

May 25, 2025

Sixth Sunday of Easter



• 6TH SUNDAY
OF EASTER •

PEACE I
LEAVE
WITH YOU.

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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 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (4)/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-2

Entrance Antiphon: O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

First Reading: If you keep free of these, you will be doing what is right. (Acts 15:29)

We hear how the church in Jerusalem resolved their conflicts through dialogue and compromise. When has your faith community had to resolve a conflict?

Psalm: O God, let all the nations praise you! (Ps 67)

Second Reading: The city had no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gave it light, and its lamp was the Lamb. (Rv 12:23)

As St. John's final vision continues, he sees the splendor and glory of God lighting the city of Jerusalem. Can you think of a time when you felt really close to God?

Gospel: Jesus "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you." (Jn 14:27)

Jesus taught his disciples that the Holy Spirit will be sent to believers to teach them and remind them of his words. Can you share a time when you have felt inspired by the Holy Spirit?

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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 25, Sixth Sunday of Easter
8 a.m. (St. Peter Tenino) Pro populo
10:30 a.m. Pro populo

Monday, May 26, St. Philip Neri, Priest
No Mass

Tuesday, May 27, St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop
9 a.m. Lorraine Handley—RIP

Wednesday, May 28
9 a.m. Esperanza Morales

Thursday, May 29
9 a.m. Araceli Garcia—RIP

Friday, May 30
9 a.m. All fallen military service members —RIP

Saturday, May 31, Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
5 p.m. (Anticipated Sunday Mass) 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, Donald Bell, Pope Francis, 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.

Monthly Intentions of the Archdiocese

For this Archdiocese of Seattle as we mark 175 years of faith and service, that we may recommit ourselves to our solemn call to make Christ known and loved in our own place and time.

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A Word from our Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

It has been several weeks since Senate Bill 5375 passed through the Washington State Legislature. This bill has defined that clergy are mandatory reporters of sexual abuse of children and vulnerable adults, which is very good. The controversy of this bill is that this bill did not make any exceptions for the Sacrament of Reconciliation which is a troubling thing for me and others.

As you know, what anyone says to a priest in confession is considered absolutely secret. A priest cannot divulge anything to anyone that he hears in the confessional that would associate a person with a sin they confessed (a penitent, however, is free to speak freely about what they experience in the confessional). It is only the priest who cannot speak about what he hears. This is called "The Seal of Confession."

After spending quite a bit of time thinking and praying about this, I have just a few thoughts I'd like to share about this that I think would be helpful. Just a quick disclaimer, which is that I'm writing this on May 12th, and things may have changed before you have a chance to read this.

The first thing I want to make clear is that the Archdiocese of Seattle has been clear for years now that priests (and parish staff members) are mandatory reporters in every situation except the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This is the first thing I would like for you to emphasize if you discuss this with anyone. I myself have called law enforcement and child protective services several times as a priest to report crimes against vulnerable people. I will continue to be vigilant in this matter.

However, the second thing I need to make clear is that I will not violate the Seal of Confession for any reason. This seal exists for good reason, which is to set people free to experience the mercy of God and experience healing.

Obviously, this puts me and other priests in a very odd situation legally. Still, I promise that I will not divulge anything that you or anyone else tells me in confession.

Third: While I am no constitutional scholar, it seems very unlikely to me that this law will last. I believe that it will be struck down by courts eventually. The Sacrament of Reconciliation, which is very clearly a religious ritual of the Church, and the Seal of Confession predate the State of Washington and the United States by centuries. This law seems quite clearly to infringe upon the practice of religion. I expect it will eventually be overturned.

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Still another frustration I have is that I believe the Church can be a great help to the State of Washington to protect young people from abuse. I believe that at this moment our Churches and schools in the Archdiocese of Seattle are incredibly safe, perhaps even

safer than public schools. We have made incredible strides in protecting youth and vulnerable adults, and I lament that an issue that the government and Church can work together on has become a moment of conflict.

Finally, it needs to be emphasized that the best way to help keep our parishes and schools (and our entire society) safe is for as many of our parishioners as possible to take our Safe Environment training through the Archdiocese and familiarize themselves with the warning signs of potential predators as well as what you should do if you have concerns about behaviors you see, whether they are in our churches or some other place.

The biggest reason our churches and schools are safe is because abusive people know that if they attempt any crimes against children or other vulnerable people, that we will recognize their behaviors and report them. They are afraid of us, and we want it to stay that way. The more you know, the safer we are. Please be on the lookout for opportunities to receive this training.

Fr. Bryan

In our Parish Family

Announcements

The Parish Office will be closed in observance of memorial day, tomorrow May 26.

