We belong to Christ, not ourselves Christi simus, non nostri ST COLUMBAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

A Parish of the Archdiocese of Seattle

October 29, 2023

Thirtieth 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

149 Keithahn St S | Tenino, WA 98589

St. Peter Mission

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: Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

Baptism & Wedding Preparation

1st Reading: Exodus 22:20-26

Contact the Parish Office

Responsorial Psalm: I love you, Lord, my strength. (Psalm 18)

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10

Gospel Acclamation: Whoever loves me will keep my word,

says the Lord, and my Father will love him and we will come to him.

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

Communion Antiphon: We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

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Welcome to St. Columban

Weekly Calendar & Mass Intentions

All events are at St. Columban unless otherwise noted.

MONDAY October 30	
Rosary Prayer Group 7:00PM	Church
TUESDAY October 31	
Daily Mass 9:00AM	Church
Spanish Prayer Group 6:30PM	Small Hall
WEDNESDAY November 1	ALL SAINTS
Mass 9:00AM	St. Peter
Bible Study 10:00AM	St. Peter
Mass 7:00PM	Church

Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed	(All Souls)
Daily Mass 9:00AM	Church
Choir Practice 6:00PM	Church
Bible Study 6:30PM	RE Bldg

FRIDAY November 3 St. Martin de Porres, First Friday First Friday Mass 9:00AM St. Peter Adoration & Devotions 6:30PM Church

SATURDAY November 4 St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop Confession 3:30PM Church Anticipatory Sunday Mass 5:00PM Int.: Pro PopuloChurch

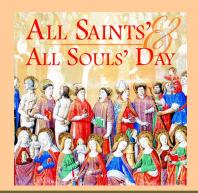
SUNDAY November 5	31st Sunday in OT
Confession 7:30-7:45AM	St. Peter
Sunday Mass 8:00 AM Int.: Pro Populo	St. Peter

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



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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

Winter Clothes Closet

The parish's Winter Clothes Closet will open the week of November 6. We are in need of donations of Coats, Knit Caps, Gloves, Warm socks, Scarves, Raincoats, and Rain boots. Please remember that all donations should be of the highest quality, something you would wear. Donation boxes will be located in the narthex.

All Souls Day– November 2nd

November is called the month of All Souls. More recently, it has been called the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed. November 2nd, the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, dovetails with November 1st, the feast of All Saints. The saints, our models of Christian living, are one with God in heaven. All the faithful departed are those who have died with hope and trust in a loving God who calls us to greater growth and development, even beyond death. This growth and development occurs in a state of being that we have traditionally called purgatory.

While the Western Church has emphasized the cleansing and purifying nature of purgatory, the Eastern Orthodox Church has emphasized the growth and development aspect of it. Today, belief in purgatory allows one who has died in Christ to continue growing and developing before meeting God face to face. God continually invites communion with these loved ones, but some feel the need to continue growing and developing before entering into full communion with God.

These November feasts vividly remind us of the rich reality known as the communion of saints. This belief stresses the strong affirmation that the church is always one in Christ. Death does not sever any of the bonds that unite us in Christ. That is why it is a fitting practice to pray for the dead and to ask them to pray for us. Just as we do that for each other when we are alive, so, too, do we continue that bond and concern for each other even beyond death. © LPi

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October 29, 2023

A Word from Father Thompson

A few years ago, a friend of mine (a faithful Catholic) posted something to Facebook. It was a quote from a politician in Europe calling for swift and disproportionate retribution for the latest atrocity committed by the so-called Islamic State (ISIS). The quote advocated that the world begin to target the

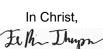
families of terrorists with tactics of terror in kind, such as kidnapping and maiming and public murder. I rebuked my friend, telling him that while it is understandable that he feel anger and a desire for justice after someone commits such an evil act, supporting such a response was EVIL and un-Christian, even sinful. He apologized and removed the post.

