

November 23, 2025

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Sunday Mass: 10:30 a.m.

Saturday 5 p.m.

Daily Mass Tue-Fri 9 a.m. (except First Friday)

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

Eucharistic Adoration First Friday 6:30 p.m.

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

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Sunday Mass 8 a.m. **First Friday Mass** 9 a.m.

Confessions Sunday 7:30-7:45 a.m.

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Saturday 5 p.m.

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Eucharistic Adoration Friday 6:30 p.m.-Saturday 3 p.m.

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Welcome Home

Reflect on the Sunday Liturgy

Readings: 2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5 (see 1)/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-4

Entrance Antiphon: How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honor. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

First Reading: “And the LORD said to you, ‘You shall shepherd my people Israel and shall be commander of Israel.’” (2 Sm 5:2)

The people of Israel recognized that David was a natural leader, and with the Lord's blessing anointed him king of Israel. What do you think makes someone a good leader?

Psalm: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord. (Ps 122)

Second Reading: For in him all the fullness was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile all things for him, making peace by the blood of his cross through him, whether those on earth or those in heaven. (Col 1:19-20)





St. Paul offers to the Colossians a beautiful piece of poetry reflecting on how Jesus reconciled all things in heaven and on earth. Can you share a time when you were reconciled with a family member or friend?

Gospel: He replied to him, “Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.” (Lk 23:43)
Our Lord assured the repentant criminal crucified next to him that he would be with him in paradise. Who might you offer words of comfort to this week?

Next Sunday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

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Mass Intentions

Registered parishioners may schedule a Mass intention on our website or by calling the office

Sunday, Nov. 23, Christ the King of the Universe
SPT 8 a.m. Priest's Intention
SCY 10:30 a.m. Priest's Intention

Monday, Nov. 24, St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest and Companians, Martyrs, No Mass

Tuesday, Nov. 25, St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr
SCY 9 a.m. Don Sunn

Wednesday, Nov. 26
SCY 9 a.m. Lorraine Wilcocks

Thursday, Nov. 27
SCY 9 a.m. Thanksgiving Day Mass
Jessenia Makinster

Friday, Nov. 28, No Mass

Saturday, Nov. 29
SCY 5 p.m. (Anticipated Sunday Mass) Priest's Intention

Prayer Intentions

For all in need of prayer Leslie Seffern, and especially for all in need of prayers for healing and financial stability.

Monthly Intentions of the Holy Father

For the prevention of suicide- Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

Monthly Intentions of the Archdiocese

For the elders in our parish family, that we will draw upon their wisdom and knowledge as we come together as disciples of Christ.

For the healing of historical wounds and the promotion of mutual understanding between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples, and for our black brothers and sisters from all corners of the world, that they may find in our local Church a welcoming space to keep growing in their faith and celebrate their faith traditions.

For the repose of the souls of all the faithfully

departed among our family, friends, and parish community, including James Witt, Raymond Lujan, Terry Blue, Douglas Jaquez, Lloyd Howell, and Barbara Ann Ikari.



Dear Parishioners

Our Catholic Church has many beautiful treasures it its heritage. People of all walks of life and all belief systems love to behold the beauty of the Churches of Rome or to listen to the beautiful pieces of music that were written as settings for the Holy Mass. It is without doubt that we have great treasures, and that we should do more to share these beautiful things with the world.

But when we talk about beauty, I often find the conversation lacking. While many appreciate the beauty, many don't do enough reflection on why we have these beautiful things. We have these beautiful things because people with a certain way of seeing the world created them, and often that which helped them to see with this depth is their own faith.

It takes faith to see the beauty in certain things in the world, or in the stories of scripture, or in the ordinary passings of human life. Take for example the crucifixion of Jesus. To our human ways of thinking, this is surely ugly and depressing. To the one with faith, however, they can see the beauty of the crucifixion because they can see the love that Jesus had for his people. Hence, artists with faith have produced images of the crucifixion that capture the horror, but also the love that Jesus has for us in that pivotal moment of salvation.

