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

A Parish of the Archdiocese of Seattle



# Thirty-first 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 Sunday Mass 8:00 AM First Friday Mass 9:00 AM

Confessions Sunday 7:30-7:45 AM Anointing of the Sick By request

St. Peter Mission

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: Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

1st Reading: Malachi 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10

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**Baptism & Wedding Preparation** 

Responsorial Psalm: In you, Lord, I have found my peace. . (Psalm 131)

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9, 13

Gospel Acclamation: You have but one Father in heaven and one master, the Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 23:1-12

Communion Antiphon: You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, Lord.

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# Welcome to St. Columban

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

All events are at St. Columban unless otherwise noted.

#### **MONDAY November 6** Rosary Prayer Group 7:00PM Church **TUESDAY November 7** Daily Mass 9:00AM Int: Louise Kimball RIP Church Spanish Prayer Group 6:30PM Small Hall **RCIA** 6:30PM **RE Building WEDNESDAY November 8** Daily Mass 9:00AM Mass Int: Maria Makinster Church Bible Study 10:00AM St. Peter Youth Ministry 6:30PM Youth Space **THURSDAY November 9** Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome Daily Mass 9:00AM Mass Int.: Alan Kimball RIP Church Choir Practice 6:00PM Church Christmas Choir Practice 6:30PM Church Bible Study 6:30PM Old Church FRIDAY November 10 St. Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor Daily Mass 9:00AM Mass Int: Natalia Ortiz RIP Church SATURDAY November 11 St. Martin of Tours, Bishop Confession 3:30PM Church Anticipatory Sunday Mass 5:00PM Int.: Pro PopuloChurch

SUNDAY November 12	32nd Sunday in OT
Confession 7:30-7:45AM	St. Peter
Sunday Mass 8:00 AM Int.: Pro Po	opulo St. Peter

Religious Ed (Grades K-5) 9:00AM-10:15AM **RE Bldg** Youth Space Confirmation Classes 9:00AM-10:15AM

#### Sunday Mass

10:30 AM Int.: Pro Populo

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#### NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK



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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 Irishborn 6th century missionary to Europe St. Columbanus of Bobbio. We have also been present in Tenino since 1891 through St. Peter Mission, named for the apostle and first pope.

#### A Big Thank You!

Thank you to the parishioners of St Peter and St. Columban for vour contributions to the St. Peter Ladies Circle's October sock drive. Through your generosity we were able to donate 433 pairs of socks for men, women and children to the Tenino Food Bank. This is the most successful drive yet!

#### This Week

National Vocation Awareness Week, celebrated November 5-11, 2023, is an annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States dedicated to promoting vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renew our pravers and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations.

A vocation is a call from God to a life of committed love reflecting the love that God has for each of us. If you have not yet found your vocation, take time every day to ask God what he wants you to do with your life, and listen for his response in the stillness of your heart for peace and clarity. If you are already living your vocation, be a good example of that vocation, share the challenges and the blessings of your vocation with others, and continue to pray for those still discerning God's will. Find out about upcoming vocations events, ways to discover God's will, and more at seattlevocations.com

Winter Clothes Closet - The parish's Winter Clothes Closet will open it's doors on Tuesday, November 7. They 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.

#### Upcoming Events

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. Please no perishable items or plastic bags!

St. Columban's Feast Day will be celebrated by our parish on November 19, the Sunday preceding his actual scheduled feast day, November 23. Since St. Columban is our patron, this feast is upgraded to the rank of a *Solemnity* in our parish. Throughout the Sundays of November we will publish informational articles about our parish patron saint to help you learn more about him. Read the first edition on page 8.

#### Announcements continue on page 4.

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## November 5, 2023

## A Word from Father Thompson

As we come to the end of our parish stewardship campaign, I want to thank everyone who has taken the time and effort to reassess commitments to time, talent, and treasure given to the Church. My

earnest hope is that these commitments are lived out, we as a parish will benefit from greater security and stability. So, thank you everyone. If you have not yet had a chance to send in pledge cards or volunteer in a parish ministry, it is never too late to do so.

