

Christi simus, non nostri

We belong to Christ, not ourselves

# ST COLUMBAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



**April 14, 2024**

**Third Sunday of Easter**

## 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*) NO DAILY MASS April 17-19

**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 office

**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.*

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul** Providing emergency assistance for those in need. Help Line: 360-458-1904

## 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

[www.saintcolumbanyelm.org](http://www.saintcolumbanyelm.org)

360-458-3031

[parishoffice@saintcolumbanyelm.org](mailto:parishoffice@saintcolumbanyelm.org)

# Third Sunday of Easter



## Sunday Liturgy

### Entrance Antiphon

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

### Readings

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 (7a)/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

### Communion Antiphon

The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus I the breaking of the bread, alleluia.  
Or The Christ had to suffer and on the third day rise from the dead; in his name repentance and mission of sins must be preached to all the nations, alleluia.

## Reflect on the Sunday Readings

### First Reading

The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead; of this we are witnesses. (Acts 3:15)

Peter challenges the religious leaders of Jerusalem who put Jesus to death to repent of their sins and be converted. Have you ever seen someone have a conversion to the Faith?

### Psalm

Lord, let your face shine on us. (Ps 4)

### Second Reading

He is expiation for our sins, and not for our sins only but for those of the whole world. (1 Jn 2:2)

John tells us that we should turn to Jesus, our Advocate, when we sin and fail to keep his commandments. Can you think of a time when you sought Jesus in a time of need?

### Gospel

“Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day.” (Lk 24:46)

The resurrected Jesus taught the disciples how they were witnesses to the Scriptures being fulfilled in his suffering, death, and resurrection and that forgiveness of sins was to be preached in his name. How might you share your faith this week at home or at work?

## WELCOME TO SAINT COLUMBAN

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.

## Mass Intentions

NO DAILY MASS April 17-19

Sunday Masses are offered *Pro Populo*

Parishioners may schedule a Mass intention on our website or by calling the offices

## Prayer Intentions

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, Gary Henslee, Theresa Gonzales, Betty Tretheway, Alicia Espino, Narcisso Mendez, & Msgr. Jean Pierre.

## FOR THE DECEASED

All the souls in purgatory, especially those who have no one to pray for them.

## FOR OUR EXTRAORDINARY INTENTIONS

All those in harm's way, especially Timothy Soulliere (currently on mission in Israel) and those experiencing natural disasters and terrorism.

## INTENTIONS OF THE POPE FOR APRIL

For the role of women  
We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every

culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

## INTENTIONS OF THE ARCHDIOCESE

For all the ethnic communities of the Archdiocese of Seattle, that as we implement Partners in the Gospel, we may recognize, honor, and celebrate the gifts they bring to our local Church.

Gracious God, we praise and thank you for the Catholic Church in Western Washington. We praise and thank you for the women and men who have shared the joy of the Gospel here for more than 170 years. Send your Holy Spirit upon us that we might encounter your Son anew and become more effective partners in sharing the Good News of his saving love. May our partnership in the Gospel empower us to be your missionary disciples, bringing the Good News to all, especially to those who are marginalized or hurting in any way. Give us the courage, the flexibility and the vision to renew parish life, so that the good work, begun long ago, may continue among us, and one day, be brought to completion in your Kingdom, where you live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.

## Prayer Groups

### Rosary Group

Mondays 7 PM in the Church

### Spanish Group

Tuesdays 6:30 PM in the Parish Hall

## Connect with us

WEBSITE [saintcolumbanyelm.org](http://saintcolumbanyelm.org)  
LIVESTREAM  
[youtube.com/@stcolumbanyelm](https://youtube.com/@stcolumbanyelm)  
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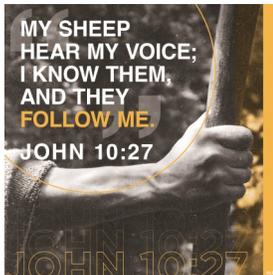
**St. Columban Parish Pastoral Council**  
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**Parish Finance Council** Joseph Judge (St Columban), Mari Evans (St Peter)

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**A Word from Father Thompson**

One of the small but fascinating details about the accounts of Jesus's Resurrection is the state of the burial cloths found in the empty tomb. They are rolled and folded, but not just that, the cloth that covered his face was folded up and placed elsewhere. This may seem like an inconsequential detail, but there is not one syllable in sacred scripture, much less the Gospels, which is superfluous. Other than these small details in the Gospels demonstrating they were drawn from accounts of real people with memories of what they saw and experienced, rather than some mythological account or invented story, I think the orderliness of the empty tomb suggests something profound. God did it for a reason.



