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We belong to Christ, not ourselves

ST COLUMBAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

A Parish of the
Archdiocese of Seattle

March 17, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Lent

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.

3rd Scrutiny for RCIA: Readings are from Year A

Entrance Antiphon: Give me justice O Lord, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you O God are my strength.

First Reading: Ezekiel 37: 12-14

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 130 "With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption"

Second Reading: Romans 8: 8-11

Gospel Acclamation: Often have they fought against me from my youth.

Gospel: John 11: 1-45

Communion Antiphon: Everyone who lives and believes in me will not die forever, says the Lord.

On the Cover: LPi

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Welcome to St. Columban

Weekly Calendar & Mass Intentions

All events are at St. Columban unless otherwise noted.

MONDAY March 18 St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bp & Doc.
Rosary Prayer Group 7 p.m. Church

TUESDAY March 19 St. Joseph, Spouse of the BVM
Mass 9:00 a.m. Int: Timothy Soulliere Church
Spanish Prayer Group 6:30 p.m. Hall

WEDNESDAY March 20
Mass 9:00 a.m. Church
Bible Study 10:00 a.m. St. Peter

THURSDAY March 21
PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
Mass 9:00 a.m. Church
Choir Practice 6 p.m. Church
Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Small Hall

FRIDAY March 22 ☿
Mass 9:00 a.m. Church
Homeschool Enrichment 9:45 a.m. RE Bldg
Stations of the Cross & Soup Supper 6:00 p.m. St. Peter
Stations of the Cross & Confession 6:00 p.m. Church
Soup Supper 6:30 p.m. Parish Hall
Hosted by the Spanish Prayer Group

SATURDAY March 23 St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bp.
Confession 3:30PM Church
Anticipatory Sunday Mass 5:00PM Int.: Pro Populo Church

SUNDAY March 24 **PALM SUNDAY**
Confession 7:30-7:45AM St. Peter
Sunday Mass 8:00 AM Int.: Pro Populo St. Peter
Religious Ed 9:15 a.m.-10:15 a.m. RE Bldg
Confirmation 9:15 a.m.—10:15 a.m. Sm. Hall/Youth Space
Sunday Mass 10:30 AM Int.: Pro Populo Church
Mass begins in the Parish Hall with the Blessing of Palms
Knights of Columbus Breakfast 11:45 a.m. Parish Hall

Holy Week & Easter Vigil Practice

12:30 p.m.–2:30 p.m. in the Church

For all who will be serving during Holy Week and for our RCIA candidates.

We proclaim the Roman Catholic faith to the communities of McKenna, Nisqually, Rainier, Roy, Tenino, and Yelm in southeast Thurston and southwest Pierce counties.

Our community has grown since its origins at the former St. Margaret Mary Church in McKenna, and our current church in Yelm is named for the Irish-born 6th century missionary to Europe St. Columbanus of Bobbio. We have also been present in Tenino since 1891 through St. Peter Mission, named for the apostle and first pope.

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/

Announcements

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

Fasting and Abstinence During Lent

The current law of the Church obliges those age 14 and over to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent. Those age 18 through 59 are also obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting is defined as one full meal and two other meals which, when combined are less than a full meal.

The Veiling of Statues

The practice of veiling statues and crucifixes follows from the Gospel in which the Scribes and Pharisees are ready to put the Lord to death, so He hides Himself from them. His hour has not yet come, but as that hour draws near, we hide Him from our view by veiling his crucifixes and the images of saints in the church. You may also observe this at home.

Announcements continue on page 4.

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A Word from Father Thompson



A few years ago, a friend of mine (a faithful Catholic) posted something to Facebook. It was a quote from a politician in Europe calling for swift and disproportionate retribution for the latest atrocity committed by the so-called Islamic State (ISIS). The quote advocated that the world begin to target the families of terrorists with tactics of terror in kind, such as kidnapping and maiming and public murder. I rebuked my friend, telling him that while it is understandable that he feel anger and a desire for justice after someone commits such an evil act, supporting such a response was EVIL and un-Christian, even sinful. He apologized and removed the post.

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

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

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

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

In Christ

Father 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*

Robert Fisher, Marcella Thornton, Chad Peterson, Bob Bacon, John O. Callahan, Gary Henslee, Theresa Gonzales, Betty Tretheway, & Alicia Espino.

FOR THE DECEASED

Drew Loyer, Lawrence Slater, Margaret Sampson 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 Timothy Soulliere (currently on mission in Israel) and those experiencing natural disasters and terrorism.

