Location: Saint Columban Parish Hall**

Length of Session: 3 hours

You will **NEED** to register online by visiting [virtusonline.org](https://virtusonline.org); click on the Registration link (found on the right side of the page) and follow the instructions.

If you need assistance with your registration or have any questions, contact the parish office at 360-458-3031 Ext. 2





# Saint Clare of Assisi

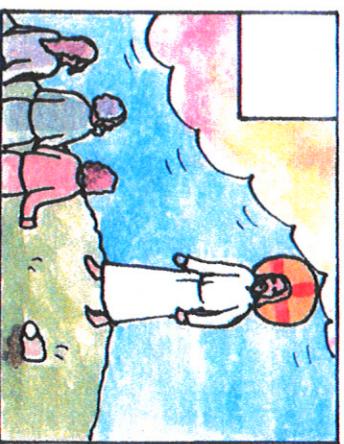
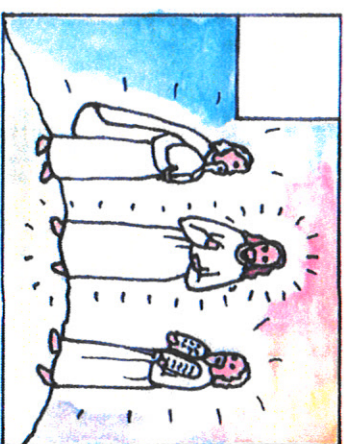
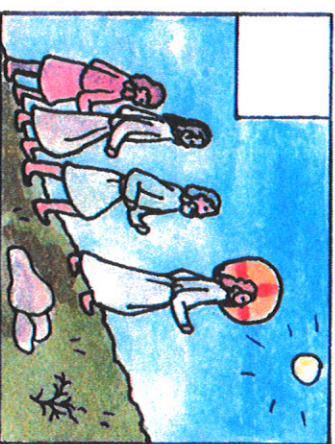
August 11



ST. CLARE KNEW THAT HAVING NICE THINGS CAN KEEP US AWAY FROM JESUS. SHE GAVE AWAY EVERYTHING SHE HAD SO SHE COULD BE VERY CLOSE TO HIM, WHO HAD GIVEN UP EVERYTHING TO DIE ON THE CROSS FOR US. WE, TOO, SHOULD BE READY TO GIVE UP ANYTHING THAT GETS BETWEEN US AND GOD.

# The Transfiguration

Jesus took Peter, James and John up a mountain where He had a surprise for them. How well do you know the story? Sort the pictures by putting the numbers 1 to 6 in the boxes.







SUNDAY, AUGUST 6, 2023

# THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD



Jesus took Peter, James, and his brother, John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. - Mt 17:1-2



# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

His clothing was bright as snow,  
and the hair on his head as white as wool;  
his throne was flames of fire,  
with wheels of burning fire. (Dn 7:9)

### Psalm:

The Lord is king, the Most High over all the earth.  
(Ps 97)

### Second Reading:

When that unique declaration came to him from the  
majestic glory,  
"This is my Son, my beloved, with whom I am well  
pleased."  
We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven  
while we were with him on the holy mountain.  
(2 Pt 1:17-18)

### Gospel:

And he was transfigured before them;  
his face shone like the sun  
and his clothes became white as light. (Mt 17:2)

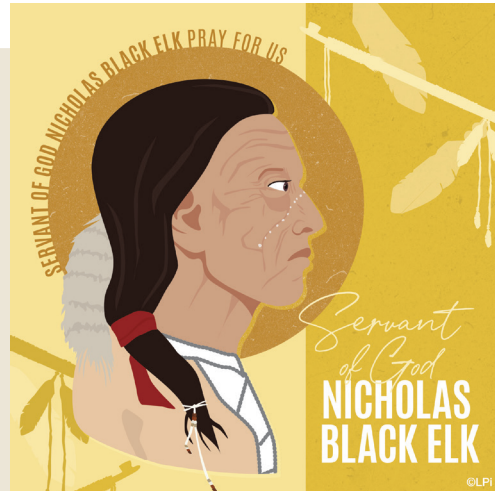
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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

"Do not tell the vision to anyone until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead," Jesus told his disciples. Why keep such an amazing thing as the Transfiguration a secret? Because the world wasn't ready for the end of the story yet. Sometimes, the glory only makes sense after the trials.

