

March 23, 2025

Third Sunday of Lent



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OF LENT •

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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)

Confessions Friday *(if priest is available)* 5:30 p.m.

Saturday 3-4:30 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

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 My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare.

Sunday Readings (*Scrutiny Year A Readings*): Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 /Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or (*Year C*) Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9

First Reading: “Strike the rock, and the water will flow from it for the people to drink.” (Ex 17:6) or “This is what you shall tell the Israelites: I AM sent me to you.” (Ex 3:14)

The Lord responded to the prayer of Moses with the miracle of water from the rock for the Israelites to drink. What might you ask from the Lord this week?

Psalm: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (Ps 95) or The Lord is kind and merciful. (Ps 103)

Second Reading: And hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. (Rom 5:5) or These things happened to them as an example, and they have been written down as a warning to us, upon whom the end of the ages has come. (1 Cor 10:11)

St. Paul speaks of having “hope” because “the love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.” How does your faith in Jesus give you hope?

Gospel: “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” (Jn 4:13-14) or “But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!” (Lk 13:5)

Through her dialogue with Jesus, the Samaritan woman comes to the realization that Jesus is the Messiah. In her joy, she tells other Samaritans about her encounter with Jesus. How can you share your faith in Jesus with others?

Communion Antiphon For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.

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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 25— Milton Fife † RIP
March 26— Eva & Gamliel Gonzales
March 27— Stephanie Ramirez
March 28 — Betty Deck † RIP

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, Pam Henslee, Mary Taylor, Maria Espino, Mort Kimball, Adrian Morales, Judy Cusick, Theresa Gonzales, Candy Patterson, Allison Dolliver, Pope Francis

For The Deceased

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

For 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.

For all the faithful of the archdiocese, that during this holy season of Lent, we may grow in prayer, penance and discernment.

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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A Word from our Pastor

This is the latest installment of Fr. Bryan's series on the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We recommend that you consult the bulletins from March 2, 9, and 16 to understand the context of this column.

Dear Parishioners,

Last week we reflected on the difference between mortal and venial sin, and how to know when we have committed a mortal sin. Today, we will look at the question of how often we should confess venial sins.

One of the ways that the Christian Faith has been distorted throughout history is to reduce it to what might best be called a "Transactional Religion." A transactional religion is often impersonal. We give something to God, and he gives us something in return. As far as confession goes, we confess our sins, and God gives us a clean slate. The problem is that love is not necessarily present in a transactional relationship. It is more of a business relationship than a personal relationship.



An example of a transactional approach to confession is to treat it as routine maintenance. We do maintenance on our possessions according to a calendar. We need to get our oil changed every so often. We need to have our roof inspected from time to time. When that happens, we go to those who are competent and give them money in exchange for their services. We do something to get something else in return.

Scheduling confession as routine maintenance can easily drift into a transactional approach to our faith, making it more of a business transaction than an event to strengthen a personal relationship. Instead of letting the calendar tell us when we need to go to confession, we should let God tell us when to go to Confession. This requires attention to this relationship and a great deal of personal reflection.

You can learn a little about what this might look like by considering how we reconcile in other relationships. You might find it helpful to offer a general apology for minor flaws to your spouse on your anniversary or to a close friend on a special day or some other occasion. Recently, I thanked an old friend for remaining a close friend despite my flaws, and it was a very nice moment that strengthened our friendship.

But if I apologized to a friend for my basic flaws and minor transgressions every week, I bet he would get annoyed. He might even be insulted that I'm self-

centered enough to think he is so fixated and bothered by my shortcomings. If I apologized like that too often, I think it would hurt our relationship more than it would help. I also think that it would make those general apologies less meaningful and rob them of their power to strengthen our friendship.

The precepts of the Church require that we confess our sins at least once per year, preferably in Lent. There is wisdom in this: It keeps us mindful that a general confession of our weaknesses and minor transgressions is a good thing for our relationship with God, but it keeps those types of confessions rare.

Furthermore, in many of our friendships forgiveness for minor sins is implied in a lot of ways. Going out for lunch with a friend or even having a conversation on the phone often implies that the little flaws are forgiven and that your friend is still okay with you. This is akin to how the Church affirms that our minor transgressions, venial sins, are forgiven in many different ways. The penitential act at Mass forgives venial sins. Blessing yourself with Holy Water forgives venial sins. Even certain acts of charity can cover a multitude of sins. St. Thomas Aquinas even said that reciting the Lord's prayer forgives venial sins. Rather than confessing venial sins very often, it might be healthier to recognize the power of these other ways God forgives and strengthens his friendship with us.