The neatly rolled up burial cloths, and the head-wrap folded up and set in a separate place remind me a bit of the account of Creation in Genesis. The ancient pagans believed the world was created in the midst of struggle and conflict between cosmic forces. The nearby Mesopotamians believed the world was made from the broken corpse of a great dragon, slain by the all-seeing god -king Marduk; In contrast, the Jews believed that God spoke the world into being from nothing. Creation comes to be completely in accord with the will of God, without struggle and without resistance and with no more effort than God willing it to be so. Genesis presents God as being in complete control of the situation.

So too the shroud and head-wrap in the empty tomb. Thieves trying to perpetuate a hoax by stealing Christ's body would have just torn off the burial bands and ran off with the body before anyone (the Roman guards in particular) noticed or intervened.

However most profoundly: Had God accomplished the Resurrection in some violent and chaotic event, there would have been more of a mess, true, but such a raw display of divine power might have given the impression that death still had some power that had to be overthrown. No. Instead, Jesus Christ, victor over death, took up his life again without struggle or resistance and raised himself in glory as easily as one wakes from sleep. He even took the time to fold up the covers, if only to demonstrate how in control of the situation he was.

Sometimes, it is some of the simplest and easily-overlooked details that can express the most profound things.

Happy Easter,

**Announcements**

**Spring Bazaar & Outdoor Sale**

Join us Saturday May 4 in the Parish Hall. Donations of gently used items such as yard furniture, tools, gardening and camping supplies are currently being accepted. Contact the parish office to schedule a drop off or contact Mr. John Scotto for pick-up at (206) 805-9279.

**Sacristan Needed**

We are seeking volunteers to train for Sacristan. This position is for active practicing Catholics only and will require availability on most weekends and for holy days of obligation. Please contact Jennifer at the parish office if interested.

**Please be aware of email scams!** Official emails will only originate from our staff emails with our domain [saintcolumbanym.org](mailto:saintcolumbanym.org) or [ccbchurch.com](http://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.

**Next Sunday Breakfast**

All parishioners are welcome Apr. 21 following the 10:30 Mass for breakfast in the Hall. Knights, please come help starting at 8 a.m. There is no cost, but donations are accepted.

**Easter Duty Reminder**

Holy Mother Church attaches a grave obligation for all Catholics of age to make a confession of all mortal sins (since the last worthy confession) and receive Holy Communion at least once during the Easter season, which lasts until Trinity Sunday.

*Announcements continue on page 6.*

**Pictures from Holy Week: Palm Sunday**



## Elementary Religious Education

### Faith Formation

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

**Contact:** Mrs. Makinster *Elementary & Adult Faith Formation*, [gaby@saintcolumbaneylm.org](mailto:gaby@saintcolumbaneylm.org) 360-458-3031 x2 *habla Español*

*At St. Columban, we provide an opportunity for children and youth to learn about their Catholic faith and grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ through study, prayer, and community service.*

### CLASS SCHEDULE

Sunday class attendance is important!

**Next K-12 classes:** April 14, April 21, April 28, May 5

**May Crowning:** May 5, 10:30 a.m. Mass

**Confirmation** (second-year students): Friday, April 26

**First Holy Communion:** May 19, Pentecost

### Gospel Meditation

Father John Muir, LPI

The famous "Road to Emmaus" story recounts, on that first Sunday of the Resurrection, the basic two-fold structure of the Mass: Word, followed by Eucharist. Jesus spends a significant period of time with two dismayed disciples, as he connects a wide swath of the Hebrew scriptures with his own suffering, death, and resurrection. They would later report that this Liturgy of the Word touched their hearts with an inexplicable fire. This Word-induced flame alone is what leads the two disciples to discover Jesus' presence in the "breaking of the bread."

