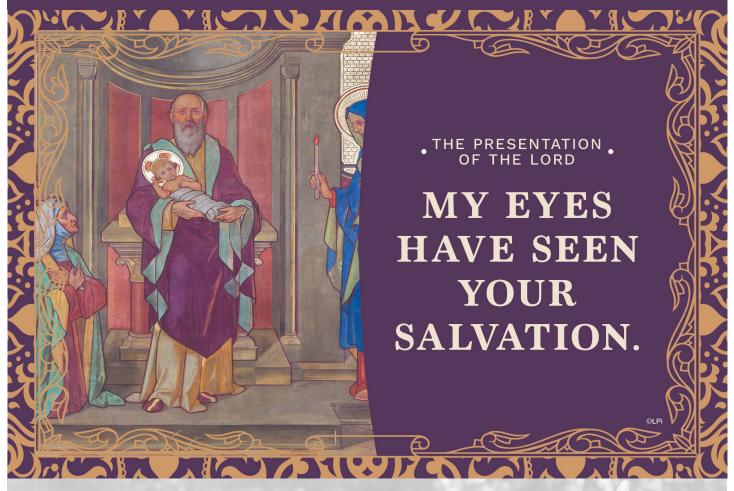
February 2, 2025

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord



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

<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

Christi simus, non nostri

We belong to Christ, not ourselves

For your Prayer and Meditation

Reflect on the Sunday Liturgy

Entrance Antiphon Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

Sunday Readings *Mal* 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-3

First Reading Lo, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me; and suddenly there will come to the temple the LORD whom you seek. (Mal 3:1)

Malachi prophesied a coming messenger who will purify those making offerings to the Lord. How do you prepare for Sunday worship?

Psalm Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord! (Ps 24)

Second Reading Therefore, he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every way, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest before God. (Heb 2:17)

Hebrews teaches that Jesus was tested and suffered so that he could be merciful and understanding with our struggles and challenges. What are you facing this week that Jesus could help you with?

Gospel "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation." (Lk 2:29-30)

Mary and Jospeh received incredible news from Simeon and Anna about the infant Jesus at his presentation in the Temple. Who helps you process startling or unsettling information?

Communion Antiphon My eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.

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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*



Feb. 4— Michelle & Denise Stevenson RIP

Feb. 5— Marie & Wess Goss

Feb. 6 —

Feb. 7—(FIRST FRIDAY)

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, Joe Judge, Marcella Thornton, Pam Henslee, Mary Taylor, Maria Espino, Mort Kimball, Adrian Moralez, Judy Cusick, Jaseea Karst, Betty Karst, Gary Karst, Michelle Meginnins, Clay McBride, and Theresa Gonzales.

For The Deceased

(360) 458-3031

All the souls in purgatory, especially Fr. Jim Lee, Fr. Oliver Duggan, Fr. Hyracio Yanez, Euylene Matz 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 families in crisis. Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

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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 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. The Catholic Church has 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

Dear Parishioners,

When I look back at my childhood and teenage years, the times I feel that I was the most loved were the times my parents told me, "No." Granted, when I was in my



teenage years the times my parents told me "No!" were the times I questioned my parents love for me the most. Looking back on those

parents love for me the most. Looking back on those times, however, there is no mistaking it: No really meant, "We love you."

Saying "No!" is difficult in a few ways. First, it goes against our natural desire to make our children happy. To say, "No!" often means that you are depriving them of something that they want and that can be difficult, even if we know that what they want will not make them happy in the long run. To say, "No" in these situations is actually a "Yes" to something better. It means that we are raising their minds to something greater than they desire.

But I think the most difficult aspect of saying no is that it requires a lot of energy. Saying "No!" means you are going to have a fight on your hands. You who are parents will understand what I mean. Saying no to a child means it's about to get very loud. I don't know of a single instance when a child threw a tantrum because his parents said, "Yes." I also don't know of a single time a parent said, "No!" without a Tantrum ensuing. It would be so easy to skip the drama altogether by giving in and saying, "Yes." This is why saying "No" is such a loving thing to do. It takes a lot of work.

The same goes with teenagers. Yes, some teenagers still throw tantrums as if they were three years old, but teenagers can also be much crueler to their parents when the answer is, "No." Teenagers will openly express their doubt that their parents really care about them at all and will even tell their parents they are hated. As an acquaintance of mine said, "Sometimes you need to love your children enough to let them hate you." Truer words have never been spoken.

So, beginning with my parents, I want to thank all the Moms and Dads out there who have loved their children enough to say, "No." Thanks for putting up with all our tantrums and putting up with our manipulative teenage drama. And to all the children and teenagers out there who are hopefully reading this who have heard, "No!" from your parents, I want you to know that you are very lucky that your parents love you enough to say that. Whether you wanted them to buy you something that you weren't ready for, or whether it was when you wanted to do something with your friends that wasn't safe, or whether they didn't even have a reason, the word "No!" means your parents love you a lot. You should thank them for saying it.

