

NISQUALLY BASIN CATHOLIC CHURCHES

Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Seattle

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME • JUNE 21, 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, &
2nd Saturday of the month 10am

Confessions Sat 3-4:30pm
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
360-458-3031

parishoffice@saintcolumbanyelm.org

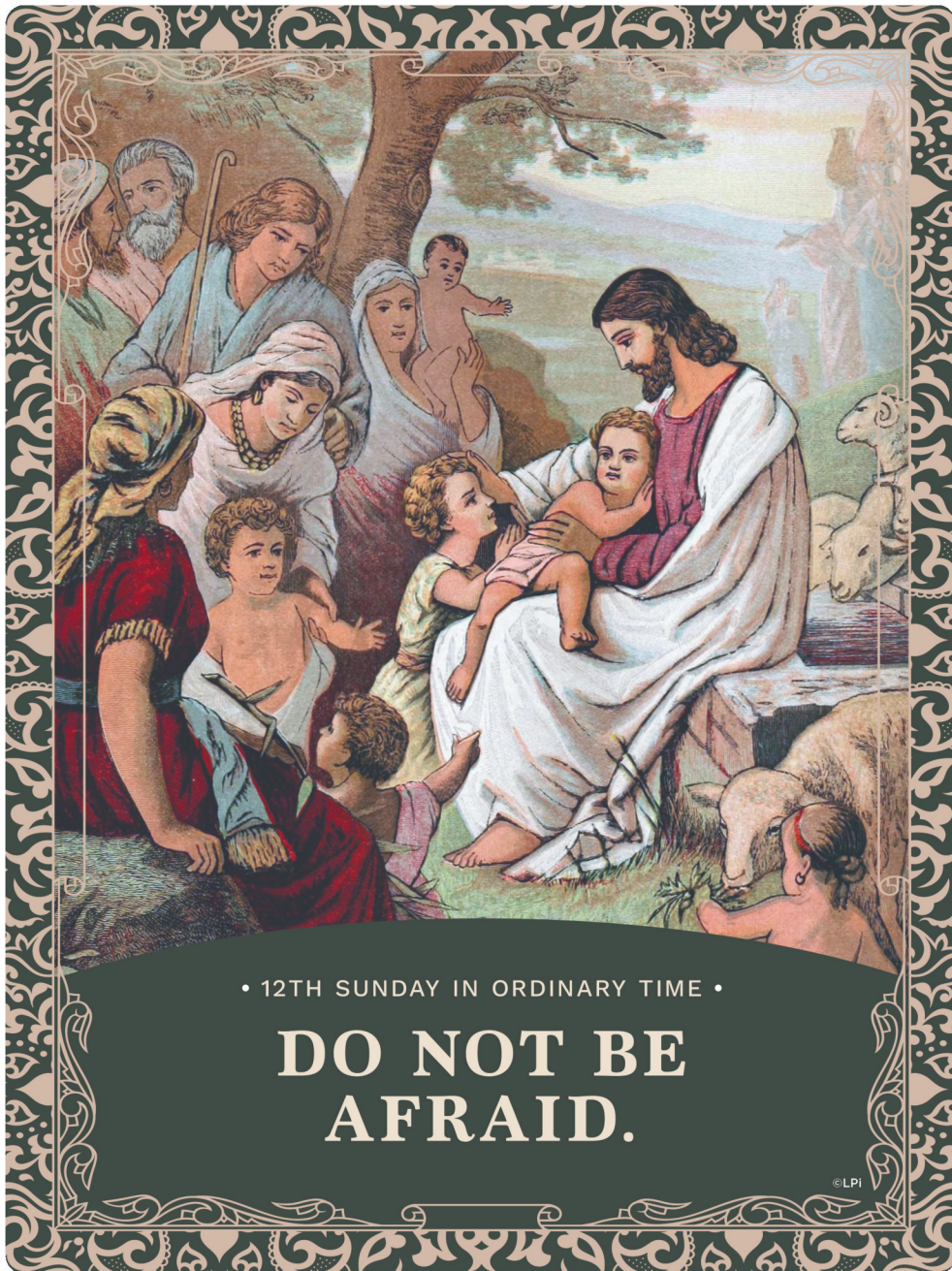
St. Peter Church

149 Keithahn St. S
Tenino, WA 98589

Sunday Mass 8am

First Friday Mass 9am

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



• 12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME •

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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 & southern Thurston County and in southwestern Pierce County.