I realize that this might be too vague for some, but that's precisely the point. Some people might read this and come to confession more often than they currently do. Others might go less frequently than they currently do. The point is to be attentive to the voice of God calling you to this sacrament so that it can bear fruit in your life.

Fr. Bryan

Announcements

Join our Parish Family for *Stations of the Cross* every Friday in Lent thru April 11

- St. Columban 6 p.m.
St. Peter 6 p.m.
- Sacred Heart Lacey following 9 a.m. Mass & 7 p.m.

A meatless soup supper follows at both St. Columban & St. Peter. Reconciliation will be available at St. Columban Fridays at 5:30 p.m. and at St. Peter when a priest is available.



Third Sunday of Lent

Starting this Sunday, March 23, our OCIA catechumen will celebrate the Scrutinies. Please be aware some of the front pews will be reserved for them and their families at the 10:30 a.m. Mass for the next three Sundays.

Two open positions in our Parish Family here at St. Columban: We are searching for an Organist/Choir director to serve as our PAA for Music and Liturgy and for an Office Manager. Duties and responsibilities are linked on our website saintcolumbanyelm.org or contact Jennifer Langham for more information at jennifer@saintcolumbanyelm.org.

Help is needed setting up the Easter Egg Hunt April 20 at 9 a.m. Contact Mr. Lucero at chad@saintcolumanyelm.org if you can help!

The Spring Bazaar & Outdoor Sale is coming up on April 26! The Knights of Columbus and Daughters of Mary are now accepting donations of gently used and working/re-usable items that can be sold for this parish fundraiser. Please contact the office to schedule a drop off or pickup of items that you would like to donate. Do not leave items at the doors. Thank you for your support.

Faith Formation

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church

1848 As St. Paul affirms, "Where sin increased, grace abounded all the more." But to do its work grace must uncover sin so as to convert our hearts and bestow on us "righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Like a physician who probes the wound before treating it, God, by his Word and by his Spirit, casts a living light on sin:

Conversion requires convincing of sin; it includes the interior judgment of conscience, and this, being a proof of the action of the Spirit of truth in man's inmost being, becomes at the same time the start of a new grant of grace and love: "Receive the Holy Spirit." Thus in this "convincing concerning sin" we discover a double gift: the gift of the truth of conscience and the gift of the certainty of redemption. The Spirit of truth is the Consoler.

Sunday Faith Formation Classes Schedule

March. 23, 30; April 6, **NO CLASS April 13 & 20**
Parents, notices will be send out in April for overdue Religious Education tuition.

Youth Ministry

YM Saturdays 9 a.m.-1 p.m.: March 29, April 26

Parents of Children & Youth in First Holy Communion & Confirmation Prep,

After attending Sunday Mass, you may assist your child but they must be the ones to present the card to Father.

Upcoming Dates:

Youth (Gr. 6-12) First Holy Communion Mass: April 27
Youth Confirmation Rehearsal: April 27; Mass: May 2

Children's (Gr. 2-5) First Communion

Rehearsal: Saturday, May 17

First Holy Communion Mass: May 18

Bible Study Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. in the RE Bldg. and Wednesdays at 10 a.m. at St. Peter Tenino.

In our Parish Family

For Mass times, schedule, and more happenings in our Parish Family, please visit sacredheartlacey.com. Contact the Sacred Heart parish office thru staff@3hearts.org or by calling 360-491-0890.

Lenten Penance Service at Sacred Heart Lacey

Thursday, March 27 at 6 p.m. Multiple priests will be available to hear individual confessions.

Dialogue for Justice: Catholic Advocacy to Reduce Poverty

Eighteen people were killed "when the tower of Siloam fell on them" (Lk 13:4). Were they construction workers? Perhaps shoppers just passing by? Or did they live in the tower? What we know is that these eighteen people were going about an ordinary day when suddenly this tragedy happened. People who had families were suddenly killed. With this story Jesus reminds us of the fragility of life. Some people die slowly after a long illness while others, like the people of Siloam, are taken suddenly. People who live under the shadow of poverty experience far more health issues than someone who has access to better health care. One's financial situation is a strong determiner in who gets their teeth fixed and broken bones set. Access to good health insurance is bestowed on those whose educational level and income allow them the opportunity to purchase it. The poverty rates cut across all demographic groups: single mothers, people of color, under educated, and elderly. If we are fortunate enough to have some sort of health insurance, we probably do not give much thought to those who go without. Perhaps our Lenten pillar of prayer might add the poor who could benefit from better access to health insurance.

