

# NISQUALLY BASIN CATHOLIC CHURCHES

*Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Seattle*

ASCENSION OF THE LORD • MAY 17, 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 3:30-4:30pm  
and by appointment

### St. Columban & St. Peter Office in Yelm

Mon-Thu 9:30am-2pm  
Friday by appointment  
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parishoffice@saintcolumbanyelm.org

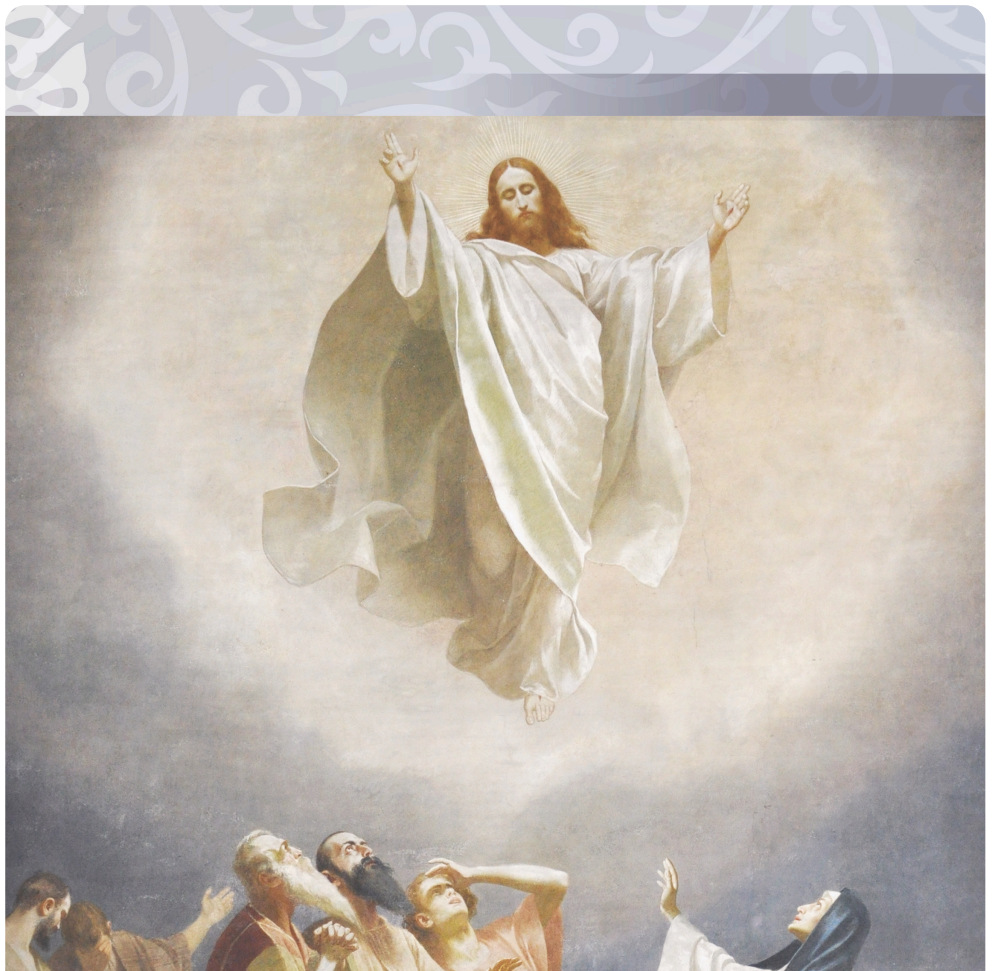
## St. Peter Church

149 Keithahn St. S  
Tenino, WA 98589

**Sunday Mass** 8am

**First Friday Mass** 9am

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



## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

As he blessed them he parted from them and was taken  
up to heaven. - Lk 24:51

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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.



Read the March 2026 update from the Parish Family Advisory Council on our website: [sacredheartlacey.com/pfac](http://sacredheartlacey.com/pfac)



There are many beautiful ways to express our love for the Blessed Mother throughout May:

**The May Crowning:** We place a crown of blossoms on a statue of Mary to remind us that, while she is our humble mother, she is also our Queen.

**The Family Rosary:** Since Mary always leads us to her Son, the Rosary is the perfect prayer for this month as a family.

**Acts of Charity:** Because Mary is the Mother of Mercy, many use this month to perform extra corporal works of mercy, such as donating to a local food bank or visiting the sick.

