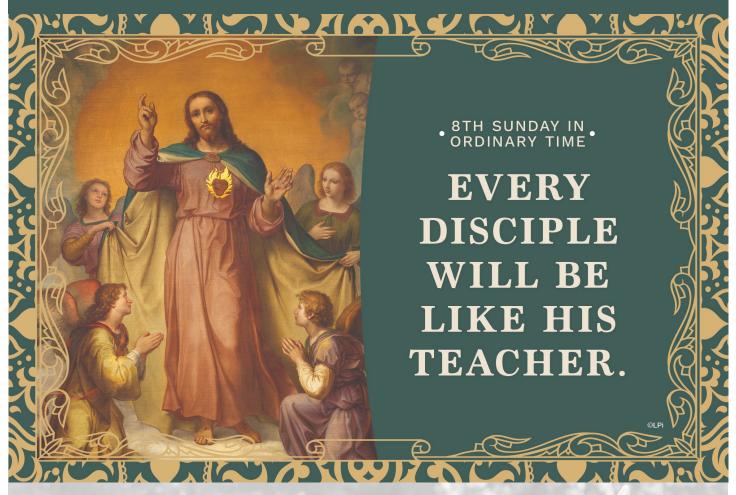
March 2, 2025

Eighth 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 3:00-4:30 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 March 7, 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 The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom; he saved me because he delighted in me.

I would not harm the LORD's anointed." (1 Sm 26:23)

Sunday Readings Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 (see 2a)/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45

First Reading Praise no one before he speaks, for it is then that people are tested. (Sir 27:7)

Sirach teaches us to pay attention to how people speak; it reveals a lot. How often do you find yourself weighing your words before speaking?

Psalm Lord, it is good to give thanks to you. (Ps 92)

Second Reading But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Cor 15:57)

St. Paul speaks of Jesus's resurrection as taking away the "sting" and "victory" of death. What words of comfort do you use to those grieving over the death of a loved one?

Gospel "A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks." (Lk 6:45)

Jesus encourages his followers to be humble in judgment of others and mindful in speech. Have you had good role models in your life for these virtues?

Communion Antiphon I will sing to the Lord who has

been bountiful with me, sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.

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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



March 4— Teresa Lorette

March 5-

March 6-

March 7 —

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 $\S 2$).

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, Pam Henslee, Mary Taylor, Maria Espino, Mort Kimball, Adrian Moralez, Judy Cusick, Clay McBride, Theresa Gonzales, Debbie Little, Michelle Haligan, Fr. Victor Olvida, Lorna Edwards, Candy Patterson

For The Deceased

(360) 458-3031

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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Welcome Home

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,

As we prepare for Lent, I would like to write a series of columns about the Sacrament of Reconciliation and how it is celebrated. There are many guides you can find online to help you make a good



confession, but in my experience these guides are geared more towards new Catholics and those who have been away from the Sacrament for a long time. These guides are good for that. They help people overcome fear of the sacrament and other obstacles preventing them from receiving it.

But as we deepen our discipleship, our experience of the Sacrament of Reconciliation should deepen as well, and many Catholics feel a bit stuck in the sacrament. When we perceive that the confession is not bearing fruit, we will either abandon it altogether or we will do the opposite and go very often. I'm not sure why that is, but we often tell ourselves that in the spiritual life more is better. I'm going to suggest that the solution to make the sacrament more fruitful is not to increase the quantity of confessions we make, but to prepare for confession with greater depth, even if this preparation spreads your confessions out a bit more.

I hope that this series will help those who are not new to the sacrament to deepen their experience of it. I'm writing from the perspective of a sinner who receives this sacrament and who has deepened my own preparation over time, as well as a priest who has had the privilege of hearing some very humble and fruitful confessions from some holy people.

I'm not sure exactly what the order of these columns will be, but I plan to cover several topics. We will consider different paradigms for how we approach the sacrament, and I will critique what many experience as a transactional paradigm as opposed to a relational paradigm. We will look at the definition of a mortal sin and how to tell if you have committed one. We will look at some different ways to examine our consciences. I also hope to write a column on addiction, and how to best celebrate the sacrament if you have an addiction. This is all a work in progress, so please pray for me as I write these columns.

I hope that you will celebrate the Sacrament of confession during the Holy Season of Lent. At Sacred Heart and St. Columban, Confessions will be held every Saturday from 3-4:30 p.m. during Lent. At St. Peter, we hear confessions before the 8 a.m. Mass (usually around 7:45). We will also be having a reconciliation service at Sacred Heart in English on March 27th at 6p p.m. We will have several visiting priests ready to hear confessions that evening.

