

Christi simus, non nostri

We belong to Christ, not ourselves

ST COLUMBAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

A Parish of the
Archdiocese of Seattle



October 15, 2023

Twenty-eighth 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

Sacramental Emergencies: 208-572-5251

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: *If you, O Lord, should ark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.*

1st Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10a

Responsorial Psalm: *I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life. (Psalm 23)*

2nd Reading: Philipians 4:12-14, 19-20

Gospel Acclamation: *May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts, so that we may know what is the hope that belongs to our call.*

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

Communion Antiphon: *When the Lord appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.*

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 16 St. Hedwig, St. Margaret Mary Alocoque.

Rosary Prayer Group 7:00PM Church

TUESDAY October 17 St. Ignatius of Antioch, B & M

Daily Mass 9:00AM Church

KofC Assembly Meeting 6:00PM Parish Hall

Spanish Prayer Group 6:30PM Small Hall

WEDNESDAY October 18 St. Luke, Evangelist

Daily Mass 9:00AM Church

Bible Study 10:00AM St. Peter

Vespers 5:30PM Church

KofC Council Meeting following Vespers Parish Hall

THURSDAY October 19

St. John de Brébeuf, Isaac Jogues and Companions

Daily Mass 9:00AM Church

Choir Practice 6:00PM Church

Bible Study 6:30PM RE Bldg

FRIDAY October 20 St. Paul of the Cross, Priest

Daily Mass 9:00AM Church

SATURDAY October 21

Confession 3:30PM Church

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

SUNDAY October 22 29th 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-10:15AM RE Bldg

Confirmation Classes 9:00AM-10:15AM Youth Space

Sunday Mass

10:30 AM Int.: Pro Populo Church

Give Online using Pushpay



St. Columban



St. Peter

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

There are be no Religious Education classes today. Classes resume next Sunday, October 23. See the Faith Formation section on page 5.

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. 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. Please see the reflection, provided by the USCCB on Page 7

Announcement Reminders

St. Peter's Circle is current conducting their annual sock drive this month to support Tenino Food Bank plus to help families in need and for the homeless. Donation boxes are in the narthex.

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.

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

Announcements continue on page 4.

Connect with us

WEBSITE
saintcolumbanyelm.org

LIVESTREAM
youtube.com/@stcolumbanyelm

ONLINE GIVING
pushpay.com/g/saintcolumbanyelm

Parish Staff

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

Jennifer Langham
PA for Admin, Liturgy, & Music
jennifer@saintcolumbanyelm.org x1

Matthew Tolar
PA for Admin, Bookkeeping & Records
matthew@saintcolumbanyelm.org x4

360-458-3031

Gabriela Makinster *habla Español*
Elementary & Adult Faith Formation,
gaby@saintcolumbanyelm.org x2

Chad Lucero
Youth Ministry & Confirmation
chad@saintcolumbanyelm.org x3

Steven Slater *St. Columban Maintenance*
steven@saintcolumbanyelm.org

Gilberto Espino *St. Peter Maintenance*
gilberto@saintcolumbanyelm.org

A Word from Father Thompson

In the following weeks we will be entering into a stewardship campaign for the parish. I know we have already covered a lot of this incidentally as we have been changing over to the new Online Giving System, Pushpay (the deadline to close your Vanco account is today, by the way!). I also know that it is kind of annoying and awkward to have to talk about money. However, with the substantial change in our parish community and its membership over the past several years, not to mention secular and economic events, and the upcoming reorganization of the parishes of the Archdiocese, it is important that we make a conscious effort to reflect on our material stewardship of our parish



I know talking about money is a bit venal and I'm not horribly comfortable with it myself. However, it is important that we abide by this precept of the Church, a common sense precept, that we have a responsibility to support the work of the Church. At the very least, we could be motivated by the practical motive that stewardship means our parish can then continue to serve us (though, I know most of us are motivated more nobly by a desire to support the due worship of God and the continued evangelization of our world).

