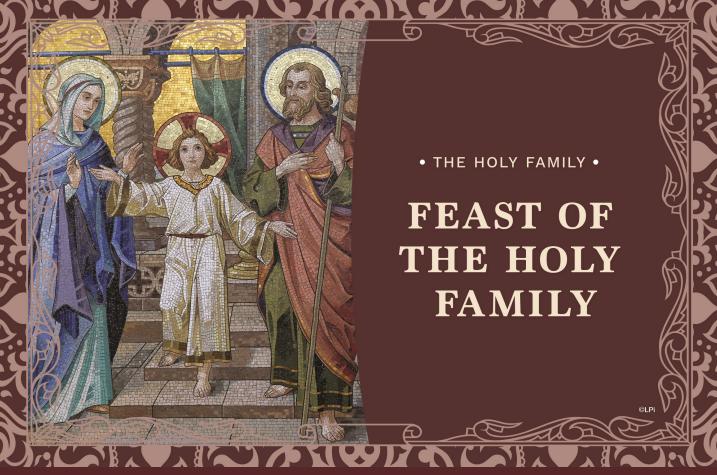
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December 29, 2024

St. Columban Church

506 First St. S | Yelm, WA 98597

Sunday Mass: 10:30 a.m.

Saturday 5 p.m.

Daily Mass Tuesday-Friday 9 a.m.

(Except First Fridays)

Eucharistic Adoration First Fridays 6:30 p.m.

Confessions Saturday 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Anointing of the Sick By request

Rosary Prayer Group Monday 7 p.m. **Spanish prayer group** Tuesday 6:30 p.m., Hall **Sacramental Preparation** Contact the office

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

St. Peter Mission

149 Keithahn St S | Tenino, WA 98589

Sunday Mass 8:00 a.m.

First Friday Mass 9:00 a.m.

Confessions Sunday 7:30-7:45 a.m.

Anointing of the Sick By request

Parish Office at St. Columban

<u>parishoffice@saintcolumbanyelm.org</u> **Monday-Thursday** 9:30 a.m.– 2p.m.

Friday by appointment

Sacramental Emergencies

In danger of death call: 360-704-7051

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Help line 360-458-1904

For your Prayer and Meditation

Reflect on the Sunday Liturgy

Entrance Antiphon

The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

Sunday Readings 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 (see a)/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

First Reading

"I prayed for this child, and the LORD granted my request. Now I, in turn, give him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the LORD." (1 Sm 1:27-28)

In gratitude to the Lord, Hannah returned the gift of her son, Samuel. Is there a gift from the Lord for which you are particularly grateful?

Psalm Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord. (Ps 84)

Second Reading

Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. (1 Jn 3:2)

As children of God, John teaches us that believers should love one another and believe in the name of Jesus. In addition to faith and love, what else do you think unites us as children of God?

Gospel

After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers. (Lk 2:46)

St. Luke presents an anxious experience that Mary and Jospeh had as parents raising the young boy, Jesus. Do you recall a time when your parents were worried or anxious about you?

Communion Antiphon

Our God has appeared on the earth and lived among us.

Mary, Mother of God, Jan. 1

Entrance Antiphon Hail, Holy Mother, who gave birth to the King who rules heaven and earth for ever.

Readings Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3,5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

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Mass Intentions

Parishioners may schedule a Mass intention on our website or by calling the office. Sunday Masses are offered Pro Populo

Dec. 31— NO DAILY MASS Jan. 1— Pro Populo Jan. 2—Mark Wall—RIP Jan. 3 (St. Peter)— Fr. Jim Lee

The Code of Canon Law confirms the practice of offering Masses for particular intentions is ancient: "The Christian faithful who give an offering to apply the Mass for their intention contribute to the good of the Church and by that offering share its concern to support its ministers and works" (945 §2).

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, , Theresa Gonzales, Joe Judge, Pam Henslee, Mary Taylor, Leslie Seffern, Gaby Makinster, Maria Espino, Mort Kimball, and Fr. Jim Lee.

For The Deceased

All the souls in purgatory, especially all those who have no one to pray for them. *May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

For peace in the world, for God's protection on those in danger, the defeat and true repentance of unjust aggressors, and mercy for those who have died by violence.

