

Christi simus, non nostri

We belong to Christ, not ourselves

ST COLUMBAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

A Parish of the
Archdiocese of Seattle



November 19, 2023

Solemnity of St. Columban, Abbot

St. Columban Church

506 First St. S | Yelm, WA 98597

Sunday Mass: 10:30 AM

Saturday 5:00 PM

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

Eucharistic Adoration First Fridays 6:30 PM

Confessions Saturday 3:30-4:30 PM

Anointing of the Sick By request

Baptism & Wedding Preparation

Contact the Parish Office

St. Peter Mission

149 Keithahn St S | Tenino, WA 98589

Sunday Mass 8:00 AM

First Friday Mass 9:00 AM

Confessions Sunday 7:30-7:45 AM

Anointing of the Sick By request

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Providing emergency assistance for those in need.

Help Line: 360-458-1904

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

Sacramental Emergencies: 208-572-5251 *The church may be open for prayer during office hours upon request.*

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youtube.com/@stcolumbanyelm

ONLINE GIVING

pushpay.com/g/saintcolumbanyelm



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Solemnity of St. Columban, Abbot

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The just will flourish like the palm tree, and grow like a Lebanon cedar, planted in the house of the Lord, in the courts of the house of our God.

COLLECT

O God, who in Saint Columban wonderfully joined the work of evangelization to zeal for the mastic life, grant, we pray, that through his intercession and example we may strive to seek you above all things and to bring increase to your faithful people. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

FIRST READING

Is 52:7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings glad tidings, Announcing peace, bearing good news, announcing salvation, saying to Zion, "Your God is King!" Hark! Your sentinels raise a cry, together they shout for joy, For they see directly, before their eyes, the LORD restoring Zion.

Break out together in song, O ruins of Jerusalem! For the LORD has comforted his people, he redeems Jerusalem.

The LORD has bared his holy arm in the sight of all the nations; All the ends of the earth will behold the salvation of our God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10
Proclaim God's marvelous deeds to all the nations

SECOND READING

1 Thes 5:1-6

Concerning times and seasons, brothers and sisters, you have no need for anything to be written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief at night. When people are saying, "Peace and security," then sudden disaster comes upon them, like labor pains upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to overtake you like a thief. For all of you are children of the light and children of the day. We are not of the night or of darkness. Therefore, let us not sleep as the rest do, but let us stay alert and sober.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 8:12

I am the light of the world, says the Lord. Whoever follows me will have the light of life.

GOSPEL

Lk 9:57-62

As Jesus and his disciples were proceeding on their journey someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." Jesus answered him, "Foxes have dens and birds of the sky have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to rest his head." And to another he said, "Follow me." But he replied, "Lord, let me go first and bury my father." But he answered him, "Let the dead bury their dead. But you, go and

proclaim the kingdom of God." And another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but first let me say farewell to my family at home." To him Jesus said, "No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God."

OFFERTORY

Litany of St. Columban

Lord, have mercy *Lord, have mercy.*
Christ have mercy. *Christ, have mercy.*
Lord, have mercy. *Lord, have mercy.*

Cantor: St. Columban **All:** *Pray for us*

Pilgrim and wanderer for Christ
Monk and Missionary...

Disciple of Christ...

True to the word of God...

Dove of Peace...

Friend of nature...

Lover of animals...

Protector of the environment...

Healer of the sick...

Courageous and fearless...

Caring and brotherly...

Forgiving and rich in mercy...

Contemplative and close to God...

Man of justice and integrity...

Man of freedom and liberty...



Cantor: *Oh Lord hear our prayer*

All: *and grant us your salvation*

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

"Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am there also will my servant be"

RECESSIONAL HYMN Hymn to St. Columban *Liam Lawton*
Arr. by Mark Cahill

Refrain: High is the Heaven, Deep is the Sea

Wide is your wisdom that calls us to be

Formed in your spirit that we might reveal

Love is your dwelling, Love is your dwelling

O Eternal Mystery!

1: And what of the world that it may reflect
The presence of God, this beauty on Earth.
Wise be the soul who longs to respect
The creation of God, from its birth to its death.

2: And what of the heart that longs to be true
In care for another in love for the poor
Embracing the wounds that long to be healed
In a harvest of love, in Earth's lonely fields.

