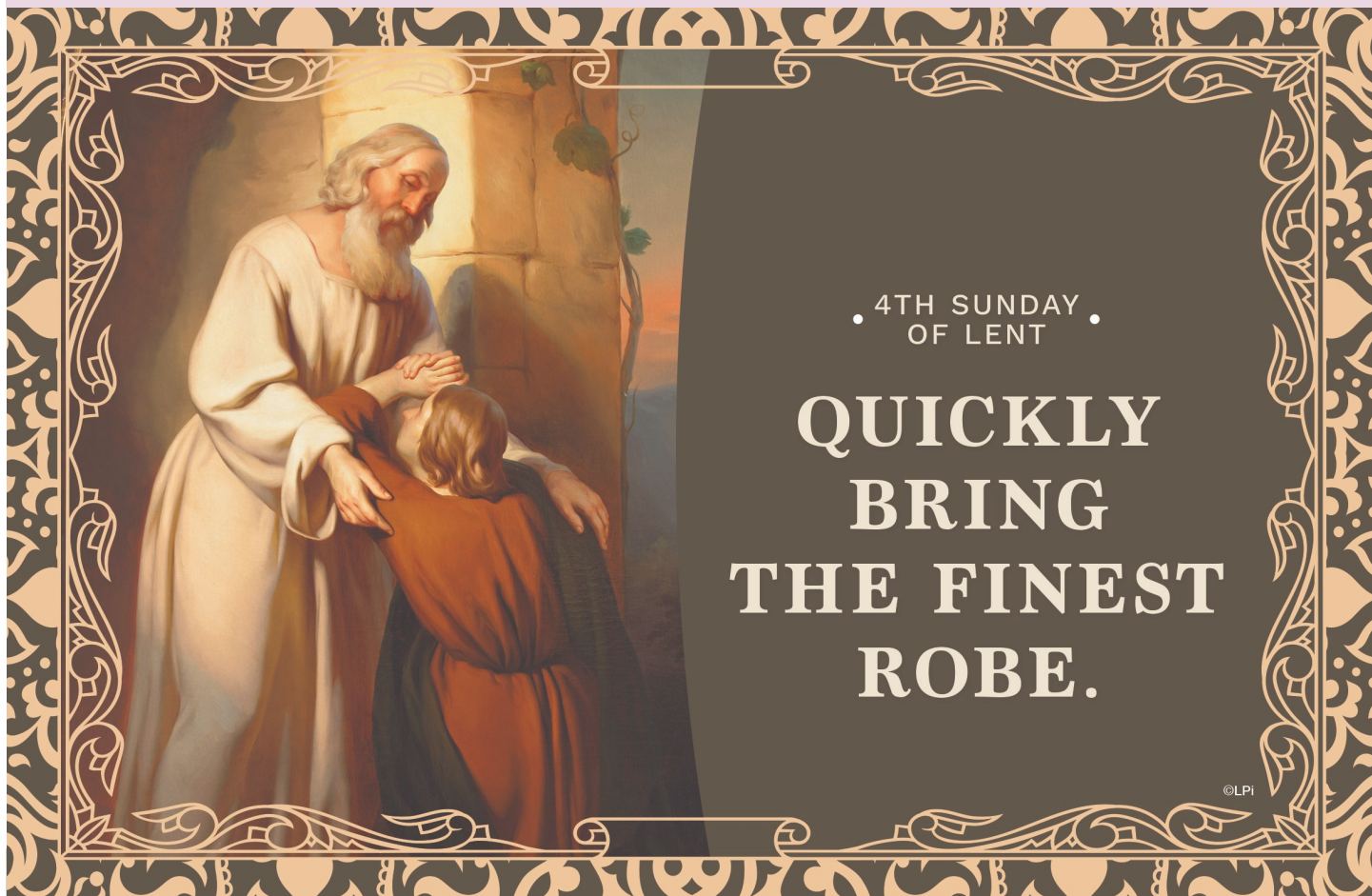


# March 30, 2025

## Fourth Sunday of Lent



### 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 *(thru April 11)* 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

