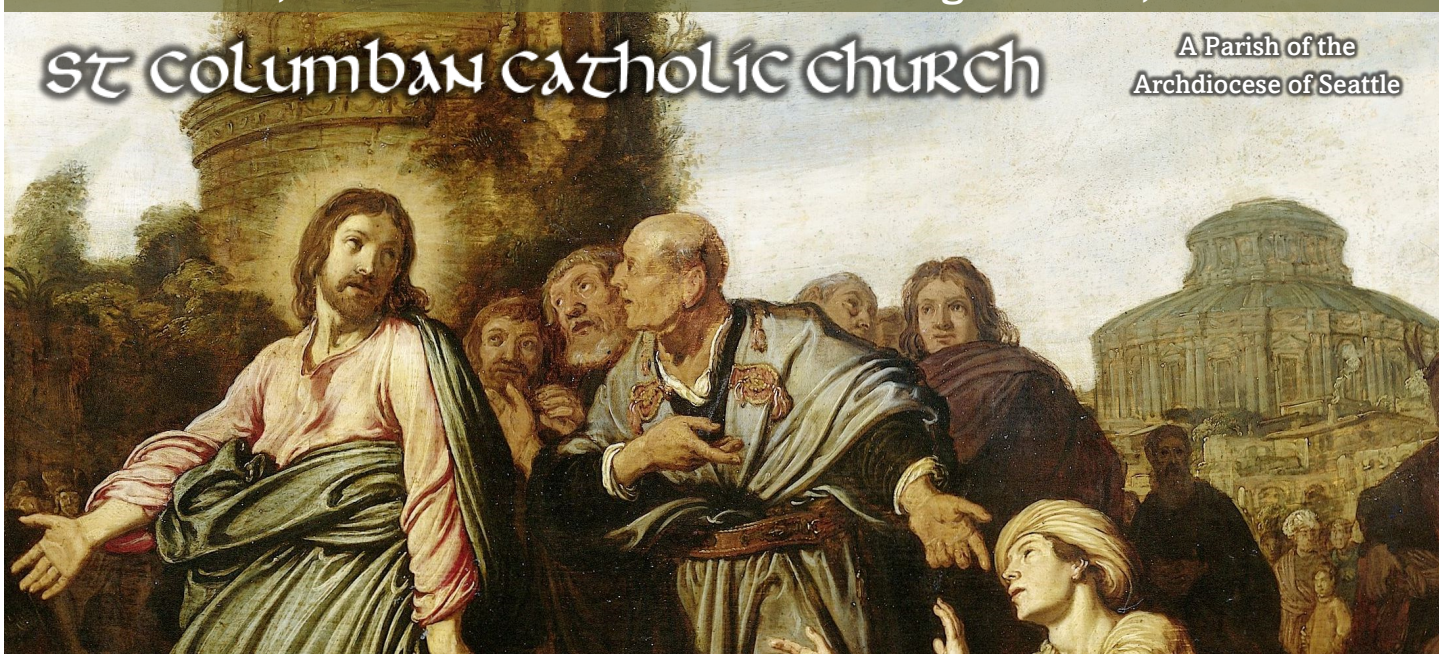


Christi simus, non nostri

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 **Confes-**
sions 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 20, 2023

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Entrance Antiphon: *Turn your eyes O God our shield, and look on the face of your anointed one; one day with in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.*

1st Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

Responsorial Psalm: *God, let all the nations praise you.*

2nd Reading: Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

Gospel Acclamation: *Jesus proclaimed the Gospel of the kingdom and cured every disease among the people.*

Gospel: Matthew 15 :21-28

Communion Antiphon: *I am the living bread that came down from heaven says the Lord. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever.*

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Welcome to St. Columban

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

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Weekly Calendar & Mass Intentions

All events are at St. Columban unless otherwise noted.