Take for example Michaelangelo's Pieta, the famous image of Mary holding the lifeless body of Jesus her son, who has just been taken down from the cross. That should be a horrific thing to see, I think we would naturally turn our eyes *away* from such an image because of the horror. But people don't turn away from this image when they pass through St. Peter's Basilica. They stop and admire it. Somehow Michaelangelo made a tragic moment beautiful.

It is faith that helped these artists to bring out the beauty of these moments. Even images that artists create about more recognizably joyful moments have layers of depth and meaning that people don't see. My favorite piece of Music is, O Magnum Mysterium, by Morten Lauridsen. Lauridsen, a devout Christian, took words that were already beautiful and made them even more beautiful by adding the music to accompany the words. The importance of the words of the song are magnified by the music he wrote.

All of this is to say that we all, every single one of us, can and should take on the artist's way of thinking. It isn't enough to accept the beautiful works of art and music and accept them as passive recipients being entertained by religious content. It is for us to learn to see the depth of these things. It requires no faith to see the ugliness in the world, and we shouldn't be impressed by people of faith who only reflect on what is wrong and ugly in the world. Rather, it takes faith to see the beauty in many things.

It takes faith to see the beauty of a mother comforting a child who is crying. We might want to cover our ears and leave. But instead, our faith should see something beautiful in this moment. We might want to turn away from a family grieving the loss of a loved one, but our faith should see that those tears are signs of love and that there is something beautiful about them. We might behold something naturally beautiful that all people can appreciate, but our faith should help see even deeper into the God who created such beautiful things. Yes, the downside of faith is that we will sometimes be unimpressed with things that those without faith find beautiful, but the upside is that we should be able to see beauty in ways others can't. If you are consuming material that is focused exclusively on ugliness and evil, even "religious content" of that nature, I want to encourage you to look at beautiful things so that your eyes can be trained to see the world with faith.

Fr. Bryan

In our Parish Family

Announcements

Thanksgiving Day Mass

Join us for Mass on Thursday, Nov. 27 at 9 a.m. at St. Columban. You are invited to bring a bread item or a bottled beverage in a decorative basket to be blessed during Mass. Please no perishable items or plastic bags!

Socktoberfest was a huge success!

A total of 411 pairs of socks were donated by St. Columban and St. Peter parishioners for the St. Peter Circle Socktober Drive. The socks were delivered to the Tenino Community Service Center, and they were very happy.

The Winter Clothes Closet at St. Columban is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays from 6-8 p.m. Donations are welcome during clothes closet or parish office hours. Please do not leave donations outside the doors of the office or hall.

St. Columban Giving Tree

The Daughters of Mary are now collecting gift cards for those families that need assistance with Christmas this year. Choose a star off of the Giving Tree in the St. Columban narthex and return it to the church by Sunday December 7. Gift cards will be distributed by our SVdP ministry on Sunday December 14. Any poor families in need who wish to apply for this assistance please contact our SVdP at 360-458-1904.

St. Peter Giving Tree

The Christmas Giving tree for local children in need is up. Unwrapped gifts need to be delivered to St. Peter before Dec. 10 for distribution by the school on Dec 13.



**PARTNERS
IN THE GOSPEL**

Thank you all who participated in our *Community Conversations*.

The Parish Family Advisory Council collected valuable feedback during the listening sessions at St. Peter, Sacred Heart, and St. Columban, and they hope to publish a summary of their findings soon.

Did you know? At the completion of Partners in the Gospel, we will be one canonical parish with a new collective name. This is different than the names of our church buildings. In the meantime, you can refer to us as the **Nisqually Basin Catholic Churches**.

Faith Formation

Happy Thanksgiving Break! No Children's Faith Formation or Youth Confirmation classes next Sunday, Nov. 30 and no Tuesday Confirmation classes on Dec. 2.

Questions or need to enroll in a Faith Formation program? Contact us 360-458-2360 or email faithformation@saintcolumbanyelm.org

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church

671 Though already present in his Church, Christ's reign is nevertheless yet to be fulfilled "with power and great glory" by the king's return to earth. This reign is still under attack by the evil powers, even though they have been defeated definitively by Christ's Passover. Until everything is subject to him, "until there be realized new heavens and a new earth in which justice dwells, the pilgrim Church, in her sacraments and institutions, which belong to this present age, carries the mark of this world which will pass, and she herself takes her place among the creatures which groan and travail yet and await the revelation of the sons of God." That is why Christians pray, above all in the Eucharist, to hasten Christ's return by saying to him: *Marana tha!* "Our Lord, come!"