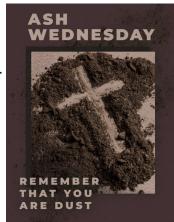
In addition to this, we will also be offering other times throughout the season at Sacred Heart, but those times are not scheduled yet, and we will be experimenting with something new (if it works we will try it at St. Columban and St. Peter in the future). The specific times will be announced by text message a day or two before the time is offered. We have already been trying this with mixed results but I am optimistic it will be good for priest and penitent alike. You can sign up for text messages by texting RECON to 84576 (yes, RECON must be all capitals).

Please read the bulletin over the next few weeks so that your next confession will bear more fruit and bring even greater peace.

Thank you! Fr. Bryan

Announcements

Ash Wednesday, March 5, marks the beginning of the holy season of Lent. Masses with distribution of Ashes will be held 9 a.m. at St. Peter Tenino and 7 p.m. at St. Columban. Sacred Heart Lacey will also have Masses with distribution of Ashes at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. (Spanish-English bilingual) and 12 p.m. Communion service with distribution of Ashes.



This day is an obligatory day

of penance and fasting. Ash Wednesday is not a Holy Day of Obligation.

In our Parish

Announcements continued from previous page

Stations of the Cross & Lenten Soup Suppers. Join us for prayer every Friday in Lent in the church, followed by a soup supper in the Hall. Schedule of Soup Supper sponsors: **March** 7— Spanish Prayer Group

March 14— Faith Formation & Youth Ministry

March 21— Knights of Columbus

March 28— Daughters of Mary & Altar Society

April 4— Altar Servers

April 11— Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The Winter Clothes Closet is now closed for the season. We are no longer accepting donations.

Thank you for all for your support this year, as well as in past seasons. This year we have assisted over 250 people ranging from a small child finding a warm winter coat to a family that is living in their car walking away with blankets that will help keep them warm that night. Your support has made a tremendous impact on our community and your generosity has been greatly appreciated.

Join us on Saturday, March 8 for St. Patrick's **Dinner,** sponsored by the Knights of Columbus in the

Parish Hall. Prices are \$12 for Ages 12+, \$6 Ages 4-11, Ages 3 and under free. Menu will be Irish lamb stew, corned beef & cabbage, vegetables, bread, salad, dessert & beverages. Scan to purchase tickets online:



Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl

CRS Rice Bowl is celebrating 50 years of helping Catholic faith communities bring Lent to life and encounter God through our global family. During the 40 days of Lent, let us journey together through CRS Rice Bowl to meet people in Nigeria, Guatemala and Bangladesh who are rising above the challenges of hunger and malnutrition. Pick up your rice bowl at the narthex and collect change throughout Lent. Visit <u>crsricebowl.org/join</u> to share your Lenten prayer intentions.

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

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

Rite of Election next week

Our OCIA catechumen and candidates have now been sent forth at this Sunday's Rite of Sending. Join them for their

Rite of Election on **Tuesday**, **March 11 at** 7 p.m. at Sacred Heart Lacey. Please also pray for our them as they prepare to join the Church this Easter.

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church

2478 To avoid rash judgment, everyone should be careful to interpret insofar as possible his neighbor's thoughts, words, and deeds in a favorable way:

Every good Christian ought to be more ready to give a favorable interpretation to another's statement than to condemn it. But if he cannot do so, let him ask how the other understands it. and if the latter understands it badly, let the former correct him with love. If that does not suffice, let the Christian try all suitable ways to bring the other to a correct interpretation so that he may be saved. [St. Ignatius of Loyola, Spiritual Exercises, 22]

Next Sunday Faith Formation Classes

March 2; NO CLASS March 9; March 16, 23, 30; April 6.

Children & Adults, contact: Mrs. Makinster

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

Youth Ministry, contact: Mr. Lucero

chad@saintcolumbanvelm.org

Youth Ministry Saturdays: March 8, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.; March 29, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; April 26, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Mandatory Confirmation Retreat: March 22 at St. Frances Cabrini Lakewood

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

Bible Study Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the RE Bldg. and Wednesday mornings at 10 a.m. at St. Peter Tenino.

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question: Why do we place ashes on our forehead each Ash Wednesday?

Answer: Ashes are rich in spiritual symbolism. We recall in the second chapter of Genesis, when the human person is fashioned "out of the dust of the ground" and receives the breath of life (Genesis 2:7). In death, a person returns to the ground from which we came. The ancient Hebrews used ashes as a sign of repentance, reminding themselves that God is God and we are not.

