

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

<u>Parish Office Hours at St. Columban</u> 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.

Entrance Antiphon: Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure spiritual milk, alleluia.

First Reading: Acts 4:32-35

Responsorial Psalm: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his

love is everlasting.

Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-6

Gospel Acclamation: You believe in me Thomas, because you

have seen me, says the Lord. Blessed are they who have not seen me, but still believe.

Gospel: John 20:19-31

Communion Antiphon: Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be un-believing but believing, alleluia.

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Welcome to St. Columban

Weekly Calendar & Mass Intentions

All events are at St. Columban unless otherwise noted.

MONDAY April 8 Annuncia	ation of the Lord
Rosary Prayer Group 7:00p.m.	Church
TUESDAY April 9	
Daily Mass 9:00 a.m. In Mem: Miguel Quintanilla R	PIP Church
Spanish Prayer Group 6:30p.m.	Church
WEDNESDAY April 10	
Daily Mass 9:00 a.m.	Church
Bible Study 10:00a.m.	St. Peter

THURSDAY April 11 St. Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr Daily Mass 9:00 a.m. Int: Jack Baker Church Altar Society Weekly Cleaning 9:30 a.m. Church Choir Practice 6:00p.m. Church Bible Study 6:30p.m. RE Bldg.

FRIDAY April 12

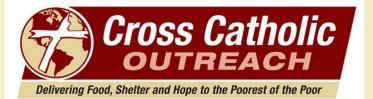
Daily Mass 9:00 a.m. Church

SATURDAY April 13

Confession 3:30p.m. Church Anticipatory Sunday Mass 5:00p.m. Int.: Pro Populo Church

SUNDAY April 14 3rd Sunday of Easter Confession 7:30-7:45a.m. St. Peter Sunday Mass 8:00a.m. 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 Daughters of Mary Fellowship 11:45a.m. Parish Hall



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

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 vourselves! The Parish Office is open Monday though Thursday, 9:30am to 2:00pm or call us for an appointment on Fridays. You may also register online at saintcolumbanyelm.org/



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April 7, 2024

A Word from Father Thompson

This weekend, of course, we have the announcement of the priest assignments. I am sorry that, due to a friend's wedding, I was not able to celebrate the Sunday Masses this weekend and thus was not able to announce the changeover personally. So, the letter read at Mass and this bulletin letter will need to suffice, I suppose.

First and most importantly, your new priests: Father Bryan Ochs will be the pastor of the new parish group of Sacred Heart Lacey and St Columban Yelm, and the three churches therein. Assisting him as parochial vicar will be a newly arrived extern priest from Malawi, Africa. The extern priest and Fr Ochs will be mainly in Lacey, with Fr Ochs visiting periodically for administrative oversight. This arrangement will help retain the status quo of service in both parishes during this initial period while the communities get to know one another and begin to collaborate.

As you know, the reorganization of the Archdiocese is not merely about spreading out priests more efficiently, it is also a project with a goal of reevaluating the state of our parishes and making the changes needed to provide a more vital future for local parishes and the Archdiocese as a whole. Looking out over various parishes of the Archdiocese and with whom and how they are being partnered up, this will clearly involve making changes and decisions that, while perhaps difficult, I think have obviously been coming for a long time. Fortunately, the Archbishop wants to make sure such changes are not merely imposed from above but come from conversations among the people of the parishes that are making such changes. In some places, this may look like adjusting, adding, relocating, or ending some Mass times and parish programs based on truly blue-sky thinking among the people; in other places this may look like a process of the people recognizing and coming to grieve, but to accept, the closure of this or that campus they kind of knew was coming one day; in yet other places this might look like retaining ownership of a campus no longer used for Mass and repurposing it for some kind of program or ministry; in yet other cases... you get the idea. However it will play out for us, I cannot say, but I trust Fr Ochs will help you though it with aplomb and care. He is a very good priest, and I think he would be very friendly to the culture of authentic and beautiful expression of our faith that St Columban has built up.