I have one final dimension of stewardship I would like to speak to: that of our faith itself. How well are we spreading the faith to those around us and letting the Gospel truly inform the way we live our lives out in the world? If everything we have comes from God and we will be held to account, what kind of account can we make about the gift of our faith? How well do we know our faith? How bought in are we with the Christian worldview? How knowledgeable are we about the content of our scripture and tradition? How integrated is the truth in our hearts? Is our love of truth and goodness and beauty so deep that we have a visceral rejection for things that are not? Is charity alive in our hearts enough that while we hate the sin, we really genuinely love the sinner and desire him to repent for his own good? Etc. Etc.

This is, of course, a lot to think about and none of us can meet that bar without God's help. We all have some areas where we are good and bad stewards of our faith, and life is a process of ongoing conversion.

However, one very concrete area of stewardship of the Faith and the call to Evangelization might simply be how well we are "passing on the fire" of the Catholic faith, its Scripture and Authentic Tradition, to our children. You bring your kids to Mass? Every Sunday without fail, setting other priorities behind it? Do you pray at home or talk about your faith? Has your child received his sacraments, or will he receive them on time? Is you child in Faith Formation, even if he is not immediately preparing for a sacrament?

Perhaps this last one would be an action item if you don't know where to start: every Catholic child should be in Faith Formation every year, K-12. It would be absurd to fail to do this, and then wonder why the Faith is not strong in the hearts of our children and their children. Stewardship on a very fundamental level is about taking our relationship with God, our Baptismal vocation, seriously. It is not only questions of treasure, or time and talent for that matter, but a question of whether we behave towards the living out of our faith as something as important as it truly is.

In Christ, Filh Thup

#### 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 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.

#### DIOCESAN PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

God our Father, You call each of us to use our gifts in the Body of Christ.

Inspire your people with desire to know you, the grace to understand your will, and, with the strength of the Holy Spirit, the courage to respond with love and freedom.

Send workers into your great harvest so that the Gospel is preached, the poor are served with love, the suffering are comforted, and your people are strengthened by the sacraments. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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

# **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**

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 22, 2023

Ordinary Income	St Columban	St Peter
Weekly Goal	\$5,800.00	\$1,000.00
Collection (Cash & Envelopes)	\$2,099.97	\$1,070.29
Online Giving	\$799.55	\$170.15
Net	(\$2,900.48)	\$240.44
World Mission	\$45.00	\$0.00
St Vincent DePaul	\$15.00	\$0.00
Sacramentals Candles, Beeswax tapers, Salt)	\$32.29	\$0.00
Flowers	\$0.00	\$0.00
Building Fund	\$40.00	\$0.00
Mass Intentions	\$0.00	\$0.00
Human Development	\$0.00	\$0.00

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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

All Souls Memorial Table: We invite you to bring a picture of your deceased loved one next to St. Joseph and/or submit their names using one of the All

Souls Day envelopes in the narthex or by contacting the parish office. Their names will be written into our "Book of the Dead" which is displayed next to our

St. Joseph statue during the month of November to remember our deceased

Nov. 25. Regular Mass intentions may be scheduled through the link on our

loved ones and friends. Please note, all pictures must be retrieved by Saturday,

Names for the Book of the Dead: We invite you to bring a to submit the names of your deceased loved ones to the Parish Office for inclusion in our book of

remembrance. This "Book of the Dead" will be displayed in the side chapel and

prayed for during the month of November in their remembrance. Regular Mass

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#### **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 will take place on Saturday, Nov. 25 in the Parish Hall.

#### **Outside Events & Notices**

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend has something in it for every married couple. Spend a weekend discovering all the reasons you are thankful for your spouse. Sign up for an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on: Feb 9-11, 2024 at LaQuinta in Tacoma, WA, Mar 8-10, 2024, Immaculate Heart Retreat Center, Spokane, WA, Apr 26-28, 2024 in Everett, WA. Early registration is highly recommended. 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.

#### From the Archdiocese

Letter To People of God From Synod 2023 Read Archbishop Etienne's recent blog post with news from the synod at archbishopetienne.com.

