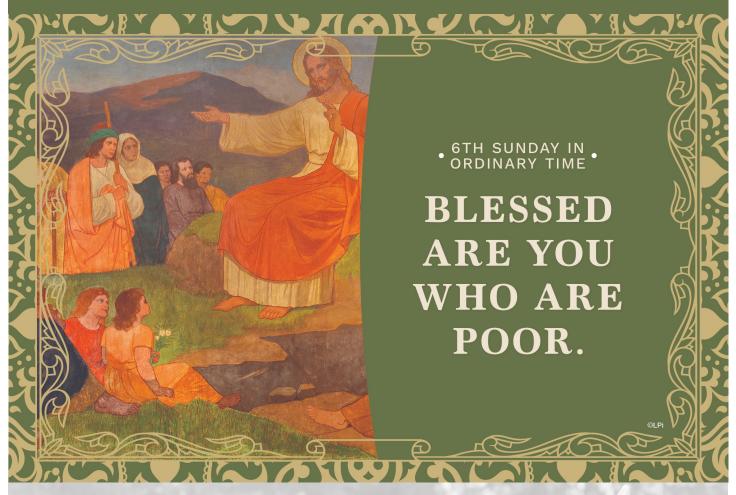
February 16, 2025

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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 Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

Sunday Readings Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6, (40:5a)/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26

First Reading Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, whose hope is the LORD. (Jer 17:7)

Jeremiah believes it is wise to trust in the Lord. When have you had to place your trust in God?

Psalm Blessed are they who hope in the Lord. (Ps 1)

Second Reading If the dead are not raised, neither has Christ been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is vain. (1 Cor 15:16-17)

St. Paul challenged those in the Corinthian community who did not believe in the resurrection of the dead. How do you support family or friends who are non-believers?

Gospel "Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours." (Lk 6:20)

We hear today how Jesus brought comfort to those struggling in life and challenged those who lived a life of ease. Is there someone you know who could benefit from your words of comfort this week?

Communion Antiphon They are and hate their fill, and what they craved the Lord agave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass $@2001,\,1998,\,1970$ CCD.

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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. 18— Rita Maus—RIP

Feb. 19— Our Parish Priests

Feb. 20 —

Feb. 21-

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, Theresa Gonzales, Joe Judge, Pam Henslee, Mary Taylor, Maria Espino, Mort Kimball, Adrian Moralez, Judy Cusick, Deborah Little, Michelle Haligan, and Loren Edwards.

For The Deceased

All the souls in purgatory, especially Marcella Thornton, Eva Mankowski 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. 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

Dear Parishioners,

Way back in early July I wrote one of my first bulletin columns which acknowledged some of the trials that I expected to undergo in our first few months as a parish family. I think it might be a good time to revisit some of



those and assess how we are doing.

In that column, the first thing that I mentioned is that I expected it would take longer than usual to get to know the priests serving the parish. This has certainly been the case, and has perhaps been even harder than I expected. Many weeks sometimes go between the times a priest celebrates a particular Mass.

I have been keeping close track of which Masses I have offered since mid September, and the stats aren't great. Since the first weekend of October we have had 18 weekends through the 2nd of February. Aside from the Spanish Mass, the Mass I have presided at most often is the 10 a.m. Mass in Lacey, and I have offered that Mass nine times. The lowest, by far, is the 8 a.m. in Lacey which I have only offered three times since the first weekend of October.

Yeah, that isn't good at all. I'm not pleased with that, and I don't blame anyone who feels like they have no clue who I even am. For those who attend the 8am in Lacey, you might just think I'm lazy and don't like to get up early. While it is true that I don't like to get up early, this isn't the reason that I have been so absent at this Mass. There were some unexpected things that happened, including the fact that our team of priests

are trying to cover one Mass at St. Michael's every weekend.

(For those interested in the rest of the stats, I've been away two weekends, I have offered the 5 p.m. in Lacey eight times, I have offered all of the Masses in Yelm and Tenino six times, and I have offered the 12 p.m. Mass in Lacey five times. I have offered the Spanish Mass in Lacey 13 times)

So I guess my prediction was correct and, if it is wrong, it turns out that it has been even harder than I predicted. It is just going to take a lot of time to bond, but I do believe that it is already forming and that over time this bond will become deeper. We just have to be patient.

