

# January 12, 2025

## Feast of the Baptism of the Lord



THE BAPTISM  
OF THE LORD

“MY  
BELOVED  
SON.”

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### St. Columban Parish

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

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

360-458-3031 Spanish voicemail x2

**Monday-Thursday** 9:30 a.m.– 2p.m.

Fri. by appointment

### Sacramental Emergencies

In danger of death call: 360-704-7051

### Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Help line 360-458-1904

Christi simus, non nostri

We belong to Christ, not ourselves

## For your Prayer and Meditation

### Reflect on the Sunday Liturgy

#### Entrance Antiphon

God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness above your companions.

**Sunday Readings** *Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 29: 1-2, 3-4, 9-10/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22*

#### First Reading

Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken. (Is 40:5)

*The prophet Isaiah brought words of comfort and hope from God to the Israelites exiled in Babylon. Is there someone in your life who needs hope for the future?*

**Psalm** The Lord will bless his people with peace. (Psalm 29)

**Second Reading** Jesus Christ saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. (cf. Ti 2:11-14)

*St. Paul challenged Titus to reject godless ways and worldly desires. Do you have any family or friends you consider a role model in living an exceptional life?*

**Gospel** After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. (Lk 3:22)

*The Holy Spirit affirms Jesus as the Christ, the beloved Son of God. When do you sense the presence of the Holy Spirit in your life?*

**Communion Antiphon** Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

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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*



Jan. 14—Denise & Michelle Stevenson RIP

Jan. 15—

Jan. 16 —Brian Baker & Martin Baker Sr. RIP

Jan. 17—

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, Judy Cusick, Theresa Gonzales, Joe Judge, Pam Henslee, Mary Taylor, Maria Espino, Mort Kimball, Adrian Morales, and Judy Cusick.

#### For The Deceased

All the souls in purgatory, especially Fr. Jim Lee, Jennifer Hansen, and 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 our young people**, that they may eagerly seek and generously respond to their vocations from God.

**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:** 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.

**Monthly Intention of the Archdiocese:** For our parish family, that through the intercession of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, we may be instruments of joy, courage, and peace.

### Connect with us

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Ministries x1, Spanish/Español x2

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[youtube.com/@stcolumbanyelm](https://youtube.com/@stcolumbanyelm)

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[instagram.com/saintcolumbanyelm](https://instagram.com/saintcolumbanyelm)

**ONLINE GIVING**  
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"Our Catholic Community"  
(Apple App Store & Google Play) 

**FREE CATHOLIC STREAMING CONTENT**  
[FORMED.org](https://FORMED.org) 

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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

### Welcome to our Parish Family

*St. Columban Parish proclaims 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.*

*Since July 2024, Sacred Heart Parish in Lacey, St. Columban Parish, and St. Peter Mission formed into Parish Family 40 under our pastor, Very Rev. Bryan Ochs.*

### A Word from our Pastor

Hello Everyone,

People seemed to like it last time I reviewed some books that I've read, so here you go. Here are a few more.

I'll Push You: This is the true story of two best friends who decided to walk the Camino de Santiago in Spain together. For those who don't know, the Camino de Santiago is a walking pilgrimage across Spain. While there are several different routes, the most common is from France and passes through cities like Burgos and León. What made this story interesting, however, was the fact that one of the friends was confined to a wheelchair.

Having walked about 200 miles of the Camino myself a couple years ago, I enjoyed the book. There were some spiritual insights they picked up along the way, and I enjoyed the stories of the people they met and the challenges they overcame. I enjoyed it because I've done the Camino, but I'm not sure I would have as much if I hadn't. It kind of made me want to go back, to be honest. If you have walked the Camino, I highly recommend it and if you have not, I suggest you walk the Camino and then read it! (stay... tuned for more on this... hint, hint... ;)

I'm Starting to Worry About This Black Box of Doom: This was my vacation book. I just wanted something easy and relatively mindless to read and in that sense, it delivered. But other than that it was up and down. I almost didn't want to admit that I read this because there is a lot of objectionable, shallow and immature material in it, but it had its good moments too.

