

June 8, 2025

Pentecost Sunday



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. – 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

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We belong to Christ, not ourselves

Welcome Home

Reflect on the Sunday Liturgy

Readings: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-2

First Reading: *They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak.*

Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. (Acts 2:3)

The disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit and able to speak in multiple tongues so that all the people could understand them. When do you feel the Holy Spirit present in your life?

Psalm: Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. (Ps 104)

Second Reading: *In once Spirit we were all baptized into one body.*

As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. (1 Cor 12:12)

St. Paul assures us that as believers, the Spirit of God dwells in us. How ought the indwelling of the Spirit positively impact our day-to-day living?

Gospel: *As the Father sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit*

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." (Jn 20:21)

The resurrected Jesus sent out the disciples to forgive (or retain) sins. What has been your experience of the sacrament of Reconciliation?

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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 8, Pentecost

8 a.m. (St. Peter Tenino) Pro populo

10:30 a.m. Pro populo

Monday, June 9, Mary, Mother of the Church

No Mass

Tuesday, June 10

9 a.m. Arlene Fife—RIP

Wednesday, June 11, St. Barnabas, Apostle

9 a.m.

Thursday, June 12

9 a.m. Paul Stoltenberg

Friday, June 13, St. Anthony of Padua, Priest & Doctor

9 a.m.

Saturday, June 14

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, Thomas Hutchinson, and Salvador Contreras.

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.

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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A Word from our Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

At some point in your educational history you likely learned of several types of stories that have shaped Western Civilization. This includes comedies and tragedies, and both of these important types of stories are sadly out of style in our current times, and this is having a very negative effect on our entire civilization.

Let's consider tragedies for a moment. I'll address the importance of comedy in a future column. Tragedies have been part of Western story telling for centuries and the Greeks in particular found interest in this type of story. I was talking with a Middle School English teacher about this recently, and we came up with some interesting insights as to why some of the famous tragedies from our history are so important.

First and foremost, tragedies teach us that life doesn't always go as planned. So many of these stories featured characters who wanted something and never got it because they made bad decisions among many other things. Contrast this with the stories Hollywood tells. There is almost always a happy ending and things almost always work out for the characters involved.

It is dangerous to give people the impression that things always work out, and that every story has a happy ending because real life stories don't always have happy endings. We need to make a lot of good decisions in order to have a happy life, and even then things happen that are beyond our control. Tragedies kept that reality at the forefront of our minds, but today I'm not sure we have that so deeply embedded in our consciousness.

This English teacher had a particular interest in Shakespeare, and teaches Romeo and Juliet to her students. She educated me on a particular element of Shakespearean tragedy I found fascinating, in that the tragic character always has a fatal flaw that leads to their

doom. In Romeo's case, it is that he acts impulsively without much reflection.

This is another dynamic we would do well to remember. When bad things happen, we are often taught by today's wisdom to blame external forces on these outcomes. If young people get into trouble, we often blame parents, and educational opportunities, and economic realities. While I don't want to dismiss those because they really do factor into these situations, the truth is that there are ways of thinking and acting by these individuals that are not good. Tragedies, like those of Shakespeare, often teach us to start with ourselves and recognize that our own flaws can sometimes lead to our destruction.

As parents and grandparents, you might be inclined to shelter your children from tragic stories, whether they happen in real life or whether they are works of fiction. While we certainly don't want to overwhelm young people with depressing stories, it is important that we don't completely eliminate these types of stories from their lives. They can be very important tools to help them grow.

As Catholics, we can especially be confident in sharing these stories with young people because it also gives us an opportunity to teach about God's interventions in history. God doesn't want us to get hurt, so he revealed his commandments to us as an act of love. Following them can help us avoid a lot of heartache these tragic characters feel. And when those things do happen that are out of our control, God stands with us and helps to give us strength and peace in the midst of these trials.

If Western Civilization as we know it has a future, it will be because we once again begin to value the important contributions tragedies have made to our culture, whether those stories are on paper or on the screen. I hope we see more stories like this in the future.

Fr. Bryan

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In our Parish Family

Announcements

Are you registered? Registration makes us aware of your needs and gifts but most of all helps us to welcome you to the parish! We will offer registrations on Sunday, June 29 after the 10:30 a.m. Mass or stop by the parish office. You may also register online at the link found on our website.

Save the Dates! Our Parish Picnics are quickly approaching. Come for fellowship and to meet new faces.

- Sacred Heart Lacey– Saturday, June 21, 11 a.m.-1:45 p.m. in Hallen Hall. Bring a salad or dessert to share; hot dogs and drinks will be provided. Bring a lawn chair or blanket for the outdoor performance by the Capital Area Concert Band at 12:45 p.m.
- St. Columban Yelm– Sunday, August 17, following 10:30 a.m. Mass.