PRAYER INTENTIONS OF THE POPE FOR MARCH:

For the new martyrs - We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

Our Father..., Hail Mary..., Glory Be...

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

Act of Contrition

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins because of thy just punishments, but most of all because they offend Thee, my God, who art all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve with the help of Thy grace to sin no more and to avoid the near occasion of sin. Amen.

*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

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

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Retreats: As we celebrate Palm Sunday, let us be open to the love from our spouse and God by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on: April 12-14, 2024 at LaQuinta in Tacoma, WA, Apr 26-28, 2024 in Everett, WA. For more information about Worldwide Marriage Encounter, please visit www.wwme.org. For questions, or to find out more about a Virtual Encounter Experience, feel free to contact: Jeff and Sandy Corneil 360-930-2321. Follow WWME on Instagram and Facebook!

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

	March 3, 2024	
Ordinary Income	St Columban	St Peter
Weekly Goal	\$5,800.00	\$1,000.00
Collection (Cash & Envelopes)	\$4,510.01	\$1,046.00
Online Giving	\$1,663.00	\$0.00
Net	\$373.01	\$46.00
Special Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00
St Vincent DePaul	\$347.82	\$0.00
Sacramentals (Candles, Beeswax tapers, Salt)	\$32.25	\$0.00
Flowers	\$0.00	\$0.00
Building Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mass Intentions	\$20.00	\$0.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$30.00	\$20.00

Altar Society

A team of talented parishioners beautifully maintain and clean the Church every Thursday after Daily Mass.

Daughters of Mary

daughtersofmary@saintcolumbanyelm.org

All women of the Parish are invited. Next monthly meeting is **Tuesday, Mar. 26 at 6 p.m.** in the Parish Hall. Bring your favorite snack to share!

2024 Spring Bazaar & Outdoor Sale is happening Saturday May 4th in the Parish Hall. Donations of books, DVD's, stationary, baked items, plants starts and gardening supplies are needed. Contact the parish office for drop off information.

Liturgical Ministries

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Altar Servers, Choir, Greeters/Ushers, Readers

Knights of Columbus kofc@saintcolumbanyelm.org
Council 17152 and Assembly 3742 meets monthly third Wednesdays of every month. Next meeting **Mar. 20, 5:30 p.m.**

Open to all Catholic gentlemen committed to the exemplification of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism and to the defense of the priesthood.

Next Sunday Breakfast Mar. 24th following the 10:30 Mass. Knights please come help starting at 8 a.m. All Parishioners are welcome to eat; donations accepted.

2024 Spring Bazaar & Outdoor Sale is happening Saturday May 4th in the Parish Hall. Donations of gently used items such as yard furniture, tools, gardening and camping supplies are now being accepted. Contact the parish office to schedule a drop off or contact John Scotto for pick-up (206) 805-9279

Society of St. Vincent de Paul 360-458-1904

Our chapter is composed of parishioners who provide assistance and prayerful healing to those in need in our community. Members meet monthly and monitor the helpline daily.

St. Peter Circle 360-264-4856

Second Tuesdays every other month, beginning in January at St. Peter Tenino. Next meeting is Tuesday May 14th.

Prayer Groups

Rosary group Mondays 7 PM in the Church,
Spanish Group Tuesdays 6:30 PM in the Parish Hall

Faith Formation

Elementary Religious Education

Links to related articles & blogs will be posted in the emailed bulletin and on our social media channels.



Faith Formation: Grade K-12

March 24 NO Class (Palm Sunday)

March 31 NO Class (Easter)

Easter egg hunt after 10:30 am Mass.

Meet at the large hall.

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

Reconciliation will be encouraged for all children in Faith Formation K-5.

Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)/Adult Faith Formation

RCIA classes have come to an end. Please stay tuned for the 2024-2025 registration link.

A continuation of last weeks introduction to the precepts of the Catholic Church.

The first precept: You shall attend Mass on Sunday's and Holy days of obligation and rest from servile labor.

CCC 2042 The first precept requires the faithful to sanctify the day commemorating the Resurrection of the Lord as well as the principal liturgical feasts honoring the Mysteries of the Lord, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the saints; in the first place, by participating in the Eucharistic celebration, in which the Christian community is gathered, and by resting from those works and activities which could impede such a sanctification of these days.

Canon 1247 states: On Sundays and other holy days of obligation, the faithful are obliged to participate in the Mass.

Moreover, they are to abstain from those works and affairs which hinder the worship to be rendered to God, the joy proper to the Lord's day, or the suitable relaxation of mind and body.