Another challenge I mentioned in that bulletin was communication. I actually think the communication has been fairly good and I want to credit that to the staff of our parishes for that. No, it hasn't been perfect, but for the most part, people who want to know what is going on seem to know what is going on. With that I want to remind people of the advice that I gave back in July, which is to keep your eyes and ears open. You might have to work a little harder than you are used to to stay informed as to what is going on, but the information is out there. I appreciate the people who read the bulletin, because this is especially important in terms of staying in the know.

Personally, I would like to say that even though there have been some challenges I have enjoyed my time serving these communities so far. Yes, as mentioned above, it is hard to settle in when we are running all over the place but despite that I am feeling more and more connected and invested in the communities every day. I think I can speak similarly for Fr. Martin and Fr. William when I say that we appreciate all of the ways in which you have helped us to feel at home in these communities.

Thank you,

Fr. Bryan



Sacred Heart, Lacey | St. Columban, Yelm | St. Peter Mission, Tenino



In our Parish

Announcements

Got old Palms? We will be collecting old palms soon, to be used as ashes for Ash Wednesday. A basket in the available in the narthex to collect your old palms.

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. For information, please contact azelle@3hearts.org.

Year-end Giving Statements were sent out last week. Please contact Matthew at the parish office if there are any corrections that need to be made or if you would like to have your statement printed for those who received it by email

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

Faith Formation

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church

2546 "Blessed are the poor in spirit." [*Mt 5:3*] The Beatitudes reveal an order of happiness and grace, of beauty and peace. Jesus celebrates the joy of the poor, to whom the Kingdom already belongs: [*Cf. Lk 6:20*]

The Word speaks of voluntary humility as "poverty in spirit"; the Apostle gives an example of God's poverty when he says: "For your sakes he became poor." [St. Gregory of Nyssa, De beatitudinibus 1: PG 44, 1200D; cf. 2 Cor 8:9]

Next Sunday Faith Formation Classes

NO CLASS Feb. 16; Feb. 23, March 2

Children & Adults, contact: Mrs. Makinster

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

Youth Ministry, contact: Mr. Lucero

chad@saintcolumbanyelm.org

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

Are you interested in having your Middle School aged youth attend a Catholic Summer camp or High School aged youth attend a Summer Catholic youth conference? Contact us for more information.

Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA)

Please pray for our candidates and catechumen as they prepare to join the Church this Easter. Upcoming dates: *Rite of Sending* – March 2, 10:30 Mass at St. Columban; *Rite of Election* – March 11, 7 p.m. at Sacred Heart Lacey

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.

Financial Stewardship

December 2024 Total Giving

	St. Columban	St Peter
Weekly Collection Goal over 4 weeks	\$23,200.00	\$4,000.00
Envelope Collections	\$33,496.24	\$4,388.00
Loose Giving	\$3,632.81	\$1,224.25
Net	\$13,929.05	\$1,612.25
Special Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00
St Vincent DePaul	\$986.11	\$0.00
Sacramentals*	\$254.75	\$62.00
Flowers	\$160.00	\$0.00
Building Fund	\$210.00	\$0.00
Mass Intentions	\$100.00	\$0.00
Second Collection	\$0.00	\$0.00

^{*}Candles, Beeswax tapers, Salt)



Parish Ministries & Events

Church

Weekly Calendar

All events are at St. Columban unless otherwise noted.

MONDAY February 17

Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Rosary Prayer Group 7:00p.m. Church

TUESDAY February 18

Daily Mass 9:00a.m. Church

Winter Clothes Closet 6:00-8:00 p.m. Small Hall

Youth FRFC Class 6:00 p.m. RE Bldg.

OCIA Class 6:30 p.m. RE Bldg.

WEDNESDAY February 19

Spanish Prayer Group 6:30p.m.

Daily Mass 9:00a.m.	Church
Bible Study 10:00a.m.	St. Peter
Winter Clothes Closet 6:00-8:00 p.m.	Small Hall
Knights of Columbus Meeting 6:00p.m.	Hall

THURSDAY February 20

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
St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 7:00p.m.	Hall

FRIDAY February 21 St. Peter Damian, Bp. & Doctor Daily Mass 9:00 a.m. Church

SATURDAY February 22	Chair of St. Peter, Apostle
Youth Ministry Saturday 9 a.m.—	1 p.m. Hall
Confession 3:30 p.m.	Church
Anticipatory Sunday Mass 5:00p.	m. Church

SUNDAY February 23 Seventh Sunday in 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. Confirmation Classes 9-10:15 a.m.	RE Bldg. Hall
Sunday Mass 10:30a.m. Int.: Pro Populo Knights Breakfast 11:45a.m.	Church Parish Hall

After Mass Breakfast & Coffee Hospitality

Join us after the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass in the Parish Hall. Free! Donations help support each groups' charitable works for the Parish.