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### Parish Office at St. Columban

[parishoffice@saintcolumbanyelm.org](mailto: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** Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

**Sunday Readings** (*Scrutiny Year A Readings*): 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38 or (*Year C*) Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 (9a)/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

**First Reading:** “I will put my spirit in you that you may live, and I will settle you upon your land; thus you shall know that I am the LORD. I have promised, and I will do it, says the LORD. (Ez 37:14) or “While the Israelites were encamped at Gilgal on the plains of Jericho, they celebrated the Passover. (Jos 5:10)

*The prophet Isaiah teaches us that the Lord forgets our sins and offers us a new beginning so that we might praise him. What could you do today to honor and praise the Lord?*

**Psalm:** With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption. (Ps 130) or Taste and see the goodness of the Lord. (Ps 34)

**Second Reading:** If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit dwelling in you. (Rom 8:11) or And all this is from God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ and given us the ministry of reconciliation. (2 Cor 5:18)

*St. Paul tells the believers in Phillipi of his deep desire and hope to know Jesus and the power of his resurrection. In what ways have you drawn closer to Jesus during this season of Lent?*

**Gospel:** “I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.” (Jn 11:25) or “But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.” (Lk 15:32)

*Jesus showed mercy toward the sinful woman when others were quick to judge her. Is there someone in your life who you could show mercy over judgment this week?*

**Communion Antiphon** The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed, I saw and I believed in God.

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## Mass Intentions

Parishioners may schedule a Mass intention on our website or by calling the office. Sunday Masses are offered *Pro Populo*



- April 1— Wendy Chappell RIP
- April 2— Betty Deck RIP
- April 3—
- April 4—

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, Yon Beidermann, Pope Francis

### For The Deceased

All the souls in purgatory, especially Donald Bell and all those who have no one to pray for them.

*May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

**For our young people,** that they may eagerly seek and generously respond to their vocations from God.

**For peace in the world,** for God’s protection on those in danger, the defeat and true repentance of unjust aggressors, and mercy for those who have died by violence.

**Monthly Intentions of the Pope:** *For the use of the new technologies* Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

## Connect with us

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Ministries x1, Spanish/Español x2

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

**SOCIAL MEDIA**  
[facebook.com/saintcolumbanyelm](https://facebook.com/saintcolumbanyelm)  
[instagram.com/saintcolumbanyelm](https://instagram.com/saintcolumbanyelm)

**ONLINE GIVING**  
[pushpay.com/g/saintcolumbanyelm](https://pushpay.com/g/saintcolumbanyelm)

**MOBILE APP**  
“Our Catholic Community”  
(Apple App Store & Google Play) 

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

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**St. Columban Finance & Pastoral Council** Please be patient as this council is being restructured. Members will be posted once they have been officially appointed by our Pastor.

**St. Peter Advisory Commission** Sherry Bachmann (Chairperson), Marilyn Ritter, Bernie Schwarz, Bob Bacon, Diane Weston

## Welcome 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

*This is the latest installment of Fr. Bryan's series on the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We recommend that you consult the bulletins from the weekend of March 2nd, 9th, 16th, and 23rd in order to understand the context of this column.*

Dear Parishioners,

Last week we touched on the difference between a transactional approach to confession and a relational approach to confession. In that column, I tried to dissuade you from letting the calendar determine when you go to confession and instead being attentive to God speaking to you internally and calling you to the Sacrament.



Of course, this isn't easy. There are many voices that we hear, and not all of them are God's. It can be hard to tell which voices are from God and which aren't. This week I want to talk about one of those voices that we sometimes mistake for God's voice that can have an impact on our experience of confession. It is the voice of the one who accuses us.

