

NISQUALLY BASIN CATHOLIC CHURCHES

Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Seattle

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT • MARCH 22, 2026

Sacred Heart Church

812 Bowker St. SE
Lacey, WA 98503

Sunday Mass 8am, 10am,
Noon, 2pm (Spanish);
Saturday 5pm

Daily Mass Mon-Sat 9am

Korean Mass in Fabian Hall

Sun & Tue 10am, Fri 7:30pm

Confessions Sat 3:00-4:30pm
and by appointment

Sacred Heart Office in Lacey

Mon-Fri 8am-4pm
360-491-0890
staff@3hearts.org

St. Columban Church

506 First St. S
Yelm, WA 98597

Sunday Mass 10:30am
Saturday 5pm

Daily Mass Tue-Fri 9am
(Except First Fridays)

Confessions Sat 3:00-4:30pm
and by appointment

St. Columban & St. Peter Office in Yelm

Mon-Thu 9:30am-2pm
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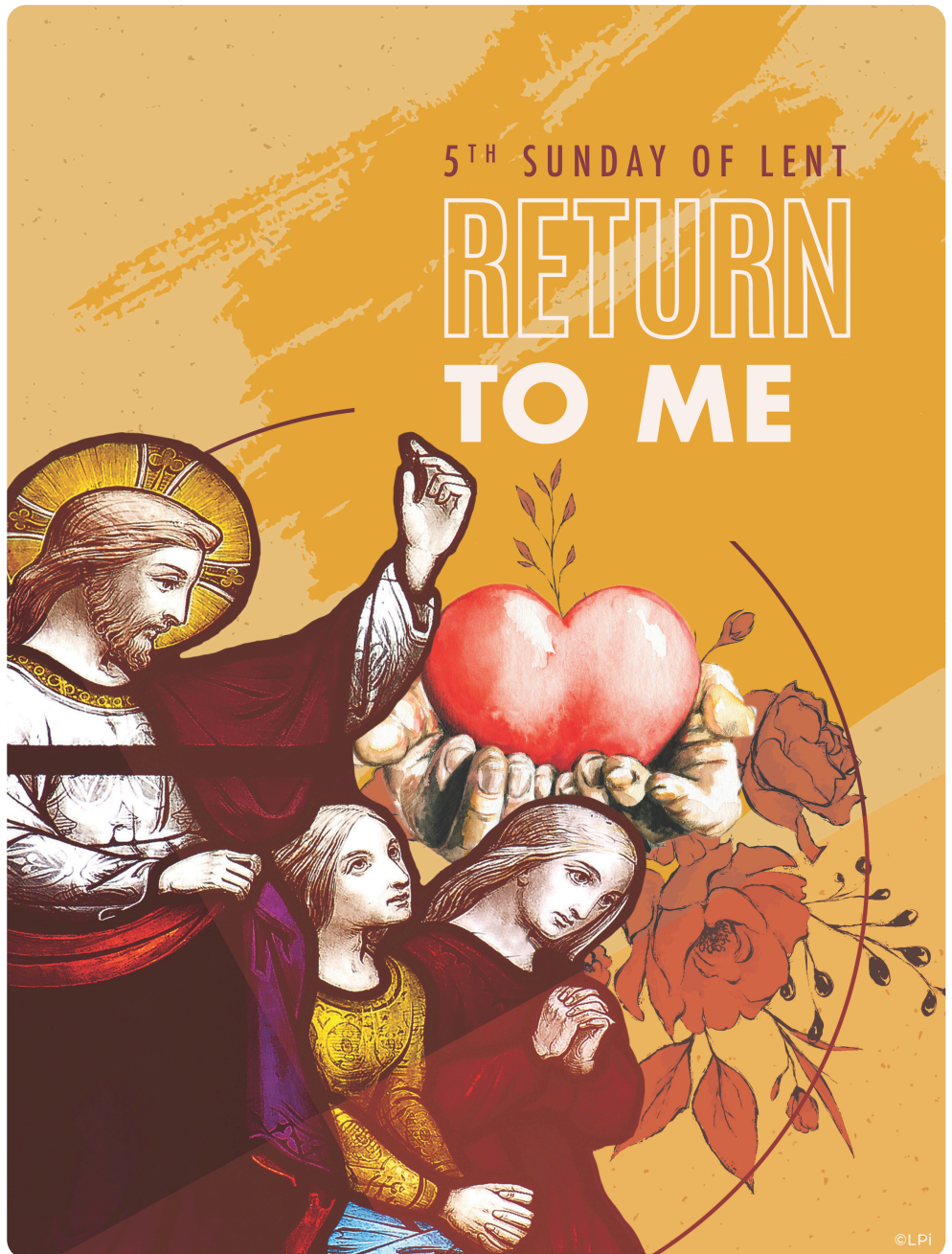
St. Peter Church

