# June 1, 2025

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord



#### 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 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. - 2p.m. Friday by appointment

## Sacramental Emergencies

In danger of death call: 360-704-7051

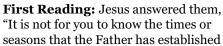
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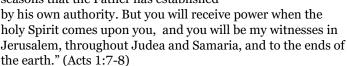
#### Welcome Home

#### **Reflect on the Sunday Liturgy**

**Readings:** Acts 1:1-11/ Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-5

Entrance Antiphon: Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.





Just before his ascension into heaven, Jesus commissioned the disciples to be witnesses to the world of his life, death and resurrection. How do you share your faith with friends or neighbors?

**Psalm:** God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord. (Ps 47)

Second Reading: May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of him. (Eph 1:17)

St. Paul offers a prayer for the believers in Ephesus to be given wisdom, knowledge and an enlightened heart. What are you praying for this week?

**Gospel:** As he blessed them he parted from them and was taken up to heaven. (Lk 24:51)

The disciples were overcome with joy and thanksgiving. praising God for the gift of the resurrected and ascended Jesus. What gift from God brings you joy?

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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, June 1, Ascension of the Lord 8 a.m. (St. Peter Tenino) Pro populo 10:30 a.m. Pro populo

Monday, June 2, Sts. Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs

Tuesday, June 3, St. Charles Lwanga & Comp., Martyrs 9 a.m. Everett Simmons

Wednesday, June 4

9 a.m. John Gimbelein-RIP

Thursday, June 5, St. Boniface, Bishop & Martyr 9 a.m.

Friday, June 6, St. Norbert, Bishop 9 a.m. (St. Peter Tenino) Rose Montgomery-RIP

Saturday, June 7

5 p.m. (Anticipated Sunday Mass) Pro propulo

#### **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, Don Granahan, Clay McBride, 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

That the world might grow in compassion: Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from his Heart, learn to have compassion on the world.

**Matthew Tolar** 

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#### Monthly Intentions of the Archdiocese

For the bishops, clergy, and lay ministers of Western Washington, that they may be open to the Holy Spirit.

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St. Columban Finance & Pastoral Council Member names 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

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Dear Parishioners,

To date, one of the most popular bulletin columns I've written were the ones about books I have read. I've finished a few in the last few months, so here you go.

All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doer

I promised a review of this one months ago, and I finally finished it and I really liked it. This is the story of two young people, a blind girl from France and a young German soldier, during World War II. Even though they were quite different, their lives intertwined in a couple of interesting ways. As a fan of good character development, I have to say that this was the strength of the book. The narrative was not all that exciting, to be honest, but the characters were fascinating, and I truly cared about them. As a bonus, the book consisted of lots of very, very short chapters so you could always read a couple extra pages before bed. I highly recommend it.

I also must say that I like Anthony Doer as a writer. For those who like the city of Rome, his book, Four Seasons in Rome, is wonderful.

The Midnight Library, by Matt Haig

This book was almost good but was kind of slow. It is about a young English woman, Nora, who after experiencing some serious regrets chooses to take her own life. After overdosing on some medication, she wakes up in a dream state near a library full of books and she meets an interesting librarian from her past who explains to her that each book in the library is a different life Nora Could have lived.

With the help of the librarian, Nora begins to look at other lives she could have had. She sees herself as a pub owner, a scientist, a famous musician, a surf bum in Australia, and many other things all while learning some important lessons about life along the way. If you've ever seen the movie, *The Family Man*, there are some similar themes. But while *All the Light we Cannot See* was marked by great characters, *The Midnight Library* failed in this way. While this might sound harsh, I just didn't care about the characters to care about what happened to them. And the philosophical insights weren't really that interesting, with some notable exceptions.

So I don't really recommend this book, unless you are looking for a semi-short mindless, easy read to keep you entertained while on vacation.

The Bell and the River by Sister Mary of the Blessed Sacrament McCrosson

Well, this was a pleasant surprise, and I'll start off by saying I recommend this one for any Catholic in the Pacific Northwest. It is the true story of Mother Joseph of the Sisters of Providence founding her mission in our own area! Of course, here we experience the fruit of Mother Joseph's work at St. Peter's hospital, so this one really hits close to home.

It is her biography, and I was blown away with how well this was written. It possessed great insights into historical events, deep spirituality, and it read at times like an adventure novel. Seriously, it was very well done and I'm very glad I happened upon this after two priest friends recommended it to me. It is amazing how our local Church was built up by the courage of these religious

sisters and priests who made the harsh trek from Montreal to Vancouver, Washington. You will recognize many places mentioned in this book. Every local Catholic should know this important piece of our history.

That's all for now!