Many people go to confession very often because they listen to the voice telling them that they are bad, that they are dirty, or that they are failures. People who listen to these accusations often feel intense guilt and run to the sacrament of reconciliation very impulsively. They will then often go back to the sacrament frequently because they question their own sincerity. We sometimes call people like this, "Scrupulous."

In scripture, it does not seem as though God attacks ordinary people for their sins that are committed out of weakness. Yes, there are times in scripture where God, and even Jesus himself, have very harsh words for certain sins, however these are typically people in positions of religious or secular power or to his people as a whole. God is tough on people with this authority, but in scripture we see he is remarkably gentle with individuals who struggle out of personal weakness.

Unless you are a person with a great deal of power, the

voice in your head accusing you of sin probably isn't God's and you shouldn't act on that voice. You should renounce it. God's voice will never lead you to that type of discouragement. Don't let that voice drive any of your actions, including going to confession. We should not let the voice of the evil one drive us to anything. In fact, he might be driving us to an improper experience of confession to rob it of its power to heal and reinforce harmful ideas about God, including the harmful idea that God obsesses over our weakness.

So what does God's voice sound like when he calls us to confession? I think the story of the prodigal son can help. In that famous story (found in Luke Chapter 15) the young son was moved to return to his father not because of his own self-hatred, but because he came to understand and appreciate more deeply the goodness of his father who even treated his hired hands better than he had been treated in his life of dissipation.

Think back to the second column of this series about the biblical definition of sin, which means, "Missing the Mark." When we sin, we try to grasp at something only to discover that what we grasped at did not fulfill us, and that God in his goodness had something better for us all along. This is what should drive us to confession. A deep awareness of God's goodness and an awareness that we settled for less than he wanted for us. If you haven't gotten to that point, then you might not be ready for confession yet. I want to encourage you to spend more time reflecting on God's goodness and what He wanted to give you before you rush into the confessional.

At St. Columban's in Yelm there is a little notebook in the confessional that we use to tally the number of confessions we hear. The other day I noticed on the cover that someone had written, "God calls you by name. The devil calls you by your sin." I'm not sure which of my predecessors wrote that (I'm guessing Fr. Thompson) but I found it important to reflect on and I want to encourage you to reflect on it as well. If you feel called to confession only because of your sin, its best not to respond. If, however, you feel God in his goodness calling you by name to something more, then you are ready for that sacrament.

Fr. Bryan

## Announcements

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

- St. Columban Yelm 6 p.m.\*  
St. Peter Tenino 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, preceding Stations, and at St. Peter when a priest is available.



**Lenten Scrutinies.** We will be using the Lectionary Cycle A readings for Sunday Mass. Please be aware some of the front pews will be reserved for OCIA catechumens and their families at the 10:30 a.m. Mass for the Lenten Scrutinies.

**Are you a skilled photographer able to help?** The Faith Formation office is looking for a volunteer to take pictures during upcoming sacramental Masses on April 19 and May 2. Contact Gaby or Chad if interested.

**Holy Grounds Helpers Needed!** Help us beautify the church grounds in preparation for Easter. Join the work party on **Saturday, April 12, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.** Lunch and refreshments provided. Bring your favorite tools to mow, prune, trim, cut, or otherwise care for our beautiful church grounds. Contact Steven Slater at [steven@saintcolumbanyelm.org](mailto:steven@saintcolumbanyelm.org) for more details.



**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](http://saintcolumbanyelm.org) or contact Jennifer Langham for more information at [jennifer@saintcolumbanyelm.org](mailto: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](mailto: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 schedule drop off/pickup of items that you would like to donate. Do not leave items at the doors.

