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We belong to Christ, not ourselves

ST COLUMBAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

A Parish of the
Archdiocese of Seattle



October 8, 2023

Twenty-seventh 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

Sacramental Emergencies: 208-572-5251

Entrance Antiphon: *Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will.*

1st Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

Responsorial Psalm: *The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.*

2nd Reading: Philippians 4:6-9

Gospel Acclamation: *I have chosen you from the world, says the Lord, to go and bear fruit that will remain.*

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43

Communion Antiphon: *The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.*

www.saintcolumbanyelm.org

360-458-3031

parishoffice@saintcolumbanyelm.org

Welcome to St. Columban

Weekly Calendar & Mass Intentions

All events are at St. Columban unless otherwise noted.

MONDAY October 9 St. Denis and Comp.
Rosary Prayer Group 7:00PM Church

TUESDAY October 10
Daily Mass 9:00AM +*Brian & Martin Baker Jr. RIP* Church
Spanish Prayer Group 6:30PM Parish Hall

WEDNESDAY October 11 Pope St. John XXIII
NO DAILY MASS
Bible Study 10:00AM St. Peter

THURSDAY October 12
NO DAILY MASS
Choir Practice 6:00PM Church
Bible Study 6:30PM RE Bldg

FRIDAY October 13
Daily Mass 9:00AM *Int: Jesse & Gabriela Makinster* Church
Homeschool Enrichment 9:30AM RE Bldg

SATURDAY October 14 Pope St. Callistus I
Confession 3:30PM Church
Anticipatory Sunday Mass 5:00 PM *Int.: Pro Populo* Church

SUNDAY October 15 28th Sunday in OT
Confession 7:30-7:45AM St. Peter
Sunday Mass 8:00 AM *Int.: Pro Populo* St. Peter

No Religious Education Classes (All Grades K-12)

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



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

On the Cover: *Meister des Codex Aureus Epternacensis | Title: Codex Aureus Epternacensis, Szene: Die Getöteten Winzer, Folio 77 recto (Mitte)*

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.



Happening Today

Listening session for Partners in the Gospel, after Mass in the Large Hall this Sunday. This will be the last in-person listening session. Comments may also be submitted online at archseattle.org/partners/

New Announcements

There will be no Religious Education classes next Sunday, October 15 in our to give families and catechists a break. See Faith Formation section on page 5.

St. Peter's Circle will be conducting 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.



Adult Bible Study has resumed on Thursdays at 6:30PM in the Religious Education building, see Judy Cusick for more information or contact the parish office.

Our Online Giving processor is officially changing from Vanco to Pushpay. Go to pushpay.com/g/saintcolumbanyelm to sign up! Please note, once you have set up your online giving in Pushpay, you will need to log into Vanco to stop your current online giving. Please sign up for Pushpay before Sunday October 15. All remaining accounts in Vanco will be discontinued the week following.

Announcement Reminders

Christmas Choir Voices are needed to sing for the Children's Mass on Christmas Eve (7:30PM) and for the Midnight and Christmas Day Masses. There will also be an opportunity to participate in the Annual Community Christmas Concert. Practices will be held every Thursday starting November 5th at 6:30PM in the Church. See the bulletin insert or contact Jennifer for details.

Announcements continue on page 4.

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ONLINE GIVING
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October 8, 2023

A Word from Father Thompson

Happy Columbus Day!

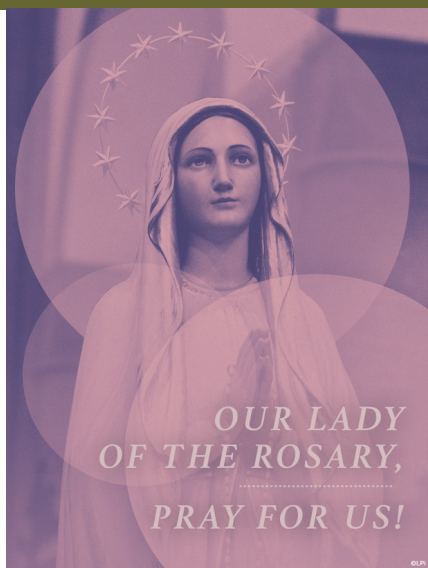
This week in our civil society we celebrate the Catholic explorer who discovered the New World (or at least realized he had discovered it), Christopher Columbus. He is an eminent figure of western civilization and worth celebrating. Columbus' labors enabled the Gospel and its values to reach to the farthest corners of the world and bring the hope of Salvation in Jesus Christ to the peoples and civilizations dwelling in this part of the world.