A Prayer for Memorial Day

God of power and mercy, you destroy war and put down earthly pride. Banish violence from our midst and wipe away our tears, that we may all deserve to be called your sons and daughters. Keep in your mercy those men and women who have died in the cause of freedom and bring them safely into your kingdom of justice and peace. We ask this though Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



We are searching for an Organist/Choir director to serve as our Pastoral Assistant for Music and Liturgy. Duties and responsibilities are linked on the parish website. Contact parishoffice@saintcolumbanyelm.org to inquire.

Faith Formation

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.

Ignite NW & Camp Solanus: 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

747 The Holy Spirit, whom Christ the head pours out on his members, builds, animates, and sanctifies the Church. She is the sacrament of the Holy Trinity's communion with men.

From the Archdiocese

The Annual Catholic Appeal directly supports parish staff and our priests

If you have not made your donation, please prayerfully consider your gift to the 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal. In addition to the ministries that support those in need, the Annual Catholic Appeal also directly supports the staff of our parish family and Fr. Bryan. The Archdiocese of Seattle provides centralized services, all to save on costs for parishes and to alleviate administrative burdens. These services include human resources, communications, property and construction, liturgy guidance and more. With your support, we can simplify workloads, improve communication, and elevate evangelization efforts across Western Washington.



Please see our website for our current progress! Help us exceed our goals of \$34,263 for St. Columban and \$7,041 for St. Peter. Funds received over these goals will support parking improvements at St. Columban and exterior paint at St. Peter. Scan the QR code or visit archseattle.org/GiveACA to pledge today.



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A Special Mom & Daughter Date

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TUESDAY 3 JUNE 5 PM

St. Columban, Religious Education Building, #103

Join us for a special evening to learn about God's incredible creation in our bodies as women. Discover how knowing ourselves more deeply draws us closer to Him — and how the Creighton Model helps reveal our dignity as precious daughters of the Almighty Father.

Contact the parish office to register.

This Week

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

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

Monday, May 26 - Parish Office is Closed

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

Tuesday, May 27

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

Wednesday, May 28

9:00 a.m. Mass, Church
10:00 a.m. Bible Study, St. Peter

Thursday, May 29

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 30

9:00 a.m. Mass, Church

Saturday, May 31

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

Sunday, June 1

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

Meets on the fourth Tuesday of every month. All women of the parish are invited **May 27** at 6 p.m. in the Hall. Please bring a snack to share!



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, **June 18** at 6p.m. in the hall.



St. Peter Circle

Meets second Tuesdays every other month at St. Peter. Next meeting: **Sep. 9, 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: **June 19.**



Catholic Education in our area

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.

Presented by the Knights of Columbus Yelm Council 17152

7TH ANNUAL COATS FOR KIDS CAR SHOW

SATURDAY, JUNE 28, 2025

9AM-3PM

ST. COLUMBAN CHURCH - 506 FIRST ST S. YELM, WA

Proceeds benefit the purchase of winter coats for distribution within our community at Thanksgiving time. Cash donations welcome. Refreshments available for purchase.

Spectators free. \$20 Entry Fee per car.

NEW! Children's Hot Rod Coloring Contest

Trophies for Top 10, People's Choice, Father's Favorite, Knights' Choice, Club Participation, Longest Distance, and Most Patriotic



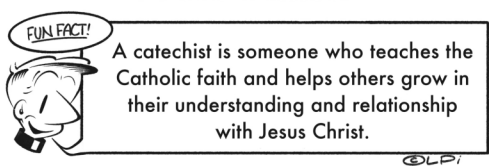
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Features & Outside Events

"What do you call a cat that teaches Sunday school?"



"A cat-echist!"



6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Dialogue for Justice

Catholic Advocacy to Reduce Poverty

We continue to hear proclaimed St. John's Last Supper Discourse (Jn 14:1-17:26). In this part of the sacred conversation, Jesus is emphasizing love ("Whoever loves me will keep my word..." (Jn 14:23) and peace ("Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you" (Jn 14:27). Jesus is connecting this spiritual love with the kind of peace that only he can give us. Yet, Jesus knows that our hearts can "be troubled or afraid" (Jn 14:27) due to the problems and challenges of life. It is in our nature to experience emotional ups and downs. Jesus is reminding us that we are to turn to him – the One who is ever present in our lives – and trust he wills only good for us. At the same time, we cannot understate the value of family and friends to comfort us as well. There are people who live in a constant state of trouble. Their jobs are not secure. Wages make it impossible to support their families. The challenge of living in a violent environment run by drug lords makes life tenable. Jesus reached out to people who were struggling in life: the widow of Nain; Zaccheus the despised tax collector; the woman at the well; Thomas who struggled to believe. He brought all of them peace. As a disciple of Christ, is our life marked by the gift of peace? Are we willing to reach out to friends and foe alike? Risen Lord, your peace is not like that given by the world. Your peace satisfies the deepest human longings. May we live for you!