## Faith Formation

### From the Catechism of the Catholic Church

**1439** The process of conversion and repentance was described by Jesus in the parable of the prodigal son, the center of which is the merciful father: the fascination of illusory freedom, the abandonment of the father's house; the extreme misery in which the son finds himself after squandering his fortune; his deep humiliation at finding himself obliged to feed swine, and still worse, at wanting to feed on the husks the pigs ate; his reflection on all he has lost; his repentance and decision to declare himself guilty before his father; the journey back; the father's generous welcome; the father's joy—all these are characteristic of the process of conversion. The beautiful robe, the ring, and the festive banquet are symbols of that new life—pure, worthy, and joyful—of anyone who returns to God and to the bosom of his family, which is the Church. Only the heart of Christ who knows the depths of his Father's love could reveal to us the abyss of his mercy in so simple and beautiful a way.

### Sunday Faith Formation Classes Schedule

March 30; April 6, NO CLASS April 13-20; April 27, May 4

**Religious Education Tuition.** Parents, notices will be send out in April for overdue Religious Education tuition.

**Youth Ministry Saturday** April 26 9 a.m.-1 p.m.:

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

Your students no longer need to sign-in for attending Mass (or bring home a bulletin from a different parish). Instead, please have them present their Mass attendance card to the priest after Mass.

**Bible Study** Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. at St. Columban and Wednesdays at 10 a.m. at St. Peter Tenino.

## Financial Stewardship

### February 2025 Total Giving

	St. Columban	St Peter
Weekly Collection Goal over 4 weeks	\$23,200.00	\$4,000.00
Envelope Collections	\$21,635.00	\$4,013.00
Loose Giving	\$2,521.43	\$853.35
Net	\$956.43	\$866.35
<b>Special Funds</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
St Vincent DePaul	\$2,827.00	\$0.00
Sacramentals*	\$119.01	\$8.00
Flowers	\$50.00	\$0.00
Building Fund	\$170.00	\$0.00
Mass Intentions	\$40.00	\$0.00
Second Collection	\$0.00	\$0.00

\*Candles, Beeswax tapers, Salt)

# Parish Ministries & Events

## Weekly Calendar

All events are at St. Columban unless otherwise noted.

### MONDAY March 31

**Rosary Prayer Group** 7:00p.m. Church

### TUESDAY April 1

**Daily Mass** 9:00a.m. Church

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

**Spanish Prayer Group** 6:30p.m. Church

### WEDNESDAY April 2 St. Francis of Paola, Hermit

**Daily Mass** 9:00a.m. Church

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

### THURSDAY April 3

**Daily Mass** 9:00a.m. Church

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

**Bible Study** 6:30p.m. Small Hall

### FRIDAY April 4 St. Isidore, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

**First Friday Mass** 9:00 a.m. St. Peter

**Confession** 5:30 p.m.. (If priest is available) Church & St. Peter

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

*No First Friday Devotions & Adoration this month*

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

### SATURDAY April 5

**Confession** 3:30 p.m. Church

**Anticipatory Sunday Mass** 5:00p.m. Church

### SUNDAY April 6 **Fifth 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

## 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 **April 29** 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](mailto: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 will meet next on Wednesday, **April 23 at 6p.m.** in the hall, with Vespers preceding .



## 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. Next scheduled meeting: **April 24.**



## Soup Supper Sponsors at St. Columban

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

**April 4**— Altar Servers

**April 11**— Society of St. Vincent de Paul

## 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 Boy from Milan | Trailer

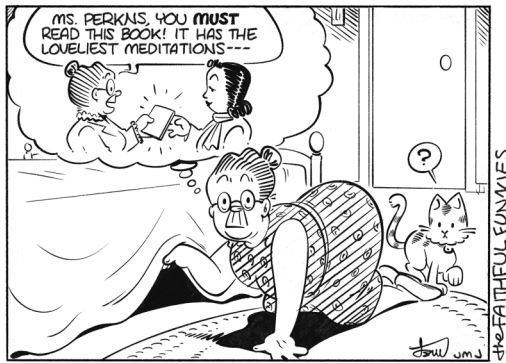
You may have heard of him, the sneaker-wearing, computer-loving "gamer saint" of our time. But beyond the headlines and hashtags, the real story of Carlo is something deeper, something the world desperately needs to hear. Know for his deep love of God, devotion to the Eucharist, and quiet acts of charity, Carlo's life was a testament to everyday holiness.