So many people bring against Columbus tired old attacks, mostly based on false ideologies and lies—often based on libels against him by his contemporary rivals, or degrade him as some sort of fool who got lost. He knew he wasn't in India; he thought the "West Indies" were signs of a sea route that would eventually lead to India (he was right, too, although the route was quite long before we built the Panama canal). These attacks are not true, categorically. Yes, he was a man of his time and surely not sinless, but he is not the bigoted villain that so many people who denounce him claim.

Indeed, we need to recognize that these baseless attacks are not really about Columbus, but contempt for Western Civilization, its foundation upon the Catholic Church, and ultimately Jesus Christ—God—who is the ultimate foundation and logic of the universe. These opponents of what is true and good and beautiful and just are very clever and very manipulative and very subtle; we should resist their rhetoric and ideas wholly anyway. Christ is the one hope of all humanity, and those who oppose him will oppose the good fruits of those who follow him: Thus the hatred for the great explorers who enabled Christ to be known in these continents, the missionaries who did the proclaiming, and the settlers who established our country.

Of course, one can oppose this hatred of our own civilization, and indeed be proud of the goodness and value and necessity of Christian values being brought to every corner of the world, and even the secular fruits of our country (though that is a distant third behind, and not the same thing as, the Kingdom of God expanding) without denigrating or holding in contempt or looking down on the cultures and histories of ancient and still continuing American Indian and South American cultures. I am not saying that Western Civilization and figures like Columbus should be immune from critique and evaluation (some of the excuses Europeans used to take advantage of native people in the Americas were morally flimsy and opposed by the Church even at the time; incidentally, Columbus was on the Church's side in those debates), any more than any culture or individual should be immune from such evaluation (I think we can agree the Aztecs were objectively wrong to cut our human hearts for sacrifices), only that the standard of critique should be the objective one of Christ, and not the shifting power games of modern ideologues.

In Christ,



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.



Prayer to one's Guardian Angel

Ministries & Events

Parish Directory

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



Daughters of Mary

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



Knights of Columbus

Council 17152 / Assembly 3947
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Liturgical Ministries

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Prayer Groups

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

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
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St. Columban Parish Finance Council

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

Week of September 24, 2023

Ordinary Income	St Columban	St Peter
Weekly Goal	\$5,800.00	\$1,000.00
Collection (Cash & Envelopes)	\$2,024.72	\$278.00
Online Giving	\$906.21	\$15.00
Net	(\$2,869.07)	(\$707.00)
Special Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00
St Vincent DePaul	\$860.00	\$0.00
Sacramentals (Candles, Beeswax tapers, Salt)	\$5.00	\$0.00
Flowers	\$10.00	\$0.00
Building Fund	\$30.00	\$0.00
Mass Intentions	\$0.00	\$0.00
Human Development	\$20.00	\$0.00

Give Online using Pushpay



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



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Each October the Church in the United States celebrates *Respect Life Month*. 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. Go to respectlife.org/celebrate for pro-life resources provided by the U.S. bishops.

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 *Vivat Jesus* and happy Columbus Day this week! Next Assembly Meeting is Tuesday, Oct. 17, 6PM, Next Council Meeting Wednesday, Oct. 18, 5:30PM

Beware of Email Scam Messages

Officials emails from the Parish or from staff will always be from our domain saintcolumbanyelm.org, from archseattle@ccbchurch.com or from mail@flocknote.com.

