

Christi simus, non nostri

We belong to Christ, not ourselves

ST COLUMBAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

A Parish of the
Archdiocese of Seattle



September 10, 2023 Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Columban Church

506 First St. S | Yelm, WA 98597

Sunday Mass: 10:30 AM

Saturday 5:00 PM

Daily Mass 9:00 AM (*Tuesday-Friday, Except First Fridays*)

Eucharistic Adoration First Fridays 6:30 PM

Confessions Saturday 3:30-4:30 PM

Anointing of the Sick By request

Baptism & Wedding Preparation

Contact the Parish Office

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

Entrance Antiphon: *You are just O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.*

1st Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9

Responsorial Psalm: *If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.*

2nd Reading: Romans 13:8-10

Gospel Acclamation: *God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.*

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

Communion Antiphon: *Like a deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul yearns for you my God, my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.*

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parishoffice@saintcolumbanyelm.org

Welcome to St. Columban

Weekly Calendar & Mass Intentions

All events are at St. Columban unless otherwise noted.

MONDAY September 11

Rosary Prayer Group 7:00PM Church

TUESDAY September 12 Most Holy Name of B.V.M.

Daily Mass 9:00AM Church

Spanish Prayer Group 6:30PM Church

WEDNESDAY September 13 St. John Chrysostom

Daily Mass 9:00AM Church

THURSDAY September 14 Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Daily Mass 9:00AM Church

Choir Practice 6:00PM Church

FRIDAY September 15 Our Lady of Sorrows

Daily Mass 9:00AM Church

Homeschool Enrichment 9:30AM RE Bldg

SATURDAY September 16 Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian

Confession 3:30PM Church

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

SUNDAY September 17 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Confession 7:30-7:45AM St. Peter

Sunday Mass 8:00 AM Int.: *Pro Populo* St. Peter

Religious Ed (Grades K-5) 9:00AM-10:15AM RE Bldg

Confirmation (Grades 6-12) 9:00AM-10:15PM Youth Space

Sunday Mass 10:30 AM Int.: *Pro Populo* Church



We proclaim the Roman Catholic faith to the communities of McKenna, Nisqually, Rainier, Roy, Tenino, and Yelm in southeast Thurston and southwest Pierce counties.



Our community has grown since its origins at the former St. Margaret Mary Church in McKenna, and our current church in Yelm is named for the Irish-born 6th century missionary to Europe St. Columbanus of Bobbio. We have also been present in Tenino since 1891 through St. Peter Mission, named for the apostle and first pope.

New Announcements

Are you registered? Registration ensures that we know you are here, makes us aware of your needs and gifts, but most of all it helps us to welcome you to the parish! Stop by and introduce yourselves! The Parish Office is open Monday through Thursday, 9:30am to 2:00pm or call us for an appointment on Fridays. You may also register online at saintcolumbanyelm.org/register.

Walk for the Poor. Our parish conference of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is hosting their annual *Walk for the Poor* following breakfast and the 10:30am Mass on **Sunday, September 24**. Children and youth participating be supervised by parents. This is a fundraiser meant to raise awareness of the needs of the poor in our community and the help given by our conference members.

Oktoberfest Bring the whole family on September 30 after the 5:00 pm Mass for German food and brews. There will be an auction and live music. Tickets are on sale after the Sunday Masses at St. Columban. Hosted by the Knights of Columbus Council & Assembly of St. Columban.

Homeschool Enrichment has resumed for the school year. If you are interested in participating, please contact Fr. Thompson.

Announcement Reminders

Sunday Faith Formation classes begin today! Read more about it on page 5.

Counters Needed Contact the parish office for more information.

Emails from the Parish. We are in the process of moving to a new Church Management software. One of the first

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Connect with us

WEBSITE

saintcolumbanyelm.org

LIVESTREAM

youtube.com/@stcolumbanyelm

ONLINE GIVING

pushpay.com/g/saintcolumbanyelm

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A Word from Father Thompson

A few years ago, the Vatican released a document entitled *Male and Female He Created them*, discussing the issue that we have been seeing in world society in the past few years with regard to some foundational errors about humanity that have come into popularity of late. Most

notably, these errors include the notion that there is a reality of gender that can vary independently from biological sex, that either or both gender and sex are qualities that an individual can choose or define for oneself, and that all this rests upon the subjective feelings of the individual. This is all, of course, absolute nonsense.

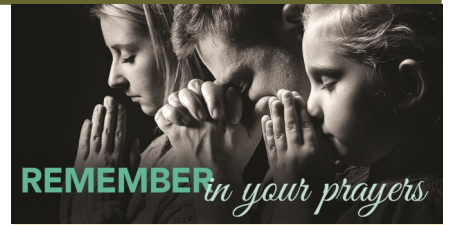
As Christians, we should see these errors as not only patently wrong, but also very tragic. Pressure to accept or treat as valid the claims the plurality (i.e. beyond the two) or mutability of gender—or that it is not objectively tied to biological reality—is not merely just one more way in which modern culture, to its peril and ruin, is abandoning its Judeo-Christian roots, but also in a very particular way strikes at the core of our very humanity and being, a being that is created in the Image and Likeness of God. What is more, it is real people's humanity, real people's being that is disrespected and deformed by these errors. These people are in danger of real painful consequences when these false lights and false promises inevitably fail to address the real sources of unhappiness in these peoples' lives.