Our parish has a Formed subscription. Visit [formed.org/signup](https://formed.org/signup) and select our parish. Scan the QR code to download the Formed app to your phone.

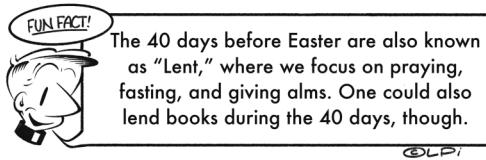


# Sunday Features

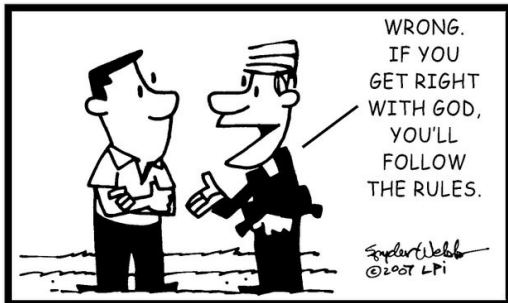
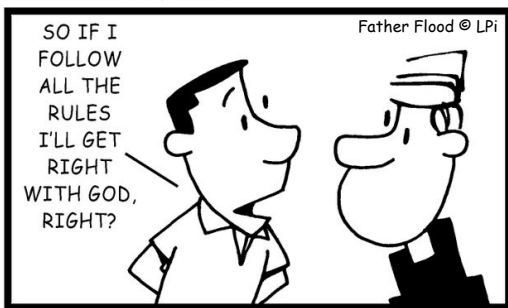
"Why couldn't the grandma find her prayer book?"



"She forgot it was Lent."



4TH SUNDAY OF LENT



**SACRED HEART'S  
SPRING HEALTH FAIR**

SUNDAY, APRIL 6TH, 2025  
HALLEN HALL  
AFTER THE 8AM AND 10AM MASS.

**Health is wealth**

We will have local vendors sharing their knowledge and resources from the community. They will also bring a variety of door prizes that will be raffled off after each Mass. A raffle ticket will be given to you at the door.

Refreshments will be provided by St. Margarets Guild.

We look forward to seeing each other again in this social setting.

**HOSTED BY YOUR PARISH NURSES**

## In our Parish Family

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

### Lenten Vespers

Monday evenings, 5-5:30pm thru April 14, in the Church at Sacred Heart Lacey.

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

The definition of prodigal is "one who spends or gives lavishly and foolishly." The parable in today's Gospel could be interpreted as being more about a prodigal father. It is the father who gives his love lavishly and foolishly to both sons. Neither one "deserves" the kind of love this generous father bestows on them. Both have acted without much regard to the love their father shows them. He is the one who has turned the other cheek. He is the one who has shown generosity. He is the one who is gracious and forgiving to the nth degree. Jesus, of course, is describing the God of love with whom he has such an intimate relationship. He wants us to know that God "spends or gives lavishly and foolishly" to everyone. This "everyone" includes all of humanity – friend and foe alike. As disciples of the Lord Jesus, are we able to find a lesson of justice in this parable? An example of this might include those who invaded Ukraine. How easy is it for us to pray for the invading soldiers? How easy is it for us to pray for their country's leader? Probably not at easy at all. Since when was it supposed to be easy to be a Christian? If we take the word of God at face value, then we know our journeys are ongoing. Lent emphasizes this aspect of our faith. There are challenges every day to live the Gospel of our Lord, Jesus. "Generosity is the fullness of heart that results from sharing...ourselves for the well-being of others" (Pope Francis). Perhaps we could add an additional Lenten practice this week...to "lavishly and foolishly" pray for those who "drive us crazy!"