Outside Events & Notices

Pope John Paul II High School in Lacey— Have you considered the value of a Catholic, college-prep school? Visit our open house on **Sunday, October 22 at 1:30PM** to experience the welcoming faith-filled community that everyone is talking about. Meet our exceptional teachers and coaches, talk with our students and parents, tour our state-of-the-art science lab. Learn more at www.popejp2hs.org

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

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 archseattle.org/careers/, click on *Chancery & Parish Positions*, and search for *Receptionist*.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Retreats: Oct 13-15, 2023 at the Arbp Brunett Retreat Center at the Palisades, Federal Way, WA; Nov 15-17 at Holy Rosary Parish, Edmonds, WA. Visit wwme.org or contact: Jeff and Sandy Corneil 360-930-2321

Project Rachel—Hope and Healing After Abortion English: (206) 920-6413 / Español: (206)-450-7814 projectrachel@ccsww.org If you are suffering from the experience of an abortion, you do not need to walk alone. We offer 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

What's the latest with the Synod? Learn more about it at the Archdiocese of Seattle's Synod website, archseattle.org/synod.

Faith Formation



Elementary Religious Education

Good morning Families. Just a reminder that **class is cancelled for next Sunday October 15th.**



Being that tomorrow is October 9th, what was once celebrated in this state as Columbus Day, I wanted to share this excellent article regarding an Imperfect Hero. "Why Columbus Day Matters to the Blessed Virgin Mary" from onepeterfive.com which will help you see the correlation and importance between Christopher and his pursuit of the America's.

Then, the second article is "How We Discuss Imperfect Heroes with Kids" from catholicallyear.com which will help you speak to your children on the greatness of the mission he was entrusted.

These articles will be linked to the online version of the bulletin.

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 10th 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. Please remember candidates must attend Sunday Mass and sign-in. No class next week, October 15.

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.

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.

Saint of the Week: St. Denis of Paris (+c. 258), Feast Day October 9 —

Missionary to Paris, France. First Bishop of Paris. His success roused the ire of local pagans, and he was imprisoned by Roman governor. Martyred in the persecutions of Valerius with Saint Rusticus and Saint Eleutherius. Legends have grown up around his torture and death, including one that has his body carrying his severed head some distance from his execution site. Saint Genevieve built a basilica over his grave. His feast was added to the Roman Calendar in 1568 by Pope Saint Pius V, though it had been celebrated since 800. One of the Fourteen Holy Helpers.

Source: *CatholicSaints.Info*

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Reflect and Respond to the Sunday Readings

First Reading: *What more was there to do for my vineyard that I had not done? Why, when I looked for the crop of grapes, did it bring forth wild grapes? (Is 5:4)*

The prophet Isaiah uses the metaphor of a vineyard to express God's anger with Israel. How do you communicate your displeasure with a loved one?

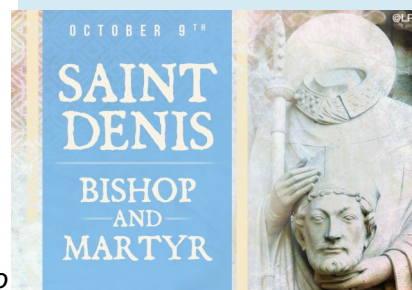
Second Reading: *Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you. (Phil 4:9)*

St. Paul teaches the Philippians that prayer and a positive attitude is key to settling our anxious hearts and minds. What have you been anxious about this week that using Paul's advice could help?

Gospel: *"What will the owner of the vineyard do to those tenants when he comes?" They answered him, "He will put those wretched men to a wretched death and lease his vineyard to other tenants." (Mt 21:41)*

In the parable of the tenants, Jesus harshly criticizes the chief priests and elders of Jerusalem and traps them with their own judgment. How well do you accept legitimate criticism?