149 Keithahn St. S
Tenino, WA 98589

Sunday Mass 8am

First Friday Mass 9am

Confessions Sun 7:30-7:45am
and by appointment



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saintcolumbanyelm.org

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Welcome to the Nisqually Basin Catholic Churches

As part of the Archdiocese of Seattle's Partners in the Gospel strategic pastoral planning efforts, Sacred Heart Parish and St. Columban Parish (which includes St. Peter Mission) have formed into a single parish family of three churches, under the leadership of our pastor, Fr. Bryan Ochs. We proclaim the Gospel to the cities of Lacey, Yelm, Tenino, and surrounding communities in eastern Thurston County & southwestern Pierce County.

Please see the latest update from our Community Conversations on Page 9.

A few parishioners from our parish family will be attending a pilgrimage to walk the Camino de Santiago (the *Way of St. James*) in Spain this upcoming May with Fr. Bryan. They are training to be able to walk 16 miles in a day!



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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners

The world is an angry place right now. Some of you may have noticed a few blocks from Sacred Heart is a business called the Rage Room. If you are angry, you pay some money, and you get to let off some steam by picking up a sledgehammer to break stuff. I also recently heard someone say that if you are angry, you should join a protest in order to let your rage out.

It is true that we should not bottle up our anger. If we do, we might find ourselves exploding with rage at innocent people, and that obviously isn't good. But indulging in our anger is not much better. When we act out our passions, they don't get weaker. They get stronger. If we blow off steam by congregating with other angry people and outwardly expressing our anger, we are going to get angrier and angrier. It isn't ideal.

Anger leads to a lot of self-righteousness. When we are angry at the world we live in or the people around whom we live, we gain a sense of superiority over others, and this pride limits our own conversion. I know I've seen this in myself, and I've seen it in people I am close to. When anger grows within us we cannot live in peace. If there is nothing to be angry about, we will find something to be angry about.

The world tells us that we must either repress our passions or indulge in our passions. The option Jesus gives us is to redeem our passions, including anger. This means that Jesus transforms our anger towards the world into love for the world. This is truly the purpose of prayer. Prayer is not for us to beg God to change our circumstances for our own comfort, but to change us to live in this broken world of ours in peace.

Our human ways of thinking teach us that if the world transforms and we are comfortable, we can be happy, healthy, and holy. But this is backwards. We first become happy, healthy, and holy and then the world transforms. And the good news is that Jesus is constantly offering you everything that you need to be happy, healthy, and holy. We just need to be consistent and patient.

We have an opportunity to undergo this transformation during Mass. When you are at Mass and the priest places the bread and wine on the altar, that is when you can offer all of those things causing you to be angry to the Lord. If you are angry towards a person or some situation, then offer that angry heart to the Lord and ask him to transform it into love for the world. Even if you are unable to receive communion, this prayer will have its effect.

