

May 18, 2025

Fifth Sunday of Easter



• 5TH SUNDAY
OF EASTER •

LOVE ONE ANOTHER.

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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 Friday)

Confessions Saturday 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration First Friday 6:30 p.m.

Anointing of the Sick By request

The church may be opened for prayer during office hours upon request.

Rosary Prayer Group Monday 7 p.m.

Spanish prayer group Tuesday 6:30 p.m., Hall

Sacred Heart Parish

812 Bowker St. SE | Lacey, WA 98503

For Mass times and schedule, see sacredheartlacey.com or
contact their office at staff@3hearts.org or 360-491-0890

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. – 2 p.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

Welcome Home

Reflect on the Sunday Liturgy

Readings: Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 /
Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

Entrance Antiphon The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

First Reading: And when they arrived, they called the church together and reported what God had done with them and how he had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles. (Acts 14:27)

Despite facing many hardships, Paul and Barnabas succeeded in preaching the good news of Jesus crucified and risen from the dead. How do you work through personal setbacks?

Psalm: I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God. (Ps 145)

Second Reading: "I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be his people and God himself will always be with them as their God." (Rv 21:4)

At the start of his final vision, John sees the age to come in which God comes to dwell with his people on earth and all tears, pain and even death itself is gone. Who in your life needs to hear this incredible message of hope?

Gospel: I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. (Jn 13:34)

Jesus modeled for his disciples how to love one another. Do you have friends or co-workers who show you how to love others?

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Additional resources for Bible Study may be found at www.sundayscripturestudy.com



Mass Intentions

Parishioners may schedule a Mass intention on our website or by calling the office. Masses are at St. Columban Church unless indicated.

Sunday, May 18, Fifth Sunday of Easter
8 a.m. St. Peter, Pro populo
10:30 a.m., Pro populo

Monday, May 19, Sts. Nereus & Achilleus, Martyrs; St. Pancras, Martyrs
No Mass

Tuesday, May 20, St. Bernadine of Siena, Priest
9 a.m. Darby Handley

Wednesday, May 21, St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, & Companions, Martyrs
9 a.m. Lloyd Black—RIP

Thursday, May 22, St. Rita of Cascia, Religious
9 a.m. Trinidad Francisco Cervantes—RIP

Friday, May 23
9 a.m. Francisco Reyes White—RIP

Saturday, May 24
5 p.m. Pro populo

Prayer Intentions

For The Sick and Homebound

Robert Fisher, Joe Judge, Pam Henslee, Mary Taylor, Maria Espino, Mort Kimball, Adrian Moralez, Judy Cusick, Theresa Gonzales, Clarene Rapoza, John Scotto, and Thomas Hutchinson.

For The Deceased All the souls in purgatory, especially Trinidad Francisco Cervantes, Pope Francis, 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.

Monthly Intentions of the Holy Father

For working conditions: Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfilment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized.

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A Word from our Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Habemus Papam! We have a Pope! As I write this, The Cardinals elected Pope Leo XIV just a couple of hours ago. These are my initial impressions. They might change by the time this actually appears in the bulletin!

First, I'm stunned for many reasons. I didn't think that we would see white smoke that soon. I also didn't expect an American. A couple of weeks ago I said, "Expect the unexpected." Well, that certainly proved to be true.

The name Leo XIV says a lot. Leo XIII, remember, was Pope in the late 1800s, and his pontificate was most notable for an encyclical called *Rerum Novarum*. This encyclical was crucial due to the fact that industrialization brought up many new moral and social questions. This encyclical shed light on the issues at hand and is known as a giant leap in the Church's social teachings, especially working-class people.

Prior to being elected Pope, Cardinal Prevost served as the Prefect for the Dicastery of Bishops since 2020. He was charged with the task of helping the Pope select new bishops, and I like the guys that he chose. He and Pope Francis often selected solid, well-liked pastors to be bishops. There didn't seem to be any real ideological preference among their selections. They were typically well-liked and successful Shepherds.

