

Christi simus, non nostri

We belong to Christ, not ourselves

ST COLUMBAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

A Parish of the
Archdiocese of Seattle



December 3, 2023

First Sunday of Advent

St. Columban Church

506 First St. S | Yelm,

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.*

Today, the First Sunday of Advent, marks the beginning of a new Liturgical Year and the start of Year B in the Sunday Lectionary cycle.

Entrance Antiphon: *To you I lift up my soul, O my God. In you I have trusted, let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.*

1st Reading: Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b, 64: 2-7

Responsorial Psalm: *Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.*

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Gospel Acclamation: *Show us Lord your love, and grant us your salvation.*

Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

Communion Antiphon: *The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.*

On the cover *Virgen María al amanecer,*
Rafael Díaz catholic.com

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Welcome to St. Columban

Weekly Calendar & Mass Intentions

All events are at St. Columban unless otherwise noted.

MONDAY December 4 St. John Damascene, Priest & Dr
Rosary Prayer Group 7:00PM Church

TUESDAY December 5

Daily Mass 9:00AM + In Mem: John Kimball RIP Church
Winter Clothes Closet 6:00PM-8:00PM Small Hall
Spanish Prayer Group 6:30PM Church

WEDNESDAY December 6

St. Nicholas, Bishop
Mass 9:00AM + In Mem: George Kimball RIP Church
Bible Study 10:00AM St. Peter
Winter Clothes Closet 2:00PM-4:00PM Small Hall

THURSDAY December 7

St. Ambrose, Bishop & Dr
Daily Mass 9:00AM + In Mem: Carmela Abruzzese RIP Church
Winter Clothes Closet 6:00PM-8:00PM Small Hall
Choir Practice 6:00PM Church
Christmas Choir Practice 6:30PM Church
Bible Study 6:30PM Small Hall

FRIDAY December 8

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (Holy Day of Obligation)

Mass at St. Peter Mission 9:00AM
Mass at St. Columban 7:00PM

SATURDAY December 9

St. Juan Diego
Daughters of Mary Christmas Party 11:00AM Parish Hall
Confession 3:30PM Church
Anticipatory Sunday Mass 5:00PM Int.: Pro Populo Church

SUNDAY December 10

Second Sunday of Advent

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

11:45AM Altar Server Practice Church

11:45 AM Daughters of Mary Fellowship Parish Hall

7:00PM Community Christmas Concert 10423 Clark Rd SE

About the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

"The most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Savior of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin."



John Carroll, the first bishop in the United States, had a great devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary and in 1792 placed the diocese of Baltimore, then encompassing all thirteen states, under her protection. The U.S. bishops subsequently in 1846 unanimously named Mary, under her title of the Immaculate Conception as the patroness of the nation, feeling the need for a protectress for the new republic. This declaration was approved by Bl. Pius IX in 1847 and the Dogma of the Immaculate Conception was promulgated in 1854. Since this is our "National Feast Day", it is a Holy Day of Obligation, wherein we thank God for his blessings and ask Mary, under her title the Immaculate Conception for her prayers in protecting our nation.

Masses for the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

Sunday, December 24* Christmas Eve 5 p.m. St. Peter; 7:30 p.m. St. Columban (Caroling begins 7 p.m.)

Monday, December 25 Christmas Day
 12:00 a.m. Midnight St. Columban (Caroling begins 11:45 p.m.); 9:00 a.m. St. Columban (Caroling begins 8:30 a.m.)

*No 8 a.m. Mass at St. Peter for the 4th Sunday of Advent

Announcements

Altar Server Practice

Practices for altar servers for the Christmas Masses will be held every Sunday up to December 17th after the 10:30AM Mass.

Free Community Concert Dec 10th

Join us for a free Community Christmas Concert on Sunday December 10th at 7PM held at the Latter Day Saints Church 10423 Clark Rd SE Yelm. Come enjoy some great Christmas music performed by church choirs from throughout the Yelm area including our own St. Columban Choir. Please come show your support!