Peace and all good, Deacon Terry, ofs

Resources

Project Rachel—Hope and Healing After Abortion

English: (206) 920-6413 / Español: (206)-450-7814
projectrachel@ccsw.org. Find hope and healing after abortion at a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat.

Parish Ministries & Events

Weekly Calendar

All events are at St. Columban unless otherwise noted.

MONDAY March 24

Rosary Prayer Group 7:00 p.m. Church

TUESDAY March 25 **Annunciation of the Lord**

Daily Mass 9:00 a.m. Church

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

Daughters of Mary Meeting 6:00 p.m. Hall

Spanish Prayer Group 6:30 p.m. Church

WEDNESDAY March 26

Daily Mass 9:00a.m. Church

Bible Study 10:00a.m. St. Peter

THURSDAY March 27

Daily Mass 9:00 a.m. Church

Altar Society Weekly Cleaning 9:30 a.m. Church

Choir Practice 6:00 p.m. Church

Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Small Hall

FRIDAY March 28

Daily Mass 9:00 a.m. Church

Confession 5:30 p.m. Church

Stations of the Cross 6:00 p.m. Church & St. Peter

Lenten Soup Supper 6:30 p.m. Hall & St. Peter

SATURDAY March 29

Youth Ministry Saturday 9 a.m. –1 p.m. Youth Space

Confession 3:00 p.m. Church

Anticipatory Sunday Mass 5:00 p.m. Church

SUNDAY March 30 **Fourth Sunday of Lent**

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

Fellowship 11:45a.m. Hall

Soup Supper Sponsors at St. Columban

Donations collected go towards the charitable works of our local Society of St. Vincent de Paul conference.

March 28— Daughters of Mary & Altar Society

April 4— Altar Servers

April 11— Society of St. Vincent de Paul

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.



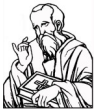
Knights of Columbus

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



St. Peter Circle

Meets second Tuesdays every other month at St. Peter Tenino. Next scheduled meeting: **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.



✠ Lenten Fasting & Abstinence for Catholics

Abstinence from eating meat - Ages 14 and older on Fridays

Fasting (ages 18-59 Ash Wednesday & Good Friday) 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.



The Annunciation | Sacred Art

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they discuss the spiritual and theological significance of the Annunciation over a piece of Sacred Art by Elizabeth Zelasko that depicts this incredible scene.

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Pardon and Peace: How to Go to Confession

As part of Jubilee 2025, Pope Francis is encouraging the faithful to more fully participate in the Sacrament of Penance.

Many people have avoided celebrating the Sacrament of Penance, sometimes for years at a time, because they “don’t know what to do.” Confession shouldn’t be scary or intimidating. This brief guide is intended to help prepare you to celebrate this sacrament.



1. Examination of Conscience

Preparation usually begins with an individual examination of conscience. The examination of conscience is a valuable spiritual discipline in which we look at our lives in light of the Gospel and come to a deeper awareness of the sins we have committed. This simple examination of conscience helps us to reflect on our lives in light of Christ’s great commandment of love.

The Lord God says: “You shall love the Lord your God with your whole heart.”

- Are there false gods that I worship by giving them greater attention and deeper trust than I give to God?
- Do I keep Sundays and feast days holy by participating in Mass with devotion?
- Have I been willing to be known as a Christian in private and public life?
- Do I offer God my difficulties, joys, and sorrows?
- Do I turn to God in times of temptation?

The Lord says: “Love one another as I have loved you.”

- Do I genuinely love my neighbor? Or do I use other people for my own ends?
- Have I been an obedient child? A good parent? A faithful spouse?
- Do I help those less fortunate than myself?
- Do I look down on other people because of their race, politics, religion or way of thinking?
- Am I concerned for the good of the community in which I live, or do I live only for myself?
- Have I been ready to forgive those who have wronged me?

Christ our Lord says: “Be perfect as your Father is perfect.”

- Where is my life really leading me? What use have I made with the gifts God has given me?
- Have I been patient in accepting the sorrows and disappointments of this life?
- Have I revered my body as a temple of the Holy Spirit?
- Have I gone against my conscience out of fear or hypocrisy?
- Do I experience the freedom that comes from being a child of God and serving him, or am I a slave of worldly forces?

