

October 1, 2023

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Columban Church
506 First St. S | Yelm, WA 98597

Sunday Mass: 10:30 AM

Saturday 5:00 PM

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

**Eucharistic Adoration** First Fridays 6:30 PM

Confessions Saturday 3:30-4:30 PM

Anointing of the Sick By request

**Baptism & Wedding Preparation** 

Contact the Parish Office

St. Peter Mission
149 Keithahn St S | Tenino, WA 98589

**Sunday Mass 8:00 AM** 

First Friday Mass 9:00 AM

Confessions Sunday 7:30-7:45 AM

**Anointing of the Sick** By request

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Providing emergency assistance for those in need.

Help Line: 360-458-1904

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

**Entrance Antiphon**: All that you have done for us O

Lord, you have done with true judgement.

1st Reading: Ezekiel 18:25 - 28

Responsorial Psalm: Remember your mercies, O Lord.

2nd Reading: Philippians 2:1-11

Gospel Acclamation: My sheep hear my voice, says the

Lord; I know them, and they follow me.

Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32

**Communion Antiphon:** Remember your word to your servant O Lord, by which you have given me hope.

### Welcome to St. Columban

### **Weekly Calendar & Mass Intentions**

All events are at St. Columban unless otherwise noted.

MONDAY October 2	<b>Guardian Angels</b>	
Rosary Prayer Group 7:00PM	Church	

**TUESDAY October 3** 

Daily Mass 9:00AM Church

+ In Memory of: Maria Teresa Siegemund RIP

First Friday Devotions 6:30PM

**Daughters of Mary Meeting** 6:00PM Parish Hall **Spanish Prayer Group** 6:30PM Church

WEDNESDAY October 4 St. Francis of Assisi

Daily Mass 9:00AM Church
Bible Study 10:00AM St. Peter

THURSDAY October 5 St. Faustina, Kowalska
Daily Mass 9:00AM Church
Choir Practice 6:00PM Church

**Choir Practice** 6:00PM Church **Bible Study** 6:30PM RE Bldg

FRIDAY October 6 St. Bruno, Priest
First Friday Mass 9:00AM St. Peter
Homeschool Enrichment 10:00AM RE Bldg

SATURDAY October 7 Our Lady of the Rosary

Confession 3:30PM Church Anticipatory Sunday Mass 5:00 PM *Int.: Pro Populo* 

SUNDAY October 8 27th Sunday in OT

**Confession** 7:30-7:45AM St. Peter **Sunday Mass** 8:00 AM *Int.: Pro Populo* St. Peter

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

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### **New Parishioners**

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 though Thursday, 9:30am to 2:00pm or call us for an appointment on Fridays. You may also register online at saintcolumanyelm.org/register.

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 Irishborn 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.

### **Happening Today**

**Listening session for Partners in the Gospel**, after Mass in the Large Hall this Sunday. The last in-person listening session will be next Sunday. *More information at* <u>archseattle.org/partners/</u>





### **New Announcements**

Christmas Choir Yes, it is that time of year again where

we are in need of young voices for our Christmas Choir! This will be for all youth of the parish starting from those who can adequately read through High School. This year's choir will be singing for the Children's Mass on Christmas Eve (7:30PM) and are invited to sing for the Midnight Mass and Christmas Day Mass as well. Please note that the music

for the Midnight Mass will be primarily in Latin.

There will also be an opportunity to participate in the Annual Community Christmas Concert on Sunday December 10th at 7:00PM with the choir from our parish. At least one parent/guardian must be present with any children who wish to participate in this event. However, families and friends are also encouraged to attend as this is a free community sponsored event.

Practices will be held every Thursday starting November 5th at 6:30PM in the Church.

A schedule of practices and detailed information will be sent to you via email. Contact us <a href="mailto:parishoffice@saintcolumbanyelm.org">parishoffice@saintcolumbanyelm.org</a> to sign-up.