## Observances for the week of August 6, 2023

**Sunday:** The Transfiguration of the Lord  
**Monday:** St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest  
**Tuesday:** St. Dominic, Priest  
**Wednesday:** St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr  
**Thursday:** St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr  
**Friday:** St. Clare, Virgin  
**Saturday:** St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious  
**Next Sunday:** 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time



## Saint of the week

Servant of God Nicholas Black Elk was a Lakota convert to Catholicism at the turn of the 19th century. He led hundreds to Christ while also helping his community preserve their Lakota traditions. He's remembered fondly as a catechist, healer, and cultural leader.

## Prayer

Heavenly Father, Great Spirit!

Behold us, who stand before You, singing our song of thanksgiving for Servant of God, Nicholas Black Elk. Faithfully he walked the Sacred Red Road and generously witnessed the Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ among the Native American People. We humbly ask You to hear the prayers we plead through his intercession. We ask Holy Mother Church to recognize his sanctity by acknowledging his presence among the company of Saints as one to imitate in his zeal for the Gospel. Open our hearts to also recognize the Risen Christ in other cultures and peoples, to Your glory and honor. Nicholas Black Elk, Servant of God, Pray for us!

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

(Prayer Source: <https://www.rapidcitydiocese.org/please-keep-the-canonization-cause-in-your-prayers/>)

## Readings for the week of August 6, 2023

### Sunday:

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9

### Monday:

Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mt 14:13-21

### Tuesday:

Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13/Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14

### Wednesday:

Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23/Mt 15:21-28

### Thursday:

2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9/Jn 12:24-26

### Friday:

Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21/Mt 16:24-28

### Saturday:

Dt 6:4-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 and 51/Mt 17:14-20

### Next Sunday:

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33



## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

What is Christianity finally about? These days if you ask almost anyone who doesn't know the Bible you'll probably hear an answer like this: "Being a good person" or "following the golden rule." No offense to the golden rule, but our faith is simply much stranger than that. This week's feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord is a luminous example of this. Jesus becomes radiantly and overwhelmingly beautiful. The glory of God literally shines forth from his body and even his clothes. Here we see that Christianity is not mainly a moral system, but a relationship with God in Christ, one that finally makes human beings gloriously beautiful.

Now we can see our good and bad deeds in a new and de-centered way. Our morality isn't about a heaven or hell scorecard. It's about lives open (or closed) to transfiguration, lives capable of revealing the glory of God in Christ to the world. Spouses, children, friends, co-workers, priests, consecrated women and men, and so on — we are all called to let the beauty of Jesus make our lives beautiful, little by little. His beauty in us is the center of our faith.

— Father John Muir



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## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

### Transfigured

We have all had moments when we seem to get a glimpse of Heaven.

For me, they come with the sacraments: in the pew following my First Communion, kneeling before the bishop as he sealed my forehead with oil at my Confirmation, standing opposite my husband on our wedding day, cradling my newborns as the priest poured holy water over their little foreheads, claiming them for Christ.

Moments when the veil between this world and the one to come is pulled away, and our hearts cry out: “Lord, it is good we are here.”

Like Peter at the Transfiguration, we desperately wish the feeling would last forever. We want to hang onto the certainty, the confidence and the joy that radiates from our souls. We want to spend forever looking upon the transfigured face of Christ.

But we are not in heaven yet. We raise our eyes, seeing only this world before us, the words of Jesus ringing in our ears: “Rise, and do not be afraid.”