As a Priest, I've also struggled to say no to people. This was not over moral issues, mind you. It was mostly over people wanting special treatment. I've said yes to things I shouldn't have because I didn't have the energy to have a conflict. Saying "Yes" when I shouldn't have has caused a lot of extra work for me and parish staffs that I have served, as well as some occasional confusion among the people in our parish. It was not loving for me to say Yes in these situations.

I've improved at this for sure over the years, but I hope that if I ever have to say "No," to you or somebody you know that you'll know it is coming from a place of love and a desire for you and all of our parishioners to reach your full potential as disciples of the Lord and to maintain unity in our parishes.

Fr. Bryan

Dialogue for Justice: Catholic Advocacy to Reduce Poverty

The readings for the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord remind us of the significance of both recognizing and naming Jesus in the events of our everyday lives. Today is also referred to as Candlemas Day. In many churches, the liturgy will be preceded by a blessing of candles, which symbolize Christ as the Light of the world; light that makes visible what is hidden in the shadows. Hidden in the shadows of next week's Super Bowl, we find violence and criminal activity, including the trafficking of children, women and men for sex and labor. Next weekend as we gather with friends, let us take a moment to pray for those who may be victims of human trafficking. Let us also hope that the efforts to

In our Parish

raise awareness about this abusive practice will serve to decrease the number of children, women and men who would be victims to this modern-day slavery. Polarisproject.org is a great resource for recognizing the signs of human trafficking. They operate a 24/7 national hotline to report any suspected incidences of trafficking.

Peace, Deacon Terry, ofs

Announcements

Informational Meeting about the Camino de Santiago Tomorrow at Sacred Heart Lacey

Fr. Ochs will host a presentation about the *Camino* in the Fellowship Room at Feb. 3 at 6:30 p.m. with the intention that parishioners would be able to plan their own Camino or could begin discerning the possibility of going as a group.

Position available in our Parish Family

Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Lacey, Washington is seeking an administrator who will oversee the day-to-day administrative operations of the Church. They function as a Chief of Staff of all parish administrative staff. This is a full-time in-person role with benefits. They will oversee all the administrative functions of the parish, including finance, maintenance and facilities (including technology), and Human Resources and serve as key person for the Partners in the Gospel initiative. This person not only ensures the quality of all work done by parish administrative staff but works to maintain a healthy and safe work environment for all. The salary range is \$66,000 to \$87,000 depending on experience. For information, please contact azelle@3hearts.org.

Giving Statements will be sent soon. Please ensure that your contact information is up to date in Pushpay (if you give online) or by contacting the Parish office.

Thank you for helping us support PREPARES

During the month of January, plastic baby bottles were available in the narthex for you to take home and collect loose change to help support expectant mothers and families with young children through the PREPARES program. Please return baby bottles by next Sunday, Feb. 9.

You have the power to save lives

The American Red Cross will host a blood drive on Thursday, Feb. 13 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Pre-register for an appointment online at <u>redcrossblood.org</u> and enter our code "KnightsYelm".



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. 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

2nd Annual Super Sunday Chili Cook-off, sponsored by the KofC Assembly 1647. Watch the big game with us at this free family event. Bring a crockpot of your favorite chili or cornbread to share and you could receive a prize if you're judged as the best! Beverages are available for purchase, and hot dogs and buns will be provided. Sunday, Feb. 9 in the Parish Hall,. Doors open 2 p.m. for a 3:30 p.m. kickoff.

Faith Formation

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church

529 The presentation of Jesus in the temple shows him to be the firstborn Son who belongs to the Lord. [Cf. Lk 2:22-39; Ex13:2, 12-13] With Simeon and Anna, all Israel awaits its *encounter* with the Savior-the name given to this event in the Byzantine tradition. Jesus is recognized as the long-expected Messiah, the "light to the nations" and the "glory of Israel", but also "a sign that is spoken against". The sword of sorrow predicted for Mary announces Christ's perfect and unique oblation on the cross that will impart the salvation God had "prepared in the presence of all peoples".

Next Sunday Faith Formation Classes

Feb. 2, 9; NO CLASS Feb. 16

Children & Adults, contact: Mrs. Makinster

Elementary & Adult Faith Formation, gaby@saintcolumbanyelm.org 360-458-3031 x2 habla Español

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

Youth Ministry, contact: Mr. Lucero

vm@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 and Wednesday mornings at 10 a.m. at St. Peter Tenino.

Parish Ministries & Events

Weekly Calendar

All events are at St. Columban unless otherwise noted.

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Rosary Prayer Group 7:00p.m. Church

TUESDAY February 4

Daily Mass 9:00a.m.ChurchWinter Clothes Closet 6:00-8:00 p.m.Small HallSpanish Prayer Group 6:30p.m.ChurchOCIA Class 6:30 p.m.RE Bldg.