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### Connect with us

**WEBSITE** 

saintcolumbanyelm.org

LIVESTREAM

youtube.com/@stcolumbanyelm

ONLINE GIVING

pushpay.com/g/saintcolumbanyelm

### Parish Staff

360-458-3031

Fr. Brian Thompson *Priest Administrator* frthompson@saintcolumbanyelm.org x6

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Chad Lucero

Youth Ministry & Confirmation chad@saintcolumbanyelm.org x3

Steven Slater *St. Columban Maintenance* steven@saintcolumbanyelm.org
Gilberto Espino *St. Peter Maintenance* 

### **October 1, 2023**

### A Word from Father Thompson

Last week we heard the public announcement of the new parish arrangements that the Archdiocese will begin this coming summer. While I don't think it was much of a surprise to anybody that our relatively small parish would be connected with something larger, I will honestly share it was a surprise to me that the present proposal would entail separating the two current churches of our parish. I don't mean that to imply that I think it is a good or a bad thing, but only that it was surprising to me to see.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the first listening session last week, and I hope the input coming in this week and next as well will be helpful for the Archdiocese in making final adjustments to what will eventually become new parishes. Do keep in mind that the current proposal is just a proposal, and the final map isn't going to be released until next year; things could still change somewhat based on any number of factors, one of those factors being the input received in these weeks.

I am also especially thankful to those who came to or will come to the listening sessions with an attitude of seeking how we can take this reality with an eye toward forming faithful, strong, and stable new parishes. I know there can be a lot of sentiment connected to buildings, mass times, and the particular structures of a given community, and that this has understandably led to a certain degree of anxiety and fear and resistance to the notion of this initiative, or even just some level of uneasiness—quite frankly in everyone—to at least some degree. Thank you to those who were able to maturely acknowledge those emotions in yourselves and still bring forward constructive input despite any personal qualms or dissatisfaction. I'm not one to demand or expect unrelenting false optimism (indeed, I loathe it). I think we all know full well that this is and will be a difficult thing, but I also know that as cathartic as blowing that steam off can be (I can rant and rave with the best of them), to participate in this process is the only way actually to impact anything.

The fact of the matter is that there are practical reasons why the Archdiocese needs to reorganize, and many of them do relate to finances, population shifts, clergy numbers and morale, and weighing the value of sustaining ministries and churches and masses in some places versus the opportunity cost of doing so. This process is going to give us an opportunity to look at all these things dispassionately and to assess what is truly best for the more worthy worship of God, effective proclamation of the Gospel, and the salvation of souls in Western Washington.

Yes, this entire process is going to be difficult and painful at times, and schedules and structures and programs and locations and habits and where/when a given service or activity is offered will surely and perhaps dramatically change. However, it is also the case that if we remain invested and clear on what we as members of the Mystical Body of Christ need to thrive, committed to the unchanging and unchangeable mission of the Church, unshakable in the Deposit of Faith, and clear-minded enough to discern the essential of what a parish is from the accidental, we will be able to emerge from this with a parish that may have a different name in the end and involve more or fewer or different campuses (although individual churches that remain will retain their titles, it is a Church law thing), but which serves us and our community much better than at present. Frankly, if you let yourself get too sentimental, unrealistic, bitter, or disengaged during these next few years, you are far less likely to see the new parish reflect what is important to your faith; if you find a way to express your needs and desires, and your willingness to make those things a reality, you are far more likely to find the new situation more amenable.

In Christ,

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### Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

### **Prayer to Your Guardian Angel**

Angel of God, my guardian dear, To whom God's love commits me here, Ever this day, be at my side, To light and guard, Rule and guide. Amen



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

Requiescat in pace
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 OCTOBER

For the Synod: We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

### PRAYER INTENTIONS OF THE ARCHDIOCESE FOR OCTOBER

For our local Church, that all of us may have open minds and open hearts as we listen to one another and prepare for renewal through the Partners in the Gospel process.

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.