Sincerely,
Fr. Bryan

Excerpts from the Sunday Mass readings

First Reading:

I will put my spirit in you that you may live, and I will settle you upon your land; thus you shall know that I am the LORD. (Ez 37:14)

Psalm:

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption. (Ps 130)

Second Reading:

If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit dwelling in you. (Rom 8:11)

Gospel:

"I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die." (Jn 11:25-26)

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Mass Readings for this week

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jr 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56

Next Sunday: Mt 21:1-11 /Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54

04 • WORSHIP & PRAYER

Prayer Intentions

Pope's intentions for March 2026:

For disarmament and peace – Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

Archdiocese's Intentions

For all of us, clergy and lay, that we may prayerfully discern the will of God in every decision we make as individuals and as families of faith.

For those in our parish family in need of prayer:

All requesting prayer in our Hallow group, Nancy, Cleo, John, Timothy Mckay, Walt Hall, Laurie Nicol, Laurie Boyd, Parker James Black, Gary Bloomquist, and for all in need of prayer, especially for those in need of physical healing and financial stability.

For the repose of the souls of

John Fraser, Victor M. Diaz, Elaine Bair, Pam Henslee, Maureen Callaghan, William Hine, Alejandra Cabiao, James Witt, Raymond Lujan, Terry Blue, Douglas Jaquez, Lloyd Howell, Barbara Ann Ikari, Leonard Ellis, Pat Bailey, Carmen Dela Cruz

To add a name or schedule a Mass intention, please contact our parish offices.

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

KEY: SH-Sacred Heart Lacey, SC-St. Columban Yelm, SP-St. Peter Tenino
†: Intention for the Repose of the soul

Sunday

SH 8am
SP 8am
SH 10am
SC 10:30am
SH 12noon
SH 2pm

March 22, Fifth Sunday of Lent

† Hal Yarber, † Marian Blas, † Bill Hine
People of St. Peter Mission
† Dolores L. Anoché, Kaitlynn Tate, Jose San Nicolas
People of St. Columban
† Carl Dillon Cutright Sr., † Helen Krone, † Roxanne Ibara
People of Sacred Heart

Monday

SH 9am

March 23, St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

† John Cutright, † Fr. D. Joseph Breault, Klinnert Family

Tuesday

SH 9am
SC 9am

March 24

† Bob Hemmen, † Karin Erdman, Francisco Griego
Olivia Cleave

Wednesday

SH 9am
SC 9am

March 25, The Annunciation of the Lord

† Lorenzo Ortiz, Kyle Nance, † Anna No
† Pam Henslee

Thursday

SH 9am
SC 9am

March 26

† Floro Soriano Manaoat, † Nicole Verkins, † Que Nguyen
People of St. Columban

Friday

SH 9am
SC 9am

March 27

Anastasia Webster, † Eugene Klinnert, † August Klinnert
John Bunten

Saturday

SH 9am
SH 5pm*
SC 5pm*

March 28

† Angel Vano Sr., † Keith Nesmith, L. David
† Viet Ta, Angel Vano, Anthony Lui
People of St. Columban

*Anticipated Sunday Mass



Sacred Heart Email Prayer Ministry

A private parishioner-led prayer newsletter – If you have a prayer request or want to be part of this ministry, contact Maria Boros at 360-456-0888 or Imboros@comcast.net



Lenten Fasting & Abstinence for Catholics

Fasting on Ash Wednesday & Good Friday – Persons aged 18–59

Abstinence from eating meat – Persons aged 14 and older, every Friday of Lent

How do we fast? When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to another full meal.

Who is excused from fasting and abstinence? The physically or mentally ill, including individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes, as well as pregnant or nursing women



Holy Week & Easter Schedule

Palm Sunday, March 29

Sacred Heart – Regular Weekend Mass schedule, 2pm Spanish Mass begins with procession from Hallen Hall

St. Columban & St. Peter – Regular Weekend Mass schedule, 10:30am Mass begins with procession from the hall



Daily Mass

Sacred Heart – 9am Mass on Monday, March 30 thru Wednesday, April 1

St. Columban & St. Peter – 9am Mass at St. Columban on Tuesday, March 31 & Wednesday, April 1. Tenebrae prayer on Wed., April 1 at 7pm at St. Columban. No First Friday Mass at St. Peter.