A few weeks later, there was a terrorist attack in San Bernardino, California and I heard other people expressing wishes that the dead terrorists were burning in Hell. In innumerable cases since as well, I will hear people echoing these sentiments and others like them. I don't know how many times I have heard people express a hope that perverts be abused in prison, those who harm police be mistreated in custody, that criminals be killed by police in standoffs, that murderers be executed swiftly (i.e. setting due process aside). Responses like this to evil are perhaps understandable, but are nonetheless wrong and signs of our fallen human nature. That does not excuse the initial atrocity, of course, and I am not saying that justice should not be meted out in response to great evil, only that the Christian heart should reject the impulse toward revenge for the sake of revenge. Wishing evil on sinners is the exact opposite of what Jesus Christ taught us.

Like I told my friend, I understand the hunger for swift and exact justice. The desire for justice is a good thing, it is a reflection of the Image of God (who is the just judge), in us. However, like so much of humanity, that desire for the scales of justice to balance is wounded by sin, and we all have a dark impulse to go beyond the bounds of virtuous justice and to resort to vicious vengeance. God gave the Israelites the law "an eye for an eye" not to demand retribution but to temper the impulse to excessive retribution by setting a limit: no more than the original harm. However, Jesus taught us the more perfect way of mercy. We are to forgive as we wish to be forgiven, we are to pray for our enemies, we are to prefer being struck twice than strike back once. The abominable evils perpetrated by Russia against in Ukraine in past weeks, as well as the ongoing wickedness of dictators and terrorists throughout the world, and the ever-present cancer of society which is Marxism (no matter how slight) all serve as an opportunity to remember and actually practice this command of Jesus Christ.

That is not to say we do not believe in the need for justice. Those who do evil need to be opposed and their ability to threaten the innocent must be definitively ended. Christians may be called to turn the other cheek, but we do not have the option of turning other people's cheeks; we have an obligation to defend, or at least aid, the innocent. However, even as we hope and perhaps even act to cause the schemes of the wicked to fail, we should not wish additional evil on the evildoers, or to treat them as less than human, or to pretend a personal vendetta or hunger for revenge is justice.

So when the next terrible thing happens in the world or in our community, pray for the victims, of course, and hunger for justice, but I would ask you to add a prayer for the perpetrators (and mean it!): Lord Have Mercy, Christ Have Mercy, Lord Have Mercy.



Collect for All Saints

Almighty ever-living God, by whose

gift we venerate in one celebration the

merits of all the Saints, bestow on us,

we pray, through the prayers of so

many intercessors, an abundance of

the reconciliation with you for which

we earnestly long. Through our Lord

Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and

reigns with you in the unity of the Holy

Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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

Direct 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

For The Deceased

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.

For November

We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

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.

That God may grant us the wisdom and courage to lovingly protect His gift of human life at every stage, in sickness and in health

For all of us, called to be missionary disciples, that by our words, our love, and our generosity, we may help spread the good news and the love of Christ to the ends of the earth.

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. daughetersofmary@saintcolumbanyelm.org

Knights of Columbus

Council 17152 / Assembly 3947 kofc@saintcolumbanyelm.org

Liturgical Ministries parishoffice@saintcolumbanyelm.org

Prayer Groups

<u>Rosary Group</u> Mondays 7pm, Church <u>Spanish Group</u> 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 <u>stpeteradvisory@saintcolumbanyelm.org</u>

St. Columban Parish Finance Council

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

Financial Stewardship Report

Week of October 15, 2023

Ordinary Income	St Columban	St Peter
Weekly Goal	\$5,800.00	\$1,000.00
Collection (Cash & Envelopes)	\$2,427.00	\$547.00
Online Giving	\$1,910.40	\$175.00
Net	(\$1,462.60)	(\$278.00)
World Mission	\$460.00	\$10.00
St Vincent DePaul	\$45.00	\$0.00
Sacramentals (Candles, Beeswax tapers, Salt)	\$41.75	\$17.05
Flowers	\$15.00	\$0.00
Building Fund	\$556.06	\$0.00
Mass Intentions	\$0.00	\$20.00
Human Development	\$0.00	\$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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All Souls Memorial: Bring a small framed picture of your dearly departed loved one to be remembered during the month of November. Place their photo around the statue of St. Joseph in the side chapel.