Peace and all good, Deacon Terry, ofs

Dcn. Terry Barber is one of three deacons in our Parish Family.

Liturgy Corner

Antiphons

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is thoroughly scriptural. Not only because we are re-presenting the Sacrifice of Christ in accord with his instructions at the Last Supper, nor only because Christ's Sacrifice is the fulfillment of the Scriptures, but also in the literal sense that many of the words of the Mass are taken from the Bible. Indeed, the Church has even provided us music for the Mass in the form of the *Propers*: antiphons—short psalm or scripture quotes—with associated psalms or canticles. We hear one such every Mass in the Responsorial Psalm, but they also exist for the beginning of Mass, the Offertory, and Communion. Unfortunately, they are written in a book called the *Graduale Romanum* that, for whatever reason, was never translated from Latin to English. Plus, they are Gregorian Chant, which can be difficult at times depending on the text. Knowing this, the Church, in a document called *Musica Sacram*, lays out what to do when the ideal use of these chants as the true music of the Mass is not possible:

If the Latin *Graduale* is not possible, an alternative is to use an official



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translation of the antiphons in to the local language (which we do not have currently). Another option is to use a different musical setting of the texts to chant in the local language (which exist, but can be difficult for those not used to chant). Failing all these, we are permitted simply to use appropriate hymns. Obviously, most American churches have to use the last option, and that is fine. However, it does mean that many Catholics are denied the richness of hearing these antiphon texts that set the theme for each Mass.

Luckily, since the antiphons without music are included in the *Roman Missal*, there has arisen another option in the U.S.: to chant the antiphon either before or after the hymn for a given moment of the Mass. For example, the choir may sing the Entrance Antiphon with associated psalm verses. The choir can also chant the Communion Antiphon before any communion hymns. We invite you to listen closely to the antiphons and to follow along with them in the red pew missal. Use these the help you focus your prayer at these important moments and to prayerfully dive into the theme of that day's Mass.

Resources

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Oct 10-12, Tacoma.
contact: Jeff & Sandy Corneil 360-930-2321 wwme.org

Project Rachel: Hope and Healing After Abortion
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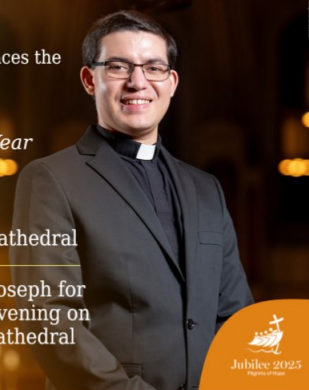
The Archdiocese of Seattle joyfully announces the

Mass of Priestly Ordination

in the Jubilee Year
of Joseph Tapia-Beeman

Saturday, June 7 | 10am | St. James Cathedral

Please join Archbishop Etienne and Joseph for a Holy Hour for vocations the prior evening on Friday, June 6 | 6:30pm | St. James Cathedral



Jubilee 2025

All are Welcome!

In addition to the in-person celebration, people may join the live stream:
facebook.com/ArchdioceseofSeattle or
vimeo.com/ArchdioceseofSeattle

Joseph Tapia-Beeman is approaching the conclusion of his time in seminary.

He will receive his assignment to serve at a parish family in the archdiocese beginning in July. **Pray for him and his future priestly ministry!**

For more information on priesthood in the Archdiocese of Seattle, go to www.seattlevocations.com

"Jesus is the perfect manifestation of God's love, and through our anointing as priests, we are called to reflect and embody this love in our life and ministry."

— ARCHBISHOP PAUL D. ETIENNE



Join us for the celebration of the

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Multicultural Eucharistic Procession and Adoration

Saturday, June 21 | 3-5pm

Begins with the procession at
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820 18th Avenue, Seattle

Concludes with Adoration and
Benediction at **St. James Cathedral**
804 9th Avenue, Seattle

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New Healing Ministry

Shining light into the darkness of abuse

The Archdiocese of Seattle offers a new Healing Ministry for individuals, families and parish communities harmed or impacted by historical abuse by Catholic leaders and representatives. Along with assistance to victim survivors, the ministry provides pathways to healing through meaningful dialogue, harm acknowledgement, dedicated healing liturgies, pastoral education, abuse prevention and trauma-sensitive pastoral care. All those seeking healing about the tragedy of abuse are invited to participate.

To learn more, please scan the QR code:



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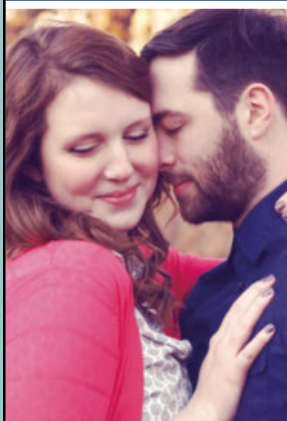
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