Winter Clothes Closet is open Tuesdays & Thursdays from 6:00-8:00PM and Wednesdays from 2:00PM-4:00PM. Donations of Coats, Knit Caps, Gloves, Warm socks, Scarves, Raincoats, and Rain boots are always welcome. Please remember that all donations should be of the highest quality, something you would wear. Donation boxes will be located in the narthex.

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A Word from Father Thompson



A lot of the time when people disagree about the way in which a community worships it so often devolves into matters of personal taste. I am perhaps guilty of this as well at times, though I am conscious of it and try very hard to keep an objective attitude towards matters of worship. The reason that it is important to keep such objectivity if possible is because the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is not my private prayer or your private prayer, or even our given community's prayer. Indeed, it is not a matter of how many people are sharing the prayer but rather an issue of the prayer being not one of a private nature at all. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is a priestly prayer. I do not mean that it is my special possession as an ordained priest either and you are merely spectators or secondary participants. What I mean by priestly prayer is a prayer that is offered on behalf of the World in an official way by the Church; The priestly nature of this prayer actually refers to our baptismal priesthood, Even though it does require the presence and Ministry of an ordained priest to be carried out. This is what Liturgy means: work—in this case the work of God—done for the sake of the public—in this case the people of our parish and the world. Consequently, we are called to do this work in accord with the Sacred Tradition contained in the Deposit of Faith, and to conform our tastes and expectations to it, rather than it to ourselves.

There are plenty of prayers and devotions that are of a private nature that might still be prayed together in a community. The Rosary is one example of this; No matter how many people are reciting it together, it still by nature remains a private prayer of the participants each and altogether as a body. People will sometimes ask with regard to the rosary what additional prayers or practices are OK (Usually this is brought to me as a stealthy way of complaining about this or that rosary leader). The fact of the matter is though that other than I suppose the general outline of what a rosary is with the certain mysteries numbers of Hail Mary's and our fathers and such, there isn't really an authoritative way to say the Rosary, merely the force of custom and common agreement.

The Mass on the other hand, even if I am literally saying it alone in the rectory, the entire Church is mystically brought into and participating in that sacrifice. I may not be explaining myself well, but it is an important distinction because it reminds us of a proper sense of responsibility to carrying out our worship in reference to its nature and purpose apart from our preferences. Unlike private devotions, there is a proper spirit the liturgy, and thus some ways are superior to other ways, not for reason of preference but for reason of adherence to the Truth.

I would encourage us in this new liturgical year to foster a greater liturgical spirit that recognizes that the sacred mysteries of the Mass and other Sacraments have a nature to which we are called to conform ourselves for the sake of the World we are serving through them, and try to root out the attitude that sometimes approaches priestly prayer as if it were our private prayer.

Happy Advent,

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.

St. Andrew Christmas Novena Prayer prayed from Nov. 30 until Christmas Eve

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Song of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ, and of His Blessed Mother. 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,
Stan Villadelgado,
Robert Fisher, Tina Wilson,
Grace Dvorak.

FOR THE DECEASED

Eitan Hadayo and 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 DECEMBER

For persons with disabilities, we pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation. *Our Father..., Hail Mary..., Glory Be...*

A PRAYER FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

God of light and life, give us hope as we wait for your coming again. When we are tempted to be grateful to have found you while others are lost, send us out into the darkness in search of those who need you most. Amen.

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.
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Knights of Columbus

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Liturgical Ministries

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Prayer Groups

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

Society of St. Vincent de Paul
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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

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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



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All Souls Memorial: If you have not yet picked up the photo(s) of your loved ones that were part of the All Souls Memorial, you can pick them up at the parish office during office hours.

Parish Ministries Announcements

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

The **Daughters of Mary Christmas Party** will be Saturday December 9th at 11AM in the Parish Hall. All women and daughters of the parish are invited to join us for great food, fellowship, and a white elephant gift exchange. Bring your favorite dish to share. Please RSVP for this event through Parishstaq or by contacting the parish office.