3: And what of our joy that our hearts should know
The harvest of saints gathered and grown
The gift to our day from cells hewn in stone
St. Columban of God, your name we make known

A Word from Father Thompson

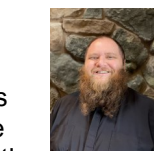
Everything we do as members of families, employees, employers, neighbors, and citizens we do as disciples of Jesus Christ. This includes our civic and political lives. As Pope St. John XIII said, the Church is the Mother and Teacher of the World; the Church is unashamed to constantly hold before people and nations the indispensable truths that we as Christians claim to believe: the Moral and Natural Law made by God that no human power has authority to defy (Indeed, such an attempt would be an act of tyrannical violence, not law, and no one would in conscience be bound to obey). However, in merely human affairs and provided it does not transgress some higher law, the Church respects the autonomy of the secular society to do as it pleases. E.g. There are no eternal principles whereby red octagons mean "stop," or how precisely public services and resources are to be funded or provided.

The Church does officially comment on public proposals or policies based on whether they are in harmony or in conflict with the Gospel on the level of fundamental principles. Members and officials of the church might also add their perspectives as to the prudence and effectiveness of some concrete policy idea, but in terms of there being one right side that a Catholic could in good conscience support, that is only going to come into play in matters of fundamental principles. While the Church is unashamed to proclaim "that" principles, she always tries to leave open to honest debate among people of good will the question of "how" a good thing is to be accomplished or which good has priority in a given moment. For example, all good people agree "that" poverty needs to be dealt with, but the "how" response might differ between good people: to volunteer with St Vincent de Paul? To vote for or propose public policy (and which proposals, even there good people can disagree)? To donate to CCS or another charity?

On the other hand, a proposal that violates some solid principle, even if well-meant, the Church would not welcome among differing perspectives of good will: for example in addressing the needs of the poor, Marxism to any degree or in any form (note—any staunch libertarians—this does *not* exclude public programs, just ones that are Marxist in means or ends) is not morally acceptable, as it is a fundamental moral principle that good ends cannot justify evil means and Marxism is inherently a mockery of Gospel values.

This Catholic attitude of public life extends to global issues as much as local ones: It is not the only issue, but it is illustrative, that there is a crisis regarding what to do about people who have been displaced from or persecuted in their home countries. "That" the people of the world, morally speaking, *must* provide corporal and spiritual works of mercy to the least ones is a given, but "how" we accomplish this *morally mandatory* goal can be debated by good people who mean well. Can these people's homelands be made safe in a morally acceptable way? If it can't, how to we deal with refugees? How many refugees can a given nation handle? Where to settle them? What reasons are valid ones for claiming asylum vs using ordinary migration processes? How to screen out criminals and terrorists? Where and in what way can nations require a refugee to make the request? What should be done about the forces that displaced these people? To what degree should refugees be expected to assimilate? Under what conditions should a refugee be asked to return home? Should refugees ever be required to repatriate?

I know it is just one, rather contentious, issue, but I hope it illustrates that Good Catholics, good Christians, people of good will can differ on these any many other questions, but it is never an option to ignore the moral foundation of secular matters, nor confuse the principles "that"—where the answer is objective, with the questions "how"—over which we may disagree with one another in good faith and Christian charity, knowing we are all desiring the best for our world and one another.



In Christ,

F. Thompson

*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,
Stan Villadelgado,
Robert Fisher

FOR THE DECEASED

Eitan Hadayo and all the souls
in purgatory, especially those
who have no one to pray for
them

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.

PRAYER ATTRIBUTED TO ST. COLUMBAN

Lord, may everything we do
this day begin with your
blessing and continue with
your help. May everything we
say this day begin with your
love and continue with your
grace. May everything we plan
this day begin with your
inspiration and continue with
your peace. So that throughout
our lives all that we begin in
you may be happily
ended, all that we seek through
you may be lovingly attended.

*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.

Announcements

Weekly Calendar & Mass Intentions

All events are at St. Columban unless otherwise noted.