In these coming weeks, as we share the parish annual report and run our stewardship campaign, I have two general asks for you to consider. First, please fill out a pledge card either physically or on our new Parishstaq system, estimating your giving for the coming year. I know many of you faithfully donate to the parish, but having a solid pledge ahead of time is extremely important and helpful to us in terms of planning. Second, if you have not already done so, seriously consider transitioning to electronic/online giving this year—especially in light of our new system. Automating your giving is helpful to us in the office, and it is hopefully convenient for you (no forgetting your envelope or remembering to write a check or get cash). On a practical level, both these things help the office budget for the yearly needs of the parish, but on a more noble level, it is really more about making sure that our investment and stewardship in our parish community is intentional rather than an afterthought. Even if you have to estimate, even if you are not able to commit to giving anything to the parish, please fill out a pledge card anyway simply to reflect that you have prayerfully considered how you are supporting your parish community.

The Church is not some monolithic structure, each parish has a responsibility to sustain itself and so it is important for every member to be intentional and conscious about their support for our parish.

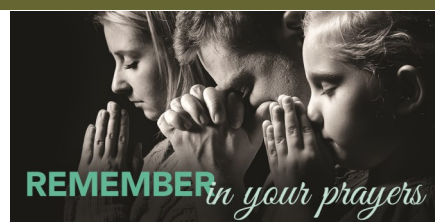
In Christ,

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 host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Actiones Nostras

Receive all our actions Lord, by your inspiration, and carry them forward by your gracious assistance, that every prayer and work of ours may always begin in you, and so in you be happily ended. Through Christ our Lord. 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*

Vivienne Hayden, Eitan Hadayo, Stan Villadelgado, Robert Fisher, Tom & Kate Randal, the Gonzales family.

FOR THE DECEASED

Requiescat in pace

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

FOR OUR EXTRAORDINARY INTENTIONS

For the people of Israel and 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

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
kofc@saintcolumbanyelm.org



Liturgical Ministries

parishoffice@saintcolumbanyelm.org

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
stpeteradvisory@saintcolumbanyelm.org

St. Columban Parish Finance Council

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

Financial Stewardship Report

Week of October 1, 2023

Ordinary Income	St Columban	St Peter
Weekly Goal	\$5,800.00	\$1,000.00
Collection (Cash & Envelopes)	\$3,251.00	\$1,739.00
Online Giving	\$1,428.69	\$35.00
Net	(\$1,120.31)	\$774.00
World Missions	\$5.00	\$0.00
St Vincent DePaul	\$205.00	\$0.00
Sacramentals (Candles, Beeswax tapers, Salt)	\$24.09	\$15.50
Flowers	\$0.00	\$0.00
Building Fund	\$52.69	\$5.00
Mass Intentions	\$0.00	\$0.00

Give Online using Pushpay to
St .Columban St. Peter



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



Continued from Page 2.

Wednesday, Oct. 18, 5:30PM

Announcement Reminders

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

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Retreats: Nov 15-17 at Holy Rosary Parish, Edmonds, WA. Visit www.me.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 the upcoming Synod in this question-and-answer format or go to the Archdiocese of Seattle's Synod website, archseattle.org/synod.



Faith Formation



Elementary Religious Education

Today we celebrate the feast of St. Teresa of Ávila, Doctor of the Church and founder of the Discalced Carmelites. (Extra credit: Who knows what “discalced” means?)

Teresa Sánchez de Cepeda y Ahumada was born in Ávila, Spain, in 1515. Teresa's father had three children by his first marriage. After he was widowed, he remarried, and Teresa was the third of nine children of the new marriage.

“I had a father and mother who were devout and feared God,” the saint wrote in her autobiography. “My father was a man of great charity toward the poor, and compassion for the sick, and also for servants; so much so that he never could be persuaded to keep slaves ... My mother also was a woman of great goodness, and her life was spent in great infirmities.”