It is important to remember that as Catholics we do not worship Mary; rather, we venerate her. Just as we might keep a photo of our earthly mother in a place of honor, we honor our spiritual mother. By focusing on Mary, we follow the advice she gave at the Wedding at Cana: "Do whatever He tells you." As we journey through this month of May, let us ask for Mary's intercession to help us grow in humility, purity, and a deeper love for Jesus Christ.

## PARISH FAMILY STAFF & CONTACTS

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## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

### Dear Parishioners

I'd like to share just a little bit about my long-range plan for staffing at Sacred Heart in Lacey. This won't immediately affect our churches in Yelm and Tenino, however it certainly could in the future.

The model is based on the three "offices" of Jesus. Jesus is a priest, who both sanctifies and serves the world. Jesus is a king who governs the world. Finally, Jesus is a prophet who speaks on God's behalf and teaches the world. Our new staffing will model this pattern so that our Church can more greatly resemble Jesus, who is our head.

The pastor is, of course, the leader of the parish and is responsible for all its functions. Underneath the pastor we will have three staff members who will represent each of the offices above. These three staff members will work in very close collaboration with the pastor and supervise other staff.

We already have someone to serve as the assistant for governance. Jackie oversees finances, human resources (serving as a "Chief of Staff" of sorts), and oversees all the administrative functions of the parish. She has been an incredible help to us so far, and I'm so grateful that she came to us a year ago.

We have had one staff member recently announce her retirement at the end of the 2027 school year. Katy Baker (our youth minister at Sacred Heart for more than 30 years!) will be retiring. She has touched many lives in her role, overseeing the confirmation of hundreds of students. If you see her, please do thank her for all her work and let's all help her finish strong next year. As her retirement next spring draws closer, we will work to find an Assistant for the "Prophetic" office. This person will work with current staff to oversee all of the teaching that goes on here, whether it be for children, youth, or adults.

Finally, many of you may have heard that Deacon Terry has retired from our staff (although we still see him around a lot, so that word is used very loosely). We plan to expand his role into a Pastoral Assistant for Liturgy and Pastoral Care, who will help to oversee the "Priestly" work of the parish. This person will help to coordinate liturgies and other opportunities for prayer, and will work to make sure that our pastoral care to those in need is adequate in addressing the needs of the community.

We are already beginning to search for this Pastoral Assistant for Liturgy and Pastoral Care. You may have already heard it announced at Mass, or read about it in the bulletin. This person will work with other current staff and volunteers to coordinate all liturgies at Sacred Heart and oversee the training of all those who have a role in the liturgy. They will also serve as a liaison of the pastor to our food bank, clothing bank, and outreach. They will also help to strengthen our spiritual support to those in need because of grief, economic strife, and other trials, and assure they get care. They will help to coordinate our ministry to the homebound and to the sick.

If you can think of anyone who has the gifts that this role demands, please tell them about this position! They can apply by contacting Jackie at [jackie@3hearts.org](mailto:jackie@3hearts.org). Please pray for our staff and pray that God will bring the right person to help us in this role!

Fr. Bryan

### Excerpts from the Sunday Mass readings

**First Reading** When they entered the city they went to the upper room where they were staying. (Acts 1:13)

**Psalm:** I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living. (Ps 27)

**Second Reading:** If you are insulted for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. (1 Pt 4:14)

**Gospel:** Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you, just as you gave him authority over all people, so that your son may give eternal life to all you gave him." (Jn 17:1-2)

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### Mass Readings this week

**Monday:** Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33

**Tuesday:** Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21/Jn 17:1-11a

**Wednesday:** Acts 20:28-38/ Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19

**Thursday:** 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Jn 17:20-26

**Friday:** Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19

**Saturday:** Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn 21:20-25

**Next Sunday:** Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14

# 04 • WORSHIP & PRAYER

## Prayer Intentions

### Pope's intentions for May 2026:

That everyone might have food: Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

### Archdiocese's monthly intention:

For More Servant Leaders: For all who are discerning their direction in life, that many will follow the path of service to God's holy people, as priests, deacons, religious, or lay leaders.

### For those in our parish family in need of prayer:

Ron Fiman, All requesting prayer in our Hallow group, in our email prayers lists, and for all in need of prayer.