MONDAY November 20

Rosary Prayer Group 7:00PM Church

TUESDAY November 21 Presentation of the BVM

Daily Mass 9:00AM Int: Nora Kimball RIP Church

Winter Clothes Closet 6:00-8:00PM Hall

Spanish Prayer Group 6:30PM Small Hall

WEDNESDAY November 22 St. Cecilia, V & M

Daily Mass 9:00AM Int: Dave Kimball RIP Church

Bible Study 10:00AM St. Peter

Winter Clothes Closet 2:00-4:00PM Hall

THURSDAY November 23 Thanksgiving Day

St. Clement I, Pope; St. Columban, Abbot; Bl. Miguel Pro, Priest

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Thanksgiving Day Mass 9:00AM Church

FRIDAY November 24

St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

NO DAILY MASS / PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

SATURDAY November 25 St. Catherine of Alexandria

Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids 9AM-1PM Hall

Confession 3:30PM Church

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

SUNDAY November 26 Solemnity of Christ the King

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



Announcements

Thank you to all who participated in this year's Write to a Seminarian program, we collected 60 postcards pledging our support and prayers for all our seminarians. Learn more at archseattle.org/discernment/

The Daughters of Mary are hosting their annual collection of gift cards for those in need this Christmas. Choose a star from the Giving Tree and return it to the church by Dec. 12th. Please be sure to attach the star to the gift card or write the amount on the gift card and place them in the white donation box in front of the tree. Our local conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will distribute the gift cards to those families who have applied for assistance on Dec. 17th, forms are available in the narthex.

Thanksgiving Day Mass will be 9:00AM on Thursday, 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!



KofC Coats for Kids Distribution is this Saturday, November 25, 9:00am-1:00pm in the parish hall. Through the community's generous support of our summer car show, the Knights of Columbus at St. Columban Catholic Church was able to purchase winter coats for free distribution to the community. Children must be present to receive coats. For more information on the distribution or sizes of jackets available please contact Darren Johnson at 253-709-4588 or email darrenejohnson61@gmail.com

Winter Clothes Closet - The parish's Winter Clothes Closet is open Tuesdays & Thursdays 6-8pm and Wednesdays 2-4pm. 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.

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)



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



Outside Events & Notices

The Oblate Bazaar to benefit the Oblate charities of St. Martin's Abbey will be happening on Friday, Nov. 17 from 12-4PM and Saturday, Nov. 18 from 9AM-4PM in the St. Martin's University Student Center (TUB), behind Marcus Pavilion. They will be selling quality home-made items, religious items, crafts, baked goods, and books. For more information contact Brother Edmund Ebbes 360-438-4457
br_edmund@stmartin.edu.

Pope John Paul II High School will be administering a **High School Placement Test (HSPT)** on Dec. 2 from 9AM to 12:15 PM. The HSPT is a standardized test administered to 8th graders that helps schools know where to place students academically when they enter high school. Register at
popejp2hs.org/high-school-placement-test-hspt/

St. Michael Parish in Olympia will be hosting two free events by The Vigil Project: *True Presence Night*, an evening of live music and dynamic speaking during Eucharistic Adoration on Friday, Dec. 1 at 7PM, and a Musicians' Workshop on Saturday, Dec. 2 at 9:00 AM. RSVP required for the Musicians' Workshop; contact agoldstein@thevigilproject.com to sign up.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Retreats: 'Learn how to live out your marital responsibilities on 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. 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.

Reminders

Please be aware of email scams! Official emails will only originate from our staff emails with our domain saintcolumbanyelm.org 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.

Pictures on the All Souls Memorial table must be retrieved by Saturday, Nov. 25.

New Parishioners

Are you registered? Registration ensures that we know you are here, makes us aware of your needs and gifts, but most of all it helps us to welcome you to the parish! Stop by and introduce yourselves! The Parish Office is open Monday through Thursday, 9:30am to 2:00pm or call us for an appointment on Fridays. You may also register online at saintcolumbanyelm.org/

Financial Stewardship Report

Week of November 5, 2023

Ordinary Income	St Columban	St Peter
Weekly Goal	\$5,800.00	\$1,000.00
Collection	\$2,427.00	\$547.00
(Cash & Envelopes)		
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	\$41.75	\$17.05
(Candles, Beeswax tapers, Salt)		
Flowers	\$15.00	\$0.00
Building Fund	\$556.06	\$0.00
Mass Intentions	\$0.00	\$20.00
Human Development	\$0.00	\$0.00

Faith Formation

Elementary Religious Education

With Thanksgiving this week, I figured I would just share some fun family traditions. You can find a link to a page with activities from teachingcatholickids.com on our Facebook page or in the emailed version of the bulletin.