Youth Ministry & Confirmation (Grades 6-12)

"Why did St. Patrick drive all the snakes out of Ireland?"



"There weren't planes in those days!"



The fossil record indicates that there most likely weren't ever any snakes in Ireland. BUT St. Patrick did tell the Emerald Isle about Jesus, banishing darkness.

Saint of the Week

On March 19th, we celebrate the holiness in the midst of unpredictable fatherhood. We first meet Joseph when he discovers his betrothed is pregnant...and not by him! St. Joseph does not know who the father is (yet), but he knows the punishment for adultery is death. He decides to divorce Mary quietly, and thus save her life. When an angel appears to reveal that Mary is pregnant by the Holy Spirit, St. Joseph trusts his dream and marries her. As a new foster father, Joseph must help his wife give birth in a stable. Later, he needs to escape the threats to his son's life by immigrating with his family to a foreign land. We know that St. Joseph is faithful, brave, and willing to sacrifice for those he loves. On the solemnity of St. Joseph, we don't merely celebrate a carpenter. We celebrate a hero!

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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.

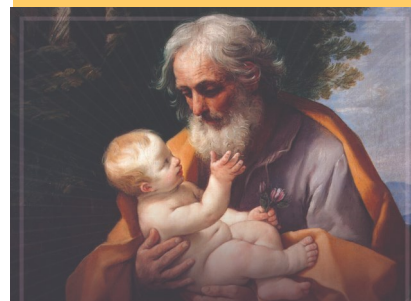


GLORIFY
YOUR
NAME.

JN 12:28



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SAINT JOSEPH
SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

From the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*

607 The desire to embrace his Father's plan of redeeming love inspired Jesus' whole life, for his redemptive passion was the very reason for his Incarnation. And so he asked, "And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, for this purpose I have come to this hour." And again, "Shall I not drink the cup which the Father has given me?" From the cross, just before "It is finished", he said, "I thirst."

Reflect and Respond to the Sunday Mass Readings:



First Reading: *All, from least to greatest, shall know me, says the LORD, for I will forgive their evildoing and remember their sin no more.* (Jer 31:34)

Through the prophet Jeremiah, God promised Israel "a new covenant": the Lord's law will be written in our hearts and known by all who believe. Do you know people who seem to have a heart-felt faith?

Psalm: *Create a clean heart in me, O God.* (Ps 51)

Second Reading: *Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered; and when he was made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.* (Heb 5:8-9)

Hebrews teaches us that Jesus struggled with his own impending suffering and death. During this Lenten season, what has been a struggle for you?

Gospel: *"Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit."* (Jn 12:24)

Jesus taught that through his own suffering and death, he would drive out the "ruler of this world" (Satan) and draw everyone to himself. In what ways are you drawn to Christ?

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Introduction to the Devout Life by St. Francis de Sales

CHAPTER IX. FIRST MEDITATION.

Of Creation.

Preparation.

1. PLACE yourself in the Presence of God. 2. Ask Him to inspire your heart.

Considerations.

1. Consider that but a few years since you were not born into the world, and your soul was as yet non-existent. Where wert thou then, O my soul? the world was already old, and yet of thee there was no sign.
2. God brought you out of this nothingness, in order to make you what you are, not because He had any need of you, but solely out of His Goodness.
3. Consider the being which God has given you; for it is the foremost being of this visible world, adapted to live eternally, and to be perfectly united to God's Divine Majesty.

Affections and Resolutions.

1. Humble yourself utterly before God, saying with the Psalmist, O Lord, I am nothing in respect of Thee—what am I, that Thou shouldst remember me? O my soul, thou wert yet lost in that abyss of nothingness, if God had not called thee forth, and what of thee in such a case?
2. Give God thanks. O Great and Good Creator, what do I not owe Thee, Who didst take me from out that nothingness, by Thy Mercy to make me what I am? How can I ever do enough worthily to praise Thy Holy Name, and render due thanks to Thy Goodness?
3. Confess your own shame. But alas, O my Creator, so far from uniting myself to Thee by a loving service, I have rebelled against Thee through my unruly affections, departing from Thee, and giving myself up to sin, and ignoring Thy Goodness, as though Thou hadst not created me.
4. Prostrate thyself before God. O my soul, know that the Lord He is thy God, it is He that hath made thee, and not thou thyself. O God, I am the work of Thy Hands; henceforth I will not seek to rest in myself, who am nought. Wherein hast thou to glory, who art but dust and ashes? how canst thou, a very nothing, exalt thyself? In order to my own humiliation, I will do such and such a thing,—I will endure such contempt:—I will alter my ways and henceforth follow my Creator, and realize that I am honored by His calling me to the being He has given; I will employ it solely to obey His Will, by means of the teaching He has given me, of which I will inquire more through my spiritual Father.