Frequently Asked Questions

Is this sacrament called confession, penance or reconciliation?

Yes! This sacrament has been called by all three names. We make our confession to a priest; we do penance, and we receive absolution. Through this sacrament, we receive reconciliation with God. Today, the Church refers to this sacrament as the Sacrament of Penance or Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Why do we need a sacrament of Reconciliation?

We need the sacrament of Reconciliation because sin doesn’t just damage us as individuals. “Sin is before all else an offense against God, a rupture of communion with him. At the same time, it damages communion with the Church.” (Catechism of the Catholic Church [CCC] 1440) In sacramental confession, we receive God’s forgiveness through the priest, who “is not the master of God’s forgiveness, but its servant” (CCC 1466).

What sins should be confessed, and do I go to confession even if I haven’t committed a mortal sin?

The Church teaches that “all serious (mortal) sins of which penitents after a diligent self-examination are conscious must be recounted by them in confession” (CCC 1456). At the same

2. Welcome of the Priest

You normally have the option of confessing your sins face to face, or anonymously, behind a screen. The priest welcomes you, and then both you and he make the sign of the cross. Then in his own words the priest urges you to have confidence in God. If you don't know the priest, you may want to indicate your state of life (i.e. married, single, widowed, divorced), how long it has been since your last confession, and anything else that may help your confessor.

3. Confession of Sins

Next, the priest invites you to confess your sins. Occasionally, the priest may ask questions to help you in making a full confession. The confession of sins should be as complete as possible. That doesn't mean it needs to take a long time. The important thing is that the penitent "looks squarely at the sins he is guilty of, takes responsibility for them, and thereby opens himself again to God and to the communion of the Church in order to make a new future possible." (Catechism 1455)

4. Advice of the Priest

Sacramental confession is not therapy; the priest will not attempt to solve your problems for you. He may offer some advice to help you. He will also give you a simple 'penance,' which may take the form of prayer, self-denial, service to one's neighbor, or work of mercy.

5. Prayer of the Penitent

Next, the priest invites you to pray an act of contrition. There are many different options for this prayer. Here is a familiar one:

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong, and failing to do good, I have sinned against you, whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy.

6. Prayer of Absolution

Now, the priest prays the prayer of absolution, making the sign of the cross during his final words. Make the sign of the cross and respond, "Amen."

7. Dismissal

Now the priest dismisses you, usually by saying, "Go in peace." Respond, "Thanks be to God," and then, go forth in peace to love and serve the Lord!

Adapted from Celebrating the Sacrament of Penance: Questions and Answers, a publication of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

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Questions continued

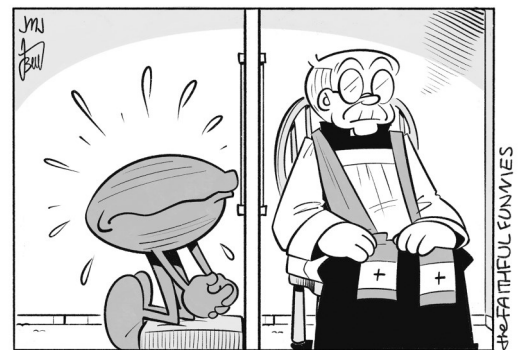
confession of everyday faults (venial sins) is strongly recommended, for it helps us to form our conscience and fight against patterns of weakness that can lead us to sin. (CCC 1458)

What are the effects of this sacrament?

Through the grace of this sacrament, we are reconciled at every level. In the words of Pope St. John Paul II: "The forgiven penitent is reconciled with himself in his inmost being. He is reconciled with his brethren whom he has in some way offended and wounded. He is reconciled with the Church. He is reconciled with all creation."



"Why did the clam go to confession?"



"Because he had been shellfish."



Lent is a penitential season. It is a time for us to be sorry for our many faults against God and to repent and amend to do better. The way we best do this is by going to the Sacrament of Confession where we receive forgiveness for our sins.