Basically, a young man gets offered a couple hundred

thousand dollars to drive a young woman and a big black box across the country. They have no idea what's inside the box. Some evidence suggests it's a bomb. Other evidence suggests it's nothing. But the internet gets ahold of the story and starts wildly speculating on what is happening.

This, in my opinion, made the book enjoyable. It was like all the scientific data you've ever read about Gen Z and how the internet and social media has wrecked their brains in literary form. The wild speculation of people who knew nothing about what was happening but spoke authoritatively of what was in the box and the relationship between the young man and woman was excellent, and there were some great lines from the characters about friendship and trust, but there were some negative things too about the material, making it so I can't widely recommend it. Sad too, because it was a good idea for a story.

Humility Rules: Saint Benedict's 12 Step Guide to Genuine Self-Esteem: I read this book a couple years ago, but I still regularly pick it up to reflect on from time to time. Seeing as how our parishes have such a history of Benedictine spirituality, I think this is a good one for people to read. It takes one of the great works of Western Civilization, The Rule of St. Benedict, and makes it very easily understandable for a modern reader. I found it very easy to read, thought provoking, but also very practical. If you are looking for a little spiritual reading on the simple side to jumpstart your prayer life and spark some reflection, this is a book I totally recommend, especially if you are unfamiliar with the rule of St. Benedict.

That's it for now! I know that some of you expected All the Light We Cannot See, and it's coming, I promise. I'm hoping to finish it by Christmas.

Fr. Bryan

### Dialogue for Justice: Catholic Advocacy to Reduce Poverty

"You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased" (Lk 3:22). These amazing words come from God the Father before Jesus has even started his ministry among the people. Jesus was about to embark upon his all too brief service to humanity, but what an impact he was to make! People heard his words of comfort and compassion. People experienced and saw his miracles of healing and new life. He was baptized, as John said, "...with the Holy Spirit and fire" (Lk3:16). We too have been immersed in the life of God through our own baptisms. As children of God, we are asked to give our lives for others just as Jesus did. Do we express

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words of comfort and compassion? Do we bring life through our dealings with others? Jesus challenged some of the beliefs and practices of his time. This is what a prophet does. As members of God's family, we are to do the same. How do I practice works of charity even in the face of a society that generally ignores others? Am I willing to speak truth to power? Am I willing to join Catholics for the Common Good to witness before legislators how my faith inspires me to work for those who are ignored and left behind? Do we hear God saying to us, "You are my beloved child; with you I am well pleased?" Lord, may our baptism give us the spirit of living lives of service for others.

Peace, Deacon Terry, ofs

### A Note of Appreciation

Dear Holy Parishioners of the family 40 group of parishes, Sacred Heart Lacey, St. Columban Yelm and St. Peter Mission Tenino,

This has been my first year here with you for the Christmas season. I have been the beneficiary of your love and support this past 6 months and now the time of the Nativity. I am blessed beyond words. Thank you for the many gifts and cards received.

Your welcome is much appreciated as is also the welcome of our Dean and Pastor Very Rev. Bryan Ochs and our international guest Fr. William Dodoma.

I look forward to the coming months and promise my prayers for you all.

Fr. Martin Bourke.

### Announcements

#### Parish Family Advisory Council nominations

Thank you all who have submitted nominations to Fr. Ochs for joining the Parish Family Advisory Council.

#### Check your emails!

We send registered parishioners an emailed version of the bulletin every week with more up-to-date information than this printed edition. Due to early deadlines by the bulletin publisher, more updated information will be found in the emailed edition and on the website. This may include updated Mass times and unforeseen announcements. If you're not registered, please stop by the Parish Office so we may welcome you and assist you. You may also register online at [saintcolumbanyelm.org](http://saintcolumbanyelm.org)

#### Mass Volunteers

Liturgical ministry volunteers (altar servers, greeters, ushers, livestream team), please check your emails and

respond to confirm that you will be serving on your scheduled date. This helps us find substitutes should you be unavailable.