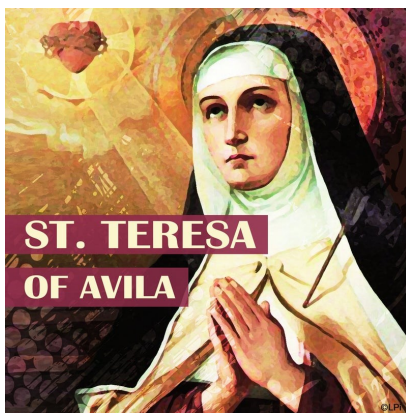
When Teresa was a child, she loved to read the lives of saints, and one day she and her brother decided to run away in order to seek martyrdom among the Moors in Africa — only to be stopped by an uncle who took them home. When she was 13, her mother died, and at 16, her father sent her to an Augustinian convent school. After a little over a year away, she returned home, ill.

Desiring the safest way to avoid hell, she resolved to enter religious life when she was 18. After her father refused his consent, she and a brother ran away from home one night — he to seek admission to a Dominican friary and she to enter a Carmelite convent. The Carmelites sent her father word that she was with them, and he finally gave his consent.

Once again go to catholicicing.com for some fun ideas on how to celebrate with your children. Learn how to draw St. Teresa of Ávila catholicicing.com/st-teresa-of-avila-for-kids/

A prayer of Saint Teresa of Ávila

Let nothing disturb you,
Let nothing frighten you,
All things are passing away;
God never changes.
Patience obtains all things
Whoever has God lacks nothing;
God alone suffices.



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 x3



Reflect and Respond to the Sunday Readings

First Reading: *The Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from every face. (Is 25:8)*

The prophet Isaiah speaks of a future when God will be fully present, and we will experience complete joy. What gives you hope for the future?

Second Reading: *I have learned the secret of being well fed and of going hungry, of living in abundance and of being in need. I can do all things in him who strengthens me. (Phil 4:12-13)*

St. Paul shares with the Philippians that regardless of his circumstances, he has learned to draw strength and gratitude from his faith in Jesus. How does your faith sustain you in good times and bad times?

Gospel: *“Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find.” (Mt 22:9)*

Jesus's parable of the wedding feast offers a warning to be open to God's invitation to answer His call. How do you stay open to God's presence in your life?

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.
Reflections ©LPi



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 17th, and we will be discussing The Bible and its Structure. Mr. Joe De Leon will break down what the bible is, how it developed the Canon, its structure (OT/NT, chapters, verses) the notion of Inspiration and Inerrancy.

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.

Youth Ministry Wednesday meeting: October 25, 6:30-8pm ALL SAINTS PARTY, come dressed in your favorite saint or patron saint. Free candy for youth that can also give a quick explanation or presentation about their saint. Also: vespers, potluck, a presentation about the saints, and Night Prayer.

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.

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church

1042 At the end of time, the Kingdom of God will come in its fullness. After the universal judgment, the righteous will reign for ever with Christ, glorified in body and soul. The universe itself will be renewed:

"The Church . . . will receive her perfection only in the glory of heaven, when will come the time of the renewal of all things. At that time, together with the human race, the universe itself, which is so closely related to man and which attains its destiny through him, will be perfectly re-established in Christ."



Are you called to be an Eagle educator?

Week of October 15, 2023

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



St. Luke the Artist | Sacred Art

In this episode of Sacred Art, Taylor Kemp and Dr. Ben Akers discuss Rogier van der Weyden's painting, "Saint Luke Drawing the Virgin," artistry and what it reveals about St. Luke the Evangelist.

Math & Science Teacher

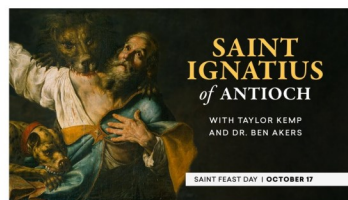


Scan the QR code or visit our website popejp2hs.org to learn more and apply!



Saint Teresa of Ávila: A Study in Perseverance

Both St. John of the Cross and his dear friend St. Teresa of Avila lived heroic lives of prayer. In honor of these spiritual masters, enjoy this film depicting the Carmelite way of life and the virtue of perseverance.



Saint Ignatius of Antioch | Catholic Saints

Learn about St. Ignatius of Antioch, a remarkable saint who died a martyr for his fidelity to Christ in this episode of Catholic Saints with Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription. Visit signup.formed.org and select our parish name.