MONDAY August 21 **St. Pius X, Pope**
Rosary Prayer Group 7:00PM Church

TUESDAY August 22 **Queenship of the B.V.M.**
Daily Mass 9:00AM Church
Spanish Prayer Group 6:30PM Church

WEDNESDAY August 23 **St. Rose of Lima, Virgin**
Daily Mass 9:00AM Church

THURSDAY August 24 **St. Bartholomew, Apostle**
Daily Mass 9:00AM Church
Altar Society Weekly Church Cleaning 9:30AM
Choir Practice 6:00PM Church

FRIDAY August 25 **Sts. Louis & Joseph Calasanz**
Daily Mass 9:00AM Int: *Blake Langham* Church

SATURDAY August 26 **B.V.M.**
Confession 3:30PM Church
Anticipatory Sunday Mass 5:00 PM Int.: *Pro Populo* Church

SUNDAY August 27 **21st 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

From the Parish Office

Week of August 6th

Ordinary Income	St Columban	St Peter
Weekly Goal	\$5,800.00	\$1,000.00
Collection (Cash & Envelopes)	\$4,108.38	\$1,355.00
Online Giving	\$3,132.17	\$140.00
Net	\$1,440.55	\$495.00
Special Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00
St Vincent DePaul	\$300.00	\$0.00
Sacramentals (Candles, Beeswax tapers, Salt)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Flowers	\$59.00	\$6.00
Building Fund	\$148.40	\$6.00
Mass Intentions	\$0.00	\$40.00
2 nd Collection (name)	\$0.00	\$0.00

Thank you to all who participated in this years' Dunk Tank. A total of \$212.00 was raised towards new shelving for our parish library!

Thank you for your generosity! We will soon be transitioning to a new Parish giving system.

A Word from Father Thompson



Pride is the deadliest of the Deadly Sins; more poetically, it has been called the queen of vices. It is in many ways the primal sin that has at least some part in all other sins in some way. To understand how, we need to understand that Pride is more than merely being puffed up and self-important. Pride is ultimately the desire to define what is good on our terms, rather than God's. It is the Apple; it is the desire to "be as gods, knowing what is good and evil" (remembering that for God, to *know* something is for it to *be real*) not as God made us—in his image and likeness, but our terms—defining "truth" for ourselves rather than discerning or recognizing truth objectively; Pride is seeing ourselves and our actions inaccurately, and insisting that our skewed vision is the truth.

In practical terms, Pride can take many forms. The obvious way is self-importance, boastfulness, ingratitude for other's (and God's) help in our successes; it can equally take the form of a false humility, too. When one is tearing oneself down or discounting one's accomplishments with the secret intention of fishing for compliments, that is Pride.

There is also vainglory, excessive self-congratulation or boasting in our accomplishments, or valuing the things of this world more than the things of God. Now, human ingenuity, determination, the desire to build and create and such are all good things, but only so long as we keep perspective: they aren't ultimate and eternal goods; everything we build will one day crumble. Still, there is a healthy kind of satisfaction and even (non-sinful) pride to be had in our successes and confidence in ourselves to keep improving ourselves and our world. Imitating the Creator is good, it is second-guessing, defying, or rejecting the Creator that is a sin. It is the sculptor who says he is a greater artist than God, whom God reminds who it was made the clay and even the artist's own imagination...

Another insidious kind of pride is refusing help or correction, and even doubling down on our bad behavior, or even boasting of our sins as if they were good (as we are now subjected to every June by our culture). This can even manifest as a particularly awful kind of pride: sustained unrepentance or refusal of the love of another, especially when it is refusing the love of God, thinking our sins are greater than God's mercy, or that we are not worthy of God's love.

A great, albeit not theologically perfect, illustration of Pride is how Satan is depicted at the end of the first book (*Inferno*) of Dante's *The Divine Comedy*. In *Inferno*, Satan is depicted in the deepest pit Hell not burning in a lake of fire, but frozen in ice made from his own tears of bitterness and hate. The reason for the ice is that Satan's will is so pridefully cemented against God that Satan is constantly flapping his wings, pushing away any vestige of the heat of God's love; the irony being that the fire of God's love would melt the ice and free him, if only Satan would stop rejecting it, but he won't—ever—because his pride and his refusal is so perfect and absolute for all eternity.

The antithesis of Pride is Humility. Humility is to see ourselves as God sees, with truth and clarity: acknowledging our weaknesses, yes; not puffing up or tearing down our successes and gifts, yes, but while also keeping in mind from where our blessings come and owning them with gratitude.