This is especially true of young people, who so often when trying to think through and discover what it means to be men or women and live it out in their own particular lives and with their own particular gifts and personalities, would find the task difficult and confusing enough in a sane and healthy culture; the other deformations of ourselves and our world due to sin, and now all this gender theory garbage, does not make it any easier, either. We should be ready and willing to guide and help our young people through this inner drama, especially those who experience disharmony or disintegration between their body, mind, and spirit. As Christians and as people of good will, we must hold firm to the fact that it does not help a confused child in any way to mutilate him or her, physically or psychologically. The ideology of gender being a subjective reality and independently variable from bodily sex is a lie from the Devil of Hell. Yet so many otherwise rational Christians have been led astray because advocates of this wicked ideology have appealed to our sense of compassion. Beware those who try to manipulate your compassion, they are so often selling the worst kind of evils.

We are not ghosts riding in puppets made of meat. Together with our souls, our bodies **are** us. The body has purpose, the body has meaning, the body is good. When people struggle to love and accept their bodies (and it need not only be something as extreme as gender dysphoria. Kids and adults in their millions suffer body-image disorders and other mental issues to one degree or another), we always need to respond with love, but also always love shaped by truth (even when that truth, given in love, is hard for the person to receive). It is important for us, even while rejecting this vile ideology, not to do so in a way that harms or denigrates people who have been ensnared by these lies.

In Christ,

Father Thompson



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

FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND*

Jessica Nash, Mary Taylor, Vivienne Hayden, Eitan Hadayo, Stan Villadelgado, Pam Henslee, Robert Fisher, Tom & Kate Randal

FOR THE DECEASED

Teresita Aguon,
& All the souls in purgatory,
especially those who have no one to pray for them

FOR OUR EXTRAORDINARY INTENTIONS

All those in harm's way, especially those experiencing natural disasters and terrorism.

PRAYER INTENTIONS OF THE POPE FOR SEPTEMBER

For people living on the margins:
We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

PRAYER INTENTIONS OF THE ARCHDIOCESE FOR SEPTEMBER

For our local Church as we prepare to implement Partners in the Gospel, that we may listen to one another with openness and respect as we share our feedback on new parish family structures.

For the Church throughout the world, that the Holy Spirit may accompany and guide the Synod process as we seek to journey together more effectively.

The church may be open for prayer during office hours upon request.

*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.

Did you know?

This month is commemorated as the Month of the Seven Sorrows of Mary. This is because the memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows falls on September 15, which always follows the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. This Marian devotion includes meditating on each of the Seven Sorrows. The sorrows are particular events in the life of Mary which are representative of the sufferings she endured as the Mother of Christ. This should not be confused with the five Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary. Do you remember each of the Seven Sorrows? See the answer on page 6.

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



Parish Directory

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



Daughters of Mary

All women of the Parish are invited.
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Knights of Columbus

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Liturgical Ministries

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Prayer Groups

Rosary Group Mondays 7pm, Church
Spanish Group Tuesdays 6:30pm, Church

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

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St. Peter's Circle meets at *St. Peter Mission Tenino*



St. Columban Parish Pastoral Council

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

St. Peter Advisory Commission

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St. Columban Parish Finance Council

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



**PARTNERS
IN THE GOSPEL**

Read the latest
update and
Archbishop
Etienne's Pastoral

Letter inked on our website saintcolumbanyelm.org

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things you may see are messages from a new email address: archseattle@ccbchurch.com. As always emails directly from our staff will always be from our domain saintcolumbanyelm.org and messages from ministries for the time being will come from mail@flocknote.com.

This process is also causing a delay with the mailing of the monthly offering envelopes, we apologize for the inconvenience.

How to Help Maui Our bishops recommend two opportunities to donate to Maui wildfire relief efforts: Catholic Charities Hawai'i, catholiccharitieshawaii.org/maui-relief and the Hawai'i Catholic Community Foundation, tinyurl.com/MauiCatholic.

Parish Ministries Announcements

Daughters of Mary Next Meeting is Tuesday September 26th at 6PM in the Parish Hall. Bring your favorite snack to share!

Knights of Columbus Next Assembly Meeting Tuesday, Sept. 19, 6PM, Next Council Meeting Wednesday, Sept. 20, 5:30PM

Outside Notices & Events

Divorce & Beyond at St. Louise Catholic Church in Bellevue This is a 10 week Christian-based program of healing and recovery from divorce. Tuesdays, 6:30-8PM at St Louise Parish, beginning September 19th. Cost is \$15, scholarships are available. Contact David Gehrig at 425-214-5466 or email divorceandbeyond@stlouise.org.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter. "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Couples who pray together, stay together. Put God in your marriage by participating in the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on: Oct 13-15, 2023 at Archbishop Brunett Retreat Center at the Palisades, Federal Way, WA, or Oct 6-8 Immaculate Heart Retreat Center, Spokane, WA or Nov 15-17 at Our Lady of Hope Parish, Everett, WA Early registration highly recommended. Visit www.me.org or contact: Jeff and Sandy Corneil 360-930-2321

See additional outside notices & events on page 7.

Week of August 27th

Ordinary Income	St Columban	St Peter
Weekly Goal	\$5,800.00	\$1,000.00
Collection (Cash & Envelopes)	\$2,595.75	\$761.00
Online Giving	\$1,967.00	\$15.00
Net	(\$1,237.25)	(\$224.00)
Special Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00
St Vincent DePaul	\$60.00	\$0.00
Sacramentals (Candles, Beeswax tapers, Salt)	\$11.87	\$0.00
Flowers	\$10.00	\$0.00
Building Fund	\$37.00	\$0.00
Mass Intentions	\$0.00	\$0.00
2 nd Collection	\$0.00	\$0.00



**Saturday,
September 30,
Following the
5:00 PM Mass**



**Knights of
Columbus®**

St. Columban Council 17152

Tickets go on sale starting Sept. 2 after weekend Masses

Faith Formation

Welcome back to a new year of Faith Formation!