An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE and ignatius press

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



October is Respect Life Month

RADICAL SOLIDARITY

2023 Respect Life Reflection

In the Gospel of John, shortly before he is to suffer his Passion, Jesus proclaims to his disciples: *“I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another”* (Jn 13:34). And it is love for one another that Jesus says will be the identifying characteristic of his disciples.

The Church’s entire social doctrine is guided by the fundamental principle that every human life has innate dignity and incomparable value: “Every human being is the object of God’s infinite tenderness, and he himself is present in their lives.” As disciples of Christ, we are called to make a sacrificial gift of ourselves for the sake of our neighbor, for “to love someone is to desire that person’s good and to take effective steps to secure it.”

Fulfilling Christ’s command to love one another takes shape in our practice of solidarity. Solidarity is the means by which we put our love for others into action, making the good of others our own. Solidarity “is not a feeling of vague compassion or shallow distress at the misfortunes of so many people... On the contrary, it is a firm and persevering determination to commit oneself to the common good...to the good of all and of each individual, because we are all really responsible for all.”

“I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another.”

John 13:34

In reaction to the overturning of *Roe v. Wade*, some areas of the country now protect the child in the womb, while others are doing all they can to increase access to abortion. At this critical moment, we have been entrusted with new

opportunities and new responsibilities to build a civilization of authentic love. Our culture claims to offer women so-called “choice,” but ultimately abandons mothers to make tragic and painful decisions alone. We must lead the way in showing the alternative: *“In firmly rejecting ‘pro-choice’ it is necessary to become courageously ‘pro woman,’ promoting a choice that is truly in favor of women. ... The only honest stance, in these cases, is that of radical solidarity with the woman. It is not right to leave her alone.”*

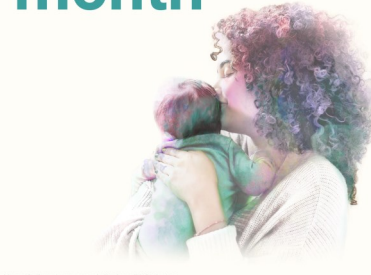
Experience shows that when a mother is supported, “she is even capable of heroism.” Radical solidarity compels us to come alongside vulnerable mothers in profound friendship, compassion, and support for both them and their preborn children. It requires us to address the fundamental challenges that lead an expectant mother to believe she is unable to welcome the child God has entrusted to her. We must do all we can to provide mothers, children, and families with the support they need to flourish. This cannot be accomplished by laws or policy alone, but requires the continual transformation of our own hearts, recognizing in every person the face of Christ, and placing their needs before our own.

Radical solidarity “refers to something more than a few sporadic acts of generosity. It presumes the creation of a *new mindset*.” A culture of radical solidarity “gets involved by word and deed in people’s daily lives... and it embraces human life, touching the suffering flesh of Christ in others.” We each have our particular gifts, role, and obligation within the Body of Christ to help build a culture of life. We must honestly ask ourselves, “What radical, out-of-the-ordinary, actions have I taken to help a pregnant or parenting mother in need, or to proactively contribute to a culture of life in some other way?”

Inspired by Christ’s own example of love, may we “enter fully into the fabric of society, sharing the lives of all, listening to their concerns, helping them materially and spiritually in their needs, rejoicing with those who rejoice, weeping with those who weep.” May we work together to bring about a culture of life through radical, sacrificial, Christ-like love.

To learn more about the call to radical solidarity—including ways that you can help support pregnant and parenting women in your community—visit respectlife.org/radical-solidarity.

respect life month



Scripture texts in this work are taken from the *New American Bible, revised edition* © 2010, 1991, 1986, 1970 Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Washington, D.C. and are used by permission of the copyright owner. All rights reserved. Used with permission. Excerpts from *Evangelii gaudium* (*The Joy of the Gospel*), © 2013; *Caritas in veritate* (*Charity in Truth*), © 2009; and *Sollicitudo rei socialis* (*On Social Concern*), © 1987. Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved. Pope John Paul II. 2005. *Crossing the Threshold of Hope*. Edited by Alfred A. Knopf. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, Inc. All rights reserved.