Knights of Columbus Next Assembly Meeting is Monday, Dec. 19th, 6PM, Next Council Meeting Wednesday, Dec 20th, 5:30PM

Outside Events & Notices

Sacred Heart Lacey will host Simbang Gabi Masses. This is a Filipino tradition of attending nine consecutive Masses right before Christmas Day. The Schedule is Friday Dec. 15, 6PM; Sat. Dec. 16, 5PM; Dec. 17-22, 6PM nightly; and Sat. Dec. 23 5PM at Sacred Heart Church in Lacey.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Retreats: "Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning." Don't wait – take time now for your marriage by participating on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on: Feb 9-11, 2024 at LaQuinta in Tacoma, Mar 8-10, 2024, Immaculate Heart Retreat Center, Spokane, Apr 26-28, 2024 in Everett. 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.

Financial Stewardship Report

Week of 11.19.23

Ordinary Income	St Columban	St Peter
Weekly Goal	\$5,800.00	\$1,000.00
Collection (Cash & Envelopes)	\$3,520.00	\$372.00
Online Giving	\$980.00	\$40.00
Net	(\$1,300.00)	(\$588.00)
Parish Solidarity	\$0.00	\$0.00
St Vincent DePaul	\$50.00	\$0.00
Sacramentals (Candles, Beeswax tapers, Salt)	\$54.00	\$0.00
Flowers	\$40.00	\$0.00
Building Fund	\$15.00	\$0.00
Mass Intentions	\$0.00	\$0.00

Give Online using Pushpay

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St. Peter



Faith Formation

Elementary Religious Education

There are so many special days to celebrate in December that as a mom, it definitely keeps me busy.

Here are 8 practical ways to get ready for Advent provided by teaching Catholic kids. Link will be available in the Ebulletin.

- Get or make an Advent wreath.
- Bless your Advent wreath.
- Set up a Nativity scene.
- Bless your Nativity scene.
- Make a Jesse tree.
- Keep an Advent Calendar. (I put scripture in mine and they have to come tell me what that scripture means to them before they get their treat.)
- Celebrate the Feasts that are held in Advent.



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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.



Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)/Adult Faith Formation

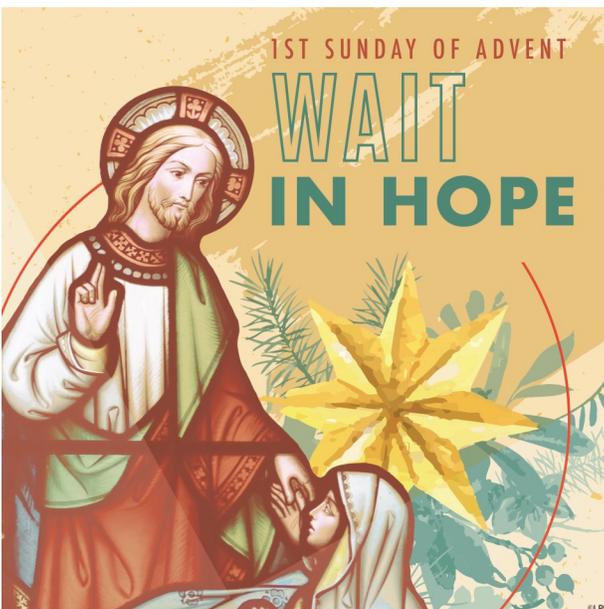
Classes meet Tuesdays 6:30-8pm in the Religious Education building. These classes are open to all adult learners and to those seeking the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation.

Next Class is December 5th and we will be discussing Jesus and Discipleship. Mr. Travis Beyer will be our instructor. He will guide and help deepen our understanding of the symbolic nature of the 12 Apostles, the way God calls individuals by name but always as a member of a people or community and the initial formation of the Church: The Disciples of Christ.



This Sunday we celebrate the Rite of Acceptance. This Rite is of the utmost importance. Assembling publicly for the first time, the candidates who have completed the period of the precatechumenate declare their intention to the Church and the Church in turn, carrying out its apostolic mission, accepts them as persons who intend to become it's members. God showers his grace on the candidates, since the celebration manifests their desire publicly and marks their reception and first consecration by the Church.