Monthly Intentions of the Pope

December: For pilgrims of hope—We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

January: For the right to an education—Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

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St. Columban Finance & Pastoral Council Please be patient as this council is being restructured. Members will be posted once they have been officially appointed by our Pastor. **St. Peter Advisory Commission** Sherry Bachmann (Chairperson), Marilyn Ritter, Bernie Schwarz, Bob Bacon, Diane Weston

Sunday Letter

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.

Did you know our front pews are always empty? Be closer to the Lord and sit closer to the altar next Sunday.

A Word from our Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Is there a better Christmas hymn than O Holy Night? The answer is no. There isn't. It is hands down the best, and it isn't a debate, so don't come at me trying to tell me I'm wrong, unless you want to lose any influence over me that you may have gained in the last six months.

When I think of the song I of course think of the gorgeous melody, and the crescendo at that final "Divine" belted out by the singer. No Christmas hymn has a more powerful moment. Although the melody stands out, there are also a few profound lyrics that I think need to be acknowledged.

Arr Long lay the world in sin and error pining, Till He appeared, and the soul felt its worth. Arr

A powerful lyric, that speaks to the reality of many worn souls. Sin isn't just breaking a rule. The word for sin in Hebrew, Kata, literally means, "Missing the Mark." It means that you try to hit a target and miss. Well, a lot of people are trying to fill their hearts, but they miss the mark. What they do for love doesn't hit the spot. That is the human condition at its worst. We are in error, pining for some relief, and hating ourselves because we can't seem to get things right.

\$\infty\$ But when he appeared, the soul felt its worth. \$\infty\$

Have you ever had a moment where your soul suddenly felt its worth? Have you ever gone from feeling completely worthless and unworthy of love, to experiencing the love of God? Because that is what the lyrics convey and they convey it very well. This is what we should always be trying to convey to others... to help their soul feel its worth.

\$\int\$ In all our trials born to be our Friend. He knows our need— to our weakness is no stranger. \$\int\$

This is from the oft omitted second verse of the song, so the lyric might be unfamiliar to you, but it speaks to the reality that the love of God draws close to us. God does not run from us when we are in need, as many do. God draws close to us and endures our trials with us. He is a friend who opens himself up to experience some of the burdens that life throws at us.

God knows the needs of the human heart. He knows the need for love and in some odd way, he has experienced that need himself. But he also shows us how to fill the needs of the heart, to lead us into love and peace. He shows us how to love the Father, and to love others. Hence the third yerse:

♪ Truly He taught us to love one another; His law is love and His gospel is peace. ♪

Love isn't something that we know with our instincts. When we rely on instincts and feelings to find true love, we often find ourselves broken hearted, and in that place of the above lyric pining for relief in our error. We need to be taught to love and, when we love rightly, we experience the peace of the Gospel.

I hope everyone has a truly wonderful Christmas and can enter into the joy of the Gospel that this wonderful hymn explains so well.

Merry Christmas!

Fr. Bryan



Dialogue for Justice: Catholic Advocacy to Reduce Poverty

Twelve-year-old Jesus has been left behind in a big city (Lk 2:41-52! His parents had great trust that he would be at the appointed place at the appointed time to return home. A day later they discover he is not with the caravan. What parent has not had the experience of losing a child even for a few seconds or minutes in a store? That time, no matter how brief, is filled with panic and anxiety! "Where is he/she? What's happened to

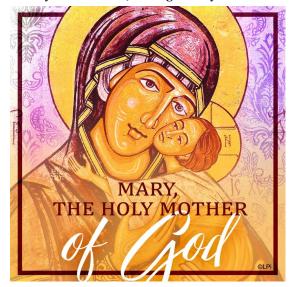
him/her? He/she was just here!" Mary and Joseph had the same feelings and perhaps even deeper since it had been 24 hours since the caravan had left for home. Jesus, as we know, was locked in serious discussion about theological matters with elders of his faith tradition. How about runaway children who disappear into the maelstrom of life on the streets? Risk factors of runaway children can include physical or sexual abuse, family conflict, substance abuse, gang activity, online

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Announcements

Holy Day of Obligation this week

Masses for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God will be at 5 p.m. at St. Peter on Tues., Dec. 31 and at 9 a.m. at St. Columban on Wed., Jan. 1. This marks the Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord ("the eighth day of Christmas").