PNW Adoration Nights a series of Holy Hours for youth and young adults will be offered on the first Saturday of each month from December through June at various locations throughout the Archdiocese of Seattle. The first night will be Saturday, Dec. 2, 6:30-8:30pm at Our Lady Queen of Heaven in Spanaway.

In the spirit of synodality, a new Archdiocesan Youth Council is forming to represent the many voices of Catholic youth in the Archdiocese of Seattle. Contact Mr. Lucero for more information.

#### Scam Notice

Please be aware of email scams! Official emails will only originate from our emails (listed below) or from flocknote.com, notifications@ccbchurch.com or archseattle@ccbchurch.com. We will never directly solicit for non-official donations or items to purchase by email or text. Donations and fundraisers will always be announced during Mass.

## **Faith Formation**

**Elementary Religious Education** 

#### **Childrens Prayers**

For the Month of October we had <u>29</u> children in our Faith Formation program prayed <u>5656</u> prayers. Excellent job. These prayers help with memorization and the bond of the family. Keep up the good work young prayer warriors!



**Today we celebrate** Sts. Elizabeth and Zachariah. They were the parents of John the Baptist.

She was a relative of Mary the Mother of God; no one knows the exact biological relationship between them, but tradition often says that they were cousins.

The Gospel of Luke states that though Elizabeth had committed no evil in the eyes of God, she was barren for most of her life. She was advanced in age

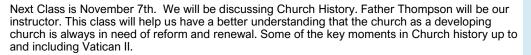
when the Angel Gabriel appeared to her husband Zachariah in the temple to promise them a son.

St. Elizabeth is most famous for the words of the "Hail Mary," which she uttered at feeling her child leap in her womb as Mary, then pregnant with Jesus, came to visit cousin. However, there is no further mention of her in the bible after the birth and circumcision of her son John the Baptist.

Zachariah was in the Temple when the angel Gabriel appeared announcing that Elizabeth would bear a son who would "bring back many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God." When Zachariah expressed doubt at this because of her age, he was struck mute, and upon exiting the Temple it was clear to the people there that he had seen a vision. He remained mute until John's birth, when he wrote out the newborn's name.

#### 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.



#### Youth Ministry

Join us for our Wednesday Youth Nights Wed. Nov 8 &15 from 6:30-8pm in the Youth Space. We have an icebreaker, discuss a faith topic, have a meal, and pray Compline. Our next **YM Service Saturday** will be Nov. 18, 10am-3pm. **Parents** please register your Grade 6-12 youth at the link on our page https://<u>saintcolumbanyelm.org/ym/.</u> We will email RSVP notices to ensure we will have attendance of our Youth Ministry events.

**Confirmation** - Second year students must have a copy of their Baptism Certificate turned-in to the parish office and have selected a Confirmation Sponsor. Sponsors must have a form certified by the priest of their parish turned-in as well. Mark your calendars! Confirmation Mass will be April 26 2024 at 6:30pm; celebrant TBA.

First year students on track to receive the sacrament of Confirmation in Spring 2025 if class attendance requirements are met.

The following are some characteristics that may be found in physical portrayals of St. Columban: *Crozier*—the symbol of a Bishop or Abbot. St. Columban founded abbeys throughout Europe after leaving Ireland; the leader of an abbey is an abbot. The crozier resembles a shepherd's crook, symbolizing leadership among others Good Shepherd, the Lord.

Habit—Long single-colored robe marked austere simplicity of a religious

Book—Book of the Gospels, Bible, or Rule of St. Columban, may have motto "CHRISTI SIMUS NON NOSTRI"

*Haircut*—He may have had a tonsure haircut and was known to have had an "handsome appearance"

*White Dove*—His name is Latin for little white dove, which symbolizes the guidance of the Holy Spirit throughout his life

Boat and companions—St. Columban sailed with twelve others from Ireland

*Presence Woodland animals*—Wolves or bears. His faith was legendary, to the point where he tamed animals into prayer.