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Holy Week & Easter Schedule at St. Columban Yelm & St. Peter Tenino

Holy Week & Triduum



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

April 13

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

8 a.m. Mass, St. Peter

10:30 a.m. Mass, St. Columban, *begins in the Parish Hall with the Blessing of Palms*

Holy Wednesday April 16

7 p.m. Tenebrae prayer service, 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

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 to-
gether 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

Holy Saturday April 19

(No 5 p.m. Mass)

The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

8:30 p.m. St. Columban (*note new time*)

Begins at the front entrance of the church

No Confessions on Saturday, April 19

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

Easter Egg Hunt begins in the Hall, following Mass

Easter Egg Hunt

SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 2025

11:45 A.M. FOLLOWING MASS

BEGINS IN THE PARISH HALL

BRING YOUR OWN BASKET

St. Columban Catholic Church

506 First St. S

Yelm, WA 98597

**Updates to this schedule will be posted at saintcolumbanyelm.org
For other Holy Week & Easter times in our Parish Family, please see
sacredheartlacey.com**

FAQs about Holy Week & Triduum

Question: What is Tenebrae?

Answer: Tenebrae is a special liturgical prayer service that takes place during Holy Week, often held on Holy Wednesday, providing a powerful spiritual experience ahead of the Easter Triduum. It originally incorporated parts of the prayers of the Liturgy of the Hours for Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of Holy Week. It's an opportunity for reflection and remembrance, marked by sung readings and Psalms that are symbolic of Christ's Passion and death. The word "Tenebrae" comes from the Latin for "shadows" or "darkness." This prayer service is prayed in the dark, which symbolize the darkness that fell over the earth when Christ died. During the praying the psalms, candles are gradually extinguished one by one, and after the last psalm, a loud noise called a "strepitus" is made at the end, recalling the chaos that followed the crucifixion.



Question: I haven't attended Triduum services before. What happens that's different from a normal Sunday Mass?

Answer: The liturgies during Holy Week are unique and rich in symbolism. The Mass for Palm Sunday follows the pattern of the day 2,000 years ago when Jesus entered Jerusalem. It includes a Gospel reading outside the church building and the entrance of the priest into the sanctuary while the congregation waves palms.

The Holy Thursday Mass also follows the rhythm of the ancient Last Supper. The presider washes the feet of members of the congregation, like Jesus washed the feet of the disciples. After Mass, all remaining hosts are taken to an altar of repose, where adoration of the Blessed Sacrament occurs late into the night. Parishioners can remain like the disciples in Gethsemane, asked to "watch and pray."

On Good Friday, we celebrate another special liturgical service. Following the Liturgy of the Word, there is a communal reverencing of the cross. The intercessions are solemn and include prayers for many different groups of people, reminding us that Jesus' passion is for the whole world. There is no Liturgy of the Eucharist. Hosts consecrated on Holy Thursday are distributed, after which the tabernacle is empty. The tabernacle remains empty through Holy Saturday — just as Jesus departed from this earthly world in death — and we wait in hope for Easter Sunday!

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Question: What is the significance of foot washing on Holy Thursday?

Answer: Foot washing is an ancient practice of hospitality. In Israel in Jesus' day, with its deserts and dusty roads, washing of feet was an act of honor on the part of the host. However, the host himself would not do the washing. That was the role of the servant. The Apostles would have been accustomed to this tradition. At the Last Supper, Jesus takes on the role of the servant, washing the feet of his followers and friends. He models the humble, loving service to which the Apostles would soon be called. Holy Thursday is the commemoration of the Last Supper. We celebrate many things, including the institution of both the Eucharist and the priesthood — "This is my body, which will be given for you; do this in memory of me." (Luke 22:19B). When the priest washes the feet of his parishioners, he is modeling the service of Christ. While foot washing is no longer a common practice in our society, we too are invited to imitate Christ's sacrificial service to others.

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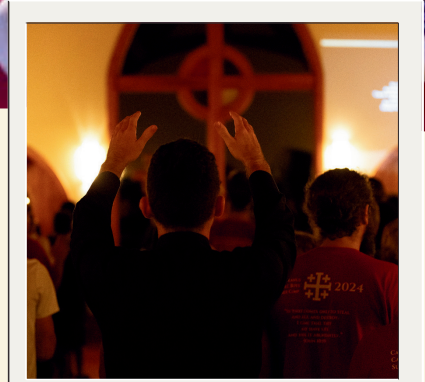




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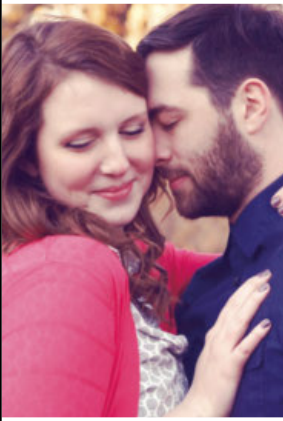
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