### For the repose of the souls of

Chuck Dvorak, Jesusa Cruz, Jacob Redford, Alexander Coleman, Pauline Swidecki, Kathy Gard, Narcisa Padagas, Charles Taitague Meno, Loreto V. Dario, 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

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 Mass livestreams:** 10am [youtube.com/@sacredheartlacey](https://youtube.com/@sacredheartlacey)

10:30am [youtube.com/@stcolumbanyelm](https://youtube.com/@stcolumbanyelm)

### Sunday

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

### May 17, Ascension of the Lord

† David Joe Meno, Dorothy Payne, † Antonio B. Perez  
People of St. Peter  
Branden & Jennifer Huxtable, John Huff  
People of St. Columban  
People of Sacred Heart  
Fr. Milan, † Maria Herrera, † Dyanira Benitez

### Monday

SH 9am

### May 18, St. John I, Pope & Martyr

† Oliva Cruz, Nicolas Dela Rosa, † Michael Roberts

### Tuesday

SH 9am  
SC 9am

### May 19

Peter Moes, † Marian Blas, † Isabel Blas  
† Chuck Dvorak

### Wednesday

SH 9am  
SC 9am

### May 20, St. Bernadine of Siena, Priest

For all mental health provides, Georgiana Kiester, Leslie Rodney Ross

### Thursday

SH 9am  
SC 9am

### May 21, St. Christopher Magallanes, P. & Companions, Martyrs

† Roger Miller, † Edgaro Sambo, † Mignon Detoir  
† All Souls

### Friday

SH 9am  
SC 9am

### May 22, St. Rita of Cascia, Religious

† Josefina Leon Guerrero, † Anita Blas, Andrew  
† All Souls

### Saturday

SH 9am  
SC 5pm  
SH 5pm

### May 23

Gloria Sambo, Esteban Rodrigues, Miguel Angel  
People of St. Columban  
Niñez McConnell, † Lori Elevado, Joy Rosales

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

#### Sacred Heart Lacey

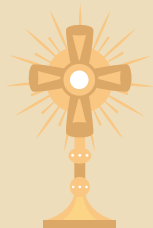
Thursday following 9am Mass until 4:30pm Saturday

First Friday:

Sacred Heart Devotion 8:45am  
Taizé Holy Hour 7:00pm

#### St. Columban Yelm

First Friday Adoration & Devotions 6:30pm



### PRAY THE ROSARY WITH US

30 minutes before every daily Mass & before most Sunday Masses

#### Sacred Heart Lacey

Rosary group: Thursdays 6pm

Perpetual Help group: First Wednesdays, 6pm

Our Lady of Fatima group: 13th (May-Oct), 7pm

#### St. Columban Yelm

Mondays 7pm & Tuesdays 6:30pm (Spanish)



## From the Office

### We are Hiring!

The Parish Family is seeking applicants for the role of **Pastoral Assistant for Liturgy and Pastoral Care** at Sacred Heart Lacey. This staff member collaborates with the pastoral leader to provide quality liturgical celebrations and experiences for members of the parish, as well as coordinates pastoral care and outreach activities. For more information or to apply, please contact Jackie Shirley, 360-491-0890 ext. 1107, [jackie@3hearts.org](mailto:jackie@3hearts.org).



### Annual Catholic Appeal 2026: Together in Faith

Through the Annual Catholic Appeal, our parish has been answering the call to support our shared mission – to help one another encounter Christ and put the Gospel into concrete action. Your gift is integral to bringing faith formation programs to life, inviting youth and young adults into the Church, fostering a welcoming community, and providing for the spiritual and physical needs of every person we encounter.

Thank you to all who have returned your Annual Catholic Appeal pledges and gifts, as well as those who are recurring monthly donors. All funds received over our goal will go to support our church projects.

#### Our Parish Family Goals:

- Sacred Heart: \$182,588
- Saint Columban: \$38,216
- Saint Peter: \$6,566

#### Church Projects (through ACA rebates):

- Sacred Heart: Internal beautification of parish spaces
- Saint Columban: Exterior painting
- Saint Peter: Interior painting

Please take time to prayerfully consider how you and your family can participate. Use the envelope in the pew, scan the QR code, or visit [archseattle.org/giveaca](http://archseattle.org/giveaca) to give today. Let us encourage each other to help make our ministries a success!



## Financial Stewardship

May God reward your generosity!

### Sacred Heart (May 9-10)

Sunday Envelopes	\$8,105
Mailing/office	\$3,814
Loose	\$4,971
On-Line Giving	\$8,433
<b>Weekly Total</b>	<b>\$25,323</b>
Outreach	\$679

### St. Columban & St. Peter

Reported monthly

#### Give Online

Sacred Heart    St. Columban    St. Peter



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## 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 10 am-2:30 pm and on Wednesdays & Fridays 10 am - 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, Yelm, Tenino 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.