**His name** - He is known as St. Columban or Columbanus and is sometimes attributed to being of Mt. Leinster, of Bangor, of Luxeuil, of Bregenz or of Bobbio. These are names of settlements where he established monasteries in mainland Europe. He is not to be confused with St. Columba (no "n"), also know as St. Columkille (+597). In contrast, St. Columkille left Ireland to go to Scotland. On the Next Page >>> Reflections on the Sunday Readings This week on FORMED Saint of the Week

#### Mrs. Makinster

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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.



Daily Prayer to St. Columban, from the Columban Fathers (Missionary Society of St. Columban)

Oh Blessed Columban, who in your zeal to follow Christ left your homeland as a wanderer and spent your life in suffering and exile, help and protect, we humbly ask you, the missionaries of our day who have devoted their lives to preaching the Gospel throughout the world. Obtain for them, we ask you, that same wisdom and fortitude by which you overcame the dangers which beset your path, and that firm faith and ardent love which enabled you to endure gladly the privations of this life for the love of Christ. Assist and protect us, also, dear Saint Columban, so as to live for God's glory that when our pilgrimage is over, we may share with you in the joy of our heavenly home, Through Christ our Lord. Amen

#### Mr. Lucero Youth Ministry &



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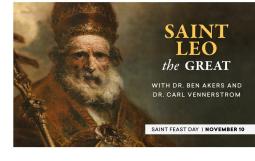
#### Our Youth Ministry Values

- 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

"Prayer is the raising of one's mind and heart to God or the requesting of good things from God." But when we pray, do we speak from the height of our pride and will, or "out of the depths" of a humble and contrite heart? He who humbles himself will be exalted; humility is the foundation of prayer, Only when we humbly acknowledge that "we do not know how to pray as we ought," are we ready to receive freely the gift of prayer. "Man is a beggar before God." (CCC 2559)



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#### Reflect and Respond to the Sunday Readings

**First Reading:** You have turned aside from the way, and have caused many to falter by your instruction. (Mal 2:8)



The prophet Malachi informs the priests of Israel that God is aware that their instruction has caused many to stumble in their faith. Have you ever had to help someone who has lost their faith?

**Second Reading:** With such affection for you, we were determined to share with you not only the gospel of God, but our very selves as well, so dearly beloved had you become to us. (1Thes 2:8)

Saint Paul expresses his gratitude to the Thessalonians for their openness to hear and believe the word of God taught by them. Who in your life might be open to hearing the word of God from you?

**Gospel:** "Therefore, do and observe all things whatsoever they tell you, but do not follow their example. For they preach but they do not practice." (Mt 23:3)

Jesus challenged the crowds and his disciples to be as servants to each other, acting always in humility. How might you be a servant to someone at work or at home?

#### 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/this-week-on-formed</u>

#### St. Leo the Great | Catholic Saints

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Carl Vennerstrom as they discuss St. Leo the Great, who served as pope during the tumultuous time of the Council of Chalcedon.

#### <u>The INCREDIBLE Eucharistic Miracles w/Fr. Robert Spitzer | Chris Stefanick</u> <u>Show</u>

Did you know there are miracles that back up the true presence of the Eucharist? It's true! And I brought Fr. Robert Spitzer back to tell us about the incredible science behind them.

#### The Church Needs More Saints w/ Jason Evert | SEEK23

Using the example of Pope St. John Paul II, Jason Evert discusses the importance of interior life in the mission of evangelization to which all Christians are called.



Martin, born in Sabaria at Pannonia, was ten years old, when against his parents' wishes he went to a Church and asked to be enrolled amongst the catechumens. At fifteen he enlisted as a soldier, and served first in the army of Constantius, and then in that of Julian. At eighteen, when he had given part of his cloak to a poor man at Amiens, he was strengthened by a wonderful apparition of Jesus Christ and eagerly received baptism. Then leaving the military life, he was received among the acolytes of Hilary, the bishop of Poitiers. Later made bishop of Tours,

Saint of the Week St. Marin of Tours | Feast Day November 11

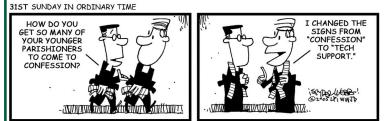
he built a monastery, where with eighty monks he lived in a most holy way for some time. When he was seized with severe fever at Candes, a village of his diocese, he had pity on his disciples, and thus prayed to God: "Lord, if I am still necessary for your people, I will not refuse the labor." Shortly after, when death was imminent, the enemy of mankind appeared him. "Why are you here, cruel beast?", said Martin. "You will find no deadly sin in me." With those words he gave back his soul to God at the age of eighty one, famous for many miracles.