### **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.



All women of the Parish are invited.
daughetersofmary@saintcolumbanyelm.org



Council 17152 / Assembly 3947 kofc@saintcolumbanyelm.org



parishoffice@saintcolumbanyelm.org



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

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul** svdp@saintcolumbanyelm.org

**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

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

stpeteradvisory@saintcolumbanyelm.org

### St. Columban Parish Finance Council

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

Week of September 17, 2023			
Ordinary Income	St Columban	St Peter	
Weekly Goal	\$5,800.00	\$1,000.00	
Collection (Cash & Envelopes)	\$2,597.20	\$801.00	
Online Giving	\$1,048.00	\$15.00	
Net	(\$2,154.80)	(\$184.00)	
Special Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	
St Vincent DePaul	\$30.00	\$0.00	
Sacramentals (Candles, Beeswax tapers, Salt)	\$13.00	\$21.00	
Flowers	\$5.00	\$0.00	
Building Fund	\$157.00	\$0.00	
Mass Intentions	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Human Development	\$300.00	\$170.00	

Thank for supporting our parish

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**Socktober Sock Drive** is this month. St. Peter's Circle will be collecting socks throughout October. *See the ad on page 8* 

### **Announcement Reminders**

Each October the Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month, and the first Sunday of October is observed as Respect Life Sunday. As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning of life to its end, and at every point in between. During the month of October, the Church asks us to reflect more deeply on the dignity of every human life. Go to respectlife.org/celebrate to join the Respect Life Month Novena and for pro-life resources provided by the US bishops.

**Emails from the Parish.** We are in the process of moving to a new Church Management software. One of the first 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 <u>saintcolumbanyelm.org</u> and messages from ministries for the time being will come from <u>mail@flocknote.com</u>.

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

### **Parish Ministries Announcements**

**Daughters of Mary** Next Meeting is Tuesday October 24th at 6PM in the Parish Hall. Bring your favorite snack to share!

**Knights of Columbus** Next Assembly Meeting is Tuesday, Oct. 17, 6PM, Next Council Meeting Wednesday, Oct. 18, 5:30PM

### **Outside Events & Notices**

**Help Wanted at Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church in Spanaway** Our neighbor church is seeking a qualified candidate and faithful Catholic for the role part time receptionist. Go to <a href="https://archseattle.org/careers/">https://archseattle.org/careers/</a>, click on *Chancery & Parish Positions*, and search for *Receptionist*.

# Burning Hearts Young Adults Retreat, October 20-22 at the Archbishop Burnett Retreat Center, Federal Way

A retreat for young adults put on by young adults. Join us for a weekend at the Palisades for a time of prayer, reflection, and fellowship. Talks will focus on our hearts desire for God, understanding our temperaments and responding to God's call in your life. Questions? Contact Tyler Tangen at tyler.tangen@seattlearch.org or 206-382-2010

Worldwide Marriage Encounter "Complete my joy by being of the same mind, with the same love, united in heart, thinking one thing." Strengthen, renew, and rekindle your marriage sacrament by attending a 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 Holy Rosary Parish, Edmonds, WA. Early registration highly recommended. Visit <a href="https://www.org.or.contact">www.org.or.contact</a>: Jeff and Sandy Corneil 360-930-2321

### **Faith Formation**



### **Elementary Religious Education**

The children in our K-5 program have been busy practicing their prayers. So far, for the month of September they have prayed a total of 1317 prayers! Keep those intercessions coming.

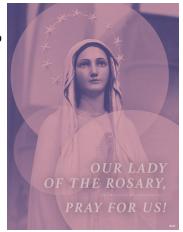


October 7th is the Feast of Our Lady of the

**Rosary**. On this day, we celebrate the Holy League's defeat of the Ottoman Empire in the Battle of Lepanto on October 7, 1571. Even though the Turkish forces were very powerful, the Christians won due to the intercession of Mary and the prayer of the Most Holy Rosary.

You can watch a 3 minute short video with your kiddos to help explain the importance of this battle. Go to <a href="mailto:youtube.com/@stcolumbanyelm">youtube.com/@stcolumbanyelm</a> and find the clip How The Rosary Saved Christianity in the "Linked from the Bulletin" playlist.

As always for some Rosary fun, go to Catholicicing.com for fun ideas on making some edible rosary's to celebrate after you've prayed your rosary as a family.



Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)/Adult Faith Formation

classes meet Tuesdays 6:30-8pm in the Religious Education building. These classes are open to all adult learners and to those seeking the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation.



Next Class is October 3rd, and we will be discussing Scripture and Tradition. Fr. Daniel will explain how Scripture and Tradition is one single deposit of God's revelation.