#### You have the power to save lives

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring an American Red Cross blood drive on Thursday, Feb. 13th from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Pre-register for an appointment online at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and enter our code "KnightsYelm".

### Faith Formation

#### From the Catechism

**1997** Grace is a *participation in the life of God*. It introduces us into the intimacy of Trinitarian life: by Baptism the Christian participates in the grace of Christ, the Head of his Body. As an "adopted son" he can henceforth call God "Father," in union with the only Son. He receives the life of the Spirit who breathes charity into him and who forms the Church.

#### Next Sunday Faith Formation Classes

Jan. 12; **NO CLASS** Jan. 19; Jan. 26; Feb. 2, 9

#### Children & Adults, contact: Mrs. Makinster

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

#### Parent Meeting for First Communicants Jan. 26

**A Sunday school volunteer is needed,** contact Gaby Makinster at the parish office if you are available to help.

#### Youth Ministry, contact: Mr. Lucero

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

Parents, check your emails! *We will communicate with you directly over email regarding YM events.*

#### Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA)

Please pray for our candidates and catechumen as they prepare to join the Church this Easter.

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

### From the Bishops

#### Bishops release statement in solidarity with immigrants

Washington State Catholic Conference represents the Catholic bishops of Washington in their efforts to support public policies that promote the common good. Visit [wacatholics.org](http://wacatholics.org) to read their statement.

# Parish Ministries & Events

## Weekly Calendar

All events are at St. Columban unless otherwise noted.

**MONDAY January 13** *St. Hilary, Bishop & Doctor*  
**Rosary Prayer Group** 7:00p.m. Church

**TUESDAY January 14**  
**Daily Mass** 9:00a.m. Church  
**Winter Clothes Closet** 6:00-8:00 p.m. Small Hall  
**Spanish Prayer Group** 6:30p.m. Church

**WEDNESDAY January 15**  
**Daily Mass** 9:00a.m. Church  
**St. Peter Circle Meeting** 9:30 a.m. St. Peter  
**Bible Study** 10:00a.m. St. Peter  
**Winter Clothes Closet** 6:00-8:00 p.m. Small Hall  
**Knights of Columbus Meeting** 6:00 p.m. Large Hall

**THURSDAY January 16**  
**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  
**Bible Study** 6:30p.m. Small Hall  
**St. Vincent de Paul Meeting** 7:00 p.m. Large Hall

**FRIDAY January 17** *St. Anthony of Egypt, Abbot*  
**Daily Mass** 9:00 a.m. Church

**SATURDAY January 18**  
**Confession** 3:30 p.m. Church  
**Anticipatory Sunday Mass** 5:00p.m. Church

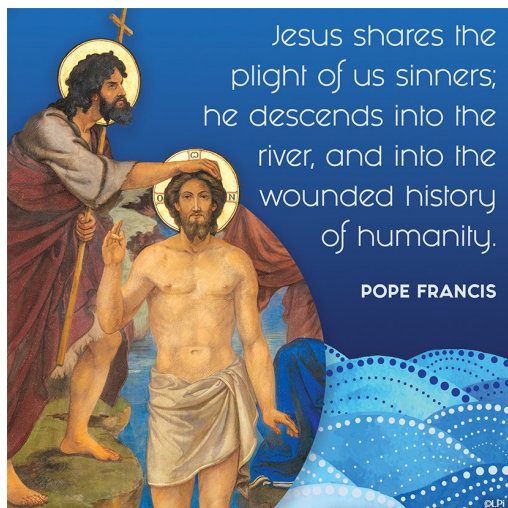
**SUNDAY January 19** **Second Sunday of Ord. Time**  
**Confession** 7:30-7:45 a.m. St. Peter  
**Sunday Mass** 8:00a.m. *Int.: Pro Populo* St. Peter  
**Religious Ed** 9-10:15 a.m. RE Bldg  
**Confirmation Classes** 9-10:15 a.m. Hall  
**Sunday Mass** 10:30a.m. *Int.: Pro Populo* Church  
**Altar Society & 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. 12** —Altar Society