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





STEFANICK



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#### About our patron, St. Columban

Ireland has been called the Isle of Saints, because of the number of holy, men and women who lived there, and these men remembered our Lord's command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to the whole creation"; so that all over Europe we find the monasteries that they built, the churches and bishoprics that they founded. From Iceland in the north, through England, France, Switzerland, Austria, and Germany, to Italy in the south, there are many places which might

not have known the Faith had not God put it into the hearts of these men from that small green island in the Atlantic Ocean to go forth in His name, preaching the Gospel.

Saint Columban's home was in the west of Leinster, and he was taught at a small school on the island of Cleenish, in Lough Erne, by a Saint who was a disciple of Saint Finnian of Clonard. From Cleenish he went to study at Beannchoir (Bangor), in County Down. Saint Comgall, of whom you have heard in the tale of the swans, was the head and founder of Bangor. Here Columban lived for a while, studying under Comgall. But often he thought that a voice called to him, and he could not forget its message, "Get thee out of thy country and from thy kindred and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will show thee."

Thus Columban, as Abraham of old, thought the Voice spake to him, and a desire came upon him to obey the command.

But at first Comgall begged him not to go. Why not stay in Ireland and teach there? But in Columban's ears the message rang clear, "Get thee out of thy country."

Then Columban's will prevailed against Comgall's, and sorrowfully the Abbot bade him good-bye, bidding him go forth in Christ's name.

So Columban sailed from Ireland with twelve monks, whom Saint Comgall had given to him for companions in his journeying, Columban being at this time about thirty years old. To Scotland first they went, where perchance Columban saw his great namesake, and from England they sailed to Gaul, which in those days was the name for France.

Now, Gaul at this time was in a very troublous state: three brothers were Kings there, each ruling over a different part and ofttimes quarrelling. The people of Gaul were not altogether heathen; they knew of Christ, but heeded not His precepts, neither obeyed His laws, and Columban wished to turn their hearts from evil and bring them into the paths of godliness.

But for a while the saint could not teach the people, for he did not speak the same language; neither could the Gauls understand Irish nor yet Latin, which was the speech of the Church. Yet they watched the monks, wondering who they could be and whence they came, these men clad in coarse woollen habits, worn over white tunics, with staves in their hands and leathern water-bottles, relic-cases, writingtablets, and wallets hanging from their girdles or strapped to their shoulders.

At last Columban could both understand and speak to the people, so when they asked, "Whence comest thou?" he answered, "I am an Irish pilgrim, and my speech and actions are like my name, which in Latin is Columba – a dove."

And it was because he was so gentle and dove-like that those wild

Gauls allowed him and his fellows to dwell there.

Now, Columban was sad to see the wicked ways of the three Kings, and he rebuked them. One of them listened to his words, at length telling the Saint that he would give him whatever he should ask if he would but stay in Gaul and help him to rule his part of the kingdom.

> But Columban told him that they wished not for earthly comforts. "We are followers of Jesus Christ, who saith, 'Whosoever will be My disciple, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me.""

> When the King heard that, he still entreated the monks to remain, so they settled at a place called Annegray, on the borders of Alsace and Burgundy. Here they built their monastery; here they lived on the wild fruit and herbs, often hungry for want of food.