Celebrating St. Peter Mission in Tenino

Consider celebrating the name day of our Parish Family church in Tenino with 8 a.m. Mass on Sunday, June 29 for the Solemnity of Saints Peter & Paul. A special reception will follow Mass.

Coming Soon: Our Parish Family will be partnering with Hallow, the #1 Catholic prayer & meditation app. As part of this partnership, we will have our own *Parish Community Page* within the app, enabling you to join in parish-wide prayer challenges and to share prayer intentions. Stay tuned for more information!



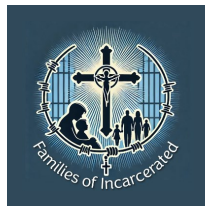
Dilexit Nos presentations

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 Heart of Jesus, emphasizing both the divine and human dimensions of Christ's love. It will be on Thursdays, now thru June 26 from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Sacred Heart Lacey's Hallen Hall.



Families of Incarcerated Ministry

Having a loved one who is incarcerated can be a difficult and lonely journey. You are not alone. Join the Family & Friends of the Incarcerated Ministry for monthly Zoom calls for support, compassion, and community every first Friday at 11 a.m. and 3rd Saturday at 11 a.m. The link to join can be found at sacredheartlacey.com/families-of-incarcerated.



Our Lady of Fatima Prayer at Sacred Heart Lacey
Friday, June 13, Procession with Rosary begins at 6:30 p.m. in the church at Sacred Heart.

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.

Adult Scripture Study meets Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Columban RE Bldg. The St. Peter Tenino Bible Study group will resume Wednesday morning meetings in September.

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church

738 Thus the Church's mission is not an addition to that of Christ and the Holy Spirit, but is its sacrament: in her whole being and in all her members, the Church is sent to announce, bear witness, make present, and spread the mystery of the communion of the Holy Trinity...:

All of us who have received one and the same Spirit, that is, the Holy Spirit, are in a sense blended together with one another and with God. For if Christ, together with the Father's and his own Spirit, comes to dwell in each of us, though we are many, still the Spirit is one and undivided. He binds together the spirits of each and every one of us,... and makes all appear as one in him. For just as the power of Christ's sacred flesh unites those in whom it dwells into one body, I think that in the same way the one and undivided Spirit of God, who dwells in all, leads all into spiritual unity.


**Ignite NW Pro-Life Day**

Baby Bundle Drive

Now thru Sunday, July 6, 2025

Help support our youth group with a donation!
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Please drop off items in the baby basinet in the St. Columban church narthex or to the Parish Office.

THANK YOU!

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

This Week

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

Sunday, June 8

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 9

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

Tuesday, June 10

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

Wednesday, June 11

9:00 a.m. Mass, Church

Thursday, June 12

9:00 a.m. Mass, Church
9:30 a.m. Altar Society, Church
6:30 p.m. Bible Study, RE Bldg.
7:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal, Church

Friday, June 13

9:00 a.m. Mass, Church

Saturday, June 14

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

Sunday, June 15

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: **Sept. 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.**



From the Archdiocese

Thank you for supporting the Annual Catholic Appeal and our mission

Through the 2025 ACA, our parish has been answering the call to support our local Catholic community. Your generous gifts support the needs of our faith family and help cultivate the future of our Church. Whether it is chaplains serving those in hospitals and in prisons, or our multi-cultural and inclusion ministries working to create cultures of belonging rooted in faith. Additionally, all donations above our goal will go towards parking improvements at St. Columban and paint for St. Peter. Thank you to all who have participated over the last few months. For those of you who have not yet contributed, there is still time! You can fill out a pew envelope or donate online by scanning the QR code or visiting archseattle.org/GiveACA.

Catholic Education in our area

Holy Family School, a PK-8 Catholic private school in Lacey. Holyfamilylacey.org | 360-491-7060.