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From the Catechism of the Catholic Church: 781 "At all times and in every race, anyone who fears God and does what is right has been acceptable to him. He has, however, willed to make men holy and save them, not as individuals without any bond or link between them, but rather to make them into a people who might acknowledge him and serve him in holiness. He therefore chose the Israelite race to be his own people and established a covenant with it. He gradually instructed this people. . . . All these things, however, happened as a preparation for and figure of that new and perfect covenant which was to be ratified in Christ . . . the New Covenant in his blood; he called together a race made up of Jews and Gentiles which would be one, not according to the flesh, but in the Spirit."



THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Are you called to be an Eagle educator?

Week of October 08, 2023

Use your God-given talents to further Catholic education! Pope John Paul II High School is seeking a passionate candidate for...



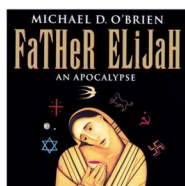
John XXIII: The Pope of Peace

This movie tells the life story of John XXIII from his youth through his young priesthood, episcopacy, life as cardinal, and eventually his life as pope. Elected supposedly as an "interim Pope" who would just keep the status quo and listen to the advisers around him, John XXIII proved to be his own man when he surprised the Church and world by calling for the Second Vatican Council.

Math & Science Teacher



Scan the QR code or visit our website popejp2hs.org to learn more and apply!



Father Elijah: An Apocalypse by Michael D. O'Brien

This audiobook explores the state of the world and the faith through the story of Father Elijah, a Carmelite priest sent on a mission for the Vatican that leads to crises and conflicts ultimately affecting the fate of the Church.



Every Park Needs a Lark | Episode 1 | Benjamin Cello

This episode of Benjamin Cello reveals that every part of creation has a purpose and brings beauty into the world.

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27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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Washington State Catholic Conference

WSCC Statement on Immigration, September 21, 2023



Statement on the Status of Immigration in Washington State and the U.S.

For I was hungry, and you gave me food, I was thirsty, and you gave me drink, a stranger and you made me welcome. Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.

Matthew 25:35-40

For many years, Catholics across this country have been at the forefront of efforts to welcome newcomers of all faiths and nationalities. As Christians, we are called to see the face of Christ in those who suffer and those who lack the basic necessities of life, and we judge ourselves as a community of faith by the way we treat the most vulnerable among us. We are each bound by a universal call to serve one another and to protect the sanctity of human life in all its forms. As Pope Francis reminds us, "The world exists for everyone, because all of us were born with the same dignity . . . As a community, we have an obligation to ensure that every person lives with dignity and has sufficient opportunities for his or her integral development." (*Fratelli tutti* 118)

There is a national consensus that the U.S. immigration system is severely flawed and in need of a comprehensive overhaul. However, the continued stalemate on enacting comprehensive immigration reform as national policy has created a void filled by short-term initiatives subject to the preferences of political parties in authority and an inconsistent network of state laws. Current deportation and enforcement efforts, as well as plans to reinforce our physical borders, have neither been effective nor a sustainable means of addressing this international humanitarian crisis. This disappointing reality continues to complicate efforts of law enforcement, sow discord in our communities, and harm vulnerable people. We urge legislators to engage in comprehensive reform, and at the same time we welcome incremental improvements to address needs as quickly as possible.

The Catholic Church has a rich tradition of speaking on the right to migrate. We embrace the five principles outlined in the pastoral letter *Strangers No Longer*, which capture the Church's teachings on migration: 1) persons have the right to find opportunities in their homeland, 2) persons have the right to migrate to support themselves and their families, 3) sovereign nations have the right to control their borders, 4) refugees and asylum seekers should be afforded protection, and 5) the human dignity and human rights of undocumented migrants should be respected (33-38). As stated by Pope St. John Paul II, our faith also compels us to be "vigilant advocates, defending against any unjust restriction on the natural right of individual persons to move freely within their own nation and from one nation to another" and to call attention "to the rights of migrants and their families and to respect for their human dignity, even in cases of non-legal immigration" (*Ecclesia in America*, no. 65, 1999). Pope Francis also has stated that "safe, orderly, regular and sustainable migration is in the interest of all countries" (Address to Refugees Arriving in Europe through Humanitarian Corridors..., 2023).