> Like most Saints, Columban loved animals, and it is told of him how the wild forest beasts would come to him and obeyed his voice. One day many wolves came to him with intent to kill him, but when Columban spake to them they harmed him not, but went back into the forest. It was a wolf who lived high among the rocks whither Columban used to go to pray who gave up her den for an oratory for him, never hurting him when he rested and prayed there. The birds loved him, fluttering down from the trees to perch on his shoulders; the timid, bright-

eyed squirrels ran to him, playing at hide-and-seek in his cowl. Here he and the brethren dwelt for some years; here he gave them their rule, bidding them wear white garments in token of the purity in which their lives should be spent. Two other monasteries he founded in Gaul – Fontaines and Luxeuil – ere he was called to labour in other lands. It is too long a tale to tell how or why he left Annegray, or of the trouble he went through ere on his journey to Italy he parted with one of the brethren, Saint Gall, who stayed in Switzerland, Columban going on to Milan. In Italy he laboured until his working time was over. At a place called Bobio his pilgrim feet had rest ere death came for him. Here the copy of the Gospels which he had carried in his wallet from Ireland remained, among other precious books, for the library at Bobbio was one of the greatest there was.

Even after all these years some of the books remain carefully treasured at Milan, at Turin, and at Rome. And in one of the books which was taken to Bobbio from Ireland in the ninth century, and is now at Milan, was found the hymn "Sancti Venite Christi corpus sumete."

And the legend is that this Irish hymn was first heard by the great Saint Patrick as he drew nigh to a church wherein the Holy Sacrifice was being offered, but those who sang it were the angels.

We often sing this hymn, for a good man called Dr. Neale put it into English for us. Therefore when we sing

"Draw nigh and take the Body of the Lord, And drink the holy Blood for you outpoured,"

let us remember to thank Him, who "His Saints in this world rules and shields," for the lives of the men He called from Ireland to be labourers in His vineyard.

– taken from *Legends of Saints and Birds* (1908) by Agnes Aubrey Hilton archive.org



# PARISH STEWARDSHIP TIME TALENT. TREASURE

Our entire life is meant to be a response to the goodness of God. Stewardship is our response to the abundant generosity of God to us.

GOD SHARES EVERYTHING WITH US – THEN CALLS US TO SHARE

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

Stewardship is our response to God's generosity. It helps us answer the questions of:

- What have I been given?
- What might be if I develop my God-given gifts?
- How can I use them in service to others?
- What can I give back?

Please prayerfully consider how you will respond to the call for this year's parish stewardship, which supports our parish, our ministries and extends the mission of our Church to help others encounter Jesus Christ.

# SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2023

# 31<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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"As for you, do not be called 'Rabbi.' You have but one teacher, and you are all brothers. Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven. Do not be called 'Master'; you have but one master, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant." - Mt 23:8-11

# Weekly Prayer

# **Sunday's Readings**

#### First Reading:

You have turned aside from the way,

and have caused many to falter by your instruction. (Mal 2:8)

#### **Psalm:**

In you, Lord, I have found my peace. (Ps 131)

#### **Second Reading:**

- With such affection for you, we were determined to share with you
  - not only the gospel of God, but our very selves as well,

so dearly beloved had you become to us. (1Thes 2:8)

#### Gospel:

"Therefore, do and observe all things whatsoever they tell you,

but do not follow their example.

For they preach but they do not practice." (Mt 23:3)

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# Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Christ turns the way of the world upside down: the great become the small and the honored ones become humble. Be small, and you will feel his greatness. Be humble, and you will know the honor of Heaven.

# Observances for the week of November 5, 2023

- Sunday:31st Sunday in Ordinary Time; Daylight<br/>Saving Time Ends; National Vocation<br/>Awareness WeekTuesday:Election DayThursday:The Dedication of the Lateran BasilicaFriday:St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of<br/>the ChurchSaturday:St. Martin of Tours, Bishop; Veterans Day
- Next Sunday: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



# Saint of the week

Venerable Mother Henriette DeLille was a woman of faith, perseverance, and service who dedicated her life to the people of New Orleans. Her courage, compassion, and dedication to the oppressed was a shining example of what it means to live a life of service and love.

# **Prayer**

O good and gracious God, You called Henriette Delille to give herself in service and in love to the slaves and the sick, to the orphan and the aged, to the forgotten and the despised.