Feb. 16—Youth Ministry

Feb. 23—Knights of Columbus

March 2—Daughters of Mary

March 9-Altar Society & Daughters of Mary

Upcoming Events

Wed., **March 5** — Ash Wednesday, start of Lent Mass St. Peter 9:00a.m.

Mass St. Columban 7:00p.m.

Sat., March 8 — St. Patrick Dinner, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

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 25** at 6 p.m. in the Hall. All women of the parish are invited and bring your favorite snack to share



Liturgical Ministries

parishoffice@saintcolumbanvelm.org

Altar Servers, Choir, Greeters/Ushers, Readers 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

kofcyelm@gmail.com For all Catholic men. 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: This 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.

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 which are not particularly useful for keeping warm during the winter months.

Sunday Features

"What is a termite's favorite feast day?



"The Chair of St. Peter!"



The feast of the Chair of St. Peter honors Peter as the head of the apostles, and by extension, the pope as the head of the Roman Catholic Church.

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Father Flood © LPi





Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question: Carnivale and Mardi Gras celebrations are linked to Ash Wednesday, Lent, fast and abstinence. Can you tell us more about the connections between these events?

Answer: Ash Wednesday is the beginning of the forty days known as Lent. Every year, Christians highlight this penitential season as a time of self-examination, reformation of one's life, and continued development of a deeper spiritual life. The recommended practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving become the focus of Lenten activity and ritual. Each of these spiritual practices is aimed at personal discipline as well as continued concern for the other, especially the poor or alienated.

Forty days is a symbolic biblical period of time, during which personal transformation occurs and out of which people surface as more spiritual, ready to carry out God's mission. Relying on God's providence and care, no matter how difficult life becomes, is crucial to Lenten spirituality. Fasting was initially stricter, permitting only one simple meal a day without meat, fish, or other delicacies. Such things were not even allowed in the house.

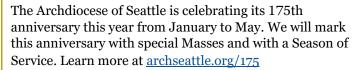
In order to prepare for this in an age of no refrigeration, people gathered to consume whatever was not allowed during Lent. This led to parties or celebrations originally referred to as Carnivale, literally meaning "goodbye to meat," or Mardi Gras, literally meaning "Fat Tuesday."

The eating and celebrating ended on the Tuesday just before Ash Wednesday. Today we focus more on moderation in all things, as well as a strong concern for the poor. What are you doing for the poor this Lent?

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From the Archdiocese

Celebrating a Legacy of Faith

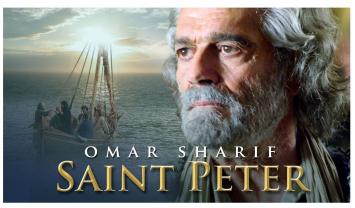




Jubilee 2025

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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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: Thu after Mass until Sat at 4:30

p.m. in St. Frances of Rome Chapel

Parish office: Mon-Fri 8 a.m.-Noon, 1-4 p.m.

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Sacred Heart Parish 57th Annual Crab Feed

Friday, February 28, 2025, 6pm Sacred Heart Lacey Hallen Hall, Adults 18 and over \$40, Ages 13-17 \$25, 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 the Sacred Heart parish office.

Sacred Heart Youth Ministry Fat Tuesday Pasta Feed, Youth Talent Show & Fundraiser Auction

Tuesday, March 3 2025, 6pm Hallen Hall. Tickets on sale at the Sacred Heart parish office.

Holy Family School, a private independent Catholic school in Lacey, serving PK-8. Visit <u>Holyfamilylacey.org</u> or call 360-491-7060.

Pope John Paul II High School, a Catholic, collegeprep high school in Lacey. Visit <u>popejp2hs.org</u> or call 360-438-7600.

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Saturday, March 8, 2025 6:00 PM

St. Columban Parish Hall

\$12 for Ages 12+, \$6 Ages 4-11, Ages 3 and under free

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