#### Confirmation

Both first year and returning second year confirmation candidates meet at 9-10:15am in the new Youth Space on Sundays.

### **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:

Youth Ministry Wednesday meeting: October 25, 6:30pm
Next Youth Ministry Service Saturday: October 28, 10am-3pm

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 and you will be sent an email to RSVP for upcoming events.

### Mrs. Makinster

Elementary & Adult Faith Formation, gaby@saintcolumbanyelm.org 360-458-3031 x2 habla Español

#### Mr. Lucero

Youth Ministry & Confirmation chad@saintcolumbanyelm.org 360-458-3031 x2 x3



Reflect and Respond to the Sunday Readings

First Reading: But if he turns from the wickedness he has committed, he does what is right and just, he shall preserve his life. (Ez 18:27)

The prophet Ezekiel teaches that all people (the just and the wicked) are capable of doing evil as well as repenting. What do you think motivates anyone to repent?

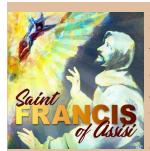
**Second Reading:** Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus. (Phil 2:5)

Paul encourages the believers in Philippi to have the same attitude of humility as Jesus. Is humility one of your strengths?

**Gospel:** Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you." (Mt 21:31)

Jesus criticizes the religious leaders of Jerusalem for lacking self-reflection. How often do you examine your own behavior and choices?

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Saint of the Week: St. Francis of Assisi (+1226), Feast Day October 4 — Francis was born at Assisi in Umbria and, following his father's example, as a young man became a merchant. After recovering from a very serious illness he began most eagerly to undertake works of charity and, since his father indignantly objected, he gave up to him everything he had, adding that henceforth he had a better right to say, "Our Father who art in heaven." Having heard the Gospel. words concerning the poverty of Apostles, he took off his sandals and kept only one cloak and, when he had gained twelve disciples, founded the Order of Friars Minor. This was confirmed by Pope Innocent III, who had been divinely forewarned, and it spread in a wonderful way. Later Francis went to the solitude of Mount Alvernia where, on the day of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, he received the stigmata from a Seraph carrying between his wings the image of the Crucified; the traces of the nails and the lance then appeared in his hands, feet and side. Two years afterwards he fell very ill and, in the Church of St. Mary of the Angels where he had received the spirit of grace from God, he exhorted the brothers to poverty, patience and the preservation of the faith of the holy Roman Church and, on October 4, most lovingly breathed forth his soul.

### From the Catechism of the Catholic Church

THE ANGELS (Continued from Last week)

#### Christ "with all his angels"

333 From the Incarnation to the Ascension, the life of the Word incarnate is surrounded by the adoration and service of angels. When God "brings the firstborn into the world, he says: 'Let all God's angels worship him." Their song of praise at the birth of Christ has not ceased resounding in the Church's praise: "Glory to God in the highest!" They protect Jesus in his infancy, serve him in the desert, strengthen him in his agony in the garden, when he could have been saved by them from the hands of his enemies as Israel had been. Again, it is the angels who "evangelize" by proclaiming the Good News of Christ's Incarnation and Resurrection. They will be present at Christ's return, which they will announce, to serve at his judgment.

### The angels in the life of the Church

334 In the meantime, the whole life of the Church benefits from the mysterious and powerful help of angels. 335 In her liturgy, the Church joins with the angels to adore the thrice-holy God. She invokes their assistance (in the funeral liturgy's In Paradisum deducant te angeli. . . ["May the angels lead you into Paradise. . . "]). Moreover, in the "Cherubic Hymn" of the Byzantine Liturgy, she celebrates the memory of certain angels more particularly (St. Michael, St. Gabriel, St. Raphael, and the guardian angels). 336 From its beginning until death, human life is surrounded by their watchful care and intercession. "Beside each believer stands an angel as protector and shepherd leading him to life." Already here on earth the Christian life shares by faith in the blessed company of angels and men united in God.



### Week of October 01, 2023



## Faustina and the Spread of Divine Mercy | Divine Mercy | Episode 4

This episode of Divine Mercy and the Second Greatest Story Ever Told, reveals how a saint from Poland embarked on one of the greatest missions in the history of the Church, becoming a catalyst for the message of Divine Mercy.