Conclusion.

1. Thank God. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and praise His Holy Name with all thy being, because His Goodness called me forth from nothingness, and His Mercy created me.
 2. Offer. O my God, I offer Thee with all my heart the being Thou hast given me, I dedicate and consecrate it to Thee.
 3. Pray. O God, strengthen me in these affections and resolutions. Dear Lord, I commend me, and all those I love, to Thy never-failing Mercy. OUR FATHER, etc.
- At the end of your meditation linger a while, and gather, so to say, a little spiritual bouquet from the thoughts you have dwelt upon, the sweet perfume whereof may refresh you through the day.

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

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MISSION OF LOVE

God's Story of Abundant Joy

A Lenten Retreat

Saturday, March 23rd

Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Edmonds

9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Archdiocese of Seattle

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golf tournament

8/6/2024

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SPEAKER

Lastisha Sternod,
MS, LMCH, MHP

Trauma

Trauma and Spirituality:
what every Catholic
Christian ought to know
about the explosive
healing power of the
Holy Trinity.

ANNUAL MENTAL HEALTH LUNCHEON

**April 10, 2024
11 am – 1 pm**

Isaac Orr Conference Room,
910 Marion St., Seattle
or Livestream on Zoom



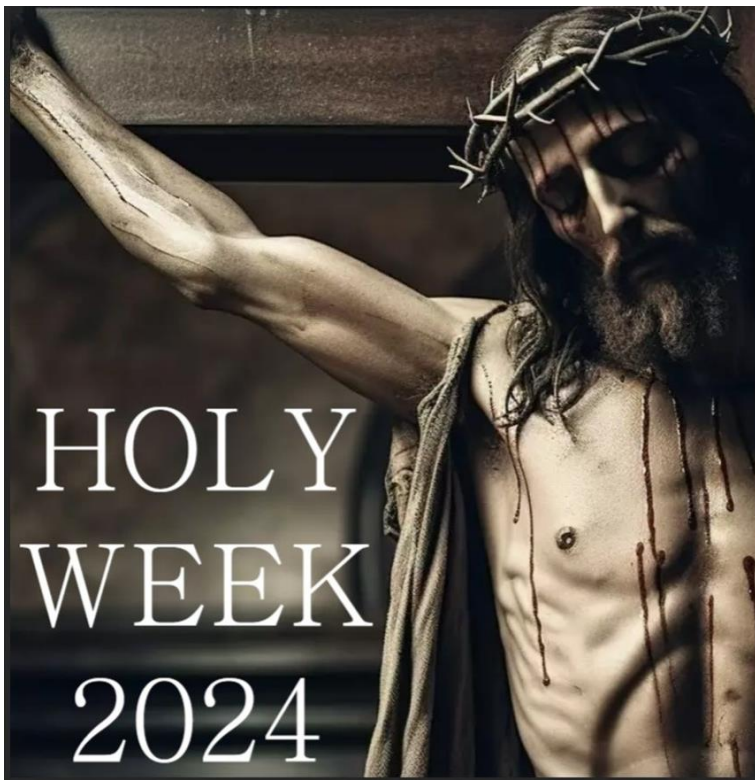
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Seattle Men's Conference
April 20th, 2024

Hosted by St Stephen the Martyr, Renton, WA

www.seattlemensconference.org

Holy Week & Easter Events



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MAR

PALM SUNDAY

5:00 pm (March 23rd) Vigil Mass at St. Columban
8:00 am Mass at St. Peter (Tenino)
10:30 am Mass at St. Columban

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MAR

HOLY THURSDAY

7:00 pm Mass at St. Columban
8:00 pm Hour of Adoration in the Hall

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MAR

GOOD FRIDAY

3:00 pm Stations of the Cross at both locations
7:00 pm Good Friday Service at St. Columban