Sacred Heart

St. Columban & St. Peter



### Ascension of the Lord

**Question:**

Couldn't Jesus have done more good if he stayed on earth, rather than ascended into heaven?

**Answer:**

This is an interesting question! During his earthly life, Jesus gave sight to the blind, healed paralytics, drove out demons, and fed thousands with only a few loaves of bread. Imagine what he could have done if he'd never ascended into heaven! Imagine what our world could be! It's an interesting thought to consider, especially as the world faces challenges that only seem to deepen and expand. Yet at the Last Supper, Jesus says, "It is better for you if I go." Why? His response must have seemed strange to the Apostles at the time. In his place, Jesus says, he will send the Paraclete, the Comforter, the Advocate. He promises to send the Holy Spirit.

Jesus's departure allows the Apostles to become the leaders he has formed them to be. Jesus is no longer situated in only one geographical location, and his Church will never be a political kingdom. Soon after the Ascension, we celebrate Pentecost — the descent of the Holy Spirit and the radical empowerment of the followers of Jesus. We share in that empowerment and in that mission. Jesus is present in the sacraments, and he is present in us. Through our faith, hope, and love, we are called to be the good he does here on earth!

## Faith Formation

### Registration for all Faith Formation

Grow deeper in your spiritual journey.

Registration is officially open for our upcoming 2026-2027 Faith Formation and Sacramental prep programs. We offer programs designed for all age groups, from children to adults.

Please scan the QR code to the right for access to all programs.

Or go to <https://archseattle.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/8017/responses/new>

\*Note that new registration is required annually.



### Elementary Formation - Linda Cooper

Jesus entrusts each of us to carry on the mission of proclaiming the Good News to all!

Registration for the 2026-2027 Faith Formation groups is now open.

### Youth Ministry - Katy Baker

- Youth Group for Middle School and High School has officially ended for the year—thank you for a wonderful season of faith and community.
- Congratulations to all students who received their First Communion and Confirmation this year. May the Holy Spirit continue to guide you always.
- Registration is now open for Youth Group, First Communion, and Confirmation. All students must register, including returning participants.
- Lightning Bowl was a blast. Thanks to those who attended. Coming again this summer!
- Do not forget to check the bulletin for upcoming events.
- Thanks to all the parents for your support throughout the year. You are the best!
- I will be out of the office May 19–June 9. For assistance, please contact Kris Baird at 360-491-0890 ext. 1112 or [KrisB@3hearts.org](mailto:KrisB@3hearts.org).

### OCIA Children & Youth - Ann Saunders

This is a program for non-baptized individuals ages 7-17. The OCIA program prepares children & youth to receive the Sacraments of Initiation of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist at the Easter Vigil 2027. Registration is now open. Scan the QR code and follow the steps. You may contact Ann with any questions at [ann@3hearts.org](mailto:ann@3hearts.org).



### OCIA Adults - David Gedrose

If you are new to Christianity, a Protestant who wishes to convert, or a baptized Catholic who wants to return to the faith, then OCIA is the journey you will take, and it will lead you to the beauty, truth, and goodness of a new life in Christ.

OCIA at Sacred Heart in Lacey will begin this summer and will conclude at the end of May 2027, with the Sacraments of Initiation—Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist—celebrated during Easter 2027.

Registration for OCIA 2026-2027 is now open. Please email me expressing your interest, and I will quickly get back to you with specific details on registration.

David Gedrose, email: [david@3hearts.org](mailto:david@3hearts.org)



## Infant Baptism, Marriage & Quinceañera – Claudia Torres

- **Baptism:** If you would like to register, contact Claudia Torres.
- **Marriage:** If you are planning a wedding, please contact us at least 6 months to 1 year prior to your anticipated wedding date.
- **Quinceañera:** You must register at least 6 months prior to the event and provide copies of your Baptism and First Communion certificates at the time of registration for the classes and scheduling of the event.



## Events & Announcements

### Blanket Ministry

#### Calling All Youth in Middle/High School

Blanket Ministry will continue to make blankets through the summer. Join us on the second and fourth Tuesdays each month, from 10 a.m. to noon in Hallen Hall: June 9 & 23, July 14 & 28, August 11 & 25

### 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](mailto:Imboros@comcast.net)



### Living Your Strengths

At the age of eighty-two, a parishioner who recently took her Strengths assessment said, "Wow, how life-giving it is to know what my God-given talent/strengths are." Curious? Sacred Heart offers a way to help unlock what your talent gifts are. Call the Parish Office at 360-491-0890 and ask for Mary to get started.