Elementary Faith Formation

Things to know:

Arrival: Please walk your student into the RE building. At the desk is our volunteer that will ask for grade and name and direct you to the location of your class.

Dismissal:

K-3rd grade must be picked up in their classroom by a parent. If you would like your child released to a sibling or a different adult. Please fill out our purple permission slip.

4th and 5th grade. These students also have to wait for a parent to pick them up unless write us a note with specific instructions. Exp. Meet at car, Church or Parish Hall. Each student must have a note in their file.

In Case of Emergency: Please be sure to have a secondary phone number and contact info on file just in case we cannot reach you.

Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)/Adult Faith Formation

All are invited to Classes for RCIA, which start next week, Tuesday, Sept 19th from 6:30-8pm. Classes are open to all adults in the parish seeking to learn more about their Catholic faith and to those seeking Sacraments. If you have not registered it is not too late to do so.

Confirmation Preparation

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. Confirmation classes are scheduled the same time as Elementary Faith Formation, 9am on Sundays in the Youth Space.

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 27, 6:30pm

First monthly Youth Ministry Service Saturday: September 30, 10am-3pm, at the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Wood Barn

HS Youth Convention at St. Michael, Olympia: Nov. 4

Parents of middle school and high school students! Opt-in for Youth Ministry emails at this link: saintcolumbanyelm.org/ym

Our Youth Ministry Values

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.



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Reflect and Respond to the Sunday Readings

First Reading: *If I tell the wicked, "O wicked one, you shall surely die," and you do not speak out to dissuade the wicked from his way, the wicked shall die for his guilt, but I will hold you responsible for his death. (Ez 33:8)*

The Lord teaches Ezekiel that he is personally responsible to be faithful to the prophetic words given to him. How could you show others that you take your faith seriously?

Second Reading: *Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law. (Rom 13:10)*

Paul taught that love (loving one's neighbor) is the fulfillment of the law God gave to Israel. What do you think is most challenging to this seemingly simple command to love one another?

Gospel: *"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother." (Mt 18:15)*

Jesus taught his disciples to make every effort possible to be reconciled with someone who has wronged you. Is reconciliation a high priority for you?

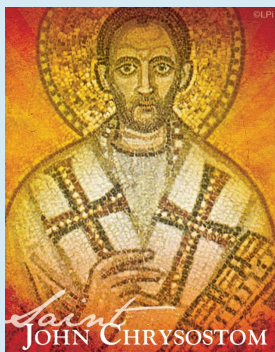
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Saint of the Week

Ora pro nobis!

Pray for us!



ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, BISHOP & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

September 13

Born in Antioch in the 4th century, and raised by his widowed mother, Saint John received a rigorous classical education. He was first called to the ascetic life, even spending time as an anchorite living in a cave near Antioch. However, this life of extreme mortification was hard on his physical body, and he eventually returned to the city to recover.

Saint John was ordained in 298. He spent the next 12 years preaching in the Cathedral of Antioch, and it was most likely during this time that he earned the name Chrysostom which means "golden-mouthed."

In 397 or 398 he was made archbishop of Constantinople against his will. This post placed Saint John in the midst of imperial politics. But he would not be drawn in. He kept a modest household without extravagance and refused to serve the sumptuous suppers for political supplicants that predecessors in the position had. He preached against corruption and decadence and fought for the reform of clergy even deposing corrupt bishops.

Unfortunately, this high moral stance made enemies of powerful people at court and in the Church. They conspired against him and eventually Saint John was exiled to Armenia. He died in exile in 407. He was made a Father of the Church at the Council of Chalcedon in 451 and declared a Doctor of the Church in 1568.

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Quotes from St. John Chrysostom:

"God asks little, but HE gives much."

"It is simply impossible to lead, without the aid of prayer, a virtuous life."

"What prayer could be more true before God the Father than that which the Son, who is Truth, uttered with His own lips?"

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
Fun with Exalting the Holy Cross | Catholic All Year w/ Kendra Tierney

In honor of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on September 14, let's talk about . . . talking to kids about Jesus' suffering. Plus a family-friendly at-home Veneration of the Cross, and our favorite feast day foods.

Drawing Strength from Our Lady of Sorrows by Kimberly Hahn

Speaker and author Kimberly Hahn, is a convert to the Catholic Faith. Although honoring Mary was difficult for her to understand initially, she began to encounter Mary's loving guidance in little ways on a daily basis. In this presentation, Kimberly reflects on the joys and sorrows that Mary prayerfully experienced during her time on earth, and shares how her example leads us closer to Christ.

Our Lady of Sorrows and the Power of Prayer

Discover the value of redemptive motherhood by tuning in to Anna Mitchell, co-host of EWTN's "The Son Rise Morning Show." Anna shares the story of her five-year-old's serious illness along with the miraculous intercession of a fourth-century martyr.

From the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*

TO CHOOSE IN ACCORD WITH CONSCIENCE

1786 Faced with a moral choice, conscience can make either a right judgment in accordance with reason and the divine law or, on the contrary, an erroneous judgment that departs from them.

1787 Man is sometimes confronted by situations that make moral judgments less assured and decision difficult. But he must always seriously seek what is right and good and discern the will of God expressed in divine law.

1788 To this purpose, man strives to interpret the data of experience and the signs of the times assisted by the virtue of prudence, by the advice of competent people, and by the help of the Holy Spirit and his gifts.