WEDNESDAY February 5St. Agatha, Virgin & MartyrDaily Mass 9:00a.m.ChurchBible Study 10:00a.m.St. Peter

Bible Study 10:00a.m. St. Peter **Winter Clothes Closet** 6:00-8:00 p.m. Small Hall

THURSDAY February 6 St. Paul Miki & Comp., Martyrs

Daily Mass 9:00a.m. Church

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

FRIDAY February 7

First Friday Mass 9:00 a.m. St. Peter **Eucharistic Adoration & Devotions** 6:30-7:30p.m. Church

SATURDAY February 8

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

SUNDAY February 9 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Confession 7:30-7:45 a.m.St. PeterSunday Mass 8:00a.m. Int.: Pro PopuloSt. PeterReligious Ed 9-10:15 a.m.RE Bldg.

Confirmation Classes9-10:15 a.m.HallSunday Mass10:30a.m. Int.: Pro PopuloChurchAltar Society & DoM Fellowship11:45a.m.Parish HallSuper Sunday Chili Cook-Off2-5 p.m.Hall

After Mass Breakfast & Coffee Hospitality

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

Feb 2—Daughters of Mary

Feb 9—Altar Society & DOM

Upcoming Events

Thurs. Feb. 13. — Blood Drive

Wed. March 5 – ASH WEDNESDAY, start of Lent

Mass St. Peter 9:00a.m.

Mass St. Columban 7:00p.m.—incense will be used



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. Join us for our next meeting **February 25th** at 6 p.m. in the Hall. All women of the parish are invited and bring your favorite snack to share!

Liturgical Ministries

parishoffice@saintcolumbanyelm.org

Altar Servers, Choir, Greeters/Ushers, Readers
We are now scheduling for Holy Week liturgies.
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.

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, Feb. 19.

St. Peter Circle

Meets second Tuesdays every other month at St. Peter Tenino. Next scheduled meetings: 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 Feb. 20.**



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.

Sunday Features

"If Moses were alive today, why would he be considered a remarkable man?"



"Because he would be several thousand years old!"



Moses was chosen by God to free the Israelites from slavery by the Egyptians, and bring them to the promised land. It was also through Moses that we received the Ten Commandments.

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PRESENTATION OF THE LORD





Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Presentation of the Lord

Question: Luke's Gospel is the only one to mention the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple. What is Luke trying to communicate here and what connection does it have with Mary?

Answer: February 2 is exactly forty days after December 25, the nativity of Jesus. Jewish law (Ex 13:2, 12) dictated that Jesus, as the firstborn, be consecrated to God. This was done by the parents as they presented their Son in the Temple.

Jewish law further specified (Lv 12:2-8) that a mother was ritually impure after giving birth, and that she had to wait a set period of time (forty days for a boy) before she was to offer a sacrifice to the Lord for purification.

The convergence of these two Jewish regulations occasions Luke's account of both the Presentation of the Lord and the Purification of Mary. These days the liturgical emphasis is more on the Presentation of Jesus. Luke highlights the role of Simeon and Anna, two righteous Jews who recognized Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah and praised God for being able to see and experience such a marvel in their lifetimes.

Simeon's prayer concerning the special role of Jesus states that Jesus is "a light for revelation to the Gentiles." This phrase eventually originated the custom of blessing candles on this day which were to be used in the ceremonies, rituals, and processions throughout the church year. Thus February 2 is also known as Candlemas Day. This day is indeed a rich feast to be savored.

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From the Archdioese



Celebrating a Legacy of Faith

The Archdiocese of Seattle is celebrating its 175th anniversary this year from January to May. We will mark this anniversary with special Masses and with a Season of Service. Learn more at archseattle.org/175

Jubilee 2025

Pope Francis is calling on all the faithful to become Pilgrims of Hope. During the Jubilee year, millions of pilgrims are expected to travel to Rome to walk through the Holy Doors and participate in Jubilee events. Learn how to participate locally at archseattle.org/Jubilee2025





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Other Events & Announcements

In our Parish Family

For more happenings in our Parish Family visit www.sacredheartlacey.com

Sacred Heart Parish 57th Annual Crab Feed

Friday, February 28, 2025, 6pm Hallen Hall, Adults 18 and over \$40.00, Ages 13-17 \$25.00, Age 12 and under free. Tickets are all you can enjoy crab, with beer & vino included with meal. No ticket sales at the door, presale only. Contact John Huff for tickets: (360) 584-2323 or jn13 1 16@hotmail.com. Sponsored by the Holy Name Society a Men's Confraternity—The Confraternity of the Holy Names Society promotes reverence for the Sacred Name of Jesus Christ, obedience and loyalty to the Magisterium of the Catholic Church, and the personal sanctification and holiness of its members.

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10 a.m. (Korean, Fabian Hall), 2 p.m. (Spanish)

Saturday: 5 p.m.

Daily Mass: Mon-Sat 9 a.m.

Reconciliation: Sat. 3:00-4:45 p.m., or by appt.

Eucharistic Adoration: Thursday after Mass until Sat at 4:30 p.m. in

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