As Catholics, we believe that each person, regardless of legal status, is a sister or brother in Jesus Christ. We are called to practice Christian charity and to protect and defend the dignity of every human person, especially the poor and most vulnerable based on the moral natural law. We are "obliged to respect the right of all individuals to find a place that meets their basic needs and those of their families, and where they can find personal fulfillment. Our response to the arrival of migrating persons can be summarized by four words: welcome, protect, promote and integrate." (*Fratelli tutti* 129). We must continue to strive for comprehensive immigration reform that honors the dignity of those seeking a better life in the United States, while also addressing the legitimate need for safe and secure borders.

For many decades, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has been at the forefront of working for comprehensive immigration reform. United with all U.S. bishops, the bishops of Washington state continue to safeguard and maintain the well-being of those entrusted to our care. We remain committed to supporting the efforts ongoing within our dioceses and the general community to promote the God-given dignity of every person, including those who have recently arrived in our communities. Further, as a Church committed to the common good, we always cooperate in the administration of humanitarian aid with local, state, and federal officials, frequently in partnership with faith communities and like-minded secular organizations. Catholics can learn more about current immigration advocacy opportunities and USCCB efforts by visiting the Justice for Immigrants website. We commend all these efforts to prayer, entrusting these works of mercy to Our Lady of Guadalupe as a source of unity throughout the Americas. May each of us be blessed with a humanitarian heart that beats with fraternal compassion for those in need.

We also commend the work of parishes and Catholic Charities who are walking alongside our migrant brothers and sisters on their journey. Examples of their work in our state include:

1. Parish immigration ministries, including Welcome Circles, which are groups of parishioners who support recent arrivals and refugees from Latin America and those fleeing the war in Ukraine.
2. Summer outreach ministries to migrant workers and their families, including weekly Masses at work camps, reading programs for children, and sacramental preparation for adults.
3. Specialized programming for immigrants administered by Catholic Community Services and Catholic Charities including legal services in western and eastern Washington, International Foster Care for unaccompanied minors, the Catholic Farmworker Center, and administration of time-limited grants that provide direct assistance to farm working families and to parish ministries that support those who recently arrived from the border and other parts of the world.
4. Individual Catholics who open their homes to temporarily host a migrant until they find their own housing.

Finally, we call upon the Catholic faithful and all people of goodwill to work together to seek solutions for this critical issue. We can do this not as strangers or adversaries but as sisters and brothers, considering all, including migrants, as having equal dignity and worth before the Lord.

In the Heart of Christ,

Most Rev. Paul D. Etienne
Archbishop of Seattle

Most Rev. Joseph J. Tyson
Bishop of Yakima

Most Rev. Thomas A. Daly
Bishop of Spokane

Most Rev. Eusebio
Elizondo, M.Sp.S.
Auxiliary Bishop of Seattle

Most Rev. Frank Schuster
Auxiliary Bishop of Seattle



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2023

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"The stone that the builders rejected has become
the cornerstone." - Mt 21:42ab

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

What more was there to do for my vineyard
that I had not done?
Why, when I looked for the crop of grapes,
did it bring forth wild grapes? (Is 5:4)

Psalm:

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel. (Is 5:7a)

Second Reading:

Keep on doing what you have learned and received
and heard and seen in me.
Then the God of peace will be with you. (Phil 4:9)

Gospel:

"What will the owner of the vineyard do to those
tenants when he comes?"
They answered him,
"He will put those wretched men to a wretched
death
and lease his vineyard to other tenants." (Mt 21:41)