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, Vivienne Hayden, Eitan Hadayo, Stan Villadelgado, Pam Henslee, Robert Fisher

The Deceased

Teresita Aguon

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

Registration for First Communion and Confirmation is filling up! If you have not yet registered your child please do so ASAP. **Please note: Year 2 students DO need to register again to be included on the roster.**



**FAITH FORMATION
REGISTRATION NOW
OPEN!**

CLASSES START IN SEPTEMBER 2023

Protecting Gods Children

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

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Date: August 24, 2023 | Time: 6:00 PM

Location: Saint Columban Parish Hall

Length of Session: 3 hours

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Save the Date! Classes begin September 10

Questions of the Week

Reflect and Respond to the Sunday Readings

First Reading: *All who keep the sabbath free from profanation and hold to my covenant, them I will bring to my holy mountain and make joyful in my house of prayer* (Is 56:6-7)

The Lord instructed the prophet Isaiah to be open to “foreigners” (nations other than Israel) for God’s covenant with Israel is intended for all people. How welcoming are you to outsiders in your life?

Second Reading: *For God delivered all to disobedience, that he might have mercy upon all.* (Rom 11:32)

Paul believed that Israel’s rejection of Jesus became a vehicle for God to reveal his mercy to all people, Jew and Gentile alike. Is there someone in your life who needs your mercy and forgiveness?

Gospel: *Then Jesus said to her in reply, “O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.”* (Mt 15:28)

Jesus rewards the Canaanite woman for her great faith by granting the woman’s request to heal her daughter. Who would you say has helped you grow in your faith?

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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 and enter our parish name to redeem your FREE membership. Once logged-in, access these suggestions at watch.formed.org/this-week-on-formed

Pope Saint Pius X

Join Dr. Ben Akers with Lucas Pollice as they discuss the life of Pope St. Pius X and his work to restore all things in Christ.

The Queen Mother | Lectio: Mary | Episode 4

Mary serves as our Queen Mother. What does that mean? Join Dr. Brant Pitre as he explores the scriptural roots of this title.

Saint Bartholomew

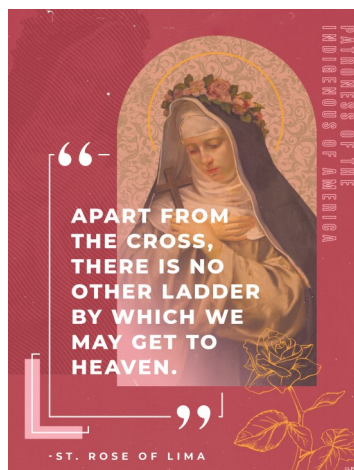
Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. John Sehorn discuss the great apostle, St. Bartholomew. Grab your Bible and follow along.

Saint of the Week: St. Rose of Lima, Virgin.

1586-1617, Peru.
Feast: Aug. 23

Born Isabel Flores de Oliva in April 1586 in Lima, Peru to Spanish colonists, Saint Rose of Lima took the name Rose at her confirmation in 1597. Legend holds that she received this nickname as an infant because a servant saw her face transformed into a rose.

Even as a child Saint Rose was dedicated to Christ. Growing up she made many secret penances. And when she was old enough to be married, deterred suitors by cutting off her hair and rubbing pepper on face to make it blister. She took a vow of chastity even though her parents wished her to marry. She fasted many times a week and permanently abstained from meat.



Eventually her parents gave in and allowed her to join the Third Order of St. Dominic, although she was not permitted to live in a convent. Saint Rose undertook severe penances, allowing herself only two hours of sleep a night in order to have more time to pray, wearing a heavy silver crown with spikes on the inside imitating Christ’s crown of thorns, and even burning her own hands. However, she also cared for the sick and hungry, and sold her beautiful embroidery and fine lace, as well as flowers she grew to help raise funds for the poor.

She died at the age of 31 on August 24, 1617. Pope Clement X canonized her in 1671, she was the first saint of the New World, born in the Americas. Saint Rose of Lima is the patron saint of Latin America and the Philippines.