As for me, for those who may wonder. I will be reassigned to St Rose parish in Longview and the various other communities (it is a mix of missions of that parish and other churches that are still legally parishes) of Cowlitz county. Working with me will be Fr Vinner Raj Simeon Raj, who is presently in Pacific County.

These next few years will be difficult, to be sure, but if we are realistic, focused on the mission of founding a new parish (which may, and probably will, still operate multiple campuses), and resist maintaining an unsustainable status quo out of fear or selfishness, we will come out the other side in a much better position as a Church and parish than we are in at present.

In Christ

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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, John Scotto, & Narcisso Mendez.

FOR THE DECEASED

Joseph Adrian Rogers 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.

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

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



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 28 at 6PM in the Parish Hall. Bring your favorite snack to share!

In the spirit of Mary our Mother, the daughters strive to be attentive to the spiritual and corporal needs of our pastor, parish, and community through service and prayer. Open to all women of the parish, they assist with parish activities and provide outreach in a variety of ways. Current initiatives include Cards of Comfort, where letters and notes of encouragement are collected and delivered to residents of various retirement homes and the most vulnerable in our community, and the *Seven Sisters* prayer apostolate. Email daughtersofmary@saintcolumbanyelm.org.

Homebound Ministry

Ministers are trained to bring Holy Communion to those who cannot physically attend Mass due to health constraints, servicing local care facilities and private residences in our area.

Liturgical Ministries

The laity assist with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass through various roles. Ordinarily, attendance of Sunday Mass and union of one's prayers to that of the priest and the Church during the Mass fulfills this role. Parishioners with certain talents also can volunteer as **Greeters**, **Ushers**, **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** (EMHC), and members of the **Choir** (Music Ministry) to assist our community in our Sunday worship. Additionally, boys who have already received their First Holy Communion are trained to become Altar Servers. All these roles help the greater Body of Christ at our church; if you feel called to assist in any Liturgical Ministry please contact us at the Parish Office.

Knights of Columbus

Council 17152 meets monthly third Wednesdays of every month.

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

Council 17152 hosts the annual Coats for Kids Car Show every summer, which raises money for winter coats. The Council also spearheads several social dinners and monthly breakfasts happening throughout the year, which include Oktoberfest, St. Patrick's Day, and a Spaghetti Dinner. All men of the parish are

welcome to join! Council meetings are held every third Wednesday of the month.

Assembly 3742, the patriotic degree, includes also members from the St. Martin Assembly and is responsible for providing a color guard at special liturgies. Vivat Jesus!

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul was founded in 1833 to help impoverished people living in the slums of Paris, France. 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. For assistance please leave a voicemail at (360) 458-1904.

St. Peter Circle

Second Tuesdays every other month, beginning in January at St. Peter Tenino

St. Peter's Circle supports the community in Tenino through many charitable activities throughout the year. This includes collecting food items for the backpack program in June, collecting socks for those in need in October (which totaled 461 pairs this year!), and raising funds to purchase items needed for the church. Two bake sales annually support these projects as well as monthly donations to the Tenino Food Bank. Contact Betty Tretheway, 360-264-4856 if interested in joining.

Prayer Groups

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

A couple parishioner-led prayer groups meet weekly at St. Columban for faith-sharing and increasing devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary through her Rosary. New members are always welcome. The Spanish Prayer Group also hosts Las Mañanitas in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe every year.

Winter Clothes Closet

Tuesdays & Thursdays from 6:00-8:00PM and Wednesdays from 2:00PM-4:00PM October thru March.

Its mission is "To provide warm clothing to those in need, no questions asked." Donations of Coats, Knit Caps, Gloves, Warm socks, Scarves, Raincoats, and Rain boots are always welcome during our operating season.



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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

April 7 Class April 14 Class April 21 Class April 28 Class

Promises of The Chaplet of Divine Mercy

When we pray the Chaplet of Mercy with trust in Jesus, we can receive many blessings from the Lord for ourselves and others. Jesus told St. Faustina to write these things down in her Diary. Here are some of the things Jesus said. (The number at the end of the sentence is the number of the paragraph in the Diary that contains the words of Jesus). My daughter, encourage souls to say the chaplet which I have given you (Diary 1541). Through the Chaplet you will obtain everything, if what you ask for is compatible with My will (1731). Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death (687). Say the chaplet I have taught you, and the storm will cease (1731).

Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)/Adult Faith Formation



The third precept ("You shall humbly receive your Creator in Holy Communion at least during the Easter season.") guarantees as a minimum the reception of the Lord's Body and Blood in connection with the Paschal feasts, the origin and center of the Christian

liturgy. 84

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).

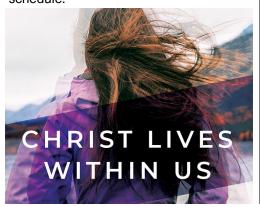
Bible Studies - Adult Scripture Study meet weekly on Thursday evenings to discuss the upcoming Sunday Mass readings, using Lectio Divina and through Catholic exegesis. Contact the parish office to learn more.

Sacrament of Matrimony - Contact the parish office to schedule a meeting with Father.

Sacrament of Baptism - Baptisms are celebrated during Mass on Sundays or shortly after. (Except during Lent) Before scheduling a date, the following are needed: (1) Registration paperwork, (2) Birth Certificate or adoption forms., (3) Godparent/ sponsor forms, (4) Baptism preparation class certificate.

Youth Ministry & Confirmation

Join us for fellowship & discipleship! Youth Ministry meet monthly for a mini-retreat and weekly for on Wednesday evenings for faith sharing. Contact Mr. Lucero for schedule.



"What is a firefighter's favorite part of Easter?"



"The Sprinkling Rite."



Asperges or "The Sprinkling Rite" takes places on special days. The congregation is sprinkled with holy water, recalling their baptisms.

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Mrs. Makinster Elementary & Adult Faith Formation, gaby@saintcolumbanyelm.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.



Mr. Lucero

Youth Ministry &

Confirmation

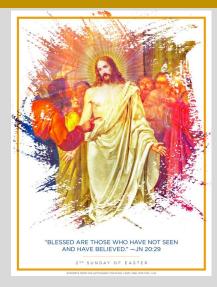
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Our Youth Ministry Values

- Our primary identity is as beloved sons and beloved daughters of God, no matter what. You are here because God wanted you here. Willing our existence, God create each of us out of love to love and for love.
- 2. We glorify God by striving to fully live our state in live. God gave us families and communities where we learn our faith, pray for each other's needs, and build virtue together as members of his Church, the Body of Christ.
- 3. As pilgrims on a journey together we are always on mission. We attend Holy Mass and receive the sacraments to better endure the trials of life, train us to be of service to one another, and to prepare us for eternal life in Heaven.

Living our Faith



Reflect and Respond to the Sunday Mass Readings:

First Reading: The community of believers was of one heart and mind, no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they had everything in common. (Acts

> We hear how the early Christians lived in unity and holiness, bearing witness to Jesus, and living in community as friends. Which of these traits do you see at work in your faith community?

Psalm: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, his love is everlasting. (Ps 118)

Second Reading: For the love of God is this, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. (1 Jn 5:3-4)

> John teaches his community that our faith in Jesus helps us "conquer the world." What struggles are you facing that you need to confront and defeat?

Gospel: One the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them "Peace be with you" (Jn 20:19)

> The risen Jesus meets Thomas in the midst of his doubt and encourages him to believe. Who could you encourage this week to have faith in the resurrection of Jesus?

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Divine Mercy Sunday

Question:

Where did the feast of Divine Mercy come from?

Answer:

If you were born well before the year 2000, you know the feast of Divine Mercy has not always been celebrated in the Church. In the early 1900s, a young Polish nun began receiving private revelations. Jesus appeared to her during her times of prayer, speaking a message of mercy and love for the world. She received a set of prayers — the Divine Mercy Chaplet — and the request to have a feast day established to remind the Church of the mercy of God. St. Faustina died in 1938, on the cusp of war and in the midst of one of the most violent centuries in the history of the world.