With this in mind, how can we possibly think that the Liturgy of the Word is unnecessary or incidental? The two disciples needed the Scriptures explained to them in order to experience Jesus alive in the eucharistic breaking of bread. Sure, we say, but they had the Risen Jesus. But that's precisely the point: Jesus is risen and accompanies us in both parts of the Mass. Imagine how much our experience of Jesus in the Eucharist would deepen if we (preachers and listeners) took even more seriously that Jesus himself sets our hearts ablaze with his Word so that we know him in the Eucharist. That Word-induced fire counts, too!

## Youth Ministry & Confirmation

**Thank you!** Thanks to all the parents who helped to chaperone at our Confirmation retreat in Shelton. May God reward you for your generosity and help!

### Confirmation Rehearsal Next Sunday, April 21 following 10:30 Mass

All second-year candidates and their sponsor or parent must attend. There will still be class that morning at 9:00 a.m. as usual. The Confirmation Mass will be Friday, April 26 at 6:30 p.m. Candidates must arrive no later than 6 p.m. in the classroom.

**YM Saturday** Join us for a mini-retreat at St. Columban **Saturday, May 11, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.** Free! All teens grades 6-12 are invited. Parents please RSVP at [chad@saintcolumbaneylm.org](mailto:chad@saintcolumbaneylm.org)

**Ignite NW** Summer Youth Conference for high school youth, **July 24-28**, University of Portland. Register at [ignitenw.org](http://ignitenw.org)

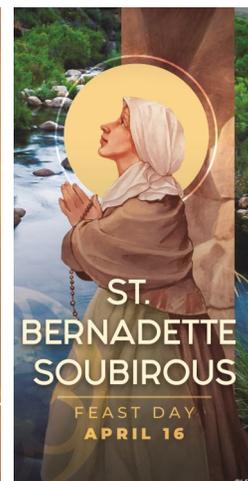
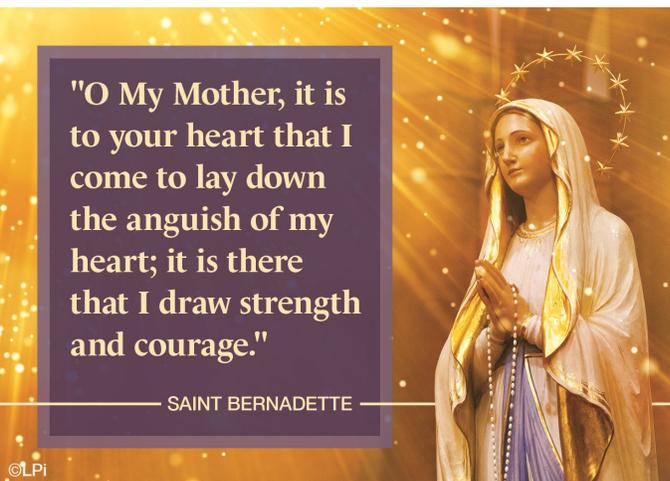
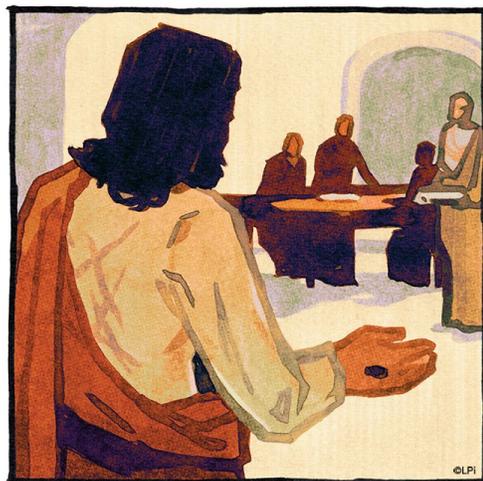
**Camp Solanus** Summer camp for middle school boys entering 7-9th grade **August 11-17**, CYO Camp Hamilton Monroe. [Camp@Sstnicholascc.org](mailto:Camp@Sstnicholascc.org)

### Saint of the Week

#### St. Bernadette Soubirous (Feast day April 16)

At the age of 14 St. Bernadette (1844-1879) was living in abject poverty with her family in a one-room basement which had previously been used as a jail, in the town of Lourdes in southern France. She was a sickly child, having fallen victim to Cholera in 1854 and would battle asthma and tuberculosis for the rest of her short life. Bernadette was illiterate and is characterized in many accounts as slow or ignorant. It was in her 14th year that Bernadette was granted 18 visions of a 'Lady' at a grotto in Massabielle. The Lady instructed Bernadette to come daily to the grotto to receive the visions, eventually proclaiming 'I am the Immaculate Conception'. A spring at the grotto, which appeared where Bernadette was instructed to dig, has been a site of miraculous healing. The Lady also asked that a chapel be built in the grotto for pilgrims. Today the Marian shrine at Lourdes is one of the world's most popular.