**Coats
for
Kids**



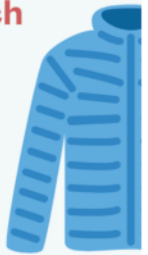
**Free Coat Distribution
for Children, Youth & Young Adults**

**Saturday,
Nov. 29,
9am-1pm**

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Bring your little one to
try-on coats if you are
unsure of size.

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This Week

All events are at St. Columban Yelm, unless otherwise noted. The most up-to-date calendar events is posted on our website.

Sunday November 23

- 7:30 a.m. Confessions, St. Peter
- 8:00 a.m. Mass, St. Peter
- 9:00 a.m. Children's Faith Formation & Youth Confirmation Classes, RE Building & Hall
- 10:30 a.m. Mass, Church

Monday November 24

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

Tuesday November 25

- 9:00 a.m. Mass, Church
- 5:30 & 6:45 Confirmation Class, RE Building
- 6-8 p.m. Winter Clothes Closet, Hall
- 6:30 p.m. Spanish Prayer Group, Hall
- Daughters of Mary Meeting, Hall

Wednesday November 26

- 9:00 a.m. Mass, Church
- 9:30 a.m. Altar Society, Church
- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study, St. Peter
- 6-8 p.m. Winter Clothes Closet, Hall

Thursday November 27 OFFICE CLOSED

- 9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Day Mass, Church

Friday November 28

NO DAILY MASS

Saturday November 29

- 9a.m.- 1p.m KofC Coats for Kids distribution
- 3:30 p.m. Confessions, Church
- 5:00 p.m. Anticipatory Sunday Mass, Church

Sunday November 30, No Faith Formation Classes

- 7:30 a.m. Confessions, St. Peter
- 8:00 a.m. Mass, St. Peter
- 10:30 a.m. Mass, Church



St. Columban & St. Peter Groups

Altar Society

At team of talented parishioners beautifully maintain and clean the Church weekly after the Thursday Mass.



Daughters of Mary

Women of the parish meet on the fourth Tuesday every month. Next meeting: **Nov. 25**, 6:30 p.m. in the Hall.



Liturgical Ministries

Altar Servers, Choir, Greeters/Ushers, Readers, & Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
Contact the parish office if interested in joining.



Knights of Columbus

St. Columban Council 17152 & Assembly 3947
Next council & Assembly meetings (3rd Wednesday, 6pm): **Dec. 17**
Next breakfast **Dec. 21**
Coats for Kids Distribution **Nov. 29, 9a.m.-1p.m.**



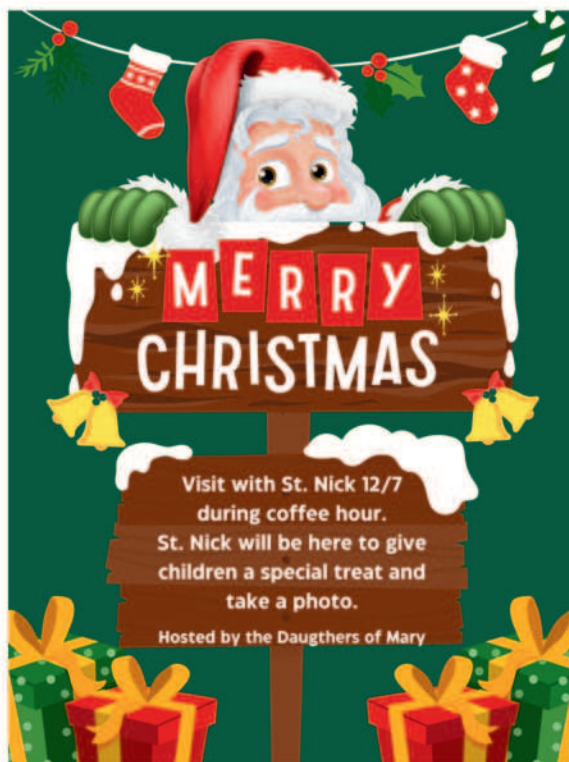
St. Peter Circle

Meets every other month on the second Tuesday at St. Peter Tenino. Next meeting **Jan. 13**