Straight out of the Catechism

CCC 489 Throughout the Old Covenant the mission of many holy women prepared for that of Mary. At the very beginning there was Eve; despite her disobedience, she receives the promise of a posterity that will be victorious over the evil one, as well as the promise that she will be the mother of all the living. By virtue of this promise, Sarah conceives a son in spite of her old age. Against all human expectation God chooses those who were considered powerless and weak to show forth his faithfulness to his promises: Hannah, the mother of Samuel; Deborah; Ruth; Judith and Esther; and many other women. Mary “stands out among the poor and humble of the Lord, who confidently hope for and receive salvation from him. After a long period of waiting the times are fulfilled in her, the exalted Daughter of Sion, and the new plan of salvation is established.”

Wisdom from St. Columban

Be pleasant when things are unpleasant, and sorrowful when they are pleasant.

Disagree when necessary, but be in agreement about the truth.

Be serious in pleasure, but kindly when things are bitter.

Be strong in trials, weak in dissensions.

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



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. Upcoming events:

First weekly Youth Ministry Wednesday meeting: September 20

First monthly Youth Ministry Service Saturday: September 30

High School Youth Convention at St. Michael, Olympia: Nov. 4

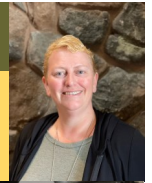
Our Youth Ministry Values at St. Columban

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.

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



Thank You to all who participated in this year's Parish Picnic & Ministry Fair!

Outside Notices & Events

CONSIDERING DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD

TRUE HEART

Ten Weeks to Christ



WHICH PATH WILL YOU TAKE?



"How do I pray?" "How can I know what God wants me to do?"
"Where is the Lord leading me?"

Around the Archdiocese of Seattle, discernment groups led by priests are forming for young men to address these questions. Using True Heart from the Sacred Story Institute these young men will be engaging spiritual exercises to help them grow closer to the Lord, consider their vocation more deeply, and grow in openness to following God's will in their lives.

If you are interested in joining one of these groups, please contact us at vocations@seattlearch.org or (206) 382-4276



WSCC Support for Initiative 2081 (I-2081)

The Washington State Catholic Conference (WSCC) supports Initiative 2081 (I-2081), which would establish a parents' bill of rights for parents of children in public schools. In the tradition of Catholic Social Teaching, families are a central social institution that must be supported and strengthened, not undermined. I-2081 strengthens family rights.

We will have an opportunity to collect signatures.
Please visit the table in the narthex to sign the petition.



project rachel

Peace starts here

Project Rachel—Hope and Healing After Abortion

English: (206) 920-6413 / Español: (206)-450-7814 Email projectrachel@ccsww.org If you are suffering from the experience of an abortion, you do not need to walk alone. Project Rachel Western Washington offers a compassionate and confidential environment for those who suffer the effects of an abortion. Find hope and healing after abortion at Rachel's Vineyard Retreat: English retreats -September 15-17, 2023, March 8-10, 2024 / Spanish retreats - October 27-29, 2023



Our very own parishioner Cathy Crisanto will be signing her recently published book **Wounded Hearts Healed Souls** at the Senior Community Center (16530 103rd Ave SE, Yelm)

August 25th, & 26th 12:30PM-1:30PM.



Holy Family School is a private Catholic school located in Lacey.

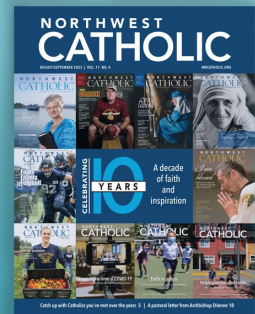
See holyfamilylacey.org or call us at (360) 491-7060 for further information. All for the Glory of God! Learning for today, preparing for tomorrow.



Pope John Paul II High School

Have you considered the value of a Catholic, college-prep high school?

At Pope John Paul II High School, students and families find a welcoming, faith-filled community where they are seen, heard, and belong. Every student is nurtured, challenged, and transformed for a lifetime of courageous leadership and service through discovery and development of their God-given gifts.