Holy Thursday, April 2

Mass of the Lord's Supper, both locations will end with a procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the Altar of Repose in the halls for adoration

Sacred Heart – 7pm (Spanish-English bilingual, livestreamed)

St. Columban – 7pm

Good Friday, April 3

Day of Fast & Abstinence. No morning Masses, confessions, or adoration

Sacred Heart – Good Friday Liturgy at 7pm (Spanish-English bilingual, livestreamed)

St. Columban – Church is open for prayer at 3pm, Good Friday Liturgy at 7pm

St. Peter – Stations of the Cross at 3pm

Holy Saturday, April 4

No 9am or 5pm Masses. No confessions or adoration

Sacred Heart – 8:30pm Easter Vigil (Spanish-English bilingual, livestreamed)

St. Columban – 8:30pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, April 5

Masses for the Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord

Sacred Heart – 8am, 10am (incense, livestreamed), 12noon, 2pm Spanish; Overflow seating available at Hallen Hall; 10am Korean in Fabian Hall

St. Columban – 7:30am, 10:30am (Easter Egg hunt follows)

St. Peter – 8am



Financial Stewardship

Help us keep the lights on and to spread the Gospel. May God reward your generosity!

Sacred Heart (March 14-15)

Sunday Envelopes	\$7,794
Mailing/office	\$5,757
Loose	\$4,905
On-Line Giving	\$8,900
Other Collections	\$3,947
Weekly Total	\$31,303
Outreach	\$2,429

St. Columban & St. Peter

Reported monthly

Give Online

Donating online is easy! Just aim your phone camera at the QR Code and follow the link. Thank you!



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pushpay.com/g/saintcolumbanyelm
pushpay.com/g/stpetermissiontenino

Upcoming Second Collections

Please return rice bowls by next week.

Learn more and donate at archseattle.org/collections

Outreach

Sacred Heart

Financial Assistance: Visit the Emergency Outreach office Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 10:30 am until 12:15 pm (when funds are available). 360-923-0929

Food Pantry: Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 1 - 2:45 pm.

Sacred Heart Clothing Bank: open for clients on Wednesday & Friday from 1 - 2:45 pm. Donations are accepted on Mondays 10am-12:30pm and on Wednesdays & Fridays 10am - 2:45 pm)

For more information contact 360-491-0890 or scan the QR code.



St. Columban

Society of St. Vincent de Paul: Serving Rainier, Roy, Tenino, Yelm, and surrounding areas. Please leave a voicemail at 360-458-1904

New Parishioners

We invite you to register with our parish family. Registration ensures that we know you are here, makes us aware of your needs and gifts, but most of all it helps us to welcome you to our community.





Reflection

5th Sunday of Lent

Are you asleep?

Today we have the story of a man born blind. In Jesus's time, blindness was viewed as a punishment for sin. Lent is all about looking inward and rooting out sinful desires and actions. So this story of a blind man and Jesus restoring his sight is a story about the forgiveness of sin.

How often do we hold on to sinful ways or thoughts? Do we need Jesus to give us something in our lives to see again? Or do we need to concentrate on something we do well so that our "sight" may be improved?

This week, let us look through eyes of faith and attempt to see goodness around us. Also, let us help each other to remove sin so that we might see God more clearly.



Faith Formation



Elementary Formation – Linda Cooper

Elementary Formation Next Sessions:

- **All Programs** – Family Holy Week Event, March 26th at 6:00pm in Hallen Hall
- **Year 1 Family Formation** – March 26th, April 16th & 30th
- **First Communion** – April 12th & 22nd
- **Young Disciples** – March 22nd & April 19th



Youth Ministry – Katy Baker

- **Middle School YG:**
Next Class: April 21, 6–7pm.
- **High School YG:**
Next Class: March 24th, 6–7pm
- **Confirmation Retreat:** April 18th beginning with Mass at 9:00am. Immediately following in Hallen Hall until 4:30pm. Breakfast/lunch/and snack will be provided.
- **Confirmation class (youth and adult):**
Next Class: April 22nd, 6–7:30pm.