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MAR

HOLY SATURDAY

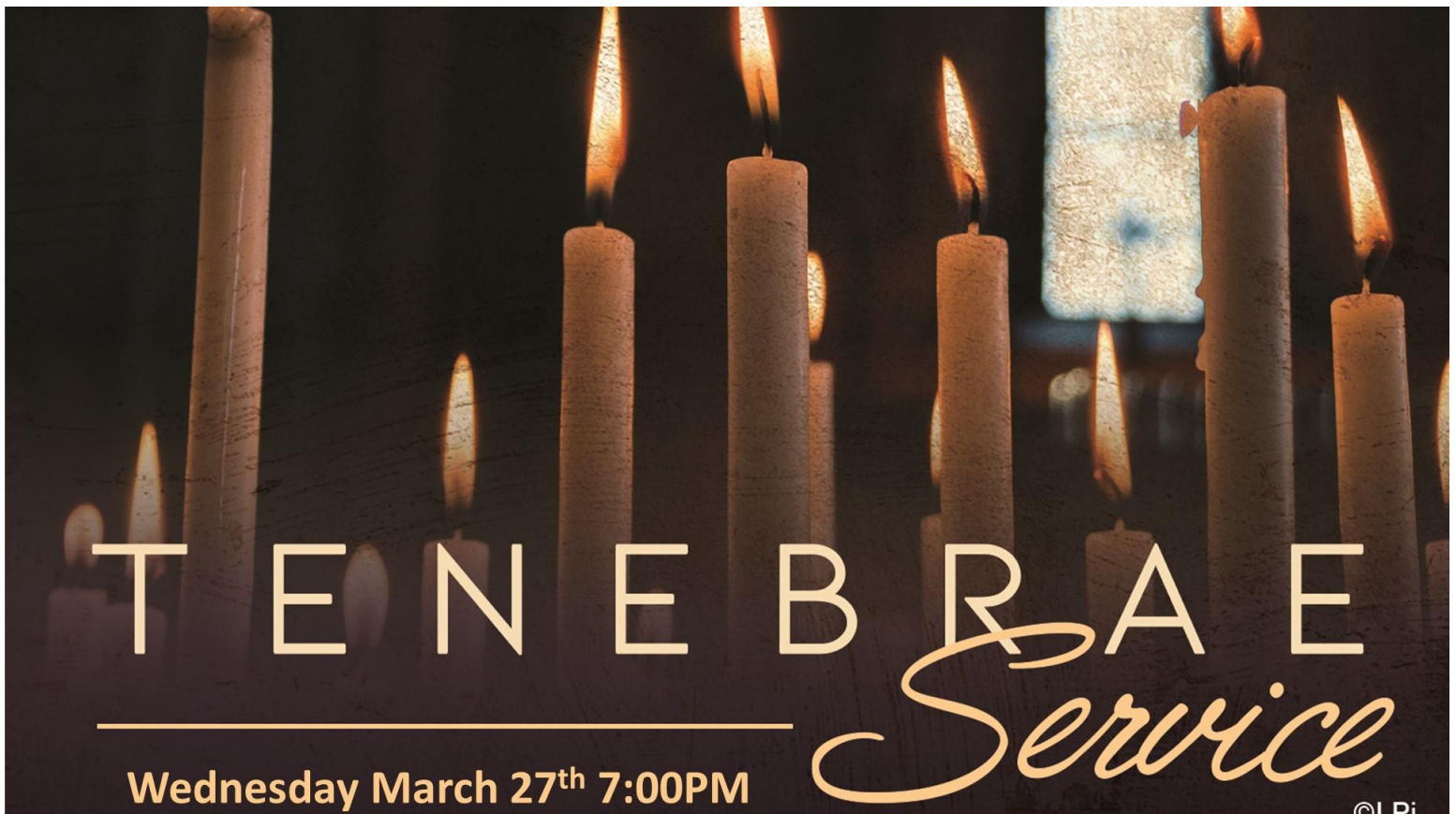
8:00 pm Easter Vigil at St. Columban

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MAR

EASTER SUNDAY

8:00 am Mass at St. Peter (Tenino)
10:30 am Mass at St. Columban
12:00 pm Easter Egg Hunt at St. Columban



Easter Egg Hunt

March 31st after the 10:30 AM Mass

Parents, please meet in the Large Hall for some instructions and dismissal.



Children of all ages are welcome to participate!

Sponsored by



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**

COUNCIL 17152

*St. Columban Catholic Church
506 1st St. S. Yelm, WA 98597*

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

HOSANNA!

— MARK 11:9 —

— SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2024 —

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

I have set my face like flint,
knowing that I shall not be put to shame. (Is 50:7)

Psalm:

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Ps 22)

Second Reading:

He humbled himself,
becoming obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.
Because of this, God greatly exalted him. (Phil 2:8-9)

Gospel:

They brought him to the place of Golgotha
—which is translated Place of the Skull—. (Mk 15:22)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The crowds of Jerusalem beautified the path of Jesus as he came into the city, offering their own cloaks in homage. Let us make way in our hearts for the King as we enter into Holy Week.