1789 Some rules apply in every case:

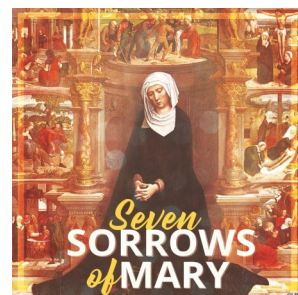
- One may never do evil so that good may result from it;
- the Golden Rule: "Whatever you wish that men would do to you, do so to them."
- charity always proceeds by way of respect for one's neighbor and his conscience: "Thus sinning against your brethren and wounding their conscience . . . you sin against Christ." Therefore "it is right not to . . . do anything that makes your brother stumble."

On the Cover Filippo Lippi (1406-1469) *Vision of St Augustine* c. 1460

St. Augustine on today's Gospel reading: "If someone has done you injury and you have suffered, what should be done? You have heard the answer already in this scripture: "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone." If you fail to do so, you are worse than he is. He has done someone harm, and by doing harm he has stricken himself with a grievous wound. Will you then completely disregard your brother's wound? Will you simply watch him stumble and fall down? Will you disregard his predicament? If so, you are worse in your silence than he in his abuse. Therefore, when any one sins against us, let us take great care, but not merely for ourselves. For it is a glorious thing to forget injuries. Just set aside your own injury, but do not neglect your brother's wound. Therefore, "go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone," intent upon his amendment but sparing his sense of shame. For it might happen that through defensiveness he will begin to justify his sin, and so you will have inadvertently nudged him still closer toward the very behavior you desire to amend. Therefore, "tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother," because he might have been lost, had you not spoken with him." [Sermon 82.7]

The Seven Sorrows of Mary

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| 1. The Prophecy of Simeon | 5. The Crucifixion of Jesus |
| 2. The Flight into Egypt | 6. Jesus's Descent from the Cross |
| 3. The Loss of the Child Jesus in the Temple of Jerusalem | 7. The Burial of Jesus by Joseph of Arimathea |
| 4. Mary meeting Jesus on the Via Dolorosa | |





safeTALK: A Suicide Prevention Workshop

LIVINGWORKS
safeTALK

Saturday, September 16 | 9am – 12pm
Holy Family Parish
7045 120th Ave NE Kirkland, WA 98033

Please join us for safeTALK, a suicide intervention workshop facilitated by the Archdiocese of Seattle's Catholic Lifesaver Corps.

Who can attend?
Middle and High School Students.
Parents and community members are highly encouraged to attend as well.




Scan QR code for more information

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



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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 Vine-

Religious Vocation Discernment Retreat

What is God's Dream for YOU? Come & See!


Sept. 29-Oct. 1, 2023 **Los Altos Hills, CA**

Join us for a chance to meet some Daughters of Charity and experience how we live. You'll have the opportunity to participate in prayer, Mass, and sharing. See what being a Sister is all about!

<https://daughters-of-charity.com/retreats/>



For single Catholic women 18-40.

DAUGHTERS of CHARITY
OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL
Vocation Discernment



Pilgrimage to the Holy Land - March 11-20, 2024

Join Fr. Anthony Davis of St. Barbara Parish, Black Diamond, in a Tour of the Holy Land, March 2024, provided by **Holy Land Tours, LLC**. More information can be found on their site: www.stbarbarachurch.org/post/pilgrimage-to-the-holy-land RSVP with Young Kim oldkim@aol.com

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.



IN REMEMBRANCE OF THOSE WHOSE LIVES WERE LOST.

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What's the latest with the Synod?



Synod 2021-2024
For a synodal Church
communion, participation, mission

Learn more at archseattle.org/synod

Adsumus Sancte Spiritus

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.
With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.
We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.
Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.
All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever.
Amen.

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**Knights of
Columbus®**

2023 St. Columban Oktoberfest

St. Columban Hall

Saturday September 30th

6:00 PM, Children 3 & Under Free !

**Special Auction:
- Funds Used for
K of C Assembly !**

Bratwursts (Sausage), Homemade Sauerkraut,
Schweineschnitzel (pork lightly breaded boneless
cutlet), Tomatensalat (tomato salad)
Brotchen (bread roll), Rotkohl (cabbage sweet &
sour), Schwarzwalderkirschtorte (German chocolate
cake), beverages, coffee, & pop, music, games

Price \$ Adults 12 & Over \$11.50, Ages 4-11 \$5.50



What's the latest with the Synod?



Initiated by Pope Francis, the Synod on Synodality is a process of listening and dialogue which began in 2021 with a worldwide consultation of the People of God. The Synod continues with gatherings of delegates in Rome in October 2023 and is expected to conclude in 2024. Learn more about the upcoming Synod in this question-and-answer format or go to the Archdiocese of Seattle's Synod website, archseattle.org/synod.

What is a Synod? The Church is in synod! The word “synod” means “on the way together” and refers to a gathering of the Church for discernment or decision-making.

Who is part of the Synod? This Synod is unprecedented in the breadth of participation. In fall of 2021 and winter and spring of 2022, millions of people all over the world participated in listening sessions — the widest consultation of the people of God, and indeed of the human family, in history. In the Archdiocese of Seattle, 11,000 people took part in listening sessions in their parishes or online.

In October 2023, laypeople as well as bishops will serve as official delegates to the Synod — a first. Archbishop Paul D. Etienne was named a delegate by Pope Francis, making him one of about 20 Americans participating in the Synod.

What happens next?

All the work that has happened to this point has prepared the way for the gathering of delegates in Rome in October 2023. The work of the delegates will be guided by the *Instrumentum Laboris* for the Synod. What happens next depends on their deliberations. We know that the Synod will continue into a second session in October 2024.

What will be talked about?