Peace and all good, Deacon Terry, ofs

### Up with Down Syndrome support Group

April 8 (2nd Tuesday of the month) at 6:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart's Hallen Hall Staff from *SafeinHome* will speak about safety and support augmentation programs sponsored by DSHS. Everyone who shares our interest in supporting persons with disabilities and celebrating their many accomplishments is welcome. For more information and to RSVP please contact [info@southsoundupwithdown.org](mailto:info@southsoundupwithdown.org).

**Holy Family School**, a private independent Catholic school in Lacey, serving PK-8. Visit [Holyfamilylacey.org](http://Holyfamilylacey.org) or call 360-491-7060.

**Pope John Paul II High School**, a Catholic, college-prep high school in Lacey. Visit [popejp2hs.org](http://popejp2hs.org) or call 360-438-7600.

## Resources

### Project Rachel—Hope and Healing After Abortion

English: (206) 920-6413 / Español: (206)-450-7814

[projectrachel@ccsww.org](http://projectrachel@ccsww.org). Find hope and healing after abortion at a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat.

## 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

#### **Holy Saturday April 19**

*(No Confessions, 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

#### **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

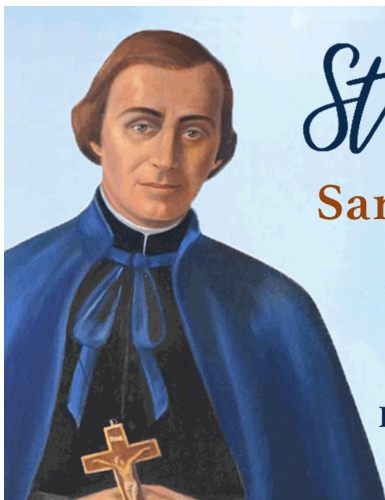
SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 2025

11:45 A.M. FOLLOWING MASS

BEGINS IN THE PARISH HALL

BRING YOUR OWN BASKET

### Around the Archdiocese



**St. Peter Chanel**  
**Samoan Catholic Ministry**  
**Mass and Reception**

**April 27**  
12 noon to 2 p.m.  
Holy Cross Catholic Church, Tacoma

All are welcome



SEATTLE  
MENS CONFERENCE

**IRON SHARPENS IRON**

MAY, 24TH 2025  
HOLY ROSARY  
EDMONDS, WA

# REVEAL Christ's LOVE

For people living in developing countries around the world, lack of access to traditional financial services keeps them from providing for their material needs. A Catholic Relief Services (CRS) program has created Savings and Internal Lending Communities (SILCs) to address this lack by helping poor communities to pool savings, which then can be lent to SILC members to build or grow businesses at low cost. In Chad, Claudine, a mother of six, uses loans from her local SILC to buy large, lower-cost quantities of the ingredients she needs to make the beignets she sells at market. Before the SILC was established, Claudine was barely able to sell enough beignets to live. But now these cost savings allow her to care for her family and pay school fees.

Your support for The Catholic Relief Services Collection helps CRS address the needs of people in developing countries through innovative solutions that strengthen communities and equip them with resources and skills to prosper—and you also support five other Catholic organizations' outreach to other vulnerable people.



## Your Donations Help Our Brothers and Sisters . . . In the United States

Reveal Christ's love by welcoming suffering refugees . . . through the **USCCB Migration and Refugee Services (MRS)**.

Reveal Christ's love through legal aid to struggling immigrants . . . through the **Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC)**.

Reveal Christ's love in ministry to people on the margins . . . through the pastoral work of the **USCCB Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church**.

## And Around the World

Reveal Christ's love to hungry mothers and children in Chad through the humanitarian work of **Catholic Relief Services (CRS)**, the official overseas relief agency of the bishops of the United States.