#### Brother Francis: The Barefoot Saint of Assisi

In this 10-part audio drama, listeners can dive into the life of St. Francis of Assisi as he goes from being a son of wealth and privilege to a man who gave up everything for the sake of Christ.

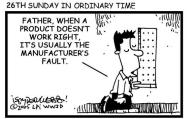


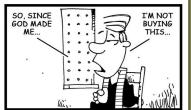
### The Feast of St. Thérèse

In celebration of the feast of St. Thérèse, Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Scott Hefelfinger sit down to discuss the life and writings of this great saint and Doctor of the Church.

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## **Open House**

Sunday, October 22 | 1:30PM

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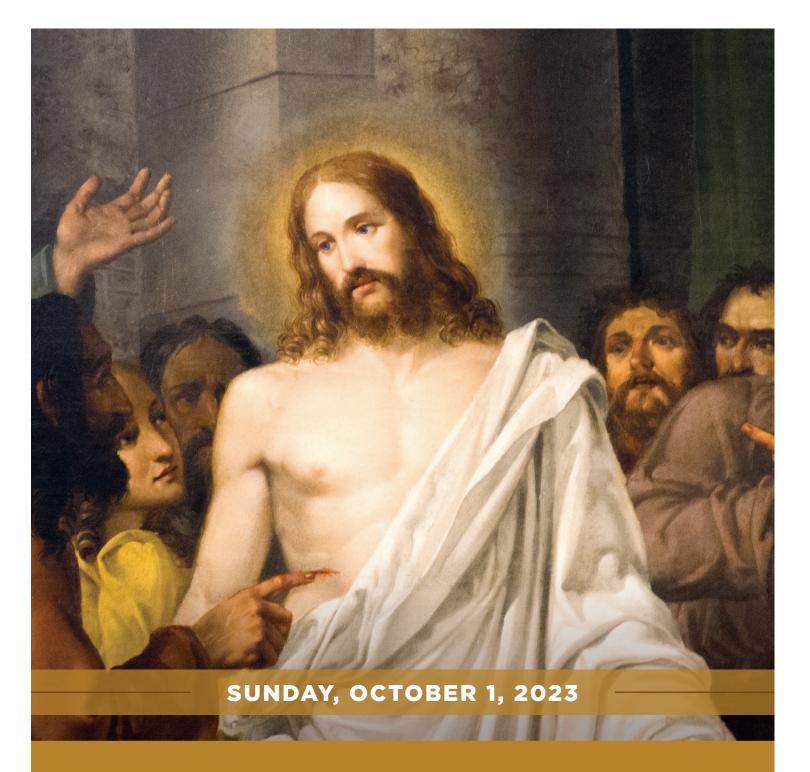
SOCKTOBER

Thank you in advance for your generosity!



St. Peter's Circle will be doing their annual sock drive throughout October to support Tenino Food Bank plus to help families in need and for the homeless.

There will be a box in the Narthex where you can drop off your donations of socks for men, women and children. These socks will be collected for the entire month of October.



# **26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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"When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him." - Mt 21:32

# **Weekly** Prayer

### **Sunday's Readings**

### First Reading:

But if he turns from the wickedness he has committed, he does what is right and just, he shall preserve his life. (Ez 18:27)

### **Psalm:**

Remember your mercies, O Lord. (Ps 25)

### **Second Reading:**

Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus. (Phil 2:5)

### Gospel:

Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you." (Mt 21:31)

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# Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

God invites each of us to work in His vineyard, but it's our choice whether we "clock in" or stay home. Let's never fail to show up. It's the most important job we will ever have.