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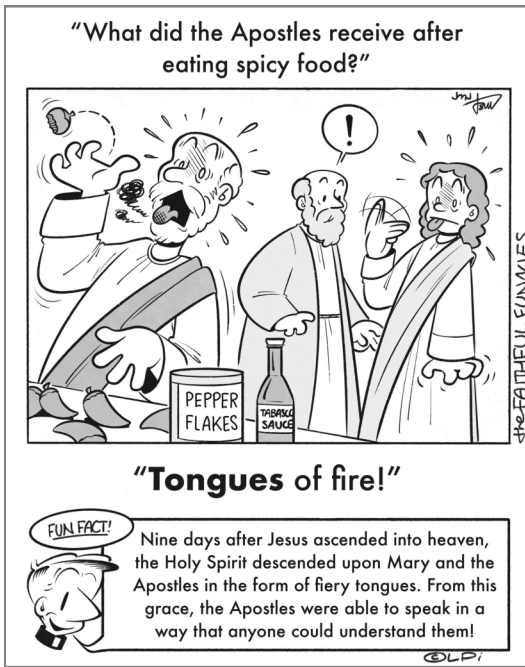
7TH ANNUAL COATS FOR KIDS CAR SHOW

SATURDAY, JUNE 28, 2025 9AM-3PM



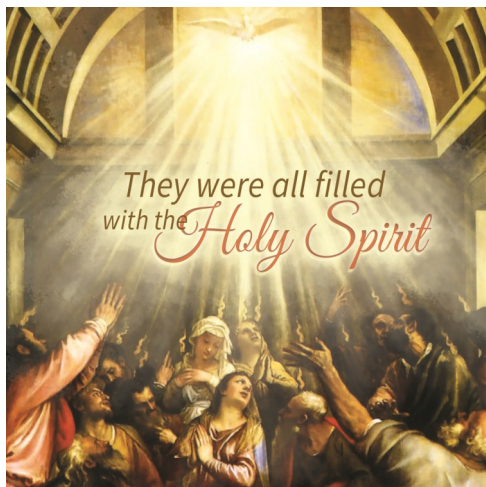
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Features & Outside Events



PENTECOST SUNDAY

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Dialogue for Justice

Catholic Advocacy to Reduce Poverty

John's Gospel has been called the Gospel of Love. The emphasis on love shows up no less than 25 times! Pentecost Sunday reminds us that we were baptized into the life of the Holy Spirit. Paul's Letter to the Romans has a direct connection to love by reminding us that "God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us" (Rom 5:5). What are we to do with this God-love? Share it. This is how the world will recognize us as his disciples. In his book, *In the Spirit*, Fr. Richard Hauser, SJ states one of the three roles of the Holy Spirit is to be an enabler. He writes, "...the Spirit is presented as having a special role in strengthening believers to work for the poor outside the Christian community" (p. 50). He continues, "Living under the influence of the Spirit of Christ and becoming like Christ surely does mean one thing: being forever concerned and active in the world to promote the Father's kingdom" (p. 52). Jesus' circle of love excluded no one: not women, not the dead, not an executioner. How have we progressed in expanding our circle of love? Where is the Holy Spirit leading us to widen our circles of love? One of the beautiful messages we learn from the teachings and examples of Christ is that our hearts can expand with this kind of love. Today we exclaim, "Come, Holy Spirit, come!"

Peace and all good, Deacon Terry, ofc

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

Q&A Why Use Incense?

Question: Why do we use incense at Mass?

Answer: The use of incense in religious ceremonies and worship is a practice that predates Christianity, and which is also found in many other religious traditions today.

Incense, which is made from resin infused with aromatic spices and oils, is one of those fundamentally human symbols that incorporates more than one of our senses, helping us to reflect on realities that transcend the everyday details of our lives.

The use of incense in the Church's liturgy — in the Mass, as well as in devotions to the Eucharist and the Liturgy of the Hours — is inspired by the use of incense in the Jewish tradition. In the writings of the Old Testament, we hear about incense being used in the worship of the temple, and Psalm 141 asks, "Let my prayer be incense before you; my uplifted hands an evening offering" (vs. 2). The image here is that, as the incense gently rises to heaven, our prayers also rise to God as something sweet and pleasant.

Another ancient use of incense that has also become part of our Catholic tradition is the idea that when we incense something, it's because it is something special or sacred. This is why the Book of the Gospel is incensed during the Liturgy of the Word and the bread, wine, priest celebrant, and congregation are incensed at the presentation of the gifts. To this, we can also add the incensing of the Blessed Sacrament during eucharistic adoration and benediction, and the body of the deceased at the end of the Mass of the Resurrection (the Funeral Mass).

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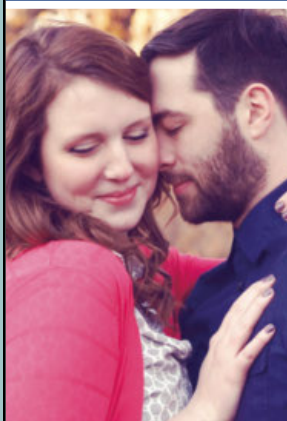
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Items will be brought by our St. Columban youth to the Ignite NW Youth Conference.

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