The *Instrumentum Laboris* guiding the work of the delegates this fall asks a wide range of questions focused on how the Church can foster communion, strengthen participation, and carry out its mission. Topics considered include

caring for creation, ecumenism, the participation of the baptized in the life of the Church, the role of women, and the inclusion of marginalized groups, as well as considerations around leadership and decision-making at the local, national, and global levels. Ultimately, the focus of the Synod is synodality itself: How can we walk together more effectively? How can our decision-making processes engage the whole people of God? How can we listen to one another and to the Holy Spirit more intentionally? How can we overcome polarization and divisions and walk together without erasing differences, but holding them in creative tension?

Where can I find out what's happening at the Synod this October?

The Synod assembly is likely to be widely covered in the media. It is important to choose reliable sources because many popular media outlets will likely focus on any controversial topics that are discussed, possibly losing sight of the big picture: The Synod is not about a single topic, but rather about how we walk together as Church in every aspect of life and ministry.

We recommend the following sites for balanced information about what is happening at the Synod:

- [Synod.va](https://synod.va): Site for the Synod, available in several languages
- vaticannews.va/en.html: Official media site for the Vatican, available in several languages
- usccb.org/newsroom: Official media site for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
- NWCatholic.org: News from our local Church and around the world
- archbishopetienne.com: Archbishop Etienne's blog, where he will share regular updates first-hand from the Synod assembly. You can sign up to receive new posts in your email.

What can we do now?

This is a good time to read, reflect on, and discuss the *Instrumentum Laboris* and the other documents the Synod has produced so far. Above all, let us pray for the Synod, that the delegates in Rome may listen deeply to one another and, most especially, to the Holy Spirit!

For information about the Synod, please visit archseattle.org/synod.

What should I do when somebody else sins?

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells us that if someone sins against us, we should quietly go and talk to them about it. Have you ever seen someone else do something bad? Did you talk to them about it?



When we talk to somebody about something bad they are doing, we should do it with love. We aren't trying to make them feel bad; we're trying to help!



Has anyone ever told you when you were doing something wrong? Did you find it easy to listen to them? When we try to help people who do bad things, what God wants us to do is be kind to them and help them to turn away from their sins. It's hard to do, but it makes God so happy to see us helping people come back to Him!

Answer to puzzle on front: yes!
Answer to word-find puzzle:
Pray with others

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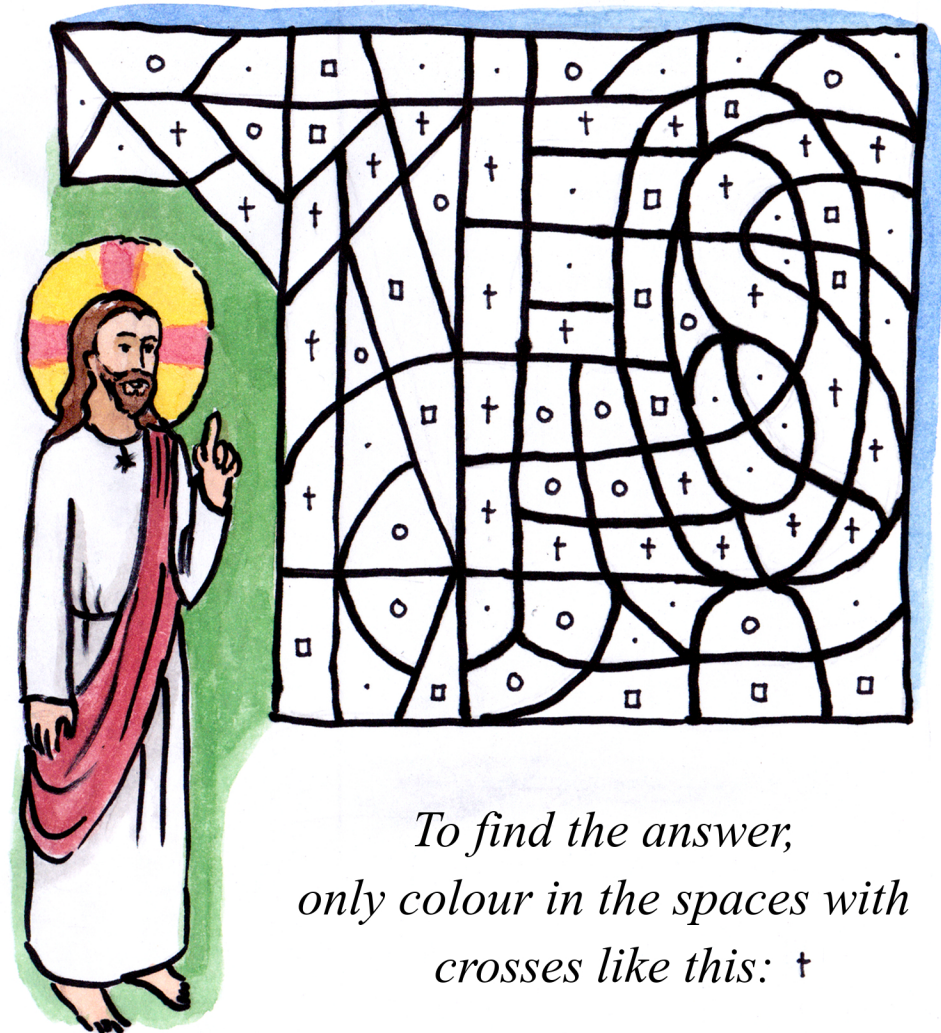


The Kids' Bulletin

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 10th, 2023

Sometimes we see other people doing things that we know are wrong.