- Attend Mass before the meal
- Read the day's Scripture readings at your meal
- Pray a big blessing over your food
- A thankful table runner
- Read a presidential Thanksgiving proclamation
- Thankful for You Place Mats
- Keep a family gratitude journal to read at Thanksgiving
- Make a gratitude mural
- Try a litany of Thanksgiving
- Invite the poor to your meal
- Tell about the role of Catholics in the first Thanksgiving
- Let kids lead



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 November 21st, and we will continue the discussion on the Communion of Saints. Fr. Daniel will be our instructor. He will once again continue understand how we look at Saints as models of Christian living and patrons in particular areas of life.

Another Formed video you can watch in Formed is Why Does the Church Canonize People | Angels & Saints | Episode 2. Link will be provided in the emailed version of the bulletin.



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 fulfills the Sunday obligation to attend Mass.

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.



Youth Ministry

Join us for our Wednesday Youth Nights Wed. Nov 29, Dec 6 & Dec 13 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 Dec. 16, 10am-3pm. **Parents** please register your Grade 6-12 youth at the link on our page <https://saintcolumbanyelm.org/ym/>. We will email RSVP notices to ensure we will have attendance of our Youth Ministry events.

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.

Mrs. Makinster

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

All Year 2 First Communion families. **SAVE THE DATE.**

December 10th we will have a **mandatory parent meeting** during class time. More info to come in the next couple of weeks.

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.



Mr. Lucero

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

Our Youth Ministry Values

1. Our primary identity is as beloved sons and beloved daughters of God, no matter what. You are here because God wanted you here. Wiling 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 life. 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

The missionary mandate. "Having been divinely sent to the nations that she might be 'the universal sacrament of salvation,' the Church, in obedience to the command of her founder and because it is demanded by her own essential universality, strives to preach the Gospel to all men": "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and Lo, I am with you always, until the close of the age." (CCC 849)

33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Father Flood © LPI

6 Things to Know about St. Columban

1 THE SIXTH CENTURY



St. Columban was born around when St. Benedict had died. Europe was still reeling after the collapse of the Western Roman Empire. Germanic peoples had invaded and reverted the populace back to pagan practices. Monasteries established by Christian missionaries like St. Columban, became centers of knowledge, religious thought, and charity.

2 SON OF IRELAND



Unlike Patrick, Columban was actually born in Ireland. By the time of his formation, the works of Saints Patrick and Benedict were well known. The monastic movement on the island had gained traction and attracted Columban to pursue holiness and missionary work. St. Columban's missionary zeal and Irish monastic example was so prolific that the Irish Chapel beneath St. Peter's Basilica in Rome is named for him.

3 HIS NAME MEANS DOVE



Columbanus is the Latinized form of the Gaelic Columbán, meaning little white dove. You'll often see St. Columban depicted with a dove, symbolizing the Holy Spirit. The Hebrew form of his name is Jonas, which is also the name of the monk who composed his well-known biography. He is not to be confused with St. Columba/Columkille who preceded him and was an Irish missionary to Scotland.

4 GOD-GIVEN GOOD LOOKS



Jonas says his "fine figure, his splendid color, and his noble manliness made him beloved by all." This caused a problem: "He aroused ... the lust of lascivious maidens, especially of those whose fine figure and superficial beauty are wont to enkindle mad desires in the minds of wretched men." An abbeess advised Columban to flee temptation for the sins of the flesh and not to rouse it in others.

5 NO ANIMAL CAN DISTRACT HIM FROM PRAYER



Many legends abound of his ability to tame animals, especially if they disturb him while attempting to pray outdoors in solitude. The Sign of the Cross and a plea to the Lord helped to repel wolves who came up to attack him. In another instance, with little effort, he convinced a bear to exit a cave so he can quietly pray alone.

6 PATRON OF MOTORCYCLISTS



It was said that St. Columban's extensive missionary travels made him "love the open road," thus his patronage for Motorcyclists, who leave home to travel long distances seeking adventure.

From an instruction by St. Columban, abbot

*Man's likeness to God, if preserved,
imparts high dignity*

Moses wrote in the law: God made man in his image and likeness. Consider, I ask you, the dignity of these words. God is all-powerful. We cannot see or understand him, describe or assess him. Yet he fashioned man from clay and endowed him with the nobility of his own image. What has man in common with God? Or earth with spirit? For God is a spirit. It is a glorious privilege that God should grant men his eternal image and the likeness of his character. Man's likeness to God, if he preserves it, imparts high dignity.