As the minister places ashes on our forehead, we hear either "remember that you are dust and unto dust you shall return" or "turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel." When we receive ashes, we remember our own mortality. We're reminded that we have limited time on this earth and we ought to make the best use of it that we can! People are in need of love, care, and compassion. We all need to continually rediscover the love of God. The Gospel invites every person in every stage of life to encounter and imitate Jesus here and now. The forty days of Lent are the perfect time to assess our own awareness of these realities.

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Parish Ministries & Events

Weekly Calendar

All events are at St. Columban unless otherwise noted.

MONDAY March 3	St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin
Rosary Prayer Group 7:00p.m.	Church
TUESDAY March 4	St. Casimir
Daily Mass 9:00 a.m.	Church
Spanish Prayer Group 6:30p.m.	Church
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WEDNESDAY March 5 ✓	Ash Wednesday
Mass with distribution of Ashes 9:00 a.m.	St. Peter
Bible Study 10:00a.m.	St. Peter
Mass with distribution of Ashes 7:00 p.m.	Church

THURSDAY March 6	
Daily Mass 9:00a.m.	

Daily Mass 9:00a.m.ChurchAltar Society Weekly Cleaning 9:30a.m.ChurchBible Study 6:30p.m.Small Hall

Lenten Soup Supper, hosted by Spanish Prayer Group 6:30 p.m. Hall

SATURDAY March 8	St. John of God, Religious
Confession 3:30 p.m.	Church
Anticipatory Sunday Mass 5:00p.	m. Church
St. Patrick's Dinner 6-8 p.m.	Hall

SUNDAY March 9 First Sunday of Lent

Confession 7:30-7:45 a.m.St. PeterSunday Mass 8:00a.m. Int.: Pro PopuloSt. Peter

NO Religious Ed & Youth Confirmation Classes

Sunday Mass 10:30a.m. *Int.: Pro Populo* Church **Fellowship** 11:45a.m. Parish Hall

After Mass Breakfast & Coffee Hospitality

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

March 2—Daughters of Mary

March 9—Altar Society & Daughters of Mary

March 16—Youth Ministry (Coffee & Donuts)

March 23—Knights of Columbus

Lenten Fasting & Abstinence for Catholics

WHEN:

Ash Wednesday & Good Friday = Fasting & Abstinence Every Friday = Abstinence

wHO:

Catholics 14+ practice abstinence Catholics 18-59 practice fasting

WHAT IS FASTING?

One full meal & two smaller meals ≠ full meal

WHAT IS ABSTINENCE?

No meat

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 **March 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@saintcolumbanyelm.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

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, March 19.**



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



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

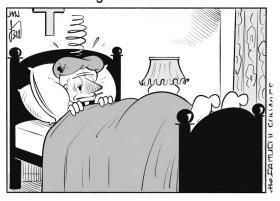
Meets monthly, on the third Thursday of the month in the parish hall at 7 p.m. **Next meeting is March 20.**





Sunday Features

"What is it called when a priest is sick the night before Mass?"



"A vig-ill."



A "vigil Mass" is a Mass celebrated in the evening of the preceding day to fulfill our Sunday or holy day obligation.

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ASH WEDNESDAY

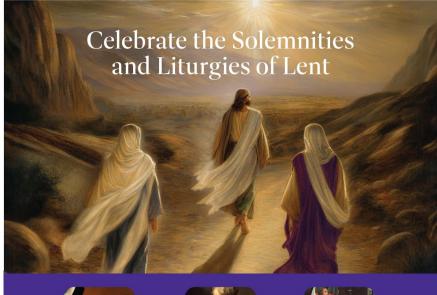






From the Archdiocese

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





Ash Wednesday 3/5



Palm Sunday 4/13



Solemnity o St. Joseph



Holy Thursda



Solemnity of The Annunciation



Good Frida 4/18

This year, Lent includes two solemnities in addition to Ash Wednesday and the Holy Week liturgies. Go on a pilgrimage of hope by participating in the fullness and beauty of our faith this Jubilee Year.