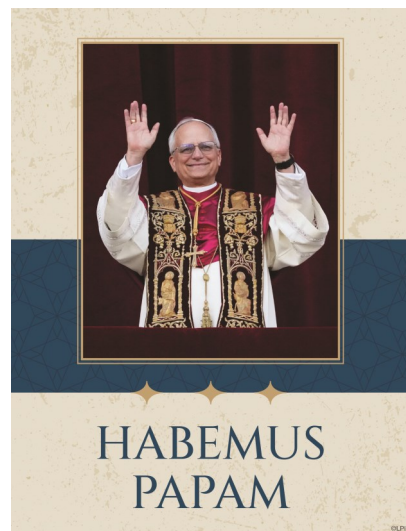
This is actually a bit of a shift. Prior to Pope Francis, the path to becoming a bishop didn't often pass through parish life. It passed through high level chancery positions and teaching posts in seminaries. Thus, many of our bishops really didn't have a good grasp of parish life and ministry, which often led to

conflict and tension between priests and their bishops. Cardinal Prevost and Pope Francis focused on finding successful pastors to become bishops, and I think new bishops ordained in the last five years or so have been good picks.

One final thing that stood out to me was that Pope Leo XIV spoke excellent Italian but used a script for his first address to the world. I believe he could have stood out there and spoke very well in Italian, but the fact that he used prepared remarks is noteworthy. He is a man who likes to prepare before he speaks. This for me is very welcome. Some of the most confusing moments of the Francis Pontificate were moments in which he spoke off the cuff, opening his words to unintended interpretations by the media. Pope Leo XIV didn't strike me as being that type of man. I think that when Pope Leo speaks it will be very thoughtful and eloquent.

Putting this together, my initial impressions are that Pope Leo XIV has an awareness for the lives of common people and will exercise his office with a great deal of care for the challenges that common people face. Time will, of course, reveal many other things about Leo, our new Pope, but there are many things to be optimistic about regarding the Church's future.

Fr. Bryan



"You have called me to carry that cross, and to be blessed with that mission, and I know I can rely on each and every one of you to walk with me, as we continue as a Church, as a community of friends of Jesus, as believers to announce the Good News, to announce the Gospel."

-Pope Leo XIV address to the College of Cardinals at Mass on May 9

In our Parish Family

Announcements

Prayers of praise and joy for all of our First Communicant children this weekend! Please keep them in your prayers as they receive our Lord's Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Holy Eucharist for the first time.

"The Eucharist is the secret of my day. It gives strength and meaning to all my activities of service to the Church and to the whole world ... Let Jesus present in the Blessed Sacrament speak to your hearts. It is he who is the true answer of life that you seek. He stays here with us: He is God with us. Seek him *without tiring*, welcome him *without reserve*, love him *without interruption*: today, tomorrow, forever!"

- Pope St. John Paul II, Sept. 27, 1997



We are searching for an Organist/Choir director to serve as our Pastoral Assistant for Music and Liturgy. Duties and responsibilities are link on the parish website. Please contact parishoffice@saintcolumbanyelm.org if interested.

Financial Stewardship

April 2025 Total Giving

	St. Columban	St Peter
Weekly Collection Goal/	\$5,800/	\$1,000/
Goal over 4 weeks	\$23,200.00	\$4,000.00
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*Candles, Beeswax tapers, Salt)

Faith Formation

Our enrolled grade K-5 students logged 25,212 prayers prayed throughout the school year. Thank you for your prayers!



Learn more about the Faith and prepare your family for the

Sacraments: Registration begins in August for our Fall 2025 Religious Education & Sacramental Prep classes for children, youth, and adults. Contact the Parish Office for details.

Last Chance to sign-up for Ignite NW! 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 Mr. Lucero for more information about Ignite NW (High schoolers), Camp Solanus (Middle Schoolers) for Boys and for Girls, and Steubenville NW (High schoolers).

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church

1970 The Law of the Gospel requires us to make the decisive choice between "the two ways" and to put into practice the words of the Lord. It is summed up in the *Golden Rule*, "Whatever you wish that men would do to you, do so to them; this is the law and the prophets."

The entire Law of the Gospel is contained in the "new commandment" of Jesus, to love one another as he has loved us.

From the Archdiocese

Together in Faith Through the Annual Catholic Appeal, our parish has been answering the call to support our shared mission – to help one another encounter Christ and put the Gospel into concrete action. Your gift is integral to bringing faith formation programs to life, inviting youth and young adults into the Church, fostering a welcoming community, and providing for the spiritual and physical needs of every person we encounter. Thank you to all who have returned your Annual Catholic Appeal pledges and gifts, as well as those who are recurring monthly donors. All funds received over our goal will go to support parking improvements at St. Columban & exterior paint at St. Peter. Help us exceed our goals of \$34,263 for St. Columban and \$7,041 for St. Peter.