During and following the period of visions, the saint was examined rigorously by Church and local authorities. The popular excitement around the visions left her subject to persistent questioning and attention. Eventually she sought protection by retiring to a home for the poor in a nunnery. She took her vows



in 1866 with the Sisters of Charity at Nevers. She worked as an infirmiry assistant, and later a sacristan, but by the end of her life she was too sick to participate in convent life. She died at the age of 35, humble and penitent until the end.

## Adult Faith Formation

Bible Study Adult Scripture Study meet weekly on Thursday evenings to discuss the upcoming Sunday Mass readings, using Lectio Divina and through Catholic exegesis. Contact the parish office to learn more.

### Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

Classes will resume in the Fall. Contact the parish office. Our newly initiated Catholics are now undergoing a period of mystagogy.

### The Precepts of the Church, continued

**Third Precept** – “You shall receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season.” While you must attend Mass every Sunday and on holy days of obligation, you are not required to receive the Eucharist. The Church places as a minimum that the faithful receive Our Lord’s Body and Blood (while in a state of grace) during the Easter season, which the Catechism calls “the origin and center of the Christian liturgy” (CCC 2042).

This reception of the Eucharist can take place within or outside of Mass. For Catholics in the United States, the period for satisfying this precept has been extended beyond what, liturgically speaking, is the Easter season, to run from the First Sunday of Lent to Trinity Sunday (after Pentecost). By canon law, though, any just cause allows the precept to be fulfilled at any time of the year (1983 CIC 920).

### This Week on Formed

Our parish pays for a subscription to FORMED.org, a streaming service from the Augustine Institute and Ignatius press. Go to [formed.org/signup](http://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](http://watch.formed.org/this-week-on-formed)

**God Is with Us** What does it mean to say that God is with us in the Eucharist? What is the Eucharist? Watch Episode 1 of Presence today!

**St. Bernadette of Lourdes** “St. Bernadette of Lourdes” is a

### FROM THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

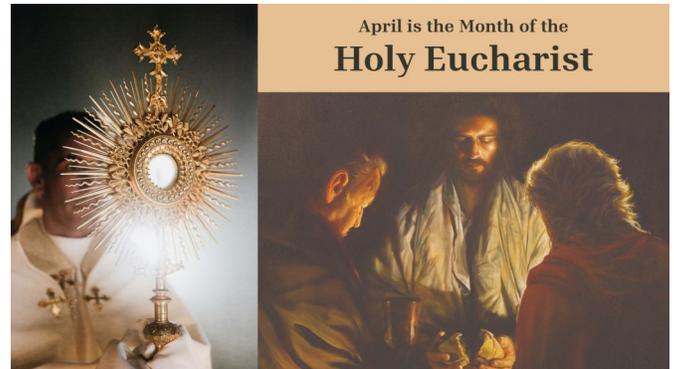
1709 He who believes in Christ becomes a son of God. This filial adoption transforms him by giving him the ability to follow the example of Christ. It makes him capable of acting rightly and doing good. In union with his Savior, the disciple attains the perfection of charity which is holiness. Having matured in grace, the moral life blossoms into eternal life in the glory of heaven.

### FROM THE BALTIMORE CATECHISM

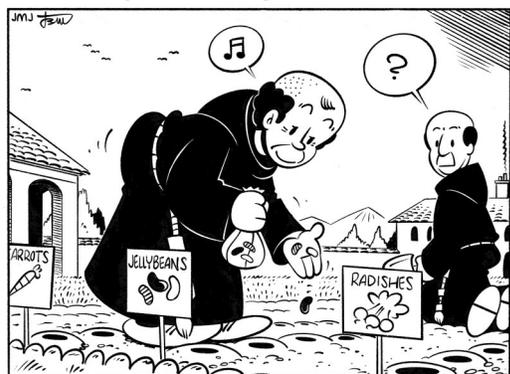
1. Q. Who made the world? A. God made the world.
2. Q. Who is God? A. God is the Creator of heaven and earth, and of all things.
3. Q. What is man? A. Man is a creature composed of body and soul, and made to the image and likeness of God

beautiful and faithful retelling of the familiar story of one of the world’s most beloved saints. Humorous, moving, and reverent, this unique, award-winning, independent film has been seen by millions worldwide and has sold tens of thousands of copies since its release in 2009.