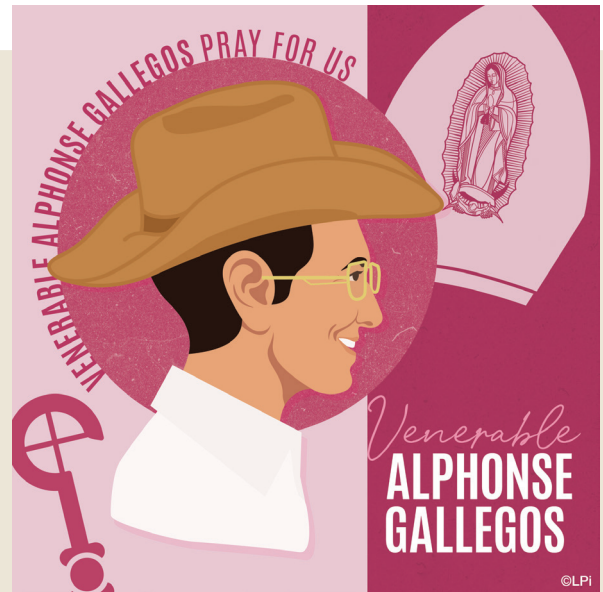
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

God's kingdom is open to anyone who will
produce its fruit. He offers it to every single one
of us. We must be ready to bring forward the
goodness of God into each and every day.

Observances for the week of October 8, 2023

- Sunday:** 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** Columbus Day; St. Denis, Bishop, and
Companions, Martyrs; St. John Leonardi,
Priest
- Wednesday:** St. John XXIII, Pope
- Saturday:** St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr
- Next Sunday:** 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saint of the week

Venerable Bishop Alphonse Gallegos was the auxiliary bishop of Sacramento, California, in the 1980s. He'd often serve those in need wearing a cheap sombrero and simple t-shirt to fit in. His kindness caused his community to affectionately name him Bishop of the Barrios.

Prayer

God our Father, In Bishop Alphonse Gallegos, O.A.R., You gave light to Your faithful people. You made him a pastor of the Church to feed Your sheep with his words and to teach them by example. We pray that his life of holiness and service to the People of God be acknowledged and that this loyal son of Our Lady of Guadalupe be counted among the saints of Your Kingdom.

We ask this blessing through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

(Prayer Source: www.augustinianrecollects.org)

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of October 8, 2023

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

Monday:

Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday:

Jon 3:1-10/ Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8/
Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday:

Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10/Lk 11:1-4

Thursday:

Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/
Lk 11:5-13

Friday:

Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9/
Lk 11:15-26

Saturday:

Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Lk 11:27-28

Next Sunday:

Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (6cd)/
Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10



Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Jesus' parables are much stranger than most people realize. This week is an attention-getting example. He tells the religious leaders a parable about a completely absurd situation. Blood-thirsty and insane tenants violently abuse and kill the servants of their landlord. Inexplicably, the owner keeps sending them more victims of increasing value — up to and including his own son. Weird.

Usually, we hear this parable and assume it's an allegory: Jesus is the murdered son, the servants the prophets, etc. Fair enough. But notice — and here is where the weirdness deepens — Jesus seems to *disagree* with the Pharisees' interpretation that the landowner should and will punish the inheritance-obsessed murderers. So, is Jesus praising the psychotic and greedy murderers?! You can imagine the furrowed brows and deriding laughter as the scoffing crowd shuffles away.

If we stay with this tough parable, perhaps this truth emerges: God wants us to have an over-the-top obsession with a *totally undeserved inheritance*. Of course, we are forbidden to use violence. But the parable's violence gets our attention because it highlights the crazy goodness of the landowner. Jesus reveals that God is not merely in the business of rewarding the good and punishing the bad. He is playing a much stranger game — one marked by a kind of over-the-top mercy, a breathtaking giving of what is *not* deserved. What would our week look like if we embraced this kind of desire for God's kingdom on earth, even if others think we're nuts? This week let's seek God's kingdom with a passionate confidence in God's desire to give the good things we don't deserve.

— Father John Muir



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(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

The Gift that Gives Back

It never ceases to amaze me how often I fall into the trap and end up grumbling about the greatest gifts in my life. A husband, children, a life that is full almost to bursting: these are things for which I once begged God. These are the jewels in the crown of my life.