Confirmation & Youth Ministry



Confirmation Both first year and returning second year confirmation candidates meet at 9-10:15am in the new Youth Space on Sundays. No Class Dec. 17, 24, or 31. Parents, please ensure you or our candidate is signs in for attending Mass.

Youth Ministry Wed. Dec 6, we are Christmas Caroling at West Haven Villa. Wed., Dec. 13, we will be discussing Advent. On Service Saturday Dec. 16 we will be assisting with the Winter Clothes Closet and beautifying the property. **Parents of middle school and high school students! Opt-in for Youth Ministry emails at this link: saintcolumbanyelm.org/ym and you will be sent an email to RSVP for upcoming events.**

All Year 2 First Holy Communion families.

December 10th All children preparing for their FHC will be having their First Reconciliation during class time.

Mr. Lucero

Youth Ministry & Confirmation



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. 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.

From the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*

The coming of God's Son to earth is an event of such immensity that God willed to prepare for it over centuries. He makes everything converge on Christ: all the rituals and sacrifices, figures and symbols of the "First Covenant". He announces him through the mouths of the prophets who succeeded one another in Israel. Moreover, he awakens in the hearts of the pagans a dim expectation of this coming. (CCC 522)



This Advent, use this guide to help you and your family prepare for the Lord's birth at Christmas.

For Sunday Advent reflections by our bishops, inspirational videos and more Advent resources, go to archseattle.org/advent.



Advent Family Traditions

Advent, the liturgical season before Christmas, is a great opportunity for families to enjoy joyful, faith-based traditions that keep the focus of the season on the anticipation of Jesus. This isn't easy when retailers start Christmas the day after Halloween. Even if you didn't grow up with many Advent traditions, are there one or two traditions on this list that you can try this year?

Advent Wreath

The Advent wreath is rich with the symbolism of the season: four candles for the four weeks of Advent and the flames representing the light of Christ to come. The lighting of each candle is an opportunity for the family to gather in prayer and read the daily scripture or reflection from an Advent book. Try turning off the lights and sing a song like, "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" or "Light the Advent Candle" as the candles are lit.

Advent Calendar

The point of an Advent calendar is to inspire hopeful anticipation of the coming of Jesus and to emphasize the spirit of waiting over the spirit of receiving. Although the chocolate and Lego calendars are fun, try a faith inspired Advent calendar this year, which are easy to purchase online. Many have daily scripture quotes from Advent to keep you in the Advent frame of mind.

This week on FORMED

Our parish has a FORMED subscription. Visit formed.org/signup and enter our parish name to redeem your FREE membership. Once logged-in, access these suggestions at watch.formed.org/this-week-on-formed

What Is the Immaculate Conception? Join Drs Tim Gray and John Sehorn as they examine Mary under her title of the Immaculate Conception. This dogma of the Catholic faith, promulgated in 1854 by Pope Pius IX, speaks of Mary's conception and what it means to the Church.

St. Nicholas Day | Catholic All Year at Home w/ Kendra Tierney Kendra shares her favorite recipes and traditions for celebrating the feast of St. Nicholas (a.k.a. Santa!). Learn how to make mulled wine and cider, speculaas cookies, and deep-fried Dutch meatballs

Shalom/Peace | Advent: Word Studies | The Bible Project "Peace" is a very common word in English, that means different things to different people. It's also a very important word in the Bible that refers not only to the absence of conflict but also to the presence of something else.

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First Sunday of Advent

Christmas Anticipation Prayer

Also known as the St. Andrew Christmas Novena (not a typical 9-day novena), this beautiful, short daily prayer is traditionally prayed 15 times a day during Advent, starting on the Feast of St. Andrew on November 30. But for most busy families, praying it together once a day is a win. The words of the prayer are a reminder of the humble and historical event of the incarnation. Try saying the prayer after lighting the Advent wreath or as part of your prayers before dinner.