Parish Family Advisory Council nominations

Fr. Ochs is looking for parishioners interested in joining the Parish Family Advisory Council, an advisory committee with a term of about three years To nominate someone, please fill out the online form, linked at this QR code or call



the parish office at 360-458-3031 to nominate over the phone. Nominations will be accepted until the end of today, Sunday, Dec. 29.

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 Mon-Thu 9:30 a.m. —2 p.m. or call us for an appointment on Fridays. You may also register online at saintcolumbanyelm.org

For more events happening in our Parish Family

Please visit www.sacredheartlacev.com

Faith Formation

Next Sunday Faith Formation Classes NO CLASS Dec. 29, Jan. 5, 12

Children & Adults, contact: Mrs. Makinster

Elementary & Adult Faith Formation, gaby@saintcolumbanyelm.org 360-458-3031 x2 habla Español Catechists for our Kindergarten Faith Formation Classes and Sponsors for our OCIA program are needed, contact Gaby Makinster at the parish office if you are available to help.

Youth Ministry, contact: Mr. Lucero

Parents, check your emails! We will communicate with you directly over email regarding YM events. Send me a message to request to be added to the mailing list: ym@saintcolumbanyelm.org

Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA)

Are you or do you know someone who is interested in joining the Roman Catholic Church? Classes have resumed. Contact the parish office for more information.

Bible Study

Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. at the Winter Clothes Closet.

From the Catechism

534 The finding of Jesus in the temple is the only event that breaks the silence of the Gospels about the hidden years of Jesus. Here Jesus lets us catch a glimpse of the mystery of his total consecration to a mission that flows from his divine sonship: "Did you not know that I must be about my Father's work?" Mary and Joseph did not understand these words, but they accepted them in faith. Mary "kept all these things in her heart" during the years Jesus remained hidden in the silence of an ordinary life.

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enticement, and others. Even if they live in unsafe situations, there are some family members who worry about them and fear for their safety. The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children is a wonderful resource for more information regarding the tragedies that befall children. Jesus, thanks be to God, returns safely to his family. Pray for those who wander the streets and do not have a safe home in which to return.

Peace, Deacon Terry, ofs

Financial Stewardship Collection Report

	St Columban Goal: \$5,800		St Peter Goal: \$1,000	
	Dec. 8	Dec . 15	Dec.8	Dec . 15
Envelope Collections	\$2,349.00	\$2,423.00	\$1,696.00	\$447.00
Loose Giving	\$440.00	\$393.50	\$107.25	\$200.00
Net	(\$3,011.00)	(\$2,983.50)	\$803.25	(\$353.00)
Special Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
St Vincent DePaul	\$78.00	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Sacramentals**	\$34.00	\$37.00	\$9.00	\$13.00
Flowers	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Building Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mass Intentions	\$40.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Appeal for the Poor:	\$0.00	\$465.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
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Parish Ministries & Events

Small Hall

Weekly Calendar

All events are at St. Columban unless otherwise noted.

MON	IDAY	Decem	ber 30

Rosary Prayer Group Church

TUESDAY December 31 St. Sylvester I, Pope

NO DAILY MASS

Winter Clothes Closet 6:00-8:00 p.m. Small Hall Spanish Prayer Group 6:30p.m. Church Adoration 11:00p.m.—12:00a.m. Church

hosted by our Rosary Prayer Group

WEDNESDAY January 1 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Holy Day Mass 9:00a.m. Church Bible Study 10:00a.m. St. Peter Winter Clothes Closet 6:00-8:00 p.m. Small Hall

THURSDAY January 2

Bible Study 6:30p.m.

Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors

Daily Mass 9:00a.m. Church
Altar Society Weekly Cleaning 9:30a.m. Church
Choir Practice 6:00p.m. Church
Winter Clothes Closet 6:00-8:00 p.m. Small Hall

FRIDAY January 3 The Most Holy Name of Jesus

First Friday Mass 9:00 a.m. St. Peter

First Friday Devotions 6:30p.m.