Oh, but the children need care. Constant care. And a husband — a real flesh-and-blood creation of God, entrusted to me by God, to help me be holy and relying on me for holiness in turn — well, that relationship is a lot of work, isn't it? And a "full life" — I laugh to think of it, and then I blush with shame, because I admit sometimes, I do yearn for a life that is a little less ... *full*. A full life can leave you awfully tired at the end of the day.

I would imagine it's the same for everyone, no matter your life circumstances or vocation. Your greatest blessings are also those things that require much of you, more than you imagined you would ever be asked to give. The biggest jewels make the crown heavy.

But if we had any of these gifts without the effort it takes to maintain them, would they be half as sweet?

In this same way, the work of the vineyard is opened to us through baptism; we are given the chance to produce fruit for the kingdom. It's a chance we never dared to dream would be given to us.

It's a gift. But just like with any gift worth having, it requires effort. Upkeep. Work.

It requires that we give in return. And it's the giving that somehow, mystically, transforms us. It's the giving that turns into the gift itself.

"...the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit." — Matthew 21:43

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

How can a priest counsel people about marriage when he has never been married?

Answer:

If a marriage counselor is in a bad marriage does that mean that he or she will be a bad counselor? If one's counseling ability depended upon first-hand experience, would that require counselors to be perfect before they can help others? Obviously not. Some of the skills necessary to help others do come out of personal life experience. But you don't need personal, first-hand experience in order to understand something. We would not think that a doctor, who is an oncologist, would not be able to treat cancer because he himself has never been sick. We also would not expect every doctor to treat cancer. It is the same with priests.

Essentially marriage is a relationship and we've all been involved in different kinds of relationships: in our family, with our friends, and with God. And so counseling people about marriage is really helping them to look at the issues that really are part of their relationship, finding ways to better understand themselves in relationship to one another and in relationship to God. In many ways a priest's training, background, and experience, as well as his personal knowledge of many different relationships in families and couples, gives him a broad background from which to draw upon. Most priests are quite capable of helping couples prepare for marriage and discussing the issues that are important as they begin their life together. And they do not do it alone. With the help of married couples and specially trained counselors, most parishes offer a very good preparation for the sacrament of marriage.

Jesus said to them, "Did you never read in the Scriptures:
The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone...?
Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit." - Mt 21:42ab, 43

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

The prophet Isaiah uses the metaphor of a vineyard to express God's anger with Israel. How do you communicate your displeasure with a loved one?

Second Reading

Paul teaches the Philippians that prayer and a positive attitude is key to settling our anxious hearts and minds. What have you been anxious about this week that using Paul's advice could help?