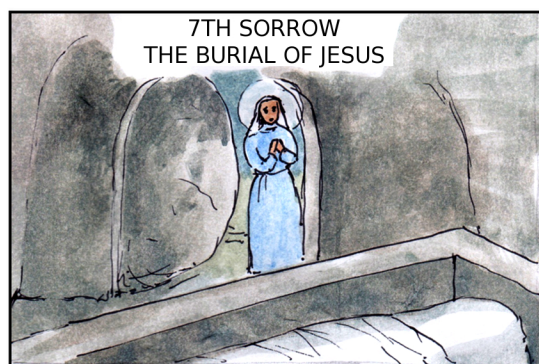
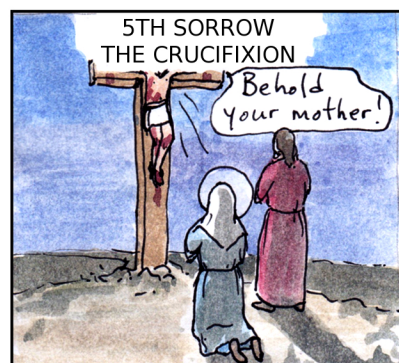
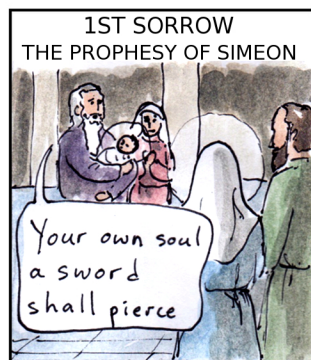
When we see other people doing sins, does Jesus want us to talk to them about it?



*To find the answer,
only colour in the spaces with
crosses like this: †*

Our Lady of Sorrows

September 15



WHEN YOU REALLY LOVE SOMEONE YOU WILL FEEL SAD WHEN THEY ARE HURT. OUR LADY LOVED JESUS MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE EVER COULD, AND SHE ALSO SUFFERED MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE. BUT SHE WAS HAPPY TO SUFFER FOR JESUS. WE SHOULD PRAY TO OUR LADY TO HELP US TO LOVE OUR LORD, EVEN IF WE HAVE TO SUFFER.

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**...Where two or three
are gathered in my Name...**

Here is the last part of today's Gospel reading. See if you can find all the words in CAPITALS in the puzzle. Use the left-over letters to fill in the blanks.

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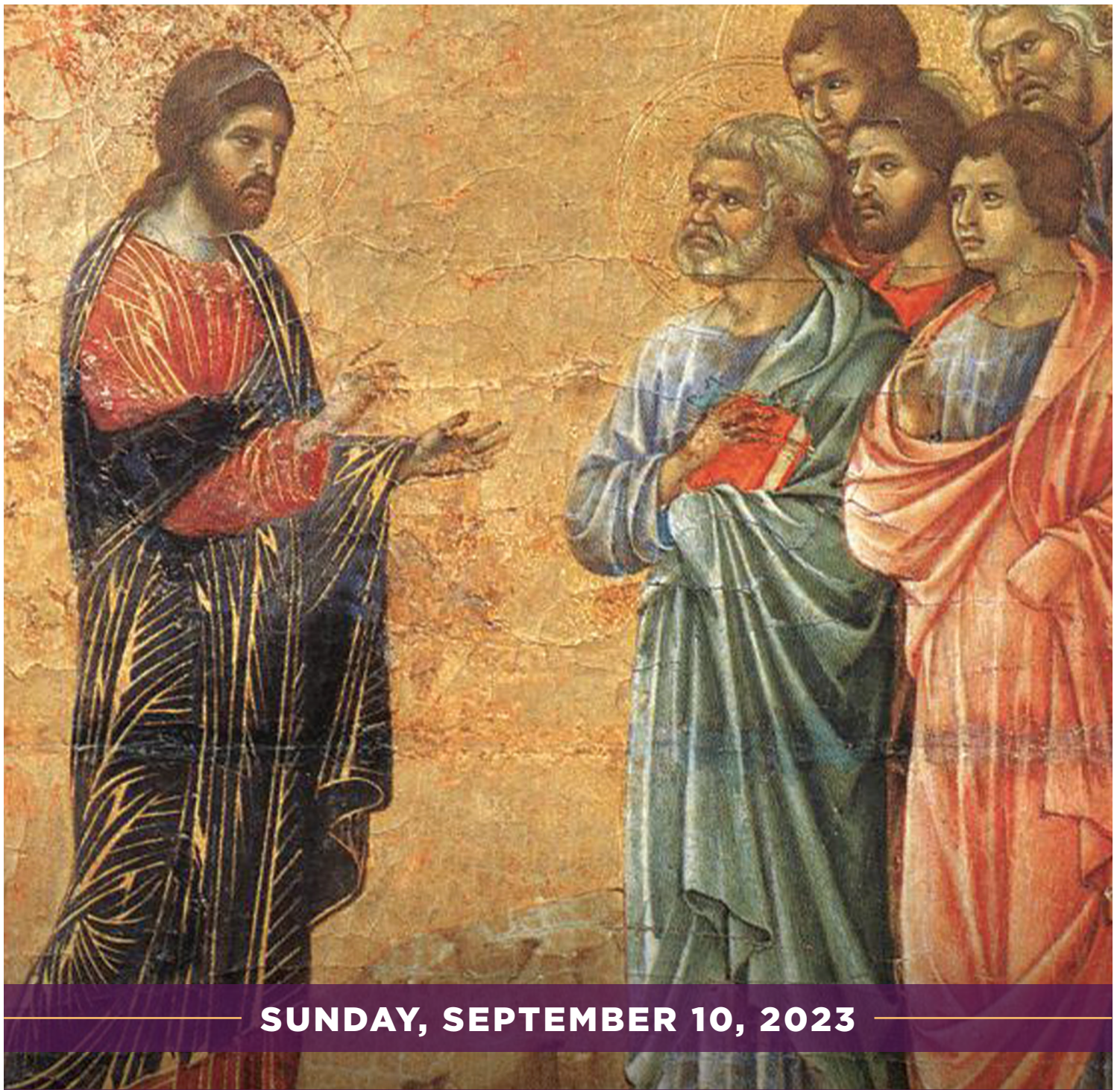
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AGAIN, AMEN, I SAY to YOU, if two of you AGREE on EARTH about ANYTHING for WHICH they are to PRAY, it SHALL be GRANTED to them by my HEAVENLY FATHER. For WHERE TWO or THREE are GATHERED TOGETHER in my NAME, THERE am I in the MIDST of them.





SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother." - Mt 18:15

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

If I tell the wicked, "O wicked one, you shall surely die,"
and you do not speak out to dissuade the wicked
from his way,
the wicked shall die for his guilt,
but I will hold you responsible for his death.
(Ez 33:8)

Psalm:

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (Ps 95)

Second Reading:

Love does no evil to the neighbor;
hence, love is the fulfillment of the law. (Rom 13:10)

Gospel:

"If your brother sins against you,
go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If
he listens to you, you have won over your brother."
(Mt 18:15)

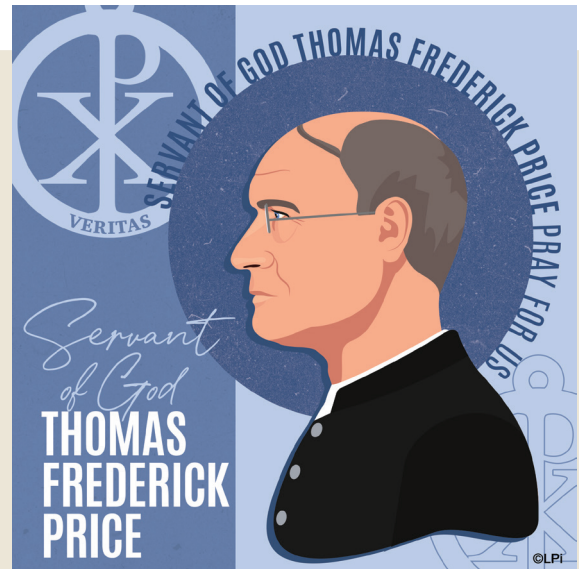
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Our personal relationship with Christ is important, yes — but thank God, that is not all there is to being a Christian. We depend upon the support, the encouragement, and even the correction of the rest of the Body of Christ.

Observances for the week of September 10, 2023

- Sunday:** 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Grandparents' Day
- Monday:** Patriot Day
- Tuesday:** The Most Holy Name of Mary
- Wednesday:** St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and
Doctor of the Church
- Thursday:** The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
- Friday:** Our Lady of Sorrows
- Saturday:** Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop,
Martyrs
- Next Sunday:** 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Catechetical Sunday



Saint of the week

Servant of God Thomas Frederick Price survived severe illness and a shipwreck as a young man before becoming a priest. He cofounded the Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America, better known as Maryknoll, and led the institution's first mission to China.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, You so inspired Father Thomas Frederick Price with love for You and zeal for the Gospel that he dedicated his life to serve You and Your Church, first in North Carolina, his home state, and then in the foreign missions. Grant that by his example we may grow in holiness and into a deeper union with Our Lord Jesus Christ. Help us to be authentic witnesses of the Gospel and proclaim the Holy Name of Jesus throughout the Diocese of Raleigh and to all the people and in all the places we are sent to love and serve. If it be according to Your will, glorify Your servant, Father Thomas Frederick Price, by granting the favor I (we) now request through his prayerful intercession (mention your request here) I (we) make this prayer confidently through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

Readings for the week of September 10, 2023

Sunday:

Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

Monday:

Col 1:24—2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday:

Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11/Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday:

Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab/Lk 6:20-26

Thursday:

Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Friday:

1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Saturday:

1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk 6:43-49

Next Sunday:

Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 (8)/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35



Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

What are you supposed to do about the bad behavior of the people around you? You know who I'm talking about. That family member, friend, coworker, or acquaintance who is quite immoral. On this front there are two lively options in our culture: bash the person to others (probably online) or pretend everything's fine. The former damages the person. The latter ignores reality. What to do?

Jesus' strategy in the Gospel of Matthew is as wise as it is difficult: go directly to the person, and then gradually expand the circle of intervention. Simple, often effective, and hard. But what we often miss is the context of the Lord's strategy, "If your *brother* sins against *you*..." Notice the italicized words. Is the person in a Christian familial bond with you? And was the action in question against *you*? If so, proceed with the plan. Fine. But how often we fret over the sins of those who either aren't our spiritual siblings or have done nothing directly to us. This is not an invitation to ignore injustice in the world. Rather, we should build bonds of fraternal love, and carefully discern when and how others' sins are indeed our concern. Sometimes they are. Other times — frequently, perhaps — they simply are not.

— Father John Muir



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(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Love and Truth

I think even the most devout, the most pious Catholic reading this could summon to mind, if asked, one or even two examples of Catholic teaching for which they have desperately looked for a loophole.

Don't worry, I won't make you share with the group. But bring it to your mind now: the doctrine you once resented, or perhaps still do. The commandment you don't fully understand, the one you bristle against. The rule you find the hardest to follow. The belief you hate explaining to your friends.

If it disappeared from scripture or dropped out of the catechism, would your life really be easier? Would you be happier?

I am thinking of mine. For a long time, I searched high and low for a way around this particular teaching. I read books and Scripture and tradition, I prayed and reflected and tried to argue with myself. For a time, I gave up complying with it entirely. I threw it to the wind, with a shoulder shrug and a self-satisfied assurance to myself that God, being a loving father, does not want his child to be unhappy.