CHECK OUT OUR 10TH ANNIVERSARY ISSUE

Catch up with Catholics you've met over the years

A pastoral letter from Archbishop Etienne

READ ONLINE at NWCatholic.org

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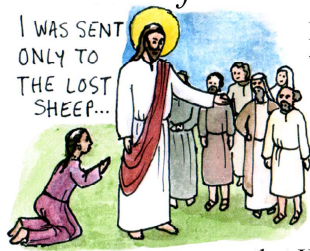
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Does God Only Care for the Chosen People?



Long ago God had set aside the Israelites as His chosen people. He gave them laws and prophets and set up a covenant with them, that they would be His people and He would be their God. He promised them that He would send them a Savior.

When Jesus the Savior came, His first mission was to care for God's chosen people. In today's Gospel reading, however, a woman who was not an Israelite came to ask Jesus for help. At first Jesus refused- He had been sent to God's children, and "it is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." But the woman said, "even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from the master's table." She knew that Jesus could help her. When He saw how much faith she had, He did what she asked and cured her daughter.

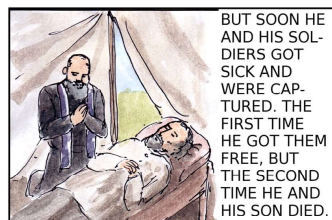
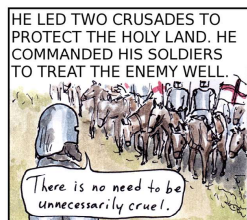
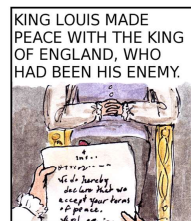
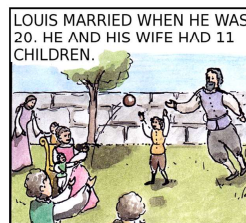
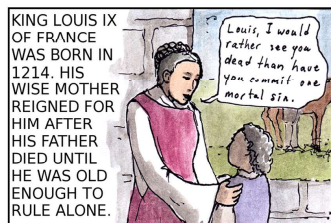
Jesus wasn't trying to make the woman give up. He was giving her a chance to show how much humility and faith she had. Jesus used this to show the people that God will let anyone who believes, like this woman, become part of His chosen people.



ALL PEOPLES. Fill-in-the-Blanks: just, altar, house, servants, keep, sabbath, mountain, prayer, Lord.

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Saint Louis of France August 25

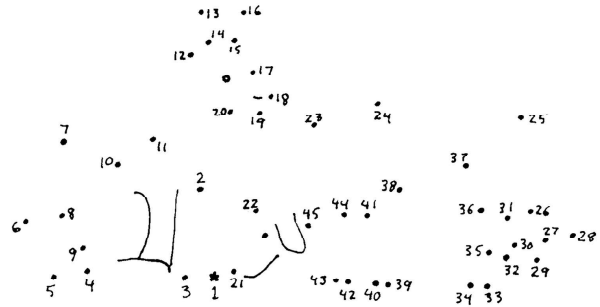


KING SAINT LOUIS SAID THAT LOVING GOD WAS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IN LIFE. IT WAS EVEN MORE IMPORTANT THAN RULING WELL! BECAUSE HE PRAYED AND ATTENDED MASS SO OFTEN AND SO WELL HE WAS GIVEN THE GRACE TO RULE HIS PEOPLE JUSTLY. PRAY FOR YOUR COUNTRY'S LEADERS!