It's easy to give to the 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal. Scan the QR code or visit archseattle.org/GiveACA.



This Week

All events are at St. Columban Yelm, unless otherwise noted.

Sunday, May 18

7:30 a.m. Confessions, St. Peter
8:00 a.m. Mass, St. Peter
10:30 a.m. Mass with Children's First Holy Communion, Church
11:30 a.m. Fellowship, Hall

Monday, May 19

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

Tuesday, May 20

9:00 a.m. Mass, Church
6:30 p.m. Spanish Prayer Group, Hall

Wednesday, May 21

9:00 a.m. Mass, Church
10:00 a.m. Bible Study, St. Peter
5:30 p.m. Vespers
6:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus meeting, Hall

Thursday, May 22

9:00 a.m. Mass, Church
9:30 a.m. Altar Society, Church
6:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal, Church
6:30 p.m. Bible Study, RE Bldg.

Friday, May 23

9:00 a.m. Mass, Church

Saturday, May 24

3:30 p.m. Confessions, Church
5:00 p.m. Mass, Church

Sunday, May 25

7:30 a.m. Confessions, St. Peter
8:00 a.m. Mass, St. Peter
10:30 a.m. Mass, Church
11:30 a.m. Fellowship, Hall

Parish Groups

Altar Society

A team of talented parishioners beautifully maintain and clean the Church weekly.

Daughters of Mary

All women of the parish are invited to meet on the fourth Tuesday of every month. Next meeting is **May 27** at 6 p.m. in the Hall.

Liturgical Ministries

Altar Servers, Choir, Greeters/Ushers, Readers, & Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Knights of Columbus

The Council and Assembly will meet next on Wednesday, **May 21** at 6p.m. in the hall

St. Peter Circle

Meets second Tuesdays every other month at St. Peter. Next meeting: **July 8, 9:30 a.m.**

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Meets on the third Thursday of the month in the hall at 7 p.m. Next meeting: **June 19.**



Resources & Education in our area

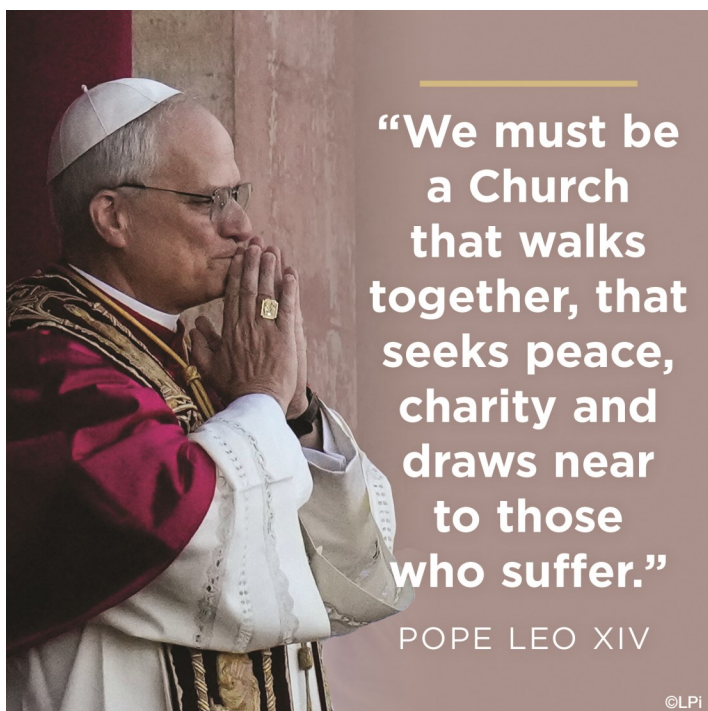
Worldwide Marriage Encounter Oct 10-12, Tacoma.
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Holy Family School, a PK-8 Catholic private school in Lacey. Holyfamilylacey.org | 360-491-7060.

Pope John Paul II High School, a Catholic, college-prep high school in Lacey. popejp2hs.org | 360-438-7600.