Learn more at archseattle.org/Lent



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Other Events & Announcements

In our Parish Family

For Mass times, schedule, and more happenings in our Parish Family visit <u>www.sacredheartlacey.com</u>

Dialogue for Justice: Catholic Advocacy to Reduce Poverty

Remove the wooden beam from your eye first; then you will see clearly to remove the splinter in your brother's eye" (Lk 6:42). Jesus is talking in a bold way when he suggests there may a beam in one's eye. Not a particle of dust. Not a momentary glare of sunshine. No! He suggests that even these minor irritations are the equivalent of a wooden bean. No matter how big or small, the result is the same...we are unable to clearly see for a few moments. Of course, Jesus is not talking literally. He is speaking about the journey each heart is called to make. It is a journey that requires the wisdom of God. Every person who believes in his/her heart the Good News of Jesus must seek holy wisdom. For example, when we use words to hide an awful reality we begin to lose sight of the truth behind them. "The final solution" meant the genocide of six million Jews during World War II. "Collateral damage" during war means the killing of innocent civilians. A "management unit" is the implementation of solitary confinement to a prisoner. "Fake news" is the negation of truth. As followers of Jesus, we profess He is THE way, truth and life. As we seek a more just world, we are to examine the words that assault us. They can be dangerous and dishonest. They do not bring about the Kingdom of God. We are obliged to take on the challenge of being our own optometrists by removing all that blinds us to God's holy ways.

May the Lord give us peace, Deacon Terry Barber, ofs

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

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

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@ahearts.org.



Lenten Vespers

Monday evenings, 5-5:30pm March 10 - April 14, in the Church at Sacred Heart Lacey. Join the parish family for Vespers, the praying of Evening Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours, the official prayer of the Church.

A Journey in Lent with the Psalms of Ascent

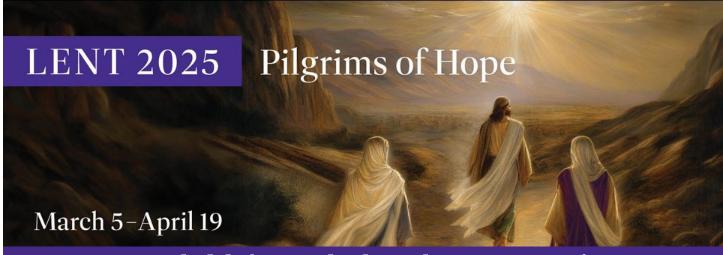
Tuesday evenings March 11-April 15 6:30-8 p.m. or Wednesday mornings March 12-April 16 10-11:30 a.m. in Sacred Heart's Hallen Hall. Join in a six-week series of weekly presentations and discussions about the "Psalms of Ascent" (Psalms 120-134), facilitated by parishioner Jon Talbot. Free, sign-up through 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, college-prep high school in Lacey. Visit <u>popejp2hs.org</u> or call 360-438-7600.

Resources

Project Rachel—Hope and Healing After Abortion English: (206) 920-6413 / Español: (206)-450-7814 projectrachel@ccsww.org . Find hope and healing after abortion at Rachel's Vineyard Retreat.



Lent Schedule for St. Columban Yelm & St. Peter Tenino

Ash Wednesday | March 5

Mass with Distribution of Ashes

9 a.m. St. Peter

7 **p.m.** St. Columban

Fridays of Lent | March 7- April 11

5:30 p.m. Confessions, St. Columban (If priest is available)

6 p.m. Stations of the Cross, St. Columban & St. Peter

6:30 p.m. Meatless soup suppers, *immediately*

following Stations at both St. Columban & St. Peter

Saturdays of Lent | March 8- April 12

3 p.m. Confessions, St. Columban

5 p.m. Anticipatory Mass at St. Columban

Sundays of Lent | March 9 - April 13

7:30-7:45 a.m. Confessions, St. Peter

8 a.m. Mass, St. Peter

10:30 a.m. Mass, St. Columban

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord | April 13

Regular Sunday schedule, Mass at St. Columban begins in the Parish Hall with the Blessing of Palms

Holy Wednesday | April 16

7 p.m. Tenebrae, St. Columban

Holy Thursday | April 17

(No 9 a.m. Mass)

7 **p.m.** Mass of the Lord's Supper, St. Columban Followed by Adoration of in the Parish Hall

Good Friday | April 18

(No 9 a.m. Mass)

3 p.m. Stations of the Cross, St. Columban & St. Peter

7 p.m. Celebration of the Passion, St. Columban

No Confessions on Saturday, April 19

Weekday Mass

9 a.m. St. Columban Tues-Fri, March 6-April 16, except First Fridays

9 a.m. St. Peter First Fridays March 7 & April 4

Soup Supper Sponsors at St. Columban

March 7 Spanish Prayer Group

March 14 Faith Formation & Youth Ministry

March 21 Knights of Columbus

March 28 Daughters of Mary & Altar Society

April 4 Altar Servers

April 11 Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Parish Family Reconciliation Service

Individual confessions with multiple priests available

Thursday, March 27

7 p.m. Sacred Heart Lacey Please arrive early

For other liturgy & devotions times, as well as other events and offerings for Lent in our Parish Family, please see <u>sacredheartlacey.com</u>

Lenten Fasting & Abstinence for Catholics



Fasting on Ash Wednesday & Good Friday - Persons ages 18-59

Abstinence from eating meat - Persons ages 14 and older, every Friday of Lent

How do we fast? When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to another full meal.