But reader: I was miserable. I was so, so miserable, and I stayed that way until I finally accepted that God is, indeed, a loving father, and desires nothing less than the unhappiness of his children. And so, to ward it off, he has given us the truth, and asked us to share it amongst ourselves like a cherished heirloom, a priceless inheritance.

To share truth, you must show love. To show love, you must share truth. One demands the other. Because this is what Christ does for us, and this is the mission of the Church in this world. Loosening and binding. Bearing witness. Giving testimony. Speaking truth, and in speaking truth, showing love.

"If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts."
— Psalm 95

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

After a civil divorce, is a Catholic obligated to pursue an annulment?

Answer:

Many Catholics are not exactly sure what an annulment does. An annulment does not deny that a marriage took place, nor does it deny that there once was love. It does not mean that people say anything untrue, such as they never loved each other or that everything in their marriage was wrong. An annulment does not negate children, nor make them illegitimate. An annulment addresses the spiritual aspect of marriage. In effect, an annulment says that at the time of the wedding, there was either something present or something absent that prevented the sacrament from taking place. It is a spiritual determination that, if granted in the affirmative, allows a person to marry in the Church.

Annulments have no legal standing and are unable to be used in a civil court. Therefore, a Catholic has no moral obligation to pursue an annulment. However, when the tragedy of divorce occurs, and there is no hope for reconciliation, annulments may help bring some spiritual closure to a person's life. Some people have found the process to be healing and others have found it to be difficult. Speak to your priest or a member of the Diocesan Tribunal staff to decide what is best for you.

“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that ‘every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses.’”

- Mt 18:15-16

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

The Lord teaches Ezekiel that he is personally responsible to be faithful to the prophetic words given to him. How could you show others that you take your faith seriously?

Second Reading

Paul taught that *love* (loving one's neighbor) is the fulfillment of the law God gave to Israel. What do you think is most challenging to this seemingly simple command to love one another?

Gospel Reading

Jesus taught his disciples to make every effort possible to be reconciled with someone who has wronged you. Is reconciliation a high priority for you?



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“TO PRAY AND TO LOVE, THAT IS THE HAPPINESS OF MAN ON EARTH.”

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- ST. JOHN VIANNEY

HARDEN NOT YOUR HEARTS.

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“Again, amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” - Mt 18:19-20

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Prayer

Be with me, Jesus, when someone has hurt me. Help me to forgive. Amen.

Mission for the Week

Pray for your friends who get stuck in sin. Help them out if you can.

Thank God for them.

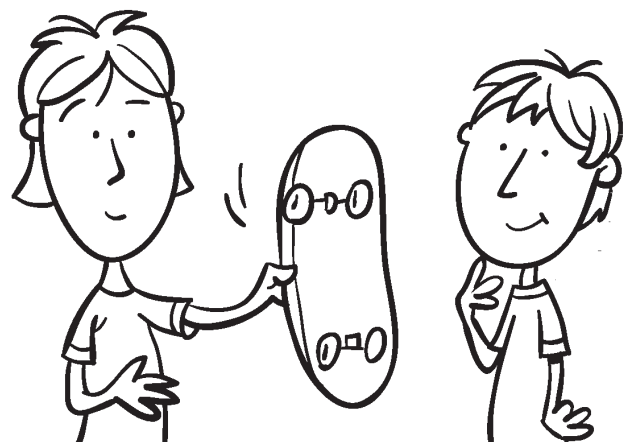
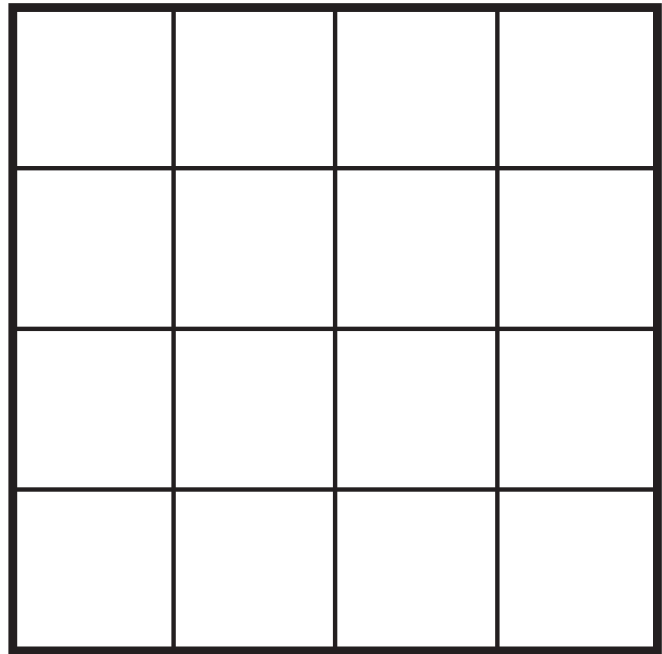
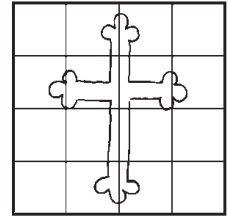
Sharing the Gospel

One day someone might sin against you. Friends may hurt your feelings. A neighbor may take your toy without asking. Remember what Jesus said. Remember that you sin, too. Talk it over quietly, just the two of you, and give your friend a chance to apologize.

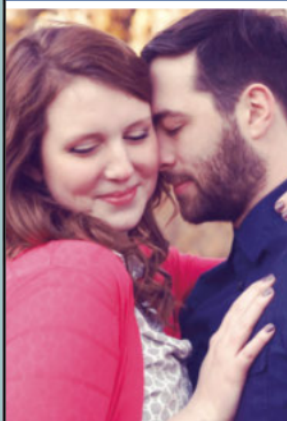
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