OCIA Children & Youth – Ann Saunders

- Parents of OCIA Youth & children....Rehearsal for the upcoming Easter Vigil will be Wednesday, April 1st @ 6:30pm in the church. Sponsors, Parents, & Students must attend.
- April 4th is the Easter Vigil when students receive their Initiation Sacraments. Please meet in Hallen Hall by 7pm

Contact Ms. Ann Saunders for any questions or concerns.

OCIA Adults – David Gedrose

Class Sunday, April 12 at 9am in HH2-RM4 English
Sunday, April 12 at 12pm in HH2-Rm5 Spanish



Infant Baptism, Marriage & Quinceañera Claudia Torres

Marriage Prep



Our next Marriage Preparation program will begin in May. Those interested in starting the process to receive the Sacrament of Matrimony may register at the parish office with Claudia Torres 360-491-0890 ext 1103 or email to claudia@3hearts.org.

English
Starting on May 4th for 6
Mondays

6pm to 8:30pm
Room S5

Events & Announcements

Living Our Strengths



Our recent General Workshop was successful, with more parishioners learning and understanding their God-given talent/strengths.

Because of limited space, Strengths will have a monthly article versus "Strength of the Week" in our parish bulletin. For more information on how to get started with this life-changing process, call the Parish Office at 360-491-0890 and ask for Mary. Your top strength could be: Achiever, Belief, Context, Relator, Command, Futuristic, ...or one of the other 28 talents that come alive once you become aware, understand and act!!

Greeters needed



Sacred Heart is in need of Greeters at our 5pm Saturday, 8am, 10am and 12pm Sunday Masses. This is such a rewarding ministry and an enjoyable way for individuals, couples and families to share their time by welcoming our parishioners and guests as they come to Mass. Please consider sharing an extra 30-40 minutes before Mass once or twice a month as a Greeter. If you are interested and would like to volunteer or have any questions, please call Sherry at 360-459-9597 or email tns1966@comcast.net.

Christian Life Seminar



On March 28, 9am-5pm in Hallen Hall Rooms 1 & 2. This is a one-day event. Lunch will be provided, sponsored by the Missionary Families of Christ. There are sign-up sheets in the narthex. For questions, contact Deacon Rey at 360-791-9116 or Boi at 360-556-4199.

Guild meetings

St. Brigid's Guild: Tuesday March 24 at 10am HH-RM2&3
It's not too late to join us; we minister to the most vulnerable among us, new moms & babies. New members are always welcome. For more information, contact Gwen at 360-485-9316

St. Jude's Guild: will meet on Monday, March 23, 2026 from 1:30-3:30 pm in Hallen Hall, room 5. Come join us to learn more about our programs and projects. New members are always welcome. For more information, contact Gloria 360-280-4279.

St. Margaret's Guild: Wednesday, March 25, at 10am, HH2 Rm5. For more information contact Sherry 360-459-9597.



Come pray with us PRAYER GROUPS

Divine Mercy Prayer Group

Mondays 9:30am Church

Rosary Prayer Group

Thursdays 6pm Church

Small Christian Communities

Tuesdays, 10am & 1:30pm, and every other Thursday, 1:30pm HH2-RM5

Heart to Heart

Tuesdays 11:45am HH2-RM5

St. Joseph Men's Prayer Group

Wednesdays 7am S-5

Our Mother of Perpetual Help Prayer

Wednesday, Feb 4; 6pm Church

Hispanic Charismatic Group

Thursdays 6:30pm Fabian Hall

Group Updates & Meeting Times

AFF - Lenten Reflection

Wednesday March 25; 10am HH2-RM1&

Al-Anon Family Group (en español)

Monday 12pm, Wed. & Fri. 7pm HH2-RM7

Blanket Ministry (Adult)

Tuesday March 24; 10am HH

GriefShare

Tuesday March 24; 10am S5

Marian Movement of Priests - Chapel

Wednesdays 10am Church

Missionary Families of Christ Seminar

Sunday March 24th; 7:30am HH2

Music Ministry

Mondays, 6pm (youth), Tuesdays, 6pm (schola) & 7pm (adult), select Fridays, 6:30pm (Hispanic) S-2

Stations of the Cross

Friday morning following 9am Mass
Friday evening 6pm English, 7:15pm Spanish.