Note: All pictures must be retrieved by Saturday Nov. 25th!

Names for the Book of the Dead: Submit the names of your dearly departed loved ones which will be prayed for during the month of November.

Thanksgiving Day Mass will be 9:00AM on November 23rd at St. Columban. You are invited to bring a bread item or a bottled beverage in a decorative basket to be blessed during Mass. <u>Please no perishable items or plastic bags!</u>

Parish Ministries Announcements

Join the Daughters of Mary Next Meeting is Tuesday November 28th at 6PM in the Parish Hall. Bring your favorite snack to share!

Knights of Columbus Next Assembly Meeting is Tuesday, Nov. 14, 6PM, Next Council Meeting Wednesday, Nov. 15, 5:30PM

KofC Coats for Kids Distribution Saturday, Nov. 25.

Outside Events & Notices

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Retreats: Nov 15-17 at Holy Rosary Parish, Edmonds, WA. Visit <u>wwme.org</u> or contact: Jeff and Sandy Corneil 360-930-2321

Project Rachel—Hope and Healing After Abortion English: (206) 920-6413 / Español: (206)-450-

7814 <u>projectrachel@ccsww.org</u> 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.

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 <u>saintcolumbanyelm.org/</u>

Faith Formation

Elementary Religious Education



This is the last weekend prior to All Hallows' Eve (Halloween). I want to encourage you to go back and celebrate the true Catholic roots of this holiday.

The name itself comes from All Hallows' Eve – that is, the Vigil of All Saints' Day, when Catholics remember those who have gone before us to enter our heavenly home. Immediately afterwards, on November 2, the Church commemorates all the faithful departed still detained in Purgatory, and prays in suffrage for them. Read

more in the article The Catholic roots of Halloween, the Vigil of All Saints' Day. The link for this article will be in the email edition of the bulletin and on our parish Facebook page.

One other thing that our family has done to celebrate All Hallows' Eve is to carve a Christian pumpkin. You can visit American Life League for some pro-life free stencils. Link will be in the Ebulletin. The pumpkin lady has more free stencils to choose from, however it is not a Catholic source. So parents, please ensure to monitor your kiddos as they select a fun new pumpkin stencil. Links to these resources will be in the email edition of the bulletin and on our parish Facebook page.

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 231st, and we will be discussing Mary. Mr. James Briggs will be our instructor. He will guide help us have a deeper understanding of Catholic Devotion to Mary as Mother of God, and Model

of Disciple of Christ and her special feast days. The Immaculate Conception, The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, The Assumption of Mary and The Coronation of the Virgin Mary as Queen of Heaven.

PLENARY INDULGENCES FOR NOVEMBER "An indulgence is a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven, which the faithful Christian who is duly disposed gains under certain prescribed conditions through the action of the Church which, as the minister of redemption, dispenses and applies with authority the treasury of the satisfactions of Christ and the saints."

- Visit to a Cemetery (November 1st 8th) An indulgence, applicable only to the Souls in Purgatory, is granted to the faithful, who devoutly visit a cemetery and pray, even if only mentally, for the departed. The indulgence is plenary each day from the 1st to the 8th of November; on other days of the year it is partial.
 - The following prayer may be used when visiting a cemetery: Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace, Amen.

Our Father & Apostles Creed for the intentions of the Holy Father

A Visit to a Church or Oratory on All Souls Day (November 2)
 A plenary indulgence, applicable only to the Souls in Purgatory, is granted to the faithful, who on the day dedicated to the Commemoration of all the faithful departed piously visit a church or oratory. In visiting the church or oratory, it is required that one Our Father and the Apostles Creed be recited.

Confirmation Both first year and returning second year confirmation candidates meet at 9-10:15am in the new Youth Space on Sundays. Parents, please ensure you or our candidate is signs in for attending Mass.

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.

Parents of middle school and high school students! Opt-in for Youth Ministry emails at this link: <u>saintcolumbanyelm.org/ym</u> and you will be sent an email to RSVP for upcoming events.