Observances for the week of March 24, 2024

- Sunday:** Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, Holy Week begins
- Thursday:** Holy Thursday
- Friday:** Good Friday
- Saturday:** Holy Saturday
- Next Sunday:** Easter Sunday



Saint of the week

St. Toribio Romo González was a Mexican priest and martyr from Jalisco in the early 1900's. He's known for his strong devotion to the Eucharist and catechesis to the poor. During a time of religious persecution in Mexico, government troops shot and killed him.

Prayer for Palm Sunday

Blessed be your name, oh Lord my God! As we enter this week of your Passion and Death, keep me in lockstep with you. Help me to be attentive to every word you would have me hear, every lesson you would have me learn. I want to journey with you. Amen.

Readings for the week of March 24, 2024

Sunday:

Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/
Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/
Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

Monday:

Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday:

Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and
17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday:

Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and
33-34/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday:

Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps
89:21-22, 25 and 27/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:
Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18
(see 1 Cor 10:16)/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday:

Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17,
25 (Lk 23:46)/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/
Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday:

Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps
104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 (30) or Ps
33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 (5b)/Gn 22:1-18
or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11
(1)/Ex 14:15—15:1/ Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18
(1b)/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13
(2a)/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/Bar
3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn
6:68c)/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3,
5; 43:3, 4 (42:2)/Rom 6:3-11/Mk 16:1-7

Next Sunday:

Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
(24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9
or Mk 16:1-7

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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A few months before they married, my twenty-three-year-old sister and her fiancé planned a cross-country road trip to visit his family. My parents told them that they could only go if they slept in separate hotel rooms, offering to foot the bill. It might sound prudish, but my parents wanted the young couple to understand that their approaching unity was close, but not yet. Patience solidifies love.

What could this possibly have to do with Palm Sunday? It's usually overlooked, but the Gospels tell us that, after entering Jerusalem, Jesus **"looked around ... and since it was late, went out to Bethany with the twelve"** (Mk 11:11) for the night. Who cares? Why include this detail? Jews in those days believed that the new Davidic King would one day re-enter and "marry" the city. A new future marked by fidelity would begin for God's people. Israel's God would be in union with His people forever. Without over-sexualizing the metaphor, perhaps Jesus refused to sleep in Jerusalem to remind us of his marital purpose. He was entering Jerusalem as the bridegroom-king. It was almost time, but not yet. Soon he will sleep in Jerusalem in the tomb and then something new will begin: his one body, his Church.

Lenten challenge: This Holy Week, I challenge you to keep this image in your mind all the way until Easter Sunday: Jesus is the faithful bridegroom who patiently prepares his bride for their new life together. Go to the Good Friday liturgy and kiss the cross. When you do, let that gesture be the long-awaited "I do" to our faithful God, who always waits for us.

— Father John Muir

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The Whole Story

The Bible is a strange book.

It's one of the only books that most people never read in its entirety, even those who claim it as one of their favorites. It's also one of the only books that we feel comfortable chopping up and sectioning out. There's nothing wrong with that, really, until people start making wholesale judgments of divine revelation based on one tiny part of it. You can't base your belief system on a few lines from Leviticus and ignore the Gospels, just like you can't embrace the teachings of Jesus and ignore the Old Testament. You need to accept the whole story, in its entirety, or none of it means anything.

But it's hard, because accepting the whole story means patience. It means critical thinking. It requires endurance. It's easier just to throw a line from Leviticus at a problem and be done with it.

Holy Week reminds us that salvation history is a tapestry, not a collection of threads. As beautiful as the individual stitches might be, you won't appreciate the message unless you back up and look at the complete product. If we didn't have the whole story, Holy Thursday and Good Friday would be neither holy nor good. And without Holy Week, Easter morning means nothing — it's just a guy waking up.

How often in life do we find ourselves confused to the point of hopelessness, unable to make sense of it all? Overwhelmed by the pain and suffering that exists in this world, and for seemingly no reason. Some of us become so frustrated we throw up our hands and despair.

We need Easter. We need the whole story. We need to be patient.

"His disciples did not understand this at first, but when Jesus had been glorified they remembered that these things were written about him and that they had done this for him." — John 12:16

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Do Catholics always need to receive communion in wafer form, or can it be different kinds of bread?