Read the latest update from the Parish Family Advisory Council on our website: sacredheartlacey.com/pfac



Our parish family offers prayers of gratitude and warmest wishes to our pastor, Fr. Bryan Ochs, on the occasion of his 15th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination this month. We pray that God will continue to strengthen and bless you as you continue the ministry entrusted to you. Congratulations, Father, and Ad multos annos!



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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,



Here are a few odds and ends to report:

Catholic School Assistance: Did you know that our family of parishes offers financial assistance to families who enroll their children in K-8 Catholic Education? Because we do! Every year, in collaboration with our finance councils, we identify a pool of money that our parishioners can apply for to help pay the tuition at their Catholic School. This money is available for any K-8 Catholic school, including St. Michael's and Holy Family Classical Academy.

There are several things that impact how much a family receives. The first is participation in the parish. We base this on past history, not on any promises for the future. So, if you have been financially supporting the parish and participating at Mass, we will consider that. The amount a student can receive also depends on how many people apply for assistance, as the pool amount is limited.

We will also consider families who are in significant need, provided that they can submit a tax return or other proof to us to show that they are in need. Students who receive in-parish tuition assistance from St. Michael's, however, are not eligible. You can only receive this assistance from St. Michael's or one of our parishes.

If you would like to apply for this assistance, please contact the parish office of the parish you attend. If you know anyone in our parish who would like to take advantage of this assistance, please help us spread the word!

Spiritual Classics: This summer we will be offering a book study on *The Confessions* of St. Augustine at Sacred Heart in Lacey. This is one of the great spiritual classics of all time, and it provides thought-provoking insights into many aspects of the spiritual life. This brief course will be offered weekly on Wednesdays from June 24 through July 29 at 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Hallen Hall. It will be led by Sacred Heart parishioner Jon Talbot.

We invite you to participate in a book study of "Confessions." This work transcends a mere autobiography; it is described as "a prayer—a long, passionate, intimate prayer to God, which Augustine wishes us to overhear." Join us for an insightful exploration of this profound text. Register at the church office at 360-491-0890 or with Jon at jonshoreline@msn.com. Contact Jon if you need help obtaining a copy of the text. We will be using the Vintage Classic edition of the text, available on Amazon.

Annual Catholic Appeal: Thank you to everyone who has given to the Annual Catholic Appeal this year. As of June 11th, we are doing quite well. Sacred Heart has raised \$116,319, which is 64% of our goal of \$182,588. St. Columban has raised \$19,782, which is 52% of their goal of \$38,216. Finally, St. Peter's in Tenino has raised \$4,695, which is 72% of the way towards their goal of \$6,566.

As you know, everything that our parishes raise above and beyond our goal will come straight back to our parishes to help us with some important projects. The rebate from Sacred Heart will go towards beautifying some of our interior spaces. St. Columban's rebate will go towards painting some of the exterior surfaces of the parish hall and church. So please give!

Thank you all!
Fr. Bryan

Excerpts from the Sunday Mass readings

First Reading: "Sing to the LORD, praise the LORD, for he has rescued the life of the poor from the power of the wicked!" (Jer 20:13)

Psalm:

Lord, in your great love, answer me. (Ps 69)

Second Reading: But the gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of the one the many died, how much more did the grace of God and the gracious gift of the one man Jesus Christ overflow for the many. (Rom 5:15)

Gospel: "What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light; what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops." (Mt 10:27)

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Mass Readings this week

Sunday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-10, 14 and 17, 33-35/Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33

Monday: 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18/Ps 60:3, 4-5, 12-13/Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday: 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36/ Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 10-11/Mt 7:6, 12-1

Wednesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80

Thursday: 2 Kgs 24:8-17/ Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9/Mt 7:21-2

Friday: 2 Kgs 25:1-12/ Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/Mt 8:1-4

Saturday: Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19/ Ps 74:1b-2, 3-5, 6-7, 20-21/Mt 8:5-17

Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42

04 • WORSHIP & PRAYER

Prayer Intentions

Pope's intentions for June 2026:

For the values of sports – Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.

Archdiocese's monthly intention:

For Young Adults – For young people, that they may be nourished, supported, engaged, and challenged to grow in faith in this parish family.

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

Stephen Magdadaro, 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, and Pam Henslee.