Copyright © 2023, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, D.C. All rights reserved.

- [1] Pope Francis, *Evangelii gaudium* (*The Joy of the Gospel*), no. 274.
- [2] Pope Benedict XVI, *Caritas in veritate* (*Charity in Truth*), no. 7.
- [3] Pope John Paul II, *Sollicitudo rei socialis* (*On Social Concern*), no. 38.
- [4] Pope John Paul II, *Crossing the Threshold of Hope*, p. 207.
- [5] Pope John Paul II, *Crossing the Threshold of Hope*, p. 207.
- [6] Pope Francis, *Evangelii gaudium* (*The Joy of the Gospel*), no. 188.
- [7] Pope Francis, *Evangelii gaudium* (*The Joy of the Gospel*), no. 24.
- [8] Pope Francis, *Evangelii gaudium* (*The Joy of the Gospel*), no. 269.



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2023

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Come to the feast." - Mt 22:4bc

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

The Lord GOD will wipe away
the tears from every face. (Is 25:8)

Psalm:

I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days
of my life. (Ps 23)

Second Reading:

I have learned the secret of being well fed and of
going hungry,
of living in abundance and of being in need.
I can do all things in him who strengthens me.
(Phil 4:12-13)

Gospel:

"Go out, therefore, into the main roads
and invite to the feast whomever you find." (Mt 22:9)

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD. The English translation of
Psalm Responses from Lectionary for Mass © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on
English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The goodness and mercy of God are gifts He
wants to share with each one of us, but we have
to be ready to receive them. Let's be prepared for
whatever the Lord will ask of us this week.

Observances for the week of October 15, 2023

- Sunday:** 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** St. Hedwig, Religious; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin
- Tuesday:** St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr
- Wednesday:** St. Luke, Evangelist
- Thursday:** Sts. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs
- Friday:** St. Paul of the Cross, Priest
- Next Sunday:** 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
World Mission Sunday



Saint of the week

Saint Rafael Guízar y Valencia was a Catholic bishop who cared for the poor in Mexico. He bravely continued his mission while in exile, in the face of constant life-threatening conflicts with the Mexican government.

Prayer

Our Lord and God, In Saint Rafael Guízar
You have given us a model of a shepherd for
the children, the poor, the sick, and those far
from You. Grant us through his intercession
that we may live united in our families; that
the Mexican nation may have peace and
harmony; that the sick who live in our homes
be lovingly cared for and receive healing
from their diseases; that marriages that
have been broken find a reason to fight and
overcome the evil that stalks them.

Attend to our supplications and hear our
needs so that one day, like Saint Rafael
Guízar, we can all contemplate the beauty of
Your glory in eternity.

We ask you through your Son Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of
the Holy Spirit and God the father, for ever
and ever.

Amen.

*(Prayer Source: <https://www.facebook.com/SanRafaelGuizarV/posts/654984824967963/>,
translation by LPi.)*

Readings for the week of October 15, 2023

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

Monday:

Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/
Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday:

Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday:

2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/
Lk 10:1-9

Thursday:

Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/
Lk 11:47-54

Friday:

Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11/Lk 12:1-7

Saturday:

Rom 4:13, 16-18/Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43/
Lk 12:8-12

Next Sunday:

Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 (7b)/
1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21



Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

I confess that I have a soft spot for the scary things Jesus says because they are usually ignored. But there's gold in them thar hills, if we have courage to look. This week Jesus gives us a terrifying warning in his parable about the king who gives a marriage feast for his son and promptly goes berserk when people don't respond. The point: those who do not properly respond to God's generous invitation will face totally devastating consequences. The invitees who don't show up get their city burned to the ground. The poor homeless man is tortured for not wearing the correct clothes. Scary indeed.

Is Jesus trying to intimidate or bully us into following him? No, because that is certainly not how he treats anyone in the Gospels. A better view is this: to Jesus, your life *matters*. The universe is not an empty wasteland where anything goes. It is a theater of love offered and either accepted or rejected. How easy it can be to glide through life thinking my life doesn't make a difference. But it does. It really does.