If man applies the virtues planted in his soul to the right purpose, he will be like God. God's commands have taught us to give him back the virtues he sowed in us in our first innocence. The first command is to love our Lord with our whole heart because he loved us first from the beginning, before our existence. Loving God renews his image in us. Anyone who loves God keeps his commandments, for he said: If you love me, keep my commandments. His command is that we love each other. In his own words: This is my command, that you love each other as I also have loved you.

True love is shown not merely in word, but in deed and in truth. So we must turn back our image undefiled and holy to our God and Father, for his is holy; in the words of Scripture: Be holy, for I am holy. We must restore his image with love, for he is love; in John's words: God is love. We must restore it with loyalty and truth, for he is loyal and truthful. The image we depict must not be that of one who is unlike God; for one who is harsh and irascible and proud would display the image of a despot.

Let us not imprint on ourselves the image of a despot, but let Christ paint his image in us with his words: My peace I give you, my peace I leave with you. But the knowledge that peace is good is of no benefit to us if we do not practice it. The most valuable objects are usually the most fragile; costly things require the most careful handling. Particularly fragile is that which is lost by wanton talk and destroyed with the slightest injury of a brother. Men like nothing better than discussing and minding the business of others, passing superfluous comments at random and criticizing people behind their backs. So those who cannot say: The Lord has given me a discerning tongue, that I may with a word support him who is weary should keep silent, or if they do say anything it should promote peace.



**Knights of
Columbus®**

Coats for Kids distribution Saturday, November 25

Coats are free, but parents must bring kids to try-on sizes. Jackets will be distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis. (Sizes and styles may vary)



Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids

Distribution of free winter coats for kids in our community

**Location: St. Columban Catholic Church,
Parish Hall**

506 First St. S, Yelm, WA 98597

Saturday, November 25, 9:00am-1:00pm

Children must be present to receive coats.

Through the community's generous support of our summer car show, the Knights of Columbus at St. Columban Catholic Church was able to purchase winter coats for free distribution to the community.

For more information on the distribution or sizes of jackets available please contact Darren Johnson at 253-709-4588 or email darrenejohnson61@gmail.com

Masses & Events for Advent through New Year's 2023

December 3rd

1st Sunday of Advent

Readings for Year B Begin
Rite of Acceptance for RCIA

December 8th

Immaculate Conception

Holy Day of Obligation
9:00AM - Mass at St. Peter Mission
7:00PM – Mass at St. Columban

December 10th

2nd Sunday of Advent

7:00PM Community Christmas Concert
Held at the Latter Day Saints Church (10423 Clark St, Yelm)
Featuring our own St. Columban Choir!

December 17th

3rd Sunday of Advent

Gaudete Sunday

December 24th (Morning)

4th Sunday of Advent

NO 8:00AM Mass at St. Peter Mission
10:30AM Mass at St. Columban

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Sunday December 24th (Evening)

Christmas Eve

Christmas Eve Mass 5:00PM

St. Peter Mission

Christmas Eve Mass 7:30PM

St. Columban

Caroling will begin at 7:00PM

Monday December 25th

Christmas Day

Midnight Mass

St. Columban

This Mass will be said by candlelight with chanted Latin Mass parts.

Caroling will begin at 11:45PM

Christmas Day Mass 9:00AM

St. Columban

Caroling will begin at 8:30AM

Monday January 1st (New Year's Day)

Mary, Mother of God

Mass at 9:00AM

St. Columban



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2023

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“Well done, my good and faithful servant.” – Mt 25:21

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

She brings him good, and not evil,
all the days of her life.
She obtains wool and flax
and works with loving hands. (Prv 31:12-13)

Psalm:

Blessed are those who fear the Lord. (Ps 128)

Second Reading:

But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness,
for that day to overtake you like a thief.
For all of you are children of the light
and children of the day. (1 Thes 5:4-5)

Gospel:

“Since you were faithful in small matters,
I will give you great responsibilities.
Come, share your master’s joy.” (Mt 25:21)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

God entrusts special gifts to each of us, but they are not gifts to be hoarded and hidden. Let's work each and every day to multiply those gifts in the world.