**Jan. 19** —KofC Breakfast



## Altar Society

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



## Daughters of Mary

Meets monthly, There is no meeting for December but join us **January 28th** at 6 p.m. in the Parish Hall for our Annual Christmas Party!  
[daughtersofmary@saintcolumbanyelm.org](mailto:daughtersofmary@saintcolumbanyelm.org)



## Liturgical Ministries

[parishoffice@saintcolumbanyelm.org](mailto: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 Jan. 15th.**



**Tickets for the annual Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Dinner** will be on sale after all Masses at St. Columban. Join us for dinner on Jan. 25th, after the 5 p.m. Mass. Ticket sales support the charitable works of the Knights used to serve our parish and our local community.

## 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 Jan. 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.

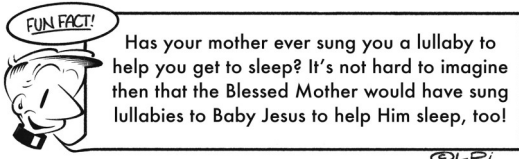


Keep in mind donations should be of good, re-usable quality; something you would wear. Items such as boots, gloves, hats, scarves, coats, blankets, etc. are needed; rather than summer apparel such as swimsuits, shorts, & flipflops which are not particularly useful for keeping warm during the winter months.

“Which nursery song would Jesus have heard the most?”

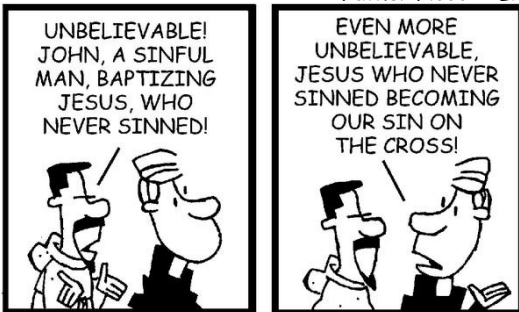


“Mary had a little lamb!”



BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Father Flood © LPi



Q&A

**Question:** At my grandson’s Baptism, the priest put a bib on the baby. I do not remember seeing this before. Why is this done? Is it something new?

**Answer:** When an adult is baptized, there is a part in the ceremony when the newly baptized is vested in a white garment. It is symbolic of the changes that baptism brings in the life of the baptized as they are freed from the bonds of sin and brought into the saving grace of Christ. Realities that are so profound are symbolically presented so that we might better grasp and understand them.

Infants are often dressed in a baptismal dress, which is the baptismal garment. In some places, the bib is used as a kind of baptismal garment. At the place in the ceremony where the investiture takes place, the bib is used. Some are poncho-like and fit over the baby's head. Others are simply placed on the baby's chest. If the baby is dressed in a white garment, nothing else is needed. The prayer says it all: “See in your white garment the outward sign of your Christian dignity ... bring that dignity unstained into the everlasting life of heaven.” In baptism, we are given our purpose and goal in life as believers and this is symbolized by the white garment. (Text ©LPi, our bulletin publisher)

Devotions, Explained!

Sprinkling Rite, Explained

The rite of sprinkling, also called the Asperges rite, describes the act of sprinkling the congregation with holy water, an action which recalls the new life we received in the waters of our baptism.

If this rite is performed during Mass, it takes the place of the penitential act.

The sprinkling rite usually takes place on Sundays during the Easter season but is permitted on any Sunday. When it is completed, the congregation sings the Gloria.