Straw for Baby Jesus

This tradition is when you put out a "manger" (a small cardboard box will do) and a bowl of "straw" in a common area (such as the kitchen table), and the idea is to create a full bed of straw for baby Jesus by Christmas Eve by adding a piece of straw when a good deed or small sacrifice is done for Jesus. Everyone can participate, even parents! On Christmas Eve, you lay baby Jesus (or a doll to symbolize) on the (hopefully) full bed of straw and sing "Away in a Manger" or "Silent Night."

Blessings for the Advent Wreath, Nativity set and Christmas Tree

You can find blessings for the Advent Wreath, Nativity set and Christmas Tree in many Catholic prayer books or online (such as archseattle.org/advent). Taking a moment to pause and pray a blessing is a great way to reflect on the meaning of these traditions. These blessings invite us to enjoy them with intention and gratitude.

Jesse Tree

This tradition traces salvation history from the Old Testament through the birth of Christ. Much like the Advent calendar but more involved with longer daily readings and song, it's a daily activity rich with symbolism and a great way for all ages to participate.

Decorating in stages

Instead of putting up all the Christmas decorations the morning after Thanksgiving, consider putting them up in stages to emphasize the season of waiting for the light of Christ. This will help put more focus on your Advent traditions. One idea is to wait to light and decorate the Christmas tree until Guadete (Rejoice) Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent. Remember, the Christmas season starts on Christmas and lasts all the way through January 9.

"O" Antiphons

The "O" Antiphons are beautiful, short chants used at vespers (evening prayers) for the last seven days of Advent from December 18-24, each starting with "O" and each highlighting a title for the Messiah (O Wisdom, O Lord,...), which increases the anticipation of Christ's coming. You can add these to your evening prayers around the Advent wreath or in front of the Nativity set.

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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Reflect and Respond to the Sunday Readings

First Reading: *Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, with the mountains quaking before you.* (Is 63:19)

In prayer, the prophet Isaiah grieves over our sins that separates us from God. What sorrow or distress have you experienced over the past week?

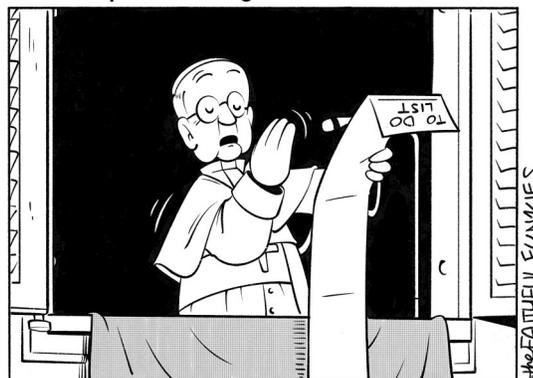
Second Reading: *The testimony to Christ was confirmed among you, so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ.* (1 Cor 1:6-7)

Saint Paul offers up a prayer of thanksgiving to God for the many gifts the believers have received because of their faith in Jesus. As we begin the season of Advent, for what are you thankful?

Gospel: *"Watch, therefore; you do not know when the lord of the house is coming."* (Mk 13:35)

Each Advent, the Gospel reading begins with Jesus instructing his disciples to watch carefully for the end times. How often do you think about the Second Coming of Jesus and judgment day?

"What do you get when you cross a Papal blessing with a to-do list?"

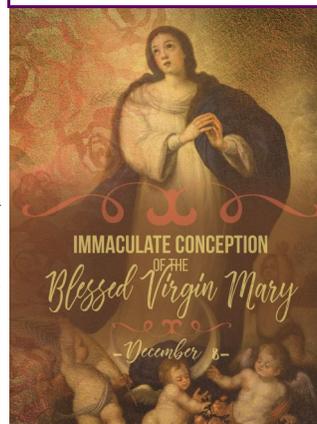


"A Holy Day of Obligation!"



On Holy Days of Obligation, Catholics are expected to celebrate something special that God has done by going to Mass and then feasting!

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December 8
Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation)
9:00am
St. Peter Tenino
7:00pm
St. Columban