Next Youth Night: November 8 ,15 HS Youth Convention at St. Michael, Olympia: Nov. 4



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Reflections on the Sunday Readings This week on FORMED Saint of the Week

Mrs. Makinster

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

At St. Columban, we provide an opportunity for children and youth to learn about their Catholic faith and grow in their

relationship with Jesus Christ through study, prayer, and community service.





O Almighty and merciful God! Thou gave us a wondrous help and defense in the most holy Virgin Mary. Grant in Thy mercy that, under Her protection, we may struggle confidently throughout our lives and at the moment of death be victorious over our enemy. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mr. Lucero

Youth Ministry & Confirmation



Our Youth Ministry Values

- Our primary identity is as beloved sons and beloved daughters of God, no matter what. You are here because God wanted you here. Willing our existence, God create each of us out of love to love and for love.
- 2. We glorify God by striving to fully live our state in live. God gave us families and communities where we learn our faith, pray for each other's needs, and build virtue together as members of his Church, the Body of Christ.
- 3. As pilgrims on a journey together we are always on mission. We attend Holy Mass and receive the sacraments to better endure the trials of life, train us to be of service to one another, and to prepare us for eternal life in Heaven.

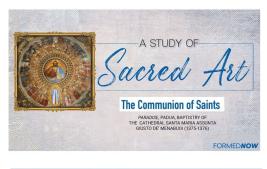
Living our Faith

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church

In response to the question about the first of the commandments, Jesus says: "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

The apostle St. Paul reminds us of this: "He who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the law. The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery, You shall not kill, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,' and any other commandment, are summed up in this sentence, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law." (CCC 2196)







Reflect and Respond to the Sunday Readings

First Reading: "You shall not wrong any widow or orphan. If ever you wrong them and they cry out to me, I will surely hear their cry. My wrath will flare up, and I will kill you with the sword; then your own wives will be widows, and your children orphans." (Ex 22:21-23)



We hear today some of the laws that Moses received from God on Mount Sinai. Namely, God's expectation that we show compassion for those most vulnerable in society. How could you show care for those in need this week?

Second Reading: For they themselves openly declare about us what sort of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God and to await his Son from heaven. (1 Thes 1:9-10)

Saint Paul praised the Thessalonians for being role models of the faith for the surrounding regions of Achaia and Macedonia. How do you model your faith to family and friends?

Gospel: "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." (Mt 22:37)

For Jesus, love of God and love of neighbor and self are the most important commandments. Which of these commandments do you do best?

This week on FORMED

Our parish pays for a subscription to FORMED.org, a streaming service from the Augustine Institute and Ignatius press. Go to <u>formed.org/signup</u> and enter our parish name to redeem your FREE membership. Once logged-in, access these suggestions at <u>watch.formed.org/</u><u>this-week-on-formed</u>

Saint Charles Borromeo: The Good Shepherd

As the Cardinal-nephew of Pope Pius IV, Saint Charles Borromeo was one of the wealthiest and most powerful men in all of Rome. Yet he chose the extraordinary challenge of reforming the enormous Archdiocese of Milan to the pampered life of a Renaissance prince, and willingly spent himself in the service of his flock.

The Communion of Saints | Sacred Art

In celebration of All Saints' Day, Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp sit down to discuss Giusto de' Menabuoi's "Paradise" and how the saints give us hope by showing us that holiness is possible.

Brother Francis - All Souls Day

n this episode of Brother Francis, kids can learn about All Souls Day and how we take time to remember those who have passed away

Saint of the Week St. Charles Borromeo | Feast Day November 4

St. Charles Borromeo (1538 - 1584) is most known for living during the time of the Protestant Reformation and helped influence reform of the whole Church during the final years of the Council of Trent.

Although St. Charles Borromeo belonged to nobility, he greatly desired to serve the Church. In 1559, his uncle was elected Pope Pius IV. He made Charles cardinal-deacon and administrator of the Archdiocese of Milan. At the time, Charles was a simple student, but because of his intellectual qualities, he was assigned several important offices connected with the Vatican. After the death of his brother, he decided to become a priest and was ordained at age 25. Soon after he became bishop of Milan.