Observances for the week of November 19, 2023

- Sunday:** 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Tuesday:** The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Wednesday:** St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr
- Thursday:** St. Clement I, Pope and Martyr;
St. Columban, Abbot; Bl. Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest and Martyr; Thanksgiving Day
- Friday:** St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest,
and Companions, Martyrs
- Saturday:** St. Catherine of Alexandria,
Virgin and Martyr
- Next Sunday:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



Saint of the week

Blessed Carlos Manuel or, Blessed Charlie, was a Puerto Rican layman who dedicated his life to serving the Church. He worked and studied diligently to spread his love of the Catholic faith, especially the liturgy and sacred music to all those he touched.

Prayer

Oh God, Father of Goodness, who inspired Blessed Carlos Manuel with an ardent devotion to the Paschal Mystery and moved by the generosity of Your grace, led him to the joyful celebration of the mysteries celebrated in the Liturgy; You also filled your servant with apostolic zeal and love for those in need.

Grant us, through his intercession, that, celebrating with faith the holy mysteries of the Death and Resurrection of Your Son, we may live in life what we celebrate in the Liturgy. Grant us, too, the special grace that we now ask of you (ask for the grace that is desired).

Through Jesus Christ your Son and our Lord. Amen.

(Prayer Source: <https://www.pmariaamm.org/vida-4-beato-carlos-manuel.html#:~:text=Oh%20Dios%2C%20Padre%20de%20Bondad,y%20amor%20a%20los%20necesitados>. Translation by LPi.)

Readings for the week of November 19, 2023

Sunday:

Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 (see 1a)/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

Monday:

1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158/Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday:

2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday:

2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15/Lk 19:11-28

Thursday:

1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Lk 19:41-44

Friday:

1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Lk 19:45-48

Saturday:

1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19/Lk 20:27-40

Next Sunday:

Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 (1)/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46



Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When I was a kid, I hated playing Monopoly because my siblings and friends always seemed to win. But worse was how it happened. Scared to risk my fake money on buying properties, I'd hold on to it. My opponents hungrily bought up the various real estate squares on the board. Then, inevitably, my poor, low-equity self would land on their spots, pay them rent, and my money would drain to zero. It seemed so unfair. The rich get richer, and the poor get poorer. I had to learn that monopoly money is meant to be spent. I was scared to lose some of it. So, I lost all of it.

How do we see what we possess? Jesus' parable about the talents is not really about economics but about the investability of everything he entrusts to us. How marvelous that everyone in the fable who places talents in the open market doubles their investment. The only one who doesn't is the man who fearfully buries his one talent. Jesus' success strategy for us seems to be, whatever we have, get it out of our *possession*. Risk it as quickly and as fully as we can.

You and I have precious gifts. We have valuable things to invest — time, talents, treasure. The Lord invites us to be brave and even somewhat reckless, to give as much away as possible. If we give it away in the direction of love and truth, it will grow. If we hold on to it in fear, the little we have will be taken away. Let me challenge you this week: find something in your life you're holding on to, and risk it by giving it away. It won't double if you hold on to it.

— *Father John Muir*



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(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

What Remains

When my grandfather died, my parents, siblings, and I were left with the question: what's to become of the house?

Anyone who has inherited property knows that it's not simply a matter of assuming ownership of a plot of land upon which sits four walls and a roof. Those four walls and a roof usually contain memories and objects — an enormous volume of both, in the case of my grandfather. When they're left to you, you have to sift through them, the memories and the objects, and with each one you have to think: *Is it worth it? Do I keep it? Will I need it?*

And slowly, painfully, you disassemble the physical existence of the person who lived here. You accept, with a pang, that most of it must be given away or discarded. You cry when you bag up the clothes to take to Goodwill. You can't even bear to look when they break the piano into a hundred pieces and throw it in a dumpster, realizing that no one wants or has a use for something that was once so precious.

But when you come upon a rosary that was used so many times it has begun to fall apart, you don't even think twice before keeping it, and not because you need the rosary. You need what it means. You need what it reminds you of.

When all is said and done, each of us will be called before our master to settle accounts, just as my grandfather was.

"Where are the gifts I gave you? What remains of the fortune to which I entrusted you?" he will ask us. "What have you done with the peace? What have you done with the love? What have you done with the mercy?"

"You yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief at night."

1 Thessalonians 5:2

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

If it isn't only for people who are dying, when should someone receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick?

Answer:

One of the unfortunate realities in the Church today is that so few people understand the meaning and value of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, largely because so many people still mistakenly think of this sacrament as "Last Rites" or "Extreme Unction."