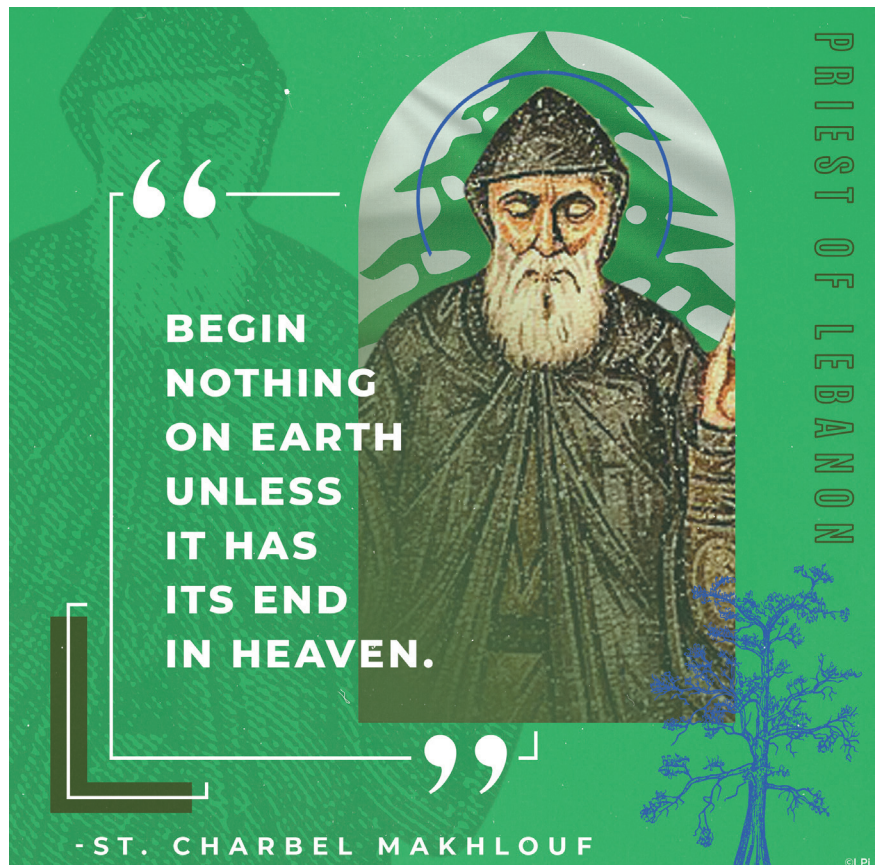
Gospel Reading

In the parable of the tenants, Jesus harshly criticizes the chief priests and elders of Jerusalem and traps them with their own judgment. How well do you accept legitimate criticism?



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“But when the tenants saw the son, they said to one another, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and acquire his inheritance.’ They seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. What will the owner of the vineyard do to those tenants when he comes?” - Mt 21:38-40

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Prayer

Dear God, help me to take care of your world and love the people around me.

Mission for the Week

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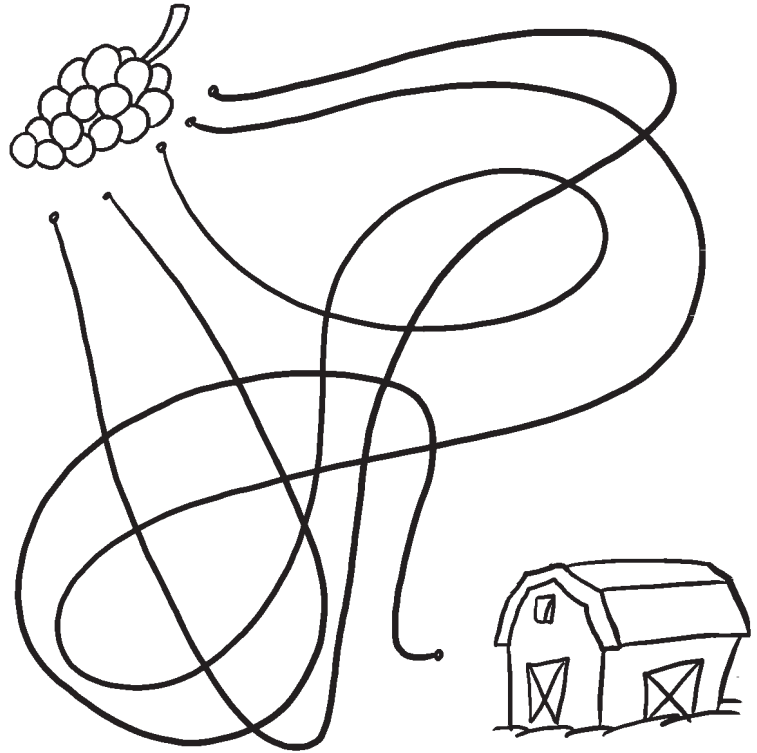
Sharing the Gospel

You are God's child. He made you and he loves you. Make sure you act like God's child. He created a beautiful world for you to live in. God expects you to take care of it. God also created people to live around you. Love them. Then you will make God happy.

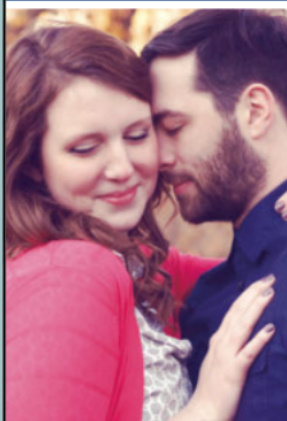
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