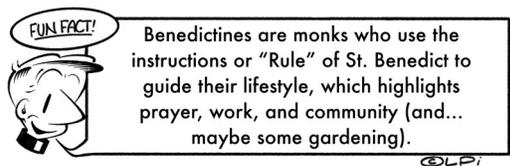
**Joan of Arc** Cultivate a devotion to St. Joan of Arc, the young saint who died a martyr at the age of nineteen, by watching this powerful film. Her story comes to life in this movie and will doubtless leave you inspired by her faith in God.



“What kind of beans did the Benedictine plant during Easter?”



“Jellybeans!”



3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Father Flood © LPi



## Outside Events & Notices

### Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Conference

April 20, 2024 - 8:30 am at St. Stephen the Martyr Renton. Grow closer to God with powerful speakers like Fr. Paul Heric, Daniel Oberreuter, Deacon Jim Johnson, Seahawk Abraham Lucas and Bishop Frank Schuster. These, along with engaging worship and inspiring fellowship with hundreds of fellow Catholic men will make this a day to remember! [Seat-tlemensconference.org](http://Seat-tlemensconference.org)

### Join Bishop Schuster on a Pilgrimage to Greece!

October 8 – 18, 2024. 27 spots available. open! Follow the footsteps of St. Paul the Apostle and the Early Christian Community with Bishop Schuster and Fr. Johnson. Enjoy Greek culture witness the Acts of the Apostles and Letters of St. Paul come alive in your travels. [archseattle.org/events/pilgrimage-to-greece-with-bishop-schuster/](http://archseattle.org/events/pilgrimage-to-greece-with-bishop-schuster/)

### Project Rachel—Hope and Healing After Abortion

English: (206) 920-6413 / Español: (206)-450-7814 [projectrachel@ccsww.org](mailto: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.

### Worldwide Marriage Encounter Retreats

Immaculate Heart Retreat Center, Spokane, Apr 26-28, 2024 in Everett. Visit [wwme.org](http://wwme.org) or contact 360-930-2321

## Ministries Announcements

### Altar Society

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



### Daughters of Mary

Meets monthly, Next meeting is April 23 at 6PM in the Parish Hall. Bring your favorite snack to share! [daughtersof-mary@saintcolumbanvelm.org](mailto:daughtersof-mary@saintcolumbanvelm.org)



### Liturgical Ministries [parishoffice@saintcolumbanvelm.org](mailto:parishoffice@saintcolumbanvelm.org)

Altar Servers, Choir, Greeters/Ushers, Readers Please check your schedules and arrive in time for Mass. Thank you all for your dedication in completing the Triduum and Easter Liturgies!

### Knights of Columbus

[kofc@saintcolumbanvelm.org](mailto:kofc@saintcolumbanvelm.org)

Open to all Catholic gentlemen committed to the exemplification of charity, unity, fraternity, and



patriotism and to the defense of the priesthood. Council 17152 meets monthly third Wednesdays of every month at 5:30 p.m. in the hall.

### St. Peter Circle

Meets second Tuesdays every other month at St. Peter Tenino. Next meeting will be May 14.



## Weekly Calendar

All events are at St. Columban unless otherwise noted.

### MONDAY April 15

Rosary Prayer Group 7:00p.m. Church

### TUESDAY April 16 St. Bernadette Soubirous

Daily Mass 9:00 a.m. Church

Spanish Prayer Group 6:30p.m. Church

### WEDNESDAY April 17

#### NO DAILY MASS

Bible Study 10:00a.m. St. Peter

KofC Council Meeting 6:30 p.m. Hall

### THURSDAY April 18

#### NO DAILY MASS

Altar Society Weekly Cleaning 9:30 a.m. Church

Choir Practice 6:00 p.m. Church

Bible Study 6:30p.m. RE Bldg.