Soup supper

Fridays following the Stations of the Cross.

Outdoor Stations—Good Friday,
April 3rd at 1pm (English) & 1:30pm (Spanish).

Indoor Stations at 1pm for people with limited mobility.

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Group Updates & Meeting Times

Altar Society

Thursdays after daily Mass

Bible Studies

Sacred Heart Men: Wed. 7am

St. Peter: Wed. 10am

St. Columban: Thu. 6:30pm

Daughters of Mary

Next meeting 4th Tues:

March 24, 6pm



Knights of Columbus

St. Columban Council

17152 & Assembly 3947

April 15, 6pm

kofcyelm@gmail.com



Rosary Prayer Groups

English group, Mondays 7pm

Spanish group, Tuesdays 6:30pm

St. Peter Circle

Every other month on the second

Tuesday at St. Peter Tenino

Next meeting: May 12, 9:30am

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Next meeting: April 16, 7pm



Events & Announcements

Are you called to help?

The St. Columban Office is looking for volunteers to help with a few tasks, such as collection counting and filing. If you have a talent in administrative tasks and are called to help, please contact Koleen in the Parish Office at koleen@saintcolumbanyelm.org.



Last Lenten Friday

This Friday will be our last Stations of the Cross with Soup Suppers at St. Peter (5pm) & St. Columban (6pm). Reconciliation will be available at 5:30pm on Friday and 3pm on Saturday at St. Columban.

Easter Basket Raffle

The Daughters of Mary are selling raffle tickets to raise money for summer youth activities. Purchase tickets during the coffee hour/breakfast fellowship in the Hall after the 10:30am Mass. Enter to win six unique Easter baskets!



Easter Egg Hunt

Families and kids of all ages are invited to our annual Easter Egg Hunt after the 10:30am St. Columban Easter Sunday Mass on April 5. Help is needed with setup and coordination! Contact Chad if you can help on Saturday or between Masses on Easter Sunday.

Why do we veil statues?

We veil statues and crucifixes during the last two weeks of Lent as a kind of spiritual and visual fasting, helping us focus more deeply on Christ's suffering and the sorrowful mystery of the Cross. The temporary "hiding" of sacred images also symbolizes how Christ's glory was hidden during his Passion and builds a longing for Easter, when the veils are removed and we rejoice in His Resurrection.

Faith Formation

Children's Faith Formation (Grades K-5)

Parents, please ensure your children arrive on time for our Sunday morning classes. No classes March 29 and April 5 for Holy Week and Easter. Classes resume April 14 and run until May 5. First Communion Rehearsals Saturday, May 16. First Communion Mass will be on May 17.

Youth Ministry (Grades 6-12)

Next YM Saturday service opportunities: April 4, May 2, June 6.

No Confirmation & Youth First Communion classes next week through the week of Easter. Classes resume the week of April 12. Youth Confirmation will be on April 30.

OCIA (Adults, Children & Youth)

Please pray for our elect, children and adults, as they continue their journey to full initiation into the Catholic Church. This Sunday we celebrated the third scrutiny.

Please be aware of email and text scams! Official emails will only originate from our staff emails with our domains sacredheartlacey.com, saintcolumbanyelm.org or 3hearts.org or with our communications tools ccbchurch.com or flocknote.com. Neither Father Bryan nor any of our clergy or staff will ever directly solicit for non-official donations or items to purchase by email or text. Donations and fundraisers will always be announced during Mass and through official communications channels. If you have any questions about any text messages or email messages or to report any scam messages, please contact our parish offices directly staff@3hearts.org and parishoffice@saintcolumbanyelm.org.



PARTNERS IN THE GOSPEL

Community Conversations: Challenges and Opportunities in Our Parish Family

During our first parish listening session, parishioners shared thoughtful reflections about both the challenges facing our community and the opportunities before us. These conversations revealed a deep desire for stronger community, greater welcome, and renewed visibility of our Catholic faith in the wider area.