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The Kids' Bulletin

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 20th, 2023



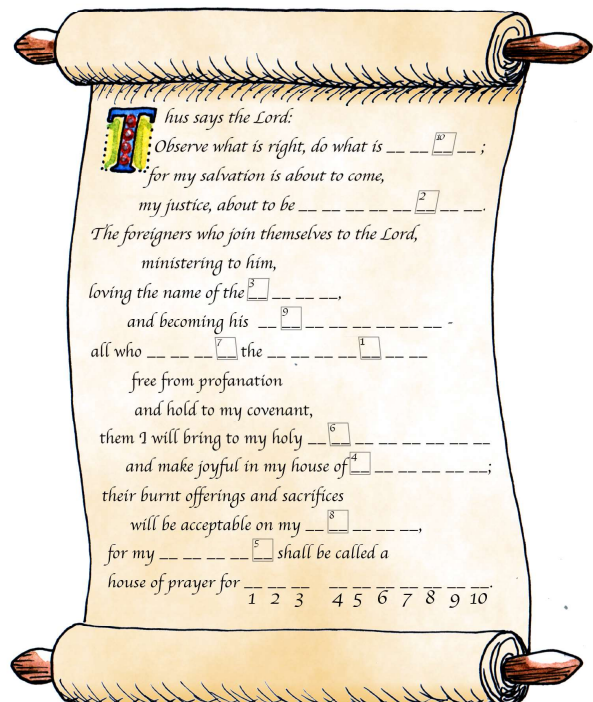
In today's Gospel reading, a foreign woman was asking Jesus to cure her daughter. But Jesus said that He was sent to care for the children of Israel, not foreigners.

The woman replied to Jesus,
"But even the _____ eat the scraps
that fall from their master's table!"

What did she say she was like?
Connect the dots to find out!

Isaiah 56 Fill-in-the-Blanks

Use the words below to fill in the blanks.
Then use the marked letters to fill in the appropriate spaces at the end.



ALTAR
HOUSE
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SERVANTS
SABBATH

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JUST
LORD



SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 2023

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith!
Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's
daughter was healed from that hour. - Mt 15:28

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

All who keep the sabbath free from profanation
and hold to my covenant,
them I will bring to my holy mountain
and make joyful in my house of prayer (Is 56:6-7)

Psalm:

O God, let all the nations praise you! (Ps 67)

Second Reading:

For God delivered all to disobedience,
that he might have mercy upon all. (Rom 11:32)

Gospel:

Then Jesus said to her in reply,
"O woman, great is your faith!
Let it be done for you as you wish." (Mt 15:28)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

"O woman, great is your faith!" The Canaanite woman stood firm in her belief that God would answer her — even when those closest to him tried to send her away, and even when Christ himself challenged her. She never wavered.

Observances for the week of August 20, 2023

- Sunday:** 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** St. Pius X, Pope
- Tuesday:** The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Wednesday:** St. Rose of Lima, Virgin
- Thursday:** St. Bartholomew, Apostle
- Friday:** St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest
- Next Sunday:** 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saint of the week

Venerable Mother Celestina Bottego was born in Ohio. She went on to be the foundress of the Xavier Missionaries Sisters of Mary in Italy. The Sisters rejected the traditional habit commonly worn by religious women in favor of wearing the same clothing styles as those they served.

Prayer

Almighty and merciful Father, You placed in the heart of Mother Celestina Bottego the ardent desire that Your Kingdom spread throughout the world and made her capable of giving all of herself for the creation of a missionary Family. We humbly ask You to allow us to imitate her holiness of life and, through her intercession, to grant us the grace that we confidently ask of You.

(Prayer Source: <https://www.fondazioneantiac.org/venerabile/celestina-bottego/bottego-celestina/>)

Readings for the week of August 20, 2023

Sunday:

Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (4)/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

Monday:

Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44/Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday:

Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday:

Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday:

Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Jn 1:45-51

Friday:

Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday:

Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Mt 23:1-12

Next Sunday:

Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 (8bc)/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20



Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

The suffering of a child symbolizes uniquely terrible evil as well as despair about the future. This week's Gospel gives a "limit" case in which Jesus encounters this evil in the form of a mother with a suffering daughter. What he does is stunning and massively helpful for us if we bravely ponder the details.

The Canaanite woman comes to Jesus and begs his mercy. "My daughter is tormented by a demon," she declares to him. Shockingly, he responds first with silence, then with a dismissive comment, and only then finally accedes to her third request. Is this simply a lesson in perseverance in our petitions to God, who is like a genie in a bottle? Does that justify the humiliation and pain this woman suffers? Is the Lord cruel?

I don't think so. Notice how the encounter ends. She compares herself to a dog at the table of a master. Jesus responds by praising her great faith and fulfills her deep desire. Somehow this non-Israelite woman intuits that this harrowing situation is not dumb suffering. She senses that the door of God's family is, in Jesus, being opened to her and her loved ones. She trusts she is at the Lord's table, and her desires will be fulfilled and that all her sufferings — and her daughter's, too — will lead a great banquet. In our sufferings this week, the Lord wants us to treat him less like a genie in a bottle and more like the Master who has taken us — lost little dogs that we are — into his home forever. Trust that and keep praying in the face of evil.