Quietly working behind the scenes, St. Charles Borromeo is credited with keeping the Council of Trent in session and encouraging the pope to renew the Council in 1562, after its 10-year suspension. Afterwards, he devoted his time to serving in the Archdiocese of Milan.

Among his most important actions during his life, St. Charles Borromeo established seminaries, colleges, and communities for the education of candidates for holy orders. His emphasis on Catholic learning greatly increased the preparation of men for the priesthood and benefited their congregations. He died at the age of 46.



Washington State Catholic Conference

SUPPORT INITIATIVE 2081 I-2081

Join the bishops of Washington and sign I-2081



Why Support I-2081?

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

I-2081 Specifics

I-2081 names parents as the primary stakeholders in their children's upbringing. It also reiterates or establishes numerous parents' rights within the public school system, including:

- the right to receive reassurance that a child's public school will not discriminate against a child based upon sincerely held religious beliefs,
- the right to receive notification if a child is taken or removed from a public school campus without parental permission, including to stay at a youth shelter or host home,
- the right to receive prior notification when medical services are being offered to their child (except when emergency medical treatment is required),
- the right to review medical records and health records, and
- the right to receive written notice and the option to opt their child out of any surveys, assignments, questionnaires, role-playing activities, recordings of their child, or other student engagements that include questions about any of the following: (i) The child's sexual experiences or attractions; (ii) The child's family beliefs, morality, religion, or political affiliations; (iii) Any mental health or psychological problems of the child or a family member.
- I-2081 also calls for parents to receive notification and the ability to opt their children out of activities that include questions about a child's sexual experiences or are on the topic of sexual activity.

The full text of I-2081 may be viewed on the WA Secretary of State website: sos.wa.gov/elections#initiatives_referenda

The Initiative Process

The WSCC recommends that you sign an I-2081 petition by mid-December. Campaign organizers must process and turn in completed petitions to the Secretary of State by December 29, 2023. To qualify for legislative action, 324,516 valid signatures must be collected.

I-2081 is an initiative to the Legislature. If the initiative qualifies by the December 29 deadline, it will take precedence over all other measures in the 2024 session, except for budget bills. The Legislature may adopt the initiative, reject it, refuse to act on it, or provide an alternative on the same subject. If the Legislature rejects it or refuses to act, the initiative will then be on the general election ballot in 2024. If the Legislature provides an alternative, both versions of the initiative will be on the 2024 ballot.

For more information visit wacatholics.org wscc@wacatholics.org (206) 301-0556

PARISH STEWARDSHIP OF **TREASURE**.

PLEASE PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER GOD'S GIFTS TO YOU AND MAKE YOUR PLEDGE TODAY. Gratitude starts when we recognize that we have received a gift.

Everything we have is a gift from God and we're called to share these gifts with others. This is stewardship.

Understanding this, embracing the joy of stewardship, is what creates in us a "need" to give. We give not because there is a need to give — but because our heart points us to give as a part of our faith journey. We give because we are grateful for what we have been given.

If you haven't already decided on your parish stewardship commitment, please prayerfully consider God's gifts to you and make your pledge today. Good things happen when you share. Seeing everything before us as gift — we joyfully accept the responsibility to grow and return our gifts to God.



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2023

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." - Mt 22:37

Weekly Prayer

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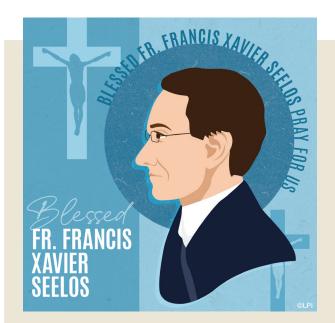
Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

God became human to show us that only love can change the world. Let's not just believe in that love — let's be that love, each and every day.