# Observances for the week of October 1, 2023

**Sunday:** 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time;

Respect Life Sunday

**Monday:** The Holy Guardian Angels

Wednesday: St. Francis of Assisi

**Thursday:** Saint Faustina Kowalska, Virgin; Bl.

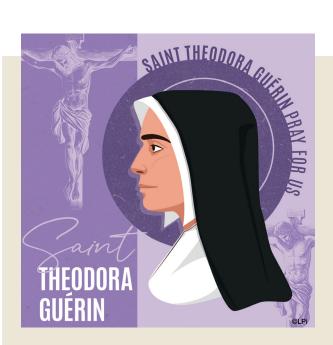
Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest

Friday: St. Bruno, Priest; Bl. Marie Rose Durocher,

Virgin

**Saturday:** Our Lady of the Rosary

Next Sunday: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time



### Saint of the week

St. Theodora Guérin, a French immigrant to the United States, established a community of the Sisters of Providence at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana. Her congregation went on to start numerous schools and institutions as well as orphanages and free pharmacies to care for the poor and sick.

### **Prayer**

Saint Mother Theodore Guerin, valiant woman of God, intercede for us in our needs. Implore for us through Jesus, the Christ, the gifts of a living faith, abiding hope and steadfast charity, so that through a life of prayer and service with others we may aid in promoting the Providence of God among all peoples. Saint Mother Theodore Guerin, pray for us.

(With Ecclesiastical Approval)

(Prayer Source: https://spsmw.org/prayer/saint-mother-theodore-guerin-prayer/)

# Worship & Meditation

# Readings for the week of October 1, 2023

### **Sunday:**

Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9, (6a)/ Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

### Monday:

Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23/Mt 18:1-5, 10

### **Tuesday:**

Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/ Lk 9:51-56

### Wednesday:

Neh 2:1-8/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/Lk 9:57-62

### **Thursday:**

Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/ Lk 10:1-12

### Friday:

Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9/Lk 10:13-16

### **Saturday:**

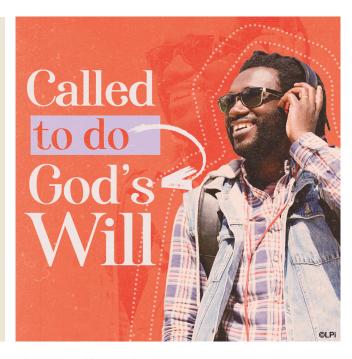
Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37/ Lk 10:17-24

### **Next Sunday:**

Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20 (Isaiah 5:7a)/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43



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# **Gospel Meditation Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture**

A life-long Catholic friend of mine recently mumbled to me, "I can't stand all these converts to the faith. They're always rocking the boat." It surprised me because he is dedicated to evangelization, and yet he struggles with openness to new Catholics. It made me realize how easily I close my heart to those whom I perceive to be outsiders who become new members of the Catholic community. Almost unconsciously I reduce the world to the categories of "us" and "them." The result is that meaningful community silently shrinks in my life. Don't we all do that to some degree?

This week Jesus' punchy parable about the two sons blows up that black and white world. One son said he wouldn't get to work, and then did. The other said he would, and then he did not. "Which did the will of his father?" asks the Lord. Like so many of us, in identifying the first as the answer, the religious authorities manifest hidden hypocrisy in refusing to follow Jesus. They — like us — intuit the correct path but simply won't do it. The tax collectors and prostitutes are indeed following Jesus and thereby getting to work in the kingdom of God. Everyone is called to do God's will regardless of the labels we may apply to them.

This week let's reject the convenient but damaging categories of "insiders" and "outsiders." Instead, let's embrace a grateful attitude that Jesus is calling fallen, weak, and broken men and women like you and me. Then we begin to see that the tax collectors and prostitutes aren't *them.* They are us. And Jesus wants all of *us* working in his boat, no matter the rocking.

— Father John Muir

# **Liturgical** Life

# (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

### The Vineyard

The second son never showed up to the vineyard. Did he get lost? Did he get tired? Did he not know where to begin?

When it comes right down to it, good intentions amount to very little. We all know this, don't we? "Show me, don't tell me." "I'll believe it when I see it." It's as true in the workplace and in relationships as it is in the life of the Christian disciple.

It doesn't matter if we *intend* to work in the vineyard. It doesn't matter if we promise to, if we think about it a lot, or if we make grand plans for what we will accomplish there. None of that matters if we don't show up. Before we show up, we have to find the way.

Showing up is the whole point. The work is the point, not the intention.