General workshops happen twice a year; in the spring and in the fall. One-to-one sessions are available as well. Participation is free.



## Sacred Heart Volunteer Appreciation Brunch

Sunday, June 7th  
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
In Hallen Hall

The Sacred Heart Staff extends a cordial invitation for you and your families to join us in expressing our heartfelt gratitude for the generous gifts and time you dedicate to our parish.

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## 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 HH upstairs

#### Heart to Heart

Tuesdays 11:45am HH2-RM5

#### St. Joseph Men's Prayer Group

Wednesdays 7am S5

#### Taizé/Holy Hour

Friday June 5; 7pm Church

#### Our Mother of Perpetual Help Prayer

Thursday, June 3; 6pm Church

#### Hispanic Charismatic Group

Thursdays 6:30pm Fabian Hall

### GROUP UPDATES

### & Meeting Times

#### AI-Anon Family Group (en español)

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

#### Marian Movement of Priests -

Chapel Wed. 9:30am Church

#### Marriage Preparation

English: Monday, May 18; 6pm S5

#### Presentation: "Human Dignity, Mental Illness, and Pastoral Accompaniment"

Wednesday May 20; 10am

#### Missionary Families of Christ (Mtg)

Sunday May 17; 1:30pm

#### Music Ministry

Mon. 6pm (youth), Tue. 6pm (schola) & 7pm (adult), select Fridays, 6:30pm (Hispanic) S2

#### Respect Life Committee

Tuesday May 19; 6:45pm HH2-RM5



### 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 Tuesday, 6pm



#### Knights of Columbus

St. Columban Council

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Third Wednesday, 6pm

[kofcyelm@gmail.com](mailto: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: July 14, 9:30am

#### Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Third Thursday, 7pm



## Events & Announcements

### Special Liturgy This Week

Tuesday, May 19

- 11am Funeral Mass for Chuck Dvorak at St. Columban

### Your ACA contribution at work

Our ACA project last year helped to fund the installation of a walk-in gate and a vehicle gate behind the St. Columban prayer garden that opens to 2nd St. The vehicle gate will be for out-bound traffic only on Sundays following the 10:30 am Mass and as needed for other larger-attended liturgies. Please nose-in angle park on the fence side and where there are logs, but please do not park by the neon tape near the prayer garden.

### Are you called to help?

We are looking for volunteers to help with a few tasks in the St. Columban office, 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](mailto:koleen@saintcolumbanyelm.org).

### Reverently receiving Holy Communion

When the host is placed on your hand, the movement from your hand to the mouth, if not done carefully, can cause particles to fall to the floor. If your preference of reception is on the hand, please use your palm like a paten and consume the Host over it in order to catch particles. Check your palm and finger tips, and if you see particles on them, lick them off.

"From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required; and from the one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded" - Luke 12:48



### Upcoming Events

**After Mass fellowship/breakfast schedule at St. Columban:**

May 24-Spanish Prayer Group; June 7-Daughters of Mary

**Saturday, June 20**

- Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids Car Show - *Preorder an event t-shirt to support this fundraiser at this QR code link.*



## Faith Formation

### Children's Faith Formation (Grades K-5)

Please pray for our First Communicants who have just received the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus for the first time this weekend.

### Youth Ministry (Grades 6-12)

Next YM Saturday service opportunity: June 6.

Does your teen need Confirmation? Contact [chad@saintcolumbanyelm.org](mailto:chad@saintcolumbanyelm.org)

**Ignite NW** - 5-day Catholic Youth Conference for high school students at the University of Portland. Ignite NW invites young people into a deeper relationship with God and neighbor through sacred liturgy, authentic community, and faithful intellectual formation.

- July 22-26, Learn more and register online at [ignitenw.org](http://ignitenw.org), Contact Mr. Lucero to attend with our Parish Family youth group.



Our parish family joyfully invites all parishioners to mark their calendars for our 9-Day Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, leading to the parish celebration of the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart on Friday, June 12. More details on times and activities will be shared soon.