*“His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not be taken away, his kingship shall not be destroyed.” — Daniel 7:14*

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

## Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

### Question:

Why do Parishes Offer Special Masses like Thanksgiving and Memorial Day, even though they're not Holy Days of Obligation? Am I obligated to attend?

### Answer:

Out of respect for the various civil celebrations that take place during the year, many dioceses and parishes will host special Masses. However, while it always worthwhile to come together to worship as a community, Catholics are not obligated to attend these celebrations. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church notes, the only times that we are obligated to participate in celebrations of the Eucharist are on Sundays and holy days of obligation:

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

Jesus took Peter, James, and his brother, John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light.

- Mt 17:1-2

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## Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

### First Reading

In a vision, the prophet Daniel sees the heavenly throne of God and the coming kingdom of God represented by a human figure, a “son of man.” The vision speaks to God’s everlasting love and ultimate control of the world. Why do you think God reveals Himself in visions?

### Second Reading

Peter speaks of his eyewitness to the majesty of Jesus Christ. How might you witness to family or friends this week your beliefs about Jesus?

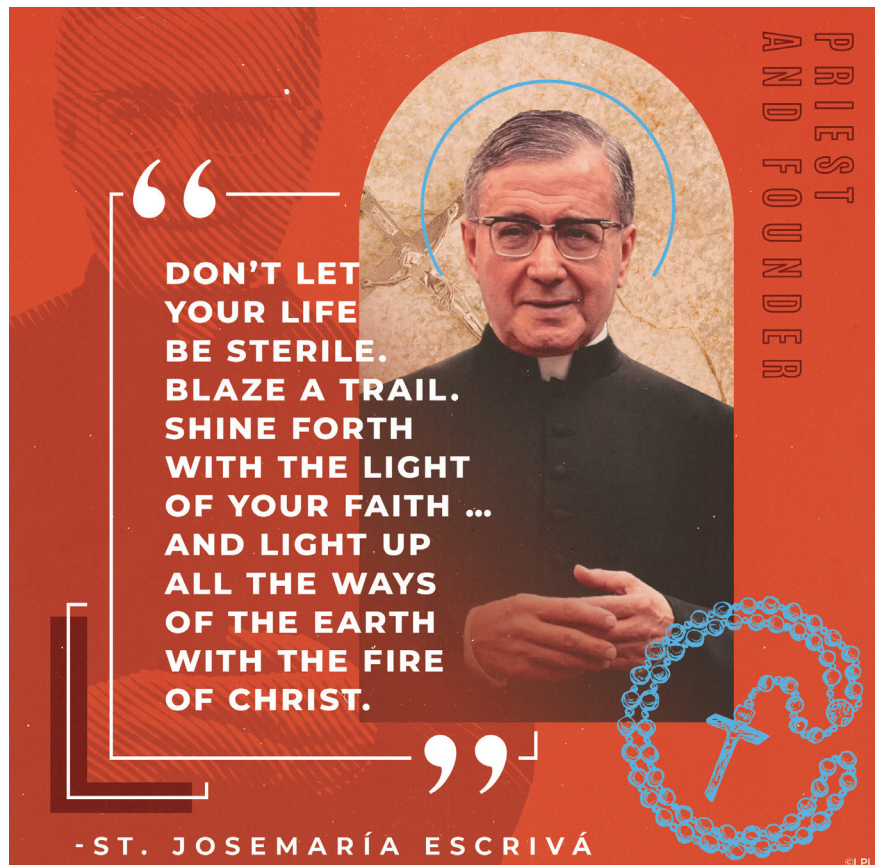
### Gospel Reading

The transfiguration reveals Jesus’s divinity to Peter, James, and John, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” What would you say is the most important lesson from Jesus that we should listen to?



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While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." - Mt 17:5

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## Prayer

Dear God, thank you for showing us through your Word that Jesus is our Savior. Amen.

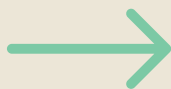
## Mission for the Week

Read today's Gospel with your family. What would have surprised you most about seeing Jesus like that on top of the mountain?