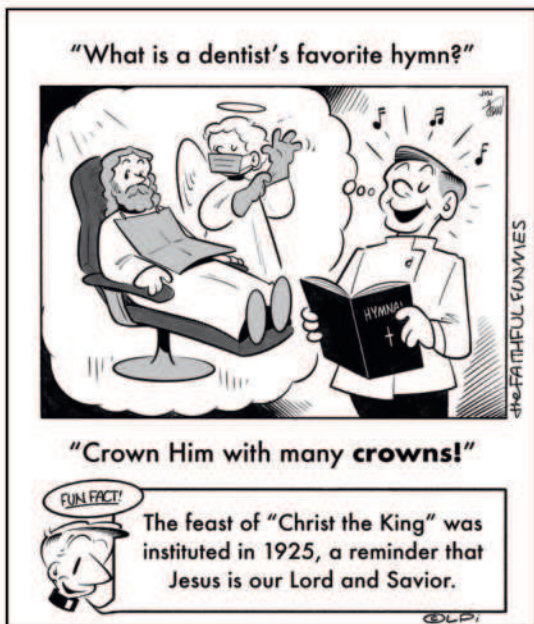


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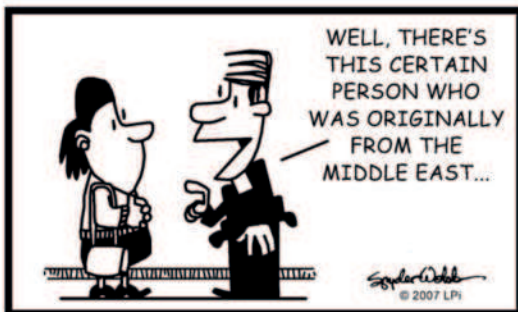
Meets monthly, on the third Thursday of month 7 p.m. at the St. Columban Hall.
Next meeting: **Dec. 18**



Features & Outside Events



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Dialogue for Justice:

Catholic Advocacy to Reduce Poverty

Even the soldiers jeered at him" (Lk 23:35). It is easy to picture the battle toughened soldiers looking up toward Jesus and calling out derogatory, vile names. Those who sit in a comfortable and privileged place can easily put themselves on a pedestal and claim a superior position. And so it was for the Roman soldiers. They had a steady job with the mighty Roman Empire. They were living in an occupied and conquered country. Their job provided them with



money to live. They had the upper hand and could use it with a certain amount of freedom. It is often in the seat of privilege that a person can become arrogant and self-righteous. It can be quite comfortable there. However, if someone else lays claim to their exalted position, they can be perceived as a threat. They become our enemy and then it becomes easy to vilify them. Today's electronic culture has made name calling a national pastime. People can be quite reckless and hurtful in their expression of anger or hatred. How often have we heard about how the climate of electronic bullying caused a child or teenager to become so desperate and despondent that they commit suicide? The ministry of Jesus was about healing and bringing about new life. "The first task of a believer is to create a safe place for relationships" (John Heagle). As servants of justice and peace, may we be a people of blessing.

Peace and all good, Deacon Terry, ofs

Deacon Terry Barber is one of three deacons at Sacred Heart Lacey

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with Catholic Speaker: Dina Marie Hale
Saturday, December 6, 2025
8:30 am - 12 pm Noon
FREE - ALL INVITED
Retreat Theme:
“Share your Joy with the World”



“Let us Walk in the Light of the Lord!”

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- *live as disciples of Christ
- *build God’s Kingdom
- *offer our gifts to Christ and His Church
- *follow the example of the Holy Family

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Date: Sat., Dec. 6, 2025

Time: Mass at 8:30am

Retreat & Refreshments from 9am-Noon

Location: Saint Columban Catholic Parish
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