The name “asperges” comes from the first line of Psalm 51, a penitential psalm that begins with the words “Have mercy on me.” In the Extraordinary Form of the Mass, the Asperges rite is done before each principal Mass, except on Palm Sunday.

The tool used by the priest to sprinkle the congregation is called the aspergillum, and the bucket containing the water is called the aspersorium.

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# 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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.vmpwa.org)

Open M-F: 10:00am-1:00pm,

Sat: 9:00am-1:00pm, Sun: 11:00am-1:00pm



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# 2024 APPEAL FOR THE POOR

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## OUR IMPACT



Served **109,109** of the most vulnerable people in our region thanks to the dedication of **4,070** staff members and **2,816** volunteers.



Twelve Regional Family Centers offered **43,260** people access to diverse programs, including outreach and walk-in services; transitional and permanent housing; medical, mental health, and substance use disorder treatment; and case management and volunteer services.



Our Long Term Care System provided **5,784** individuals with **2,045,392** hours of home care, including help with walking or mobility, bathing, foot care, transferring, chores, meal preparation, and nurse-delegated care.



Transportation, senior nutrition, and home care programs helped **22,312** individuals maintain their independence.



Catholic Housing Services provided **3,016** units of permanent affordable housing for individuals, families, veterans, seniors, and people with disabilities.



**40** shelters and repurposed motels offered **306,986** emergency bed nights for single adults and families experiencing homelessness.



Family Behavioral Health System provided **255,827** hours of in-home behavioral health services to **18,449** children, youth, and family members.



An additional **19,763** individuals accessed mental health services, and **3,280** individuals received addiction recovery counseling from regional CCS providers.

## 5 Ways to Share THE LIGHT OF HOPE

- 1 Volunteer:** Serve meals, help seniors, tutor youth, and more at [ccsww.org/volunteer](https://ccsww.org/volunteer)
- 2 Advocate:** Be a champion for those in need! Contact your local Network Builder at [ccsww.org/advocacy](https://ccsww.org/advocacy)
- 3 Donate:** Visit [ccsww.org/donatenow](https://ccsww.org/donatenow) to make a gift of cash or stock or leave a legacy gift through your estate.
- 4 Stay Informed:** Sign up for monthly CCS/CHS updates at [ccsww.org/join-us](https://ccsww.org/join-us)
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**Safe Parking Program at Holy Rosary**

This year, we were excited to open our Safe Parking program at the Holy Rosary campus in Tacoma. With on-site office space, a kitchen, a dining area, a bathroom with showers, and laundry facilities, this program is a much-needed resource for those we serve. One of our first participants, a veteran who had been living in his car for months, was connected to services through our SSVF program and moved into permanent housing within a day. Since its opening, an additional eight households have exited the program.

**Supporting Our Seniors' Independence**

Volunteer Services is committed to helping our seniors live independently in their homes. One of the many ways our volunteers have kept this promise throughout the year is by equipping homes with ramps. One neighbor, recovering from a stroke, needed a ramp to safely recuperate at home with family support. Another, recently discharged from rehab, could not return home without one. For both these neighbors and countless more, Volunteer Services strives to meet the needs of our seniors.

**Long Term Care for Shelter Guests**

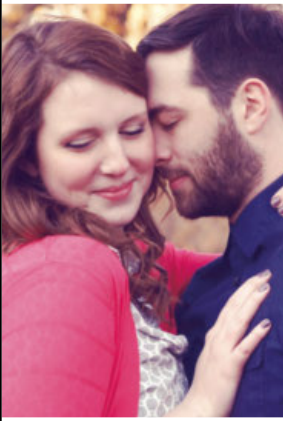
CCS Long Term Care's Pilot Program at Nativity House Shelter celebrated its fifth year of service this year. Since its inception, the LTC Pilot Program has been bringing home care services and licensed caregivers to our most vulnerable shelter guests.



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