SATURDAY January 4 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Rel.

Confession 3:30p.m.ChurchAnticipatory Sunday Mass 5:00p.m.Church

SUNDAY January 5 Epiphany of the Lord

Confession 7:30-7:45a.m. St. Peter Sunday Mass 8:00a.m. Int.: Pro Populo St. Peter Religious Ed 9-10:15 a.m. RE Bldg Confirmation Classes 9-10:15 a.m. Hall Sunday Mass 10:30a.m. Int.: Pro Populo Church DOM Fellowship 11:45a.m. Parish Hall

After Mass Breakfast & Coffee Hospitality

Join us after the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass in the Parish Hall $\,$

Jan. 5 — Daughters of Mary

Jan. 12 —Altar Society

Jan. 19 -KofC Breakfast

Jan. 26—Youth Ministry Coffee & Donuts fundraiser



Altar Society

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



Daughters of Mary

Meets monthly on the fourth Tuesday of the month. Next meeting is **January 28th**, all women of the parish are invited and bring your favorite snack to share!

daughtersofmary@saintcolumbanyelm.org

Liturgical Ministries

 $\underline{parishoffice@saintcolumbanyelm.org}$

Altar Servers, Choir, Greeters/Ushers, Readers
Please check your schedules and arrive in time for Mass.

Knights of Columbus

The Council and Assembly meet monthly third Wednesdays of every month at 6p.m. in the hall, with Vespers beginning at 5:30 p.m. **Next**

Council & Assembly meetings: Wednesday January 15th.

St. Peter Circle

Meets second Tuesdays every other month at St. Peter Tenino. Next scheduled meetings: Jan. 14, Mar. 11, and May 13 at 9:30 a.m.



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Meets monthly, on the third Thursday of the month in the parish hall at 7 p.m. **Next meeting is January 16th.**



Winter Clothes Closet

Open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays 6-8p.m.



Free to all in need, no questions asked. Donations are through the parish office or by using the bin in the narthex. Please do not leave donations outside the doors of the office or hall.

Keep in mind donations should be of good, reusable quality; something you would wear. Items such as boots, gloves, hats, scarves, coats, blankets, etc. are needed; rather than summer apparel such as swimsuits, shorts, & flipflops which are not particularly useful for keeping warm during the winter months.

Other Events & Announcements

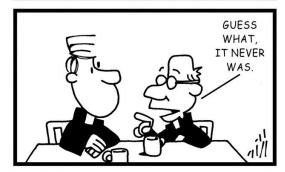
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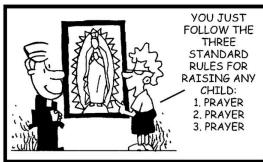
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For a complete list of events happening around the Archdiocese of Seattle visit archseattle.org/eventslist

Young Adult Silent Retreat

Jan. 17-19 | Archbishop Brunett Retreat Center, Federal Way
As we step into a new year, we invite all young adults ages 18-35 to
pause, reflect, and renew your spirit at the Young Adult Silent Retreat,
"That my joy may be in you" -Jn 15:11, led by the Benedictines, Abbot
Marion from Saint Martin's Abbey and Mother Prioress Noella from Our
Lady of the Rock Monastery. For questions about registration or the retreat, please contact Diana Casallas

Diana.CasallasLopez@seattlearch.org

Happy Name Day to one of the Catholic Schools in the area of our Parish Family

Holy Family School, a private independent Catholic school in Lacey, serves grades PK-8. Learn more at <u>Holyfamilylacey.org</u> or call 360-491-7060.

High School Placement Test offered at Pope John Paul II High School

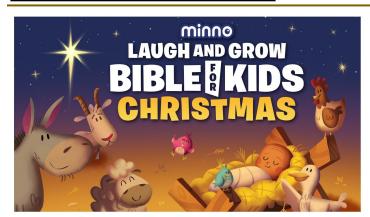
The HSPT is a standardized test administered to 8th graders that helps schools know where to place students academically when they enter high school. The



test takes approximately three hours to complete and an essay will be administered after the standardized portion of the test.