This should not only be sobering but exhilarating. The positive side of the negative in Jesus' scary parables is the thrill and joy that he is inviting us, therefore our lives matter a great deal. There *is* a reason to get up in the morning. God's generous love is relentlessly calling us. True, obstinately saying no through our indifference is a catastrophe for us and those around us. But how wonderful must the consequences of our 'yes' be?

— *Father John Muir*



Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.
The English translation of Psalm Responses from Lectionary for Mass © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

The Wedding Garment

I like to think that any self-respecting doomsday prepper would find something to admire in my van's stores of extra clothes, snacks, boredom-busting toys, sunscreen, and seasonal outerwear. You never know when you're going to pass a free splash pad or a particularly amazing sledding hill. And you never know when one of the kids is going to find the world's most irresistible mud pile or fall into a river.

All this pre-planning for fun and disaster, and still, I usually devote a fraction of that effort to spiritual preparedness.

I swap out my traveling first-aid kit every season, imagining hypothetical emergencies — and I push confession off another week. "I haven't committed any mortal sins," I tell myself, "And I'm just so busy."

I shove extra outfits into my car's trunk on the off-chance my son decides to paint himself in Go-Gurt — and I shrug off the daily examinations of conscience that could help me overcome a persistent sin.

I stock my purse with bags of Cheerios to ward off sneaky attacks of kid hunger — and I fall asleep without saying the Rosary, murmuring to myself: "I'm so tired. Mary understands."

I am overwhelmed by the here-and-now, consumed by the minutiae of earthly life, that I forget there is only one eventuality I — or any of us — can expect with any certainty. We will all be invited to the feast.

Is my van stocked for that?

"The king said to him, 'My friend, how is it that you came in here without a wedding garment?'"
— Matthew 22:12

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Is it right to sue someone? Isn't it a way of getting revenge?

Answer:

Revenge is inflicting harm for harm's sake, the idea of an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, and then some. There is often a fine line between justice and mercy, between compensation and forgiveness. Unfortunately, things can happen to us that cause harm, suffering, and damage, regardless of people's intentions. When someone is hurt, especially in such a way that special care or treatment is required, the cost of that care needs to be paid.

In a perfect world, those with special needs, handicaps, or disabilities would find the help and care they need, including those who are injured or hurt. But justice is not always forthcoming, and people are not always fair. So, using the legal system to right a wrong is sometimes the only option.

In some cases, it is the only way that people can get the help they need and deserve. However, frivolous lawsuits, or 'fishing for money' is not only unfair, but immoral as well. The law is there to protect people and making use of it when necessary is a good thing.

“The feast is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy to come. Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find.’ The servants went out into the streets and gathered all they found, bad and good alike, and the hall was filled with guests.”
- Mt 22:8b-10

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

The prophet Isaiah speaks of a future when God will be fully present, and we will experience complete joy. What gives you hope for the future?

Second Reading

Paul shares with the Philippians that regardless of his circumstances, he has learned to draw strength and gratitude from his faith in Jesus. How does your faith sustain you in good times and bad times?

Gospel Reading

Jesus’s parable of the wedding feast offers a warning to be open to God’s invitation to answer His call. How do you stay open to God’s presence in your life?



Support our local advertisers

Please show your support for your parish by also supporting our advertisers. We wouldn’t be able to bring you our bulletin every week without them. Please encourage and remind others to show their support and shop local.





“The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son... ‘Tell those invited: “Behold, I have prepared my banquet, my calves and fattened cattle are killed, and everything is ready; come to the feast” ‘ “ - Mt 22:2, 4bc

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

Prayer

Thank you for inviting me to heaven, God. I want to go!

Mission for the Week

As a family, plan a special party. Let each person make their favorite foods and play their favorite music. Heaven will be even better!

Sharing the Gospel

Imagine how it would feel to be invited by a king to come to his palace for a party! Well, you have been invited! God wants you to come. People who ignore God will not go to heaven. Don't ignore God. Say "yes" to his invitation. Go to God's party in heaven!

Now color the picture!



Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

wedding

banquet

king

servants

field

ready

guests

invited

business

winddeg w e d d i n g

kign _____

redya _____

bnaqeut _____

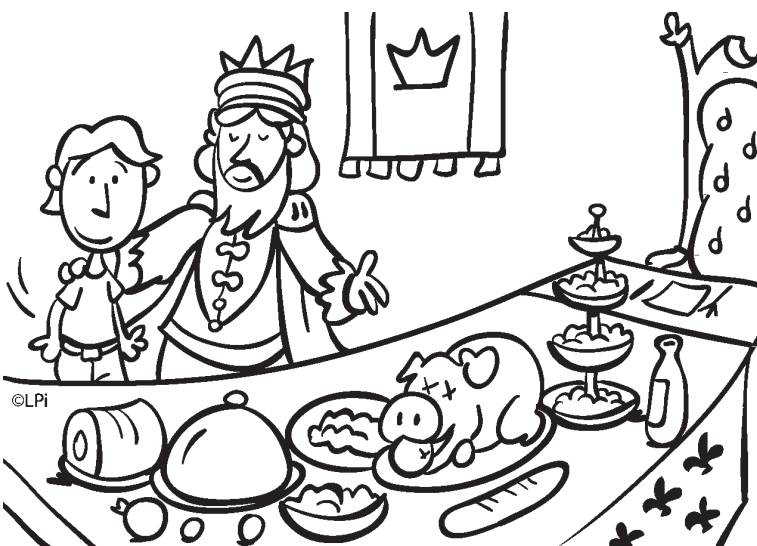
fedli _____

bisussen _____

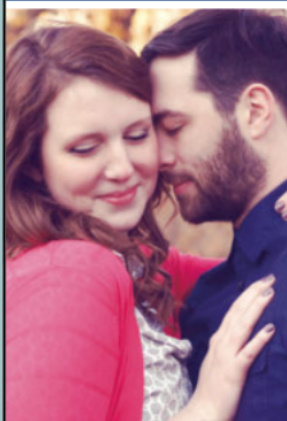
srevnats _____

nividet _____

gesuts _____



catholicmatch®
Washington



CatholicMatch.com/WA

LET'S GROW YOUR BUSINESS



Place Your Ad Here
and Support Our Parish!

CONTACT ME
Kelly Day

kday@4LPi.com
(800) 950-9952 x2115

Valley Water Solutions

Filtrations, Pumps & Well Service

360-915-8360 - store

360-359-1016 - Dave Cell

209 Yelm Ave. E. Yelm, WA 98597

ADT-Monitored Home Security

Get 24-Hour Protection
From a Name You Can Trust

- Burglary
- Fire Safety
- Flood Detection
- Carbon Monoxide



SafeStreets

833-287-3502

SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS!



360-458-2255

"Thursday Nights All You
Can Eat Beer Battered
Fish & Chips
w/Cole Slaw \$11.99"
210 NE 103rd Ave • Yelm



CAPITAL
HEATING & COOLING

Delivering Comfort Since 1937

Lacey, WA

capitalheatingandcooling.com

(360) 491-7450

RE/MAX

REALTY SOUTH
Chrissy DeHan

Broker - Parishioner
Specializing in Yelm Area
buyers and sellers

(360) 789-4093

ChrissyDeHan@gmail.com

www.chrissyhomes.com



NEVER MISS OUR BULLETIN!

SUBSCRIBE

Have our bulletin
emailed to you
every week.



Visit www.parishesonline.com



CHURCH SUPPLIES & FURNISHINGS

CANDLES ♦ BOOKS ♦ BIBLES

RELIGIOUS GIFTS & DECOR

STATUARY ♦ JEWELRY ♦ ROSARIES

SACRAMENTAL & SEASONAL ITEMS

& SO MUCH MORE!

5201 4th Avenue South

Seattle, WA 98108

(206) 622-3100

Visit us Online!

kaufers.shop

Place Your Ad Here and Support our Parish!

Instantly create and
purchase an ad with

AD CREATOR STUDIO



4lpi.com/adcreator



For ad info. call 1-800-950-9952 • www.4lpi.com

St. Columban, Yelm, WA

A 4C 05-1744