Observances for the week of October 29, 2023

Sunday:	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
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- Tuesday: All Hallow's Eve
- Wednesday: All Saints
- Thursday: All Souls' Day
- Friday: St. Martin de Porres, Religious
- Saturday: St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop
- Next Sunday: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time; Daylight Saving Time Ends; National Vocation Awareness Week



Saint of the week

Blessed Father Francis Xavier Seelos was a German immigrant and Redemptorist priest deeply committed to serving those marginalized in the USA during the 1800s. He was known for his gentle and compassionate nature and his tireless dedication to the poor and the sick.

Prayer

O Lord, my strength, and my Redeemer, let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in Your sight. I offer to You the grace You have bestowed on Your humble missionary, Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos.

May I have the same joyful vigor that Blessed Seelos possessed during his earthly life to love you deeply and live faithfully your gospel. Amen.

(Prayer Source: https://seelos.org/prayers-tobl-seelos/)

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of October 29, 2023

Sunday:

Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 (2)/ 1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40

Monday:

Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21/ Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday:

Rom 8:18-25/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5,6/ Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday:

Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/ 1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

Thursday:

Wis 4:7-14/Ps 25:6, and 7b, 17-18, 20-21/ Rom 5:17-21/Mt 11:25-30

Friday:

Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/ Lk 14:1-6

Saturday:

Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18/Lk 14:1, 7-11

Next Sunday:

Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10/Ps 131:1, 2, 3/ 1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13/Mt 23:1-12



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Gospel Meditation Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

In our secularized culture, we all struggle with belief in God, at least to some degree. An atheist man named Robert Bridges once wrote to his friend, the Jesuit poet Gerard Manley Hopkins, asking how he could possibly learn to believe in God. Hopkins pithily responded: "Give alms." Would that help someone tempted by atheism today, like you and me?

I think so, and here's why. This week Jesus speaks of love for God and neighbor. These dual commands were nothing new when Jesus used them to sum up the Jewish law. What is new is the way he links them together in mutual dependency. In Jesus, God and man have become one. Human-love and God-love are now inseparably married forever.

The newness of the God-man means that there is now a permanently counter-intuitive way into the knowledge and love of God: love of our neighbor. To experience charity is to know God. That's what Hopkins was getting at for his friend. How we treat our fellow human beings is inseparable from faith in God. Do you want to have a stronger sense of God's loving presence and goodness? Commit to serving someone today and this week. Love him or her. Don't wait for love for God to appear in your heart before loving others. Jesus has united divine and human love. If you want to believe more in God, give alms.

— Father John Muir

(PRACTICING)

27 Words That Matter

One of the quickest things you learn as a parent is how dangerous it is to explain too much, especially when your kid is teetering on the brink of a rebellion. The fewer words you use, the more power they have. A kid who is about to be carried away by their feelings needs to be brought back to earth with a tether made of short, succinct directions.

There are a lot of similarities between the Pharisees of Scripture and a toddler on the edge of a meltdown. Stay with me — this will make sense, I promise. Think about it: both toddlers and Pharisees have lots of feelings and lots of opinions. Both toddlers and Pharisees think you're out to get them. Both toddlers and Pharisees keep trying to trick you to get what they *think* they want.

A thorough Google search informs me that there are about 80,000 words in the Torah. Eightythousand words, and Jesus can boil it all down to 27: "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind" and "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

It doesn't make the excess words untrue; it doesn't even make them unnecessary. Sometimes I need the long explanation, the full and complete picture.

Because sometimes, as much as I hate to admit it, I act like both a toddler and a Pharisee. I am carried away by my feelings. I don't trust God. I am about to bolt.

When that happens, I need to be told in short and simple terms what my salvation means. I need a tether made of short, succinct directions.

"The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments." — Matthew 22:40

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

What is a sacramental seal and where did it come from?

Answer:

Leaving more than just a memory, there are some events in our life that are truly transforming, making us different people. The same thing can be said of spiritual things, especially sacraments. A sacramental seal or character is a theological concept to describe the lifechanging and permanent effect of three sacraments on the person: baptism, confirmation, and holv orders. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that these sacraments confer a seal "by which the Christian shares in Christ's priesthood and is made a member of the Church according to different states and functions. This configuration to Christ and the Church, brought about by the Spirit, is indelible" (#1121).