We host a Prospective Parent Information Session during the first hour of the HSPT for parents and guardians. The HSPT can be shared with any school that accepts the HSPT regardless of where it was proctored.

cThe cost of the test is \$30 which can be paid online for anyone with a JPII FinalSite account, or via cash/check on the day of the test. Registration is required and can be accessed via the QR code or at: https://www.popeip2hs.org/high-school-placement-test-hspt/



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Every Christmas is a new beginning, filled with a joyful hope found in the Christ child and the holy family. The Church gives us this joyful Christmas season to celebrate 'God with us' and the hope it brings for those who follow him.

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Go to archseattle.org/Christmas for ways to celebrate the joy and hope of Christmas all season long.



Jubilee 2025 Pilgrims of Hope

What is a Jubilee?

A Jubilee is a special year of prayer. Jubilees are times for forgiveness, reconciliation, and pilgrimage and are a part of the Catholic tradition. Jubilees ordinarily take place every twenty-five years.

When does this Jubilee begin and end?

Pope Francis will formally open the Holy Doors at St. Peter's Basilica on December 24, 2024 and close them on January 6, 2026. Locally, our observance of the Jubilee will begin on December 29, 2024, and conclude on December 28, 2025.

What is the theme of Jubilee 2025?

The theme of Jubilee 2025 is Pilgrims of Hope.

"Everyone knows what it is to hope. In the heart of each person, hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite our not knowing what the future may bring....For all of us, may the Jubilee be an opportunity to be renewed in hope."

-Pope Francis

What are ways to observe the Jubilee?

During the Jubilee, millions of people are expected to make a pilgrimage to Rome to walk through the Holy Doors at one of the four major basilicas. For those unable to travel to Rome, there are many other ways to participate in the Jubilee, through pilgrimage, prayer, and service.

What is the Jubilee indulgence?

The Jubilee indulgence is a traditional part of a Jubilee year. It is a plenary indulgence which can be applied either to yourself or to your deceased loved ones. The ordinary conditions for obtaining the Jubilee indulgence are to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist, to pray for the intentions of the Holy Father, and to make a pilgrimage locally or to Rome. You can also obtain the Jubilee indulgence by participating in one of the spiritual or corporal works of mercy. Learn more on the USCCB website.

What if you can't make it to Rome?

You can make a Jubilee pilgrimage closer to home by visiting St. James Cathedral in Seattle or one of the other designated pilgrimage places in the archdiocese. In each location, you will find a self-guided pilgrimage brochure including special prayers for the Jubilee. Learn more at archseattle.org/Jubilee2025.

Jubilee pilgrimage sites in the Archdiocese of Seattle

St. James Cathedral

Cathedral church for the Archdiocese of Seattle 804 9th Ave., Seattle, WA 98104 stjames-cathedral.org
Open 7:30am-6:00pm daily
Public tour every Wednesday at 1:00pm
For group visits, contact Corinna Laughlin, claughlin@stjames-cathedral.org

St. Peter Catholic Mission

Historic church and cemetery; burial place of Chief Seattle 7076 NE South St., Suquamish, WA 98392 Open for Mass Wednesdays at 5:00pm, Fridays at 11:00am For group visits, contact Paula Polmanteer, paula@stolafschurch.org

St. Joachim Catholic Mission

Historic church on the Lummi Reservation with a special connection to St. Kateri Tekakwitha 4195 Lummi Shore Road, Bellingham, WA 98226-9289 Open 3:00pm-6:30pm on Thursdays (Mass at 6:00pm) Open 8:00am-noon on Sundays (Mass at 8:30am) For group visits, contact St. Joseph, Ferndale 360-384-3651

Proto-Cathedral of St. James the Greater

Historic church and former cathedral of the diocese 218 W 12th St., Vancouver, WA 98660 protocathedral.org Open daily 9:00am-3:30pm Public tour on the last Saturday of the month at 11:00am

Church of the Vietnamese Martyrs

Newly dedicated church serving the Vietnamese Catholic community 6841 S 180th St., Tukwila, WA 98188 www.vmpwa.org Open M-F:10:00 am-1:00pm, Sat: 9:00am-1:00pm, Sun:11:00am-1:00pm

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