Grant that inspired by her life, we might be renewed in heart and in mind. If it be Your will may she one day be raised to the honor of sainthood. By her prayers, may we live in harmony and peace, through Jesus Christ, Our Lord.

Amen.

(Prayer Source: https://www.henriettedelille. com/beatification-prayer)

# Worship & Meditation

# Readings for the week of November 5, 2023

#### Sunday:

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

#### Monday:

Rom 11:29-36/Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36/ Lk 14:12-14

#### **Tuesday:**

Rom 12:5-16b/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/ Lk 14:15-24

#### Wednesday:

Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9/ Lk 14:25-33

#### Thursday:

Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/ 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

#### Friday:

Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/ Lk 16:1-8

#### Saturday:

Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11/Lk 16:9-15

#### **Next Sunday:**

Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (2b)/ 1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13



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

Last Easter season a new convert to Catholicism at my parish asked me with a grave tone in her voice: "Why do we call priests 'father' if Jesus says, **'Call no man on earth your father, for you have one Father, who is in heaven'?**" Thinking myself clever, I asked, "Do you think it's okay to call someone your 'teacher' or 'mister' or 'dad'?" She said, "Yes, I do." I responded, "Well, Jesus seems to forbid that, too. So, it's obviously hyperbole that he's using." She thought for a moment and declared, "Then I will stop using those words, too!" And she walked away. Not the outcome I was seeking.

We shouldn't be too hasty in dismissing this complaint voiced by many non-Catholics. The expression "father" for ordained priests is not honorary for the individual man. The priest's fatherhood doesn't begin or end in him at all. Rather, the title "father" indicates that he is a sacramental sign of God's Fatherhood revealed in Jesus. I can tell you, as a very unworthy bearer of that title, we should give and receive that title with some trepidation (because of God's awesomeness) and with a little sense of humor (because of the lowliness of the men with the title).

The longer I'm a priest, the more I'm comfortable with people not using the title "father" and just calling me "John." After all, only God is Father in the truest sense. At the same time, Jesus has brought the Father close to us, very close. We honor this closeness in some men with the title "father." Who are the priests in your life whom Christ has sent to you? How wonderful that Christ has surrounded us with humble signs of his Father's love. It's good to celebrate that love with gratitude for the priests in our lives. — Father John Muir

# (PRACTICING)

#### A Heavy Burden, Hard to Carry

"Mommy, you haven't been making any sacrifices."

My daughter was peering through the little opening in the plastic cover of the "sacrifice jar" we made for Lent this year. The repurposed oatmeal container, jazzed up with glitter glue and pictures of St. Therese of Lisieux, was more than half-filled with little slips of paper bearing descriptions of the various sacrifices family members had made for one another.

But she was right: every piece of paper bore the childlike scrawl of herself and her brother. I had not added anything to the sacrifice jar.

"If I wrote down every sacrifice I made for you in just a single day, the jar would explode," I retorted, and even though my daughter giggled, I instantly regretted the comment, sighing as I realized I did it again. I let a snide, self-pitying thought form on my lips and make its way into the world because for a brief moment I thought someone didn't appreciate my (imagine me sniffing injuredly here) hard work.

We sneer at the scribes and the Pharisees as Jesus describes them in the Gospel, lengthening their phylacteries and coveting the places of honor. But then I remember: nobody starts out *meaning* to be a jerk.

We want to do good things. We try to be holy. But it's hard, that burden weighs heavy on our back.

So, we murmur about it here and there. We stop to catch our breath. We glimpse other people looking at our burden with approval and admiration, and we breathe a little harder, groan a little deeper. And somewhere along the way the burden becomes an idol and our labor a performance. We dare not ask for help bearing it, for we prize too greatly the sweat of our own brow.

"The greatest among you must be your servant." — Matthew 23:11 Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

## Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

#### **Question:**

Why do some sacraments leave a character or mark on the soul? Don't all sacraments affect the soul?