Who is excused from fasting and abstinence? The physically or mentally ill, including individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes, as well as pregnant or nursing women



Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Holy Saturday | April 19

The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

9 p.m. St. Columban

Begins at the front entrance of the church

Easter Sunday | April 20

7:30-7:45 a.m. Confessions, St. Peter

(If priest is available)

8 a.m. Mass, St. Peter

10:30 a.m. Mass, St. Columban

Updates to this schedule will be posted at <u>saintcolumbanyelm.org</u>
For other Easter Mass times in our Parish Family, please see <u>sacredheartlacey.com</u>



Prayer in honor of the 175th Anniversary of the Archdiocese of Seattle

Lord Jesus Christ.

you are the beginning and the end,

Lord of time and history.

We give you thanks for this local Church,

and for these 175 years of faith and challenge.

Give us the grace we need

to respond to the needs of our time

with wisdom and compassion.

Make us one in mind and heart,

and show us how to love all people as you love them.

You who live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us.

Holy Angels of God, pray for us.

St. James, pray for us.

St. Kateri Tekakwitha, pray for us.

St. Frances Cabrini, pray for us.

All holy men and women, pray for us.



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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

Menu: Irish lamb stew, corned beef & cabbage, vegetables, bread, salad, dessert & beverages

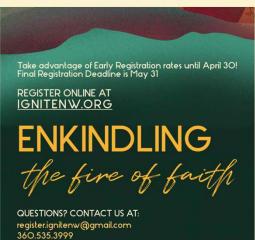












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"Strengthening the faith of our people and redoubling our efforts to advance the mission of the Church must always be our top priorities."

- Archbishop Paul D. Etienne in his Pastoral Lette

We are now celebrating Ordinary Time after beautiful Advent and Christmas seasons when many parish families joined together to celebrate in new ways. Parish families hosted special events like parish family Advent wreath making, prayer groups, meals and more. Here are just a few examples:

Parishioners from **St. Teresa of Calcutta, Woodinville** and **St. Brendan, Bothell** hosted a "Parent's Great Escape" event in December, which provided childcare while giving parents a break or time for last-minute shopping.



Fr. Lappe with Our Lady Star of the Sea, Bremerton and Holy Trinity, Bremerton encouraged his parishioners to "Cross the Bridge" and not only attend Mass at a different parish in the parish family but to stay for coffee and donuts to meet other parishioners.

St. Mary's, Marysville hosted a nine-day Simbang Gabi novena with a 6am Mass followed by breakfast each day. It was widely publicized across the parish family, and parishioners from **Immaculate Conception, Arlington, St. Cecilia, Stanwood** and **St. John Vianney, Darrington** came to experience this Filipino tradition while meeting new friends.



Holy Spirit, Kent and St. John the Baptist, Covington celebrated the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe as a parish family, which started at St. John the Baptist with a novena and a presentation about Our Lady of Guadalupe, followed dance performances and a pilgrimage between the two parishes.

These shared moments illuminate the beauty of parish families coming together as a shared community of faith.

Q: How do all the parish families know what to do?

A: The Partners in the Gospel planning team provided guidance on key areas of parish life like Mission and Evangelization, Liturgy, Administration, Community and more in a Handbook for parishes. The Handbook is broken into several phases that align with activities earmarked for action over the next 3 years as parishes begin to join. We are currently in the first phases (0-1), which are specifically focused on welcoming and getting to know each other, assessing the current parishes and starting to develop an understanding of each parish's gifts, needs and hopes for the future.

Q: What should parishioners be doing right now?

A: Parishioners are invited to engage in the process in several ways:

- Pray! Pray for your priests, your parish family and your community. Go to archseattle.org/Partners for the Partners in the Gospel prayer.
- Get to know the other parishes in your parish family by attending Mass at each parish.
- Join in parish-family events and offerings.

Think about ways you may be able to share your gifts with the parish family.

February Intercession

For the local Church of Western Washington, that we may open our hearts to the Holy Spirit as we journey together in proclaiming the Gospel.

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