Fr. Bryan





**June is the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus -** "From the Heart of the Lord Jesus let us learn the love of God and understanding of the mystery of sin. Let us make acts of reparation to the Divine Heart for the sins committed by us and by our fellow men." - Pope St. John Paul II, 1984

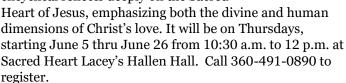
#### In our Parish Family

#### **Announcements**

**This Friday, June 6, is the first Friday of the month:** 9 a.m. Mass will be held at St. Peter Tenino, and First Friday Devotions with Eucharistic Adoration will be at St. Columban from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

#### Dilexit Nos presentations

Join Deacon Ronnie San Nicolas, one of the three deacons in our parish family, for a series of four weekly presentations and reflections on Pope Francis' fourth and final encyclical, *Dilexit Nos* (He loved Us). The encyclical reflects deeply on the Sacred



We are searching for an Organist/Choir director

to serve as our Pastoral Assistant for Music and Liturgy at St. Columban Yelm. Duties and responsibilities are linked on the parish website. Contact the parish office or email <a href="mailto:parishoffice@saintcolumbanyelm.org">parishoffice@saintcolumbanyelm.org</a> to inquire.



#### **Faith Formation**

**Learn more about the Faith and prepare your family for the Sacraments:** Registration begins soon for our Fall 2025 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) and Camp Solanus (Middle Schoolers).

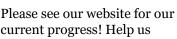
#### From the Catechism of the Catholic Church

661 This final stage stays closely linked to the first, that is, to his descent from heaven in the Incarnation. Only the one who "came from the Father" can return to the Father: Christ Jesus. "No one has ascended into heaven but he who descended from heaven, the Son of man." Left to its own natural powers humanity does not have access to the "Father's house," to God's life and happiness. Only Christ can open to man such access that we, his members, might have confidence that we too shall go where he, our Head and our Source, has preceded us.

#### From the Archdiocese

#### **Annual Catholic Appeal**

Thank you to the many of you who have chosen to make your gift to the 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal, as well as our parishioners who are monthly recurring donors to the ACA.





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.

Your support matters for religious and lay leaders serving in a variety of roles within our local Catholic Church. Whether it is a future seminarian seeking guidance and resources, a member of the deacon formation program, or a lay leader who has received training or education because of your support. Through your gifts, we can ensure the vitality of our Catholic community. May 31, 2025 marks the 175th anniversary of the Archdiocese of

Seattle, a true testament to those who came before us. Thank you again to those who have already contributed. Your support is the reason why our local Catholic Church can continue to spread the joy of the Gospel in the world today. Scan the QR code or visit archseattle.org/GiveACA to pledge or donate today.



#### This Week

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

#### 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

#### Monday, June 2

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

#### Tuesday, June 3

9:00 a.m. Mass, Church

5:00 p.m. Discovering the Beauty of God's Design in us,

RE Bldg.

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

#### Wednesday, June 4

9:00 a.m. Mass, Church

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

#### Thursday, June 5

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, June 6

9:00 a.m. Mass, St. Peter

6:30 p.m. Adoration & First Friday Devotions, Church

#### Saturday, June 7

3:30 p.m. Confessions, Church

5:00 p.m. Mass, Church

#### Sunday, June 8

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

Presented by the

Knights of Columbus Yelm Council 17152

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 **June 24** 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. <u>Holyfamilylacey.org</u> | 360-491-7060.

**Pope John Paul II High School**, a Catholic, collegeprep high school in Lacey. <u>popejp2hs.org</u> | 360-438-7600.



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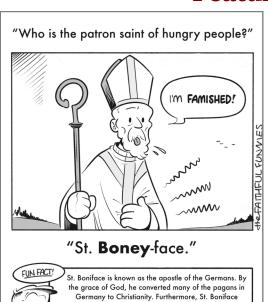
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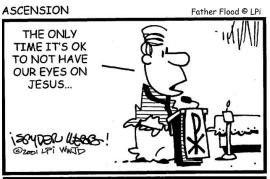
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Proceeds benefit the purchase of winter coats for distribution within our community at Thanksgiving time. Cash donations welcome. Refreshments available for purchase.



#### **Features & Outside Events**





reminded the disobedient clergy of Germany to listen to the instructions of their bishops, and especially the Holy

Father in Rome





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

If you have ever seen a car accident happen, you are an eyewitness. You are someone who saw it and you may be called upon to give testimony to a police officer or in a court room. Jesus describes those who were with him at his Ascension as "witnesses" (Lk 24:48). The faithful disciples were with him during his years of ministry as well. They were witnesses to his miracles. They saw the goodness of God reflected in the ministry of Jesus. He was always showing the goodness and mercy of the Father. Taboos were challenged. Touch the dead. Speak with women. Forgive his executioners. There was no one outside his circle of care and compassion. This concept of witnessing comes to us as his followers. Who do we put outside our circle of care and compassion? Refugees and immigrants? Mentally ill? Politicians of a different persuasion? Former friends? Troublesome family members? Where do we need God's grace to touch us on Ascension Sunday? Perhaps today, God's blessing will show us how we might increase our circle of care and compassion. Certainly, the world can use more of it. O God, you have made us witnesses to all the earth to announce and share your message of love. Increase our circles of care and compassion to include more of our suffering sisters and brothers. We pray this in your holy name. Amen.