#### **Answer:**

All sacraments mediate grace and connect us to Christ and to the Church. Some sustain us in our faith journey, while others help us heal from the effects of sin. Each one offers a share in God's life, giving us what we need to be faithful followers of Jesus. But some sacraments change us in ways that are irreversible. The three sacraments that leave a character are Baptism. Confirmation, and Holy Orders. We are literally different people because of the effect of the grace of those sacraments. We are changed at the core of our being in such a fundamental way that we can not go back to what we once were.

In Baptism, we are freed from original sin, initiated into the Body of Christ as adopted sons and daughters. In Confirmation, we are given the fullness of God's Spirit, sealed in his grace and gifted with what we need to live a Christian life. In Holy Orders, a priest is marked as an 'alter Christus,' another Christ, and is once and forever a priest who offers sacrifice, forgives sin, and acts in the person of Christ. In these three sacraments, we are conformed more closely to Christ, reflecting his love and truth.

# Liturgical Life

Jesus spoke to the crowds and to his disciples, saying, "The scribes and the Pharisees have taken their seat on the chair of Moses. Therefore, do and observe all things whatsoever they tell you, but do not follow their example. For they preach but they do not practice." - Mt 23:1-3

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# **Questions of the Week**

#### Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

#### **First Reading**

The prophet Malachi informs the priests of Israel that God is aware that their instruction has caused many to stumble in their faith. Have you ever had to help someone who has lost their faith?

#### **Second Reading**

Paul expresses his gratitude to the Thessalonians for their openness to hear and believe the word of God taught by them. Who in your life might be open to hearing the word of God from you?

## **Gospel Reading**

Jesus challenged the crowds and his disciples to be as servants to each other, acting always in humility. How might you be a servant to someone at work or at home?

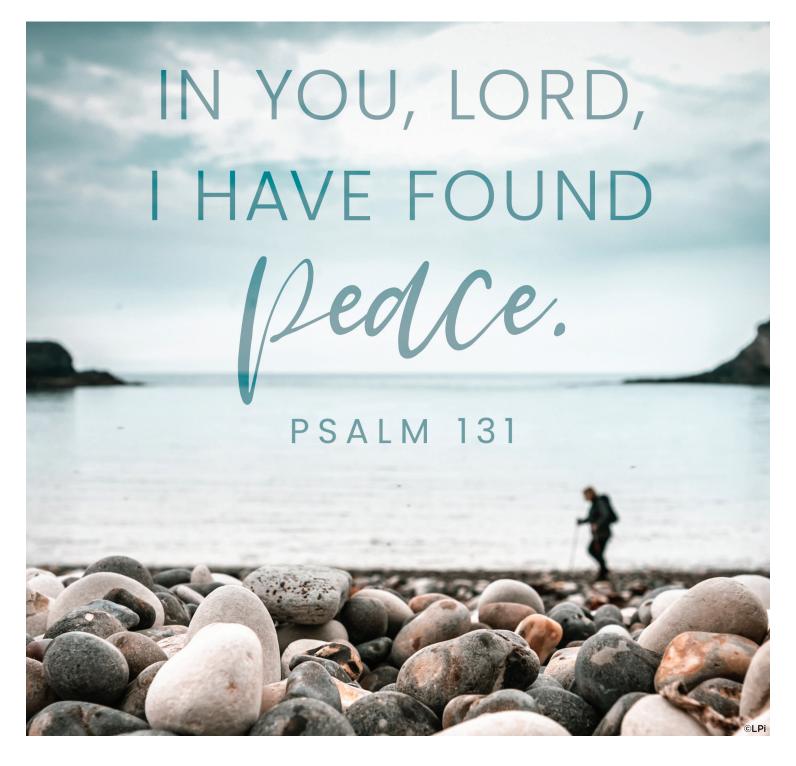


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# Liturgical Life



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# Kids Corner

## Prayer

God, help me to follow you with a humble heart.

# **Mission for the Week**

Look up the words "humble" and "proud" in the dictionary. When you remember that everything you have is a gift from God, it is easier to be humble.

# **Sharing the Gospel**

Some people think that they know everything that there is to be known about God. They think they are better and smarter than other people, too. Watch out if you think you are acting that way! Tell God you're sorry. Ask God to help you change your attitude, and serve others.

Now color the picture!

#### Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

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