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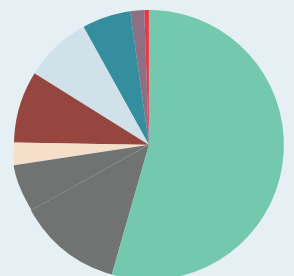
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## The Catholic Relief Services Collection 2023

Grants	
<span style="color: #2E8B57;">■</span>	Catholic Relief Services
<span style="color: #4682B4;">■</span>	USCCB Migration & Refugee Services
<span style="color: #8B4513;">■</span>	USCCB Cultural Diversity in the Church*
<span style="color: #ADD8E6;">■</span>	USCCB Justice, Peace and Human Development†
<span style="color: #008080;">■</span>	CLINIC (Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc.)
<span style="color: #FFDAB9;">■</span>	Holy Father's Relief Fund
Administration	
<span style="color: #654321;">■</span>	Promotion & Education Costs
<span style="color: #DC143C;">■</span>	Administrative Expenses

Amount	Percentage
\$6,849,470	52.03%
\$2,031,216	15.43%
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# REVELA EL AMOR DE Cristo

Aquellas personas que viven en países en desarrollo alrededor del mundo, la falta de acceso a servicios financieros tradicionales les impide cubrir sus necesidades materiales. Catholic Relief Services (CRS) ha creado un programa llamado Savings and Internal Lending Communities (SILCs) a fin de responder a esa falta de acceso ayudando a las comunidades pobres a agrupar sus ahorros, los cuales pueden ser prestados a los miembros de una SILC para establecer, o hacer crecer, sus negocios a bajo costo. En Chad, Claudine, una madre de seis niños, utiliza el préstamo de su SILC local para comprar a bajo costo grandes cantidades de los ingredientes necesarios para elaborar los buñuelos que ella vende en el mercado. Antes de que se estableciera SILC, Claudine apenas podía vender suficientes buñuelos para poder subsistir. Pero ahora, estos ahorros en los costos le permiten mantener a su familia y cubrir las matrículas escolares.

El apoyo que ustedes brindan a The Catholic Relief Services Collection le ayuda a CRS a cubrir las necesidades de las personas en países en desarrollo mediante soluciones innovadoras que fortalecen a las comunidades y las equipa con los recursos y las habilidades necesarias para prosperar—y también apoyan a otras cinco organizaciones católicas que ayudan a personas vulnerables.



## Tus donativos ayudan a nuestros hermanos y hermanas. . .

### En los Estados Unidos

Revelando el amor de Cristo al acoger a los refugiados que sufren . . . a través del **USCCB Department of Migration and Refugee Services (MRS)**.

Revelando el amor de Cristo al dar asesoría legal a los inmigrantes que luchan por salir adelante . . . a través del **Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC)**.

Revelando el amor de Cristo al hacer su ministerio con las personas en la periferia . . . a través de la labor pastoral del **USCCB Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church**.

### Y, alrededor del mundo

Revelando el amor de Cristo a las madres y niños en Chad a través de la labor humanitaria de **Catholic Relief Services (CRS)**, la agencia oficial de socorro en el extranjero de los obispos de Estados Unidos.

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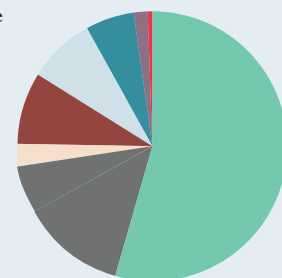
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Subvenciones	
<span style="color: green;">■</span>	Catholic Relief Services
<span style="color: grey;">■</span>	USCCB Migration & Refugee Services
<span style="color: brown;">■</span>	USCCB Cultural Diversity in the Church*
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<span style="color: orange;">■</span>	Holy Father's Relief Fund
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<span style="color: purple;">■</span>	Costos de educación & promoción
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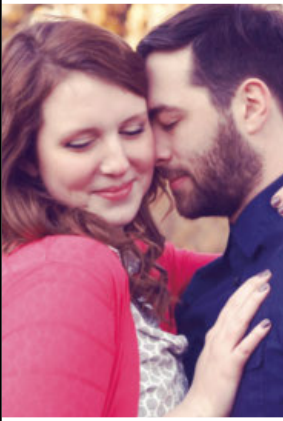
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