In his life and ministry, Jesus healed the sick. In this sacrament, the Church continues the healing mission of Jesus and, in hope, prays that God will grant healing to the person who is suffering. But even if there is no physical healing, the sacrament offers spiritual healing through the Holy Spirit's gifts of peace and courage. And so, anyone who is living with serious illness (including emotional or psychological illness) and the elderly are encouraged to celebrate this sacrament when it is needed.

The ritual for Anointing of the Sick does also include special prayers and blessings for those who are facing death, including viaticum (communion given to the dying, trusting that the Lord Jesus will be their companion along the way, as they make their final journey).

“Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master’s joy.’ “

- Mt 25:20b-21

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

Proverbs describes the ideal wife who runs her household with wisdom and grace. How would you describe your household growing up?

Second Reading

Paul reminds the Thessalonians to stay alert and sober for the day when the Lord Jesus will return. Why do you think the date of this event is hidden from us?

Gospel Reading

Jesus teaches about the importance of using our God-given gifts faithfully and prudently in the parable of the talents. What gifts have you used well in your life?



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“After a long time the master of those servants came back and settled accounts with them. The one who had received five talents came forward bringing the additional five. He said, ‘Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more.’”
- Mt 25:19-20

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Prayer

God, help me to use my time, my money and my special talents for you.

Mission for the Week

God has given your family money. Use some of it to buy food for a needy family.

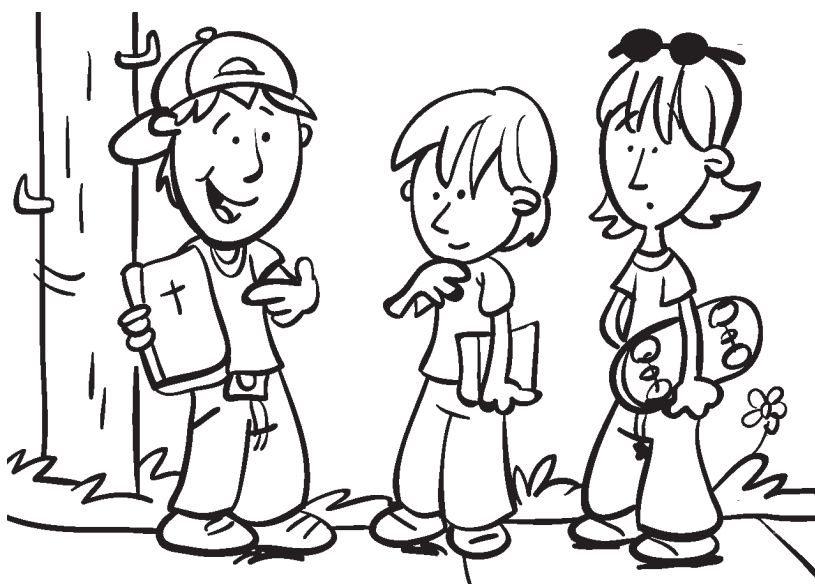
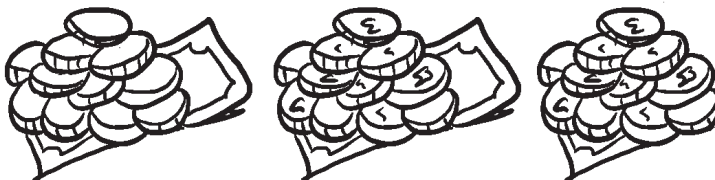
Sharing the Gospel

You can choose to waste your time, your money and your special talents. You can be selfish with them, too. Or, you can use those gifts from God to spread good news about Jesus. When you choose to use your gifts for God, and he will fill your heart with joy.

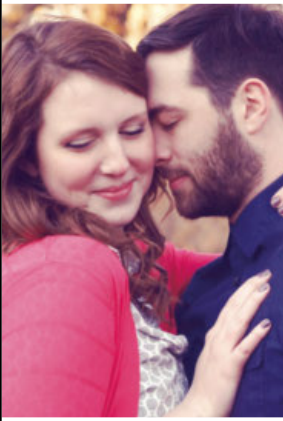
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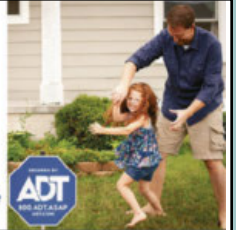
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