— *Father John Muir*



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(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

The Prayers God Always Answers

When I was a child, my mother bought a book called “The Prayers God Will Always Answer.” I remember my anticipation as I cracked the spine and turned to the first page.

I had been spending a lot of time asking God — begging God, actually — over and over again for some specific things that were not materializing. Frankly, it was beginning to feel a lot like that time I asked Santa Claus for a new house, only to wake up on Christmas morning to find ordinary, non-house-shaped presents under the tree — and a growing sense of suspicion that my faith had been ill-placed.

To the great disappointment of my pre-teen heart, my mother’s book was not a directory of magical phrases God is compelled to obey. It was a list that included things like “Forgive me” and “Help me.” I tossed it aside, disappointed.

I marvel at the wisdom and the confidence of the Canaanite woman who persists in begging Jesus to heal her daughter. She is ignored, and still she will not be deterred. The disciples try to dismiss her — still, she presses on. Christ himself challenges her, and her faith makes her ready with a reply.

Somehow, I am sure that even if Christ had said, “No, it cannot be done for you as you wish,” she would have still dropped to her knees and worshiped him, because she knew what I did not: God is not a vending machine, and he’s not the genie from “Aladdin.” Prayer is not a negotiation, but a relationship.

The story of the Canaanite woman is not a story about how to get God to give you what you want. It is a story about the prayers God always answers.

“Then Jesus said to her in reply, ‘O woman, great is your faith!’” — Matthew 15:28

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

What is the meaning of the letters that professed religious have after their names?

Answer:

The Catholic Church includes hundreds of religious communities. The priests, religious brothers, religious sisters, and nuns of these communities (which are often referred to as “religious orders”) are committed to particular spiritual traditions and often to a particular charism (such as teaching, healthcare, social work, or pastoral care).

To help identify a person as a member of a particular religious community, the custom developed of including post-nominal letters that provide a sort of shorthand for the name of the community that the priest, brother, sister or nun is part of. So, for example OSB after a person’s name would indicate that they are a member of the Order of St. Benedict (the Benedictines), just as SJ would indicate that a priest or brother is a member of the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits) or RSM would show that a woman is a Sister of Mercy.

Other common examples include:

DC = Daughters of Charity

FSC = The Brothers of the Christian Schools/Christian Brothers

OCist = The Order of Cistercians

OCD = Order of Discalced Carmelites

OFM = The Order of Friars Minor (the Franciscans)

OFM Cap = The Capuchin Franciscans

OP = The Order of Preachers (Dominicans)

OSF=Franciscan Sisters

SC = Sisters of Charity

SDS = Society of the Divine Savior (Salvatorian Priests and Brothers and Salvatorian Sisters)

SSND = School Sisters of Notre Dame

SVD = Society of the Divine Word (Divine Word Missionaries)

"It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs."

She said, "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters." Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour.

- Mt 15:26b-28

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

The Lord instructed the prophet Isaiah to be open to "foreigners" (nations other than Israel) for God's covenant with Israel is intended for all people. How welcoming are you to outsiders in your life?

Second Reading

Paul believed that Israel's rejection of Jesus became a vehicle for God to reveal his mercy to all people, Jew and Gentile alike. Is there someone in your life who needs your mercy and forgiveness?

Gospel Reading

Jesus rewards the Canaanite woman for her great faith by granting the woman's request to heal her daughter. Who would you say has helped you grow in your faith?



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O GOD, LET ALL NATIONS PRAISE YOU!

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And behold, a Canaanite woman of that district came and called out, “Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David! My daughter is tormented by a demon.” He said in reply, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But the woman came and did Jesus homage, saying, “Lord, help me.” - Mt 15:22, 24-25

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Prayer

Jesus, help me to be brave.
I know you can do anything.

Mission for the Week

If you know someone who is sick, be brave and pray about it. Jesus can do anything.