Answer:

In the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church, the most common form for the eucharistic bread is the small white communion "wafer" that is a ubiquitous part of the Catholic Mass. The instructions of the Church have been very specific regarding the make-up of the bread used in the Mass: "The bread used in the celebration of the Most Holy Eucharistic Sacrifice must be unleavened, purely of wheat, and recently made ... it follows therefore that bread made from another substance, even if it is grain, or if it is mixed with another substance different from wheat to such an extent that it would not commonly be considered wheat bread, does not constitute valid matter for confecting the Sacrifice and the Eucharistic Sacrament" (see *Redemptionis Sacramentum* by the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, no. 48).

The Church's tradition of using a wheat-based bread is based on the bread that Jesus would have used at the Last Supper and is considered to be an essential part of the "matter" of the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

As we consider the question of whether a "wafer" — which is properly called a "host" — should be used, we also must keep in mind that in the Eastern Rites of the Catholic Church, leavened (i.e. "raised") bread is more often used. And so, while the thin, white "wafer" is most commonly used in the Roman Rite of the Church, the full expression of the Catholic tradition does allow for a more substantial form of bread to be used, but the tradition of using a simple wheat bread with no other additions or additives is considered essential.

Those preceding him as well as those following kept crying out:
“Hosanna!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come!
Hosanna in the highest!”
- Mk 11:9-10

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Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

Despite his suffering, we hear how the prophet Isaiah found strength in his faith and fidelity to God. How does your faith help you through professional or family challenges?

Second Reading

Paul taught that central to Jesus's identity was his humility and obedience to God. How well do you practice these Christian virtues?