Many participants noted that our broader community faces significant pressures, including the rising cost of living, homelessness, and uncertainty about how to access support services. Rapid population growth, especially the arrival of military families, has brought both blessings and new pastoral needs. Some parishioners also expressed concern about fear and uncertainty in the community related to immigration issues and government policies. These realities remind us that our parish is called to be a place of hope, compassion, and accompaniment for all who seek Christ.

Within parish life, participants highlighted several barriers that can make it difficult for people to feel fully welcomed or connected. Overcrowding at Mass and parking limitations were frequently mentioned. Others noted challenges such as distractions during Mass, limited spaces for families with young children, and language barriers. Some parishioners shared that newcomers and those returning to the Church often struggle to find clear information about ministries, faith formation opportunities, and ways to become involved. Accessibility and transportation challenges were also noted for the elderly and those who are homebound.

At the same time, the listening sessions revealed a hunger for deeper community within our parish family. Many parishioners expressed a desire for stronger personal connections, clearer communication, and a parish culture where every person feels welcomed, supported, and encouraged in their faith. There is also a desire to strengthen relationships with other Christian communities and to make the presence of the Catholic Church more visible in the wider community.

Participants also identified several groups that could benefit from increased attention and outreach in our parish:

- Youth and young families
- The elderly and homebound
- Non-practicing Catholics and those seeking deeper meaning or faith
- Military families
- Immigrant communities

These insights will help guide our parish family as we continue to discern how the Holy Spirit is calling us to grow. We are grateful to everyone who participated in these conversations. Your voices are helping to shape the future of our parish family and strengthen our mission to encounter Christ and bring His love to our community.



More information can be found on the PFAC page on our website:
sacredheartlacey.com/pfac



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From the Catechism Paragraph 1002

Christ will raise us up "on the last day"; but it is also true that, in a certain way, we have already risen with Christ. For, by virtue of the Holy Spirit, Christian life is already now on earth a participation in the death and Resurrection of Christ:

And you were buried with him in Baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead.... If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

Parish Nurse & Mental Health Ministry Get to know us

Hello everyone, my name is Brent Hyde. I have been a nurse for 42 years. I'm the lead parish nurse with five members and the mental health ministry with four members. Some of us work in both ministries. We warmly welcome the parishioners of St. Peter and St. Columban to participate in these ministries at Sacred Heart!



We invite you to visit sacredheartlacey.com and click on "Pastoral Care" to explore our ministry resources. There you'll find presentations on topics such as Grief and Grace along with a link to contact directly to us. Also on the site, the Parish Nurse Ministry connects you to community health resources.

Be watching for our new "Ask a Nurse" feature—an opportunity to submit health-related questions to us by email at parishnurse@sacredheartlacey.com.

Brent Hyde RN
Parish Nurse & Mental Health Ministry

U.S. Citizenship Classes at Sacred Heart Tuesdays, April 14–May 5 in Hallen Hall

The Sacred Heart Immigration Support Ministry invites you to join our four-week series of citizenship preparation classes. ESL teacher Jennifer Miller from Multicultural Service Center of South Sound will be providing instruction and materials to help you prepare for both the English language test and the US civics and history test. These classes are free of charge and open to any parishioners who are planning to apply for US citizenship now or sometime in the future. All languages and English levels are encouraged to join the class! Classes will be held on Tuesday evenings from 7 to 8:30 in Hallen Hall, Room 1 upstairs, beginning April 14th and ending May 5th. Please use the QR code to register.



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ST. PLACID PRIORY STORE
500 COLLEGE ST. S.E. LACEY

Our hours of operation:
Friday: 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM
Saturday: 10:30 AM to 3:00 PM.

The store offers a selection of small religious items including books, Bibles, crucifixes, and Sacramental items.

Special orders are available upon request.



"TO THE HEIGHTS" ST. FRASSATI

Holy Family

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