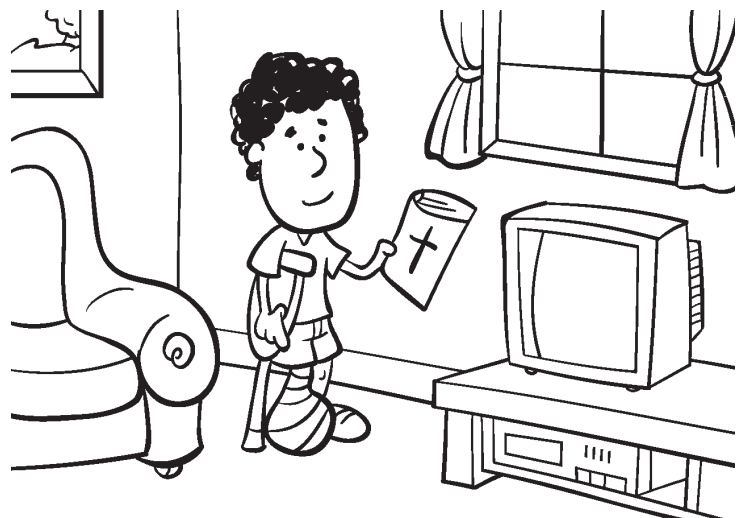
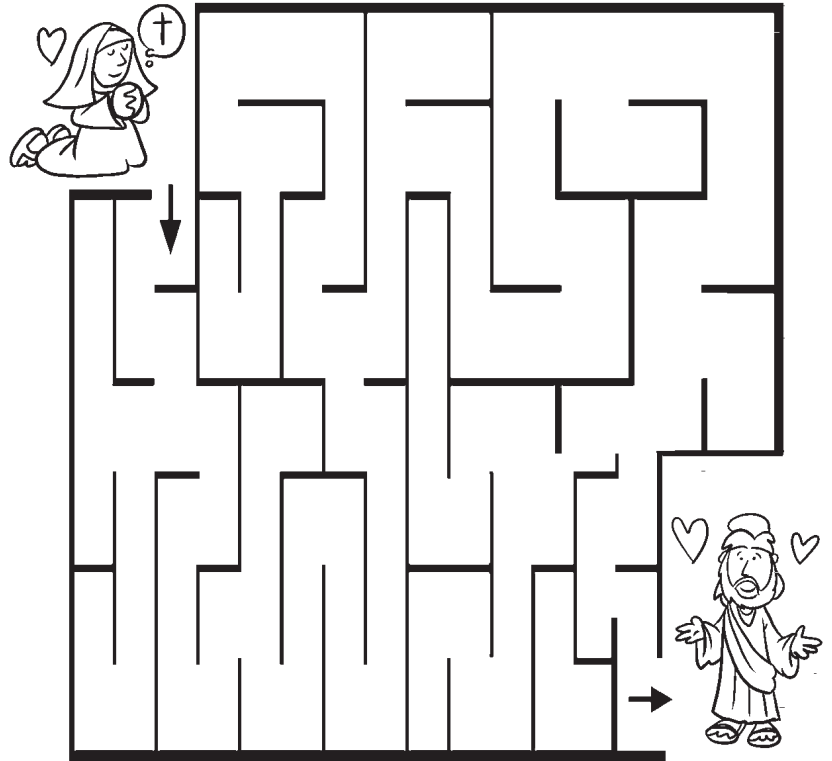
Sharing the Gospel

Jesus met a woman who had amazing faith. She was brave. She was loud. She did not care what anybody else thought. Jesus was the Savior, and she knew he could heal her daughter. Jesus can help you with any problem you have, too. Be brave. Keep asking Jesus for help. God is strong. He can do anything.

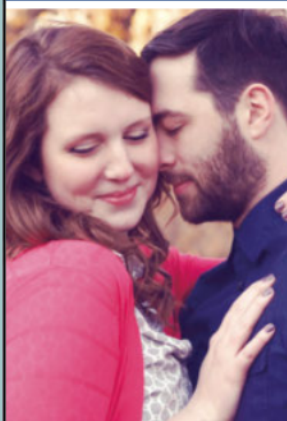
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