Her story and her diaries began circulating in Poland and beyond. It guickly became apparent that this was a holy young women, and the cause for her canonization opened. In the year 2000. she was canonized by the first-ever Polish pope, St. John Paul II. On her canonization day, he established the second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday, "a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind with experience in the years to come."

2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER





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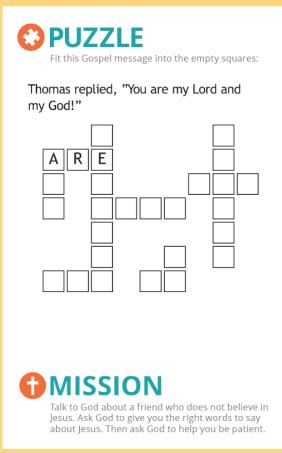
Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage

Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage, cinematically walks through the locations of the Holy Week story, representing the most important days of human history. Immersed in the real and sacred places of the Holy Land, the pilgrim faithful is brought tangibly nearer to the story, the landscape, and the reality of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Divine Mercy Chaplet Franciscan Friars of the Renewal

Consider praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy in a new way with the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. This video on FORMED includes breathtaking footage of Catholics across the world performing works of mercy and asking God to have mercy on us.







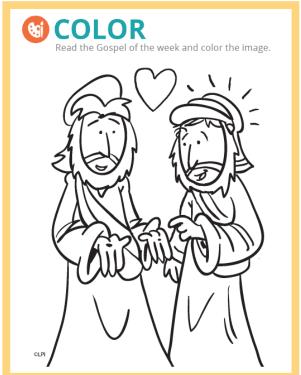
Outside Events & Notices

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Retreats: Immaculate Heart Retreat Center, Spokane, Apr 26-28, 2024 in Everett. Visit wwme.org or contact: Jeff and Sandy Corneil 360-930-2321

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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.





2nd Sunday of Easter • John 20:19-31

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Thank you!

Thanks to all who made our Holy Week and Triduum liturgies beautiful. May God reward your generosity and talents!





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Please contact the parish office to schedule drop off/pickup of items you would like to donate.

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From the Archdiocese



Spring 2024 Update

Last February, the final parish families were announced across the archdiocese, and in March, all pastors and key parish leadership attended in-person regional trainings focused on the next phases of the Partners in the Gospel journey. They learned about the key activities



Phase 0: Prepare

We are currently in Phase Zero, which is a time of preparation. Please continue to pray for this effort. Specifically, we pray that parishioners open their hearts to the Holy Spirit and that the Holy Spirit helps lead us on this journey. We also ask everyone to pray for the Priest Placement Board and our priests as they work together to find the best fit leaders for our parishes.

Q&A: What is the role of the parish liaison?

Parish Liaisons are professionals, hired and trained by the Archdiocese of Seattle, who will work in partnership with multiple parish families' pastors and their leadership teams to implement the parish family structure. Each liaison will provide guidance, project management support, and ensure effective communication between the Partners in the Gospel core team, parish family pastor and staff, and the Planning and Mission Effectiveness team. The liaison will also support the parish

in the creation of the One Parish Plan, which will be presented to the archbishop (in about three years for most parish families) before becoming one canonical parish. Liaisons have started working with parishes.





How were new pastors chosen?

Every year, the Archdiocese of Seattle's Priest Personnel Board meets to discuss where the archdiocese's priests will be assigned as pastors, priest administrators, parochial vicars or parish priests.

In a typical year, only some pastors will reach the end of their appointed terms and move to new parish assignments. This year, however, most pastors are expected to change assignments under the archdiocese's new model of parish families that are being created July 1, 2024, explained Father Gary Zender, the archdiocese's vicar for clergy and pastor of St. Louise Parish in Bellevue. This new model is part of the Partners in the Gospel strategic planning initiative.

Pastor assignments are currently being announced throughout the Easter season. With many of us welcoming new pastors and parochial vicars this July, *Northwest Catholic* sat down with Father Zender to learn about challenges

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