## Sharing the Gospel

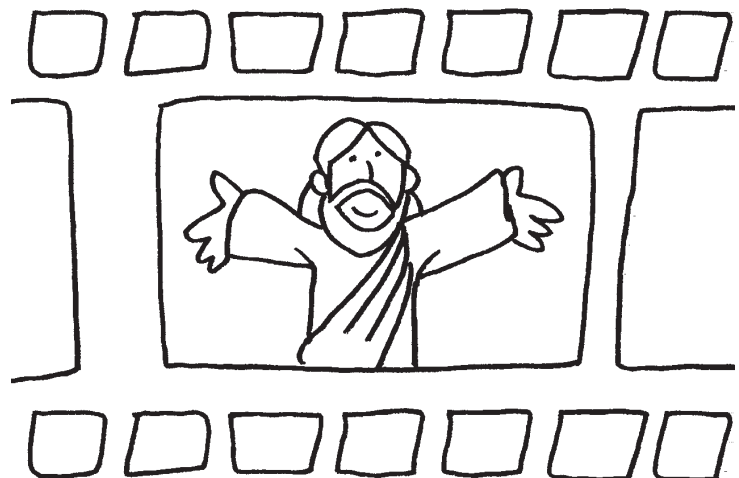
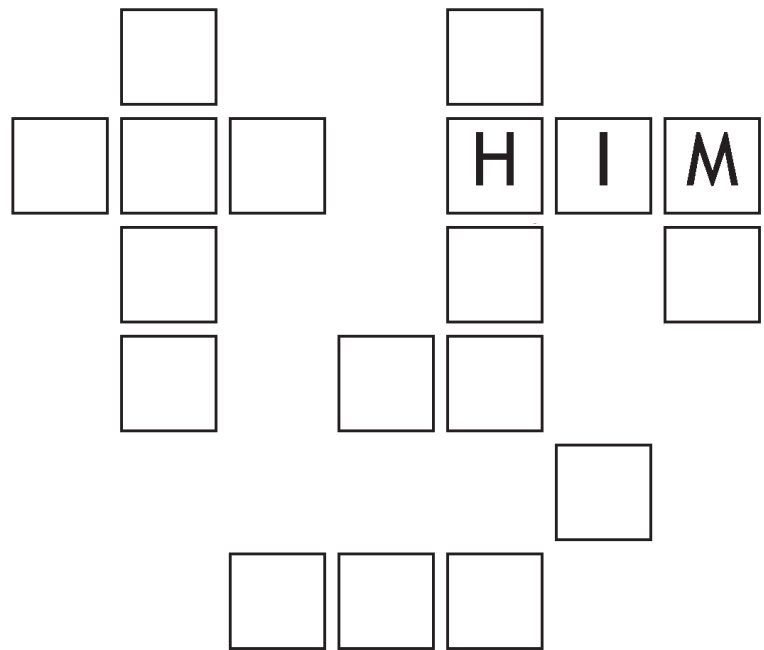
Previews give us a quick peek at a movie, in hopes that we will want to see more. In today's Gospel, we celebrate Jesus' Transfiguration. That's when God gave Peter, James and John a preview of the risen Jesus, the Jesus they would see again one day. Jesus glowed brightly. Moses and Elijah came to talk with Jesus. Then a great cloud covered everyone, and God said Jesus was his Son. Jesus was the Savior that God's people had been waiting for.

**Now color the picture!**



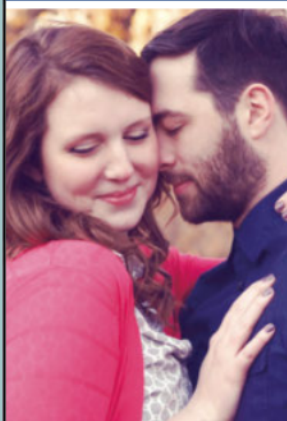
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This is my Son, and I love him.





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