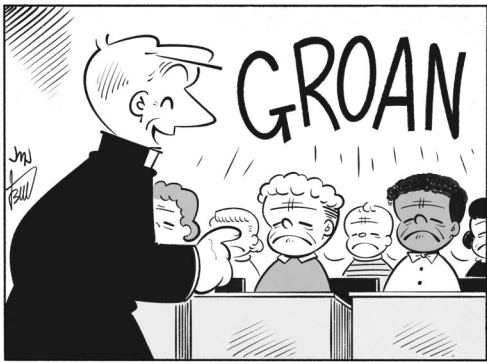


PRAYER FOR THE NEW POPE

O GOD, who in your providential design willed that your Church be built upon blessed Peter, whom you set over the other Apostles, look with favor, we pray, on Leo our Pope and grant that he, whom you have made Peter's successor, may be for your people a visible source and foundation of unity in faith and of communion. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Features & Outside Events

"What state produces the most saints?"



"The state of grace!"



FUN FACT! Being in a state of grace means that we are free from mortal sin and in communion with God. By going to confession, we are able to have our souls restored to communion with our Lord, should we ever fall into serious sin.

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Father Flood © LPi



Dialogue for Justice:

Catholic Advocacy to Reduce Poverty

We Today's Gospel reading (Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35) takes us back to the banquet table of the Last Supper. Judas has left the banquet table and is on his way to collect his reward of 30 pieces of silver. Judas misses the tender words of Jesus, "My children.... I give you a new commandment: love one another." Jesus calls the grown men who have gathered around him "children." How loving Jesus is toward his flock of believers. He urges them in the spirit of love, and he will know they are true followers by the way they "have love for one another" (Jn 13:35). This leads to a question, "Who is my neighbor?" The command to love one another leaves little room for negotiation or explanation. We cannot dodge our Christian responsibility to care for those in the human community, family, friends, and even enemies. This is a wonderful message to receive during the Easter season. It calls us to examine our hearts in relationship with everyone. Does Easter touch us grow in new ways? In what ways are we called to conversion and are we willing to let the Lord lead us. The hymn They'll Know we are Christians musically reinforces today's Gospel: "... we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride. And they'll know we are Christians, by our love...." We, the children of God, are called to live in God's gracious love by the way we have "love for one another."

Peace and all good, Deacon Terry, ofs

Deacon Terry Barber one of three deacons in our Parish Family.

Liturgy Corner

Communion Reception in the Hand

Particles

Just like any bread, the wafers we use for communion have particles or crumbs that fall off of them as they are touched and moved.

The Church teaches that once the host has been consecrated it becomes literally the Body of Christ. So when those particles fall, it is the precious pieces of Jesus himself falling to the ground. During distribution of Holy Communion, priests and Extraordinary Ministers of Communion ensure that particles fall back into the ciborium or onto the paten held by the altar server. The particles are then carefully collected and consumed by the priest on the altar after communion when he purifies the vessels.

Communion on the Hand

When the host is placed on your hand, the movement from your hand to the mouth, if you're not done carefully, can cause particles to fall to the floor. If your preference of reception is on the hand, please use your palm like a paten and consume the Host over it in order to catch particles. Check your palm and finger tips, and if you see particles on them, lick them off.



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Joy and Blessings for New Pope Leo XIV

A statement from Archbishop Paul D. Etienne

SEATTLE, May 8, 2025 – We share the joy of people around the world as we welcome Pope Leo XIV as our new Holy Father. Let us pray the Lord fills him with the peace and consolation of the Holy Spirit in these first and early days of his pontificate. Since the Lord has chosen him as the Universal Shepherd of the whole People of God, may we now support him with our prayers and unity.

Pope Leo XIV is an amazing choice as the next successor of Peter. The name chosen tells us he will put the social teachings of the Church at the heart of this pontificate. I have found this man in my brief encounters to be humble, affable, confident and competent in carrying out his responsibilities. We have hopeful and bright days ahead!

We are also immensely grateful to the cardinals who so prayerfully entered the conclave process – a process that is both divine and human – to select the successor of St. Peter. By listening to the movement of the Holy Spirit and their own prayer and discernment, they elected Cardinal Robert Prevost and demonstrated for all of us how we are to live our baptismal calling, in the presence of God.



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*- SeVera Dowe, Chair of the Black Catholic Advisory Circle.
(pictured with Gloria Purvis)*



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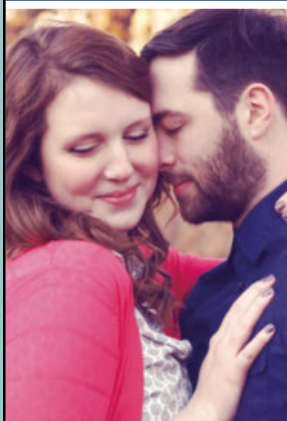
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