Peace and all good, Deacon Terry, ofs

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

#### Saint of the Week

St. Norbert (+1134), feast day June 6

Born to nobility, St. Norbert of Xanten (c. 1075-1134), was ordained as a subdeacon and served in the court of Henry V, Emperor of Germany, however, at court it was easy to be distracted by wealth, power, and luxury and he lived a worldly and corrupt life there. By the grace of God while traveling in a storm he was nearly struck by lightning and almost killed. This experience changed St. Norbert and he became penitent, left his court post, and after a period of discernment in a monastery, felt called to be a priest.

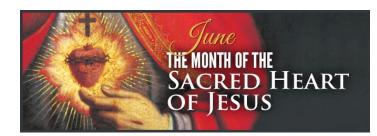
Norbert became an itinerant preacher, preaching against worldly attitudes but at the Pope's request finally settled in northern France and founded the Norbertine order established according to the rule of St. Augustine. The order grew rapidly and soon founded a women's branch. Norbert traveled and preached across Germany where he also founded a lay branch of the Norbertines. In

ST. NORBERT
FEAST DAY
JUNE 6

Belgium he preached against heresies which denied the Blessed Sacrament, this earned him the title "Apostle of the Blessed Sacrament". He and those of his orders had a great love of and devotion to the Blessed Sacrament, with a devout faith in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

Eventually he was made Archbishop of Magdeburg, Germany, and later he traveled to Rome in support of Pope Innocent II, against the antipope. Afterward he returned to Germany to court of Emperor Lothar as advisor, at end of life, in failing health, St. Norbert was carried back to Magdeburg where he died. St. Norbert of Xanten, pray for us!

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#### **Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

Oct 10-12, Tacoma. <u>wwme.org</u> or contact Jeff and Sandy Corneil 360-930-2321.



## an in-person marriage encounter experience

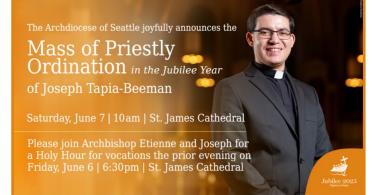
The Marriage Encounter experience is a heart haven that helps you listen, share and connect more deeply. There's no group discussion. It's just about the two of you learning to be the best, most loving and thriving couple you can be.



#### Project Rachel:

Hope and Healing After Abortion

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#### 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.

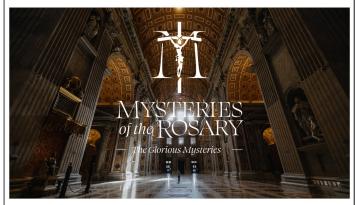
He will receive his assignment to serve at a parish family in the archdiocese beginning in July. **Pray for him and his future priestly ministry!** 

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."

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#### From Washington bishops to the lay faithful

Subject: Update on State Law

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

As you may know, Governor Ferguson signed into law a provision that seeks to require priests to violate the Seal of the Confessional in some circumstances. Priests are unable to violate the Seal under any circumstances. As the Vatican wrote on the topic in 2019,

The inviolable secrecy of Confession comes directly from the revealed divine right and is rooted in the very nature of the Sacrament, to the point of not admitting any exception in the ecclesial sphere, nor, least of all, in the civil one.<sup>1</sup>

Indeed, the Church has said that "political action or legislative initiative[s] aimed at 'breaching' the inviolability of the seal" are "an unacceptable offense against *libertas Ecclesiae*, which does not receive its legitimacy from individual States, but from God."<sup>2</sup>

Given this troubling development in state law, we are addressing this matter through litigation. While the details of this case are sensitive and will be handled with care, we want to assure you that this action is being taken to protect the mission and integrity of the Church.

The United States and Washington State Constitutions provide robust protection for our faith and we are confident in our legal position. Our attorneys have filed the case, and we will keep you informed as appropriate, while respecting the confidentiality required in such matters.

Thank you for your prayers and faithfulness. May God bless you, and may Our Lady keep you in her care.

In the Heart of Christ,

Most Rev. Paul D. Etienne Archbishop of Seattle

Most Rev. Joseph J. T Bishop of Yakima Most Rev. Thomas A. Dal Bishop of Spokane

Most Rev. Eusebio Elizondo, M.Sp.S. Aukiliary Bishop of Seattle Most Rev. Frank Schuster
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<sup>1</sup>Note of the Apostolic Penitentiary on the Importance of the Internal Forum and the Inviolability of the Sacramental Seal (June 29, 2019).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> *Id*.



# Baby Bundle Drive

Now thru Sunday, July 6, 2025

Help support our youth group with a donation!
We are tasked with providing **only** these
categories of items:

- 12-month sleepers for boys and girls
- 0-3 month outfits for boys and girls
- 0-3 month onesies for girls

Please drop off items in the baby basinet in the St. Columban church narthex or to the Parish Office.



Monetary donations are also welcome, please mark "Ignite Baby Bundle Drive" on your envelope or check.

Items will be brought by our St. Columban youth to the Ignite NW Youth Conference.

Email chad@saintcolumbanyelm.org for any questions.

# Adoration Benediction & Compline

with the monks of



Saint Tin's ARTIN'S ABBEY

Tuesdays 7:30 - 9:00 pm

This summer
June 3 thru Aug 12
in the abbey church



You're Invited: A Special Mom & Daughter Date

# DISCOVERING THE BEAUTY OF GOD'S DESIGN IN US



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.



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