But all this begs the question: what does the work mean for us as baptized Catholics in the modern world? Spending our Saturdays in soup kitchens and homeless shelters? Standing on a street corner shouting out the words of the Gospel?

Our baptismal call is to the vineyard. Where is our vineyard? How do we show up? We are ready, Lord, we say. We intend to work. But where do we go?

My vineyard is not your vineyard, and so it's not my place to tell you how to get there. I am glad you want to go, but you'll have to find your own way, just like I will. But I can tell you this: only one voice will lead you there. If you listen to it, you will find your vineyard.

"Good and upright is the LORD; thus he shows sinners the way." — Psalm 25:8

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

# Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

### Question:

Can anyone offer the Anointing of the Sick to a sick or dying person, or is that only something a priest can do?

### Answer:

The Letter of James speaks to us of the ancient tradition of a special anointing and blessing of those who are sick: "Is there anyone sick among you? Let him send for the presbyters of the Church and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord ... If he has committed any sins, they will be forgiven him" (5:14, 15b). This passage forms the foundation for the theology of the sacrament that we call "Anointing of the Sick." In keeping with what we read in the Letter of James and the ancient tradition of the Church, the anointing of a person of who sick or dying many only be performed by a priest or bishop.

Although deacons and other members of the Church are not able to celebrate the sacrament with a person who is sick, we can read Sacred Scripture and pray with and for those who are ill. Resources like the Book of Blessings also contain special blessings that can be celebrated by deacons or lay ministers. In the end, we want to be sure that we show a special care and concern for the sick, helping them to always experience God's loving comfort through made tangible through our acts of charity and service.

"When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him."

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- Mt 21:32

### **Questions of the Week**

**Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture** 

### **First Reading**

The prophet Ezekiel teaches that all people (the just and the wicked) are capable of doing evil as well as repenting. What do you think motivates anyone to repent?

### **Second Reading**

Paul encourages the believers in Philippi to have the same attitude of humility as Jesus. Is humility one of your strengths?

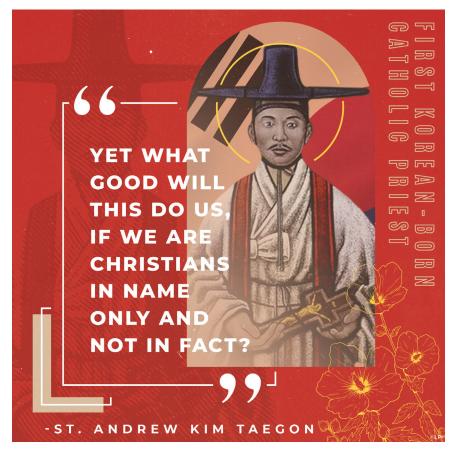
### **Gospel Reading**

Jesus criticizes the religious leaders of Jerusalem for lacking self-reflection. How often do you examine your own behavior and choices?



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"Which of the two did his father's will?" They answered, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you." - Mt 21:31

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### **Prayer**

God, I want to show you that I love you.

### Mission for the Week

Show kindness to a friend. Help someone pick up a mess they made, just because you love Jesus.

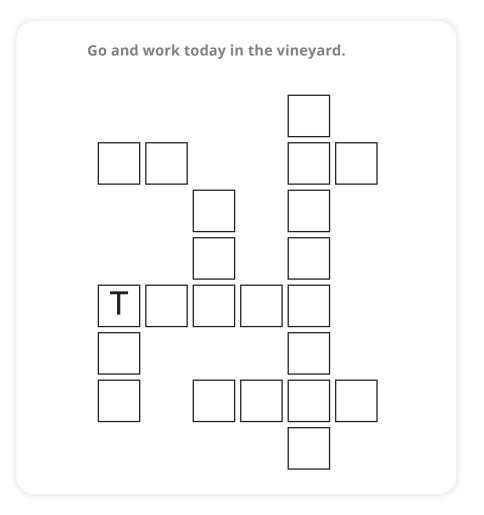
### **Sharing the Gospel**

Maybe you have heard that actions speak louder than words. It means that the things you do are more important than the things you say. Show kindness to others. Trust God. He wants what is best for you, so find out how to work for God. Then do what he asks.

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