Once we receive these sacraments, we are forever changed. It's a spiritual "point of no return" whereby we take a step forward in our faith journey. We are marked as people of faith, as those who have received the Spirit and as those called to serve in ordained ministry. That is why these sacraments are received only once. The direction is set, the choice is made, and we are called by God to be his people. Nothing can change that, not even our own sinfulness.

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

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One of them, a scholar of the law, tested him by asking, "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind."

- Mt 22:35-37

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

We hear today some of the laws that Moses received from God on Mount Sinai. Namely, God's expectation that we show compassion for those most vulnerable in society. How could you show care for those in need this week?

Second Reading

Paul praised the Thessalonians for being role models of the faith for the surrounding regions of Achaia and Macedonia. How do you model your faith to family and friends?

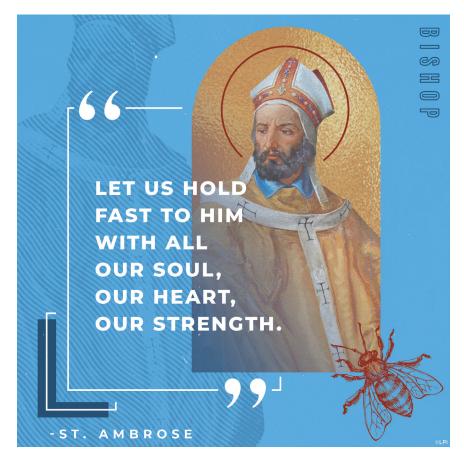
Gospel Reading

For Jesus, love of God and love of neighbor and self are the most important commandments. Which of these commandments do you do best?

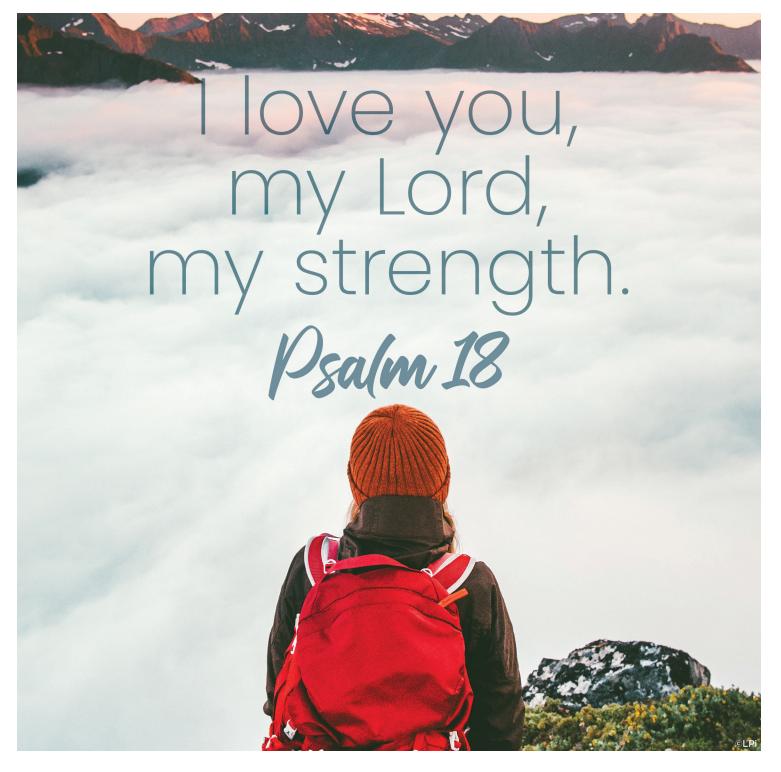


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He said to him, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself." - Mt 22:37-39

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Prayer

God, help me to love you and other people more and more every day.

Mission for the Week

As a family, help an elderly person in your neighborhood. Help them clean up their home or their yard.

Sharing the Gospel

When you have a choice to make, think about what God wants. Make sure your choices are good and that they help other people. When you follow God's example, you will be ready to love other people. With God's help you can be gentle, forgiving and kind.

Now color the picture!



Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

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