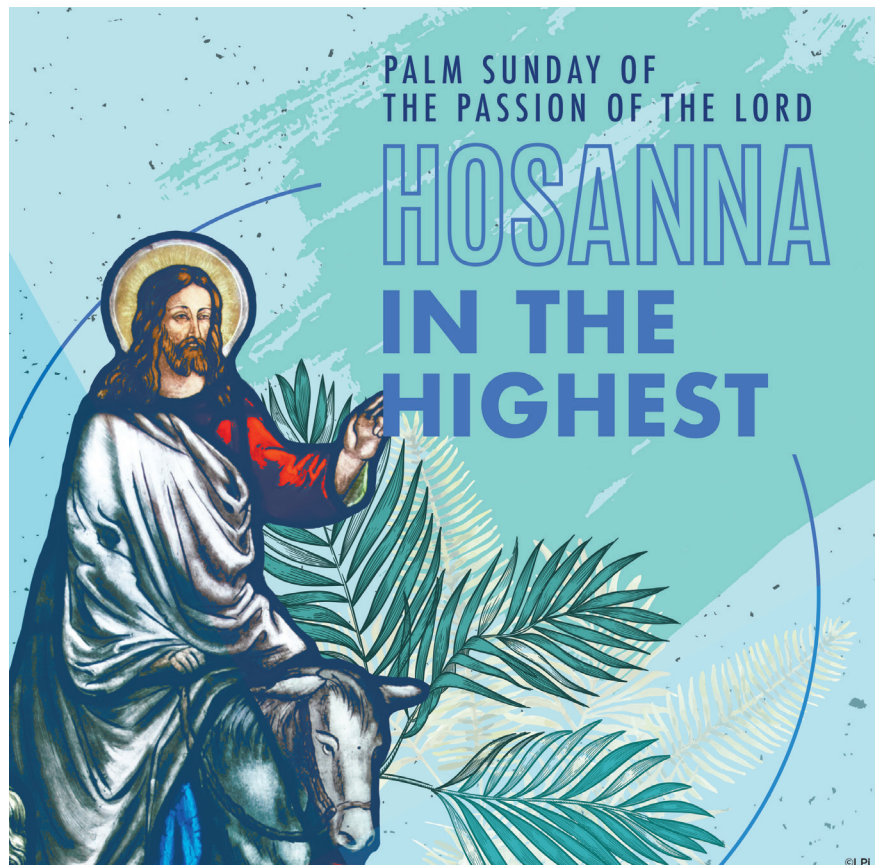
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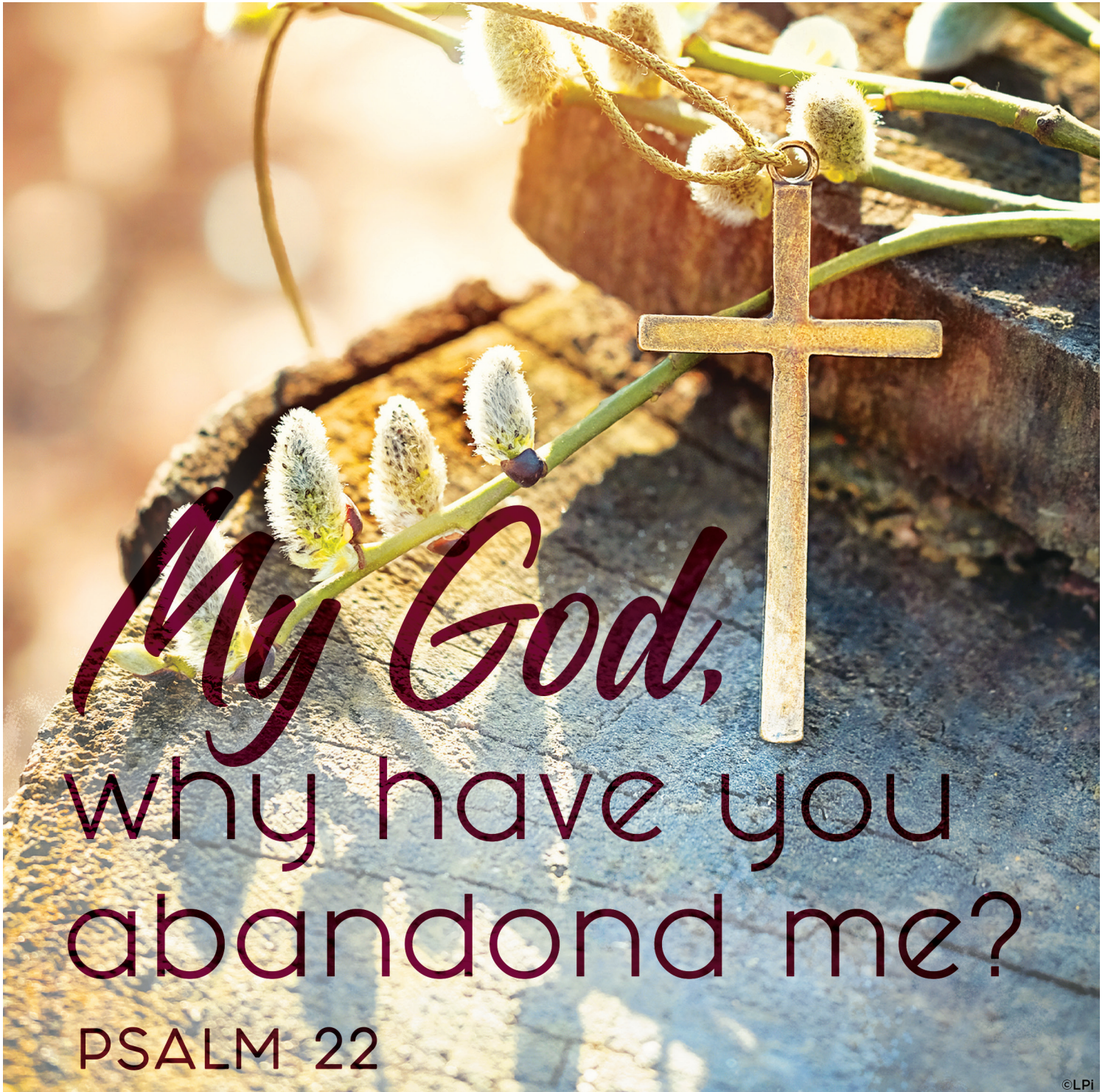
We hear today Mark's account of the Passion of our Lord. How do you prepare yourself to listen to the passion narrative?



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So they brought the colt to Jesus and put their cloaks over it. And he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. - Mk 11:7-8

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Prayer

God, I am so happy you sent Jesus to be my king.

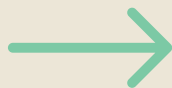
Mission for the Week

Invite your Grandma over to visit. Ask her to read John 12:12-16 to you.

Sharing the Gospel

Your mom tells you, "Grandma should be here any minute." You watch out your window for her little red car to come down your street. After she parks her car, you run out to meet her. You are so happy she came to visit! The people in today's Gospel were waiting for a king to come. This king would ride into Jerusalem, not in a little red car, but on a donkey. When the people saw Jesus riding on the donkey, they knew he was the king that they were waiting for. They ran out to meet him and waved palm branches in the air. They were so happy he came.

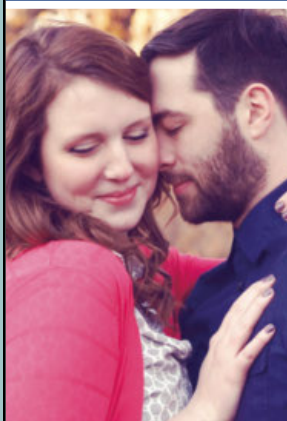
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