SVdP Society Meeting 7 p.m. Hall

### FRIDAY April 19

#### NO DAILY MASS

### SATURDAY April 20

Confession 3:30p.m. Church

Anticipatory Sunday Mass 5:00p.m. Church

### SUNDAY April 21 Fourth Sunday of Easter

Confession 7:30-7:45a.m. St. Peter

Sunday Mass 8:00a.m. *Int.: Pro Populo* St. Peter

Religious Ed 9:00 a.m.-10:15 a.m. RE Bldg

Confirmation 9:00 a.m.-10:15 a.m. Sm. Hall/Youth Space

Sunday Mass 10:30 AM *Int.: Pro Populo* Church

Knights of Columbus Breakfast 11:45a.m. Parish Hall

Confirmation Rehearsal 11:45 a.m. -12:30 p.m. Church

## Financial Stewardship

Week of	March 17		March 24		March 31	
	St Columban	St Peter	St Columban	St Peter	St Columban	St Peter
<b>Ordinary Income</b>						
Weekly Goal	\$5,800.00	\$1,000.00	\$5,800.00	\$1,000.00	\$5,800.00	\$1,000.00
Collection						
(Cash & Envelopes)	\$2,892.00	\$867.00	\$1,959.50	\$639.00	\$4,651.00	\$458.00
Online Giving	\$1,320.00	\$130.00	\$1,425.00	\$0.00	\$1,708.00	\$165.00
Net	(\$1,588.00)	(\$3.00)	(\$2,415.50)	(\$361.00)	\$559.00	(\$377.00)
<b>Special Funds</b>						
St Vincent DePaul	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
Sacramentals						
(Candles, Beeswax tapers, Salt)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$222.00	\$39.75	\$19.25	\$0.00
Flowers	\$20.00	\$9.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$92.00	\$0.00
Building Fund	\$190.00	\$0.00	\$430.00	\$0.00	\$40.00	\$0.00
Mass Intentions	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Rice Bowl	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$603.53	\$0.00

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+ April 6-7, 2024

*To the Parishioners of  
Sacred Heart Parish, Lacey  
St. Columban Parish, Yelm  
St. Peter Mission, Tenino*

Dear Friends,

I am happy to greet all of you in the name of the Risen Lord Jesus!

As archbishop, I have the important responsibility and honor of providing you with ongoing pastoral care and sacramental ministry in your parish community.

Today, I write to inform you that your parish will be entering a time of transition in pastoral leadership beginning July 1, 2024. I am pleased to announce that, after consultation with the Priest Personnel Board, I have appointed Father Bryan Ochs as your new pastor and Father William Dodama as your new parochial vicar. Presently, Father Ochs is the priest administrator of St. Edward Parish in Shelton. Father Dodama is a priest of the Diocese of Mangochi in Malawi and will be arriving this summer to take up his new assignment in the Archdiocese of Seattle.

These priests are wonderful men who will diligently and faithfully serve you and your parish family. Be assured that they will receive all the necessary support and assistance from the Archdiocese of Seattle to ensure quality pastoral care for your parish family.

At the same time, I want to personally thank Father Tim Ilgen, Father Clement Piruwa and Father Brian Thompson for their wonderful service and leadership. I ask you to please keep them in your prayers as they move forward in responding to God's call in their new assignments. Father Ilgen will be pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, The Proto-Cathedral of St. James the Greater, and St. Joseph Parish in Vancouver. Father Piruwa will return to the Diocese of Mangochi later this summer. Father Brian Thompson will be the pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Kelso, St. Catherine Mission in Cathlamet, St. Joseph Mission in Kalama, St. Mary Parish in Castle Rock, and St. Rose de Viterbo Parish in Longview.

Times of transition can be challenging, especially as we prepare to say goodbye to a familiar presence and welcome new pastoral leaders. However, if embraced in an open and positive way, this can be a time of blessing for the entire parish and the Catholic Church of Western Washington. I am confident that will be the case as you welcome Father Ochs and Father Dodama to your parish family. As always, I remain,

In The Heart of Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul D. Etienne".

Most Rev. Paul D. Etienne, DD, STL  
Archbishop of Seattle