#### **A Prayer on the Occasion of the U.S. Bishops Consecrating the United States of America to the Sacred Heart of Jesus**

*O Most Sacred Heart of Jesus:*

*You know the longings of our hearts, and you desire that we enjoy friendship with you.*

*From your pierced side, you have poured out the wellspring of life, for which we thirst.*

*Your heart burns with a love for all people to return to a right relationship with you.*

*We celebrate the abundant gifts you have given this nation, founded on the self-evident truths that our Creator has endowed all people with the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.*

*We make reparation for the offenses against you and against human dignity that have taken place in this nation.*

*May our hearts be united to yours, so that our families and communities enjoy peace and happiness; may broken relationships be reconciled, injustices repaired, and the wounds of our land be healed.*

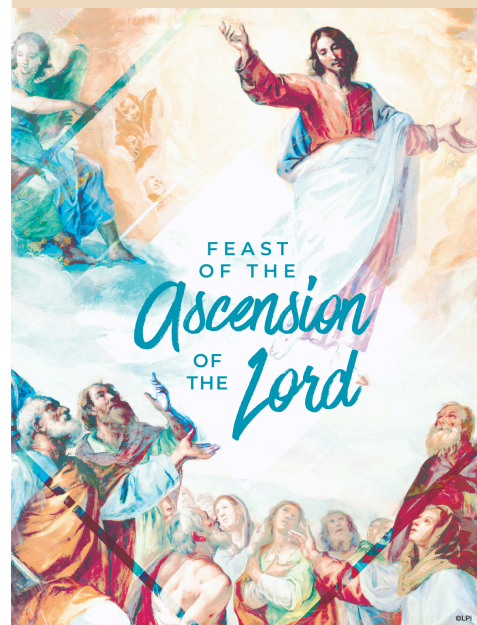
*May your holy Catholic Church serve as a sign, pointing all people to your infinite love.*

*O Desire of Nations and Center of History, we ask you to bless these United States of America. Who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

#### **The Ascension of the Lord**

Where did he go? Many times when we think of those who have died, we imagine escape from this world to a purely spiritual place. Jesus's Ascension can leave us in a place of confusion. What happens to Jesus? And why does this matter to us?

The Ascension has been confirmed in the Creed for two millennia. In Jesus's Ascension, we're invited to consider our own ultimate end. Regardless of death's reality now, we believe in the resurrection of the body and the reunification of body and soul. One day, earth and heaven will meet perfectly and without end. We anticipate this "new heaven and a new earth" at every Mass and throughout the beauty, truth, and love of the Church and her members. Today, celebrate a foreshadowing of the fullness we all await!



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### From the Catechism Paragraph 662

"And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself." The lifting up of Jesus on the cross signifies and announces his lifting up by his Ascension into heaven, and indeed begins it. Jesus Christ, the one priest of the new and eternal Covenant, "entered, not into a sanctuary made by human hands... but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf." There Christ permanently exercises his priesthood, for he "always lives to make intercession" for "those who draw near to God through him." As "high priest of the good things to come" he is the center and the principal actor of the liturgy that honors the Father in heaven.

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## Mass of Priestly Ordination

for Deacon Simon Stehr and Brother Deacon Damien-Joseph Rappuhn, OSB

Saturday, June 6 | 10 am | St. James Cathedral

Please join Archbishop Paul D. Etienne, Simon and Damien-Joseph for a Holy Hour for vocations the prior evening on Friday, June 5 | 6:30pm | St. James Cathedral



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Simon Stehr has concluded his time in seminary and is spending the final stage of his priestly formation as a deacon at St. Vincent de Paul and St. Theresa in Federal Way. As ordination approaches, he will receive his assignment to serve as a parochial vicar, which will begin July 1st.

Brother Deacon Damien-Joseph is completing the final stage of his priestly formation at Mount Angel Seminary and Abbey, where he serves as a deacon within the monastic community and the seminary. As a monk of Saint Martin's Abbey, his formation is oriented toward priestly ministry in service of the abbey and its primary apostolate, Saint Martin's University. Following ordination, he will return to the abbey, where his specific assignment will be determined by his abbot in light of the needs of the monastic community and the university.

For more information on priesthood in the Archdiocese of Seattle, go to [www.seattle vocations.com](http://www.seattle vocations.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

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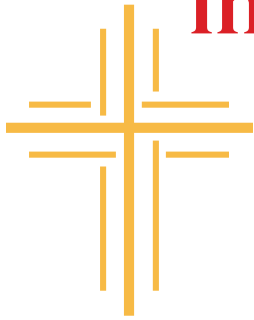
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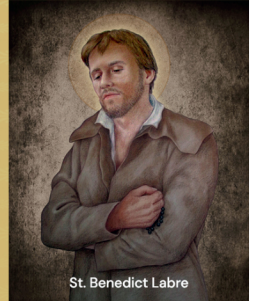
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