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

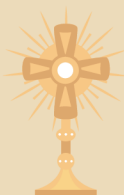
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Sacred Heart Lacey

Thursday following 9am Mass until 4:30pm Saturday*

First Friday: Taizé Holy Hour 7:00pm

Last Friday: June 26, 3-4pm



*Adorers are needed at the St. Frances of Rome Chapel at Sacred Heart, especially Sat. 3-4am, 12-1pm, 1-2pm
Contact Maria Boros
LMboros@comcast.net

St. Columban Yelm

First Friday Adoration & Devotions 6:30pm

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

10:30am youtube.com/@stcolumbanyelm

Schedule Notice: Daily Masses are cancelled June 22-25 at both Sacred Heart & St. Columban due to our priests attending Priests Days. Communion Services will be offered at Sacred Heart at 9am on those dates.

Sunday

June 21, Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- SH 8am † Roger Miller, Donald Guy Jr., † John Zoccola
- SP 8am People of St. Peter
- SH 10am † Narcisa Padagas, † Jesus Blas, † Mariano Leon Guerrero
- SC 10:30am People of St. Columban
- SH 12noon People of Sacred Heart
- SH 2pm † Josefina Perez Aguilar, † Victor Lopez Hernández

Monday

June 22, St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop Sts. John Fisher, Bishop & Thomas More, Martyr

- 9am Communion service at SH

Tuesday

June 23

- 9am Communion service at SH

Wednesday

June 24, Nativity of St. John the Baptist

- 9am Communion service at SH

Thursday

June 25

- 9am Communion service at SH

Friday

June 26

- SH 9am † Dorotea Eparwa, † Eleuterio Macajig, Yolanda Bacani
- SC 9am † All Souls

Saturday

June 27, St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

- SH 9am † Antonita San Nicolas, † Roque Agbanlog Sr., Fr. William Dodoma
- SC 5pm People of St. Columban
- SH 5pm Joseph & Lillian Currall Family, Chance Lewis
- † Editha Fales, † George Loschky, Ron Whelan

PRAY THE ROSARY WITH YOUR PARISH FAMILY

30 minutes before every daily Mass & before most Sunday Masses

Rosary prayer groups at Sacred Heart

- Rosary group: Thursdays 6pm
- Our Lady of Perpetual Help group: First Wednesdays, 6pm
- "International" Fatima Rosary community: 13th of the month (May-Oct), 6:30pm

Rosary prayer groups at St. Columban

- Marian Movement: Mondays 7pm
- Spanish group: Tuesdays 6:30pm



PARISH FAMILY • 05

From the Office

We are Hiring!

Our Parish Family is seeking applicants for the role of Pastoral Assistant for Liturgy and Pastoral Care at Sacred Heart. For more information or to apply, please contact Jackie Shirley, 360-491-0890 ext. 1107, jackie@3hearts.org.

Tuition Assistance to Support Catholic Education

The Nisqually Basin Catholic Churches are committed to supporting families who actively participate in the life and mission of our parishes. Tuition assistance is available to active parish stewards for their child's attendance at Holy Family Classical Academy, Pope John Paul II High School, and Saint Michael Parish School.

Funds are limited. Active parish stewards registered members with a record of sacrificial giving and regular Mass attendance. To apply for assistance, email Jackie at jackie@3hearts.org



Thank you for your generous support of the ACA!

Thank you to all who have responded to the needs of our regional Church by supporting the 2026 Annual Catholic Appeal! Our journey as Catholics is not undertaken alone. We are all a part of this one body of Christ, and your generosity speaks to the impact that our community can have. Whether it is supporting parish staff through centralized services, supporting seminarian formation and education, or uplifting youth and young adult programs and events, your generosity matters. We have not yet heard from all of our parishioners. For those of you who have not yet contributed, there is still time! You can donate using the QR code, fill out a pew envelope, or go online to archseattle.org/giveaca.

Our Parish Family Progress:

- Sacred Heart: \$99,530 (55% of goal)
- Saint Columban: \$17,692 (46% of goal)
- Saint Peter: \$4,585 (70% of goal)



Church Projects (through ACA rebates after exceeding goals):

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



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

Financial Stewardship

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family. May God reward your generosity!

Sacred Heart

Collection numbers will be included in next weekend's bulletin.

St. Columban (May 2026)

Monthly Goal	\$23,200.00
Envelope Collections	\$23,951.02
Loose Cash	\$5,065.70
Net	\$5,816.72
St. Vincent de Paul	\$1,259.00
Sacramentals	\$241.69
Mass Intentions	\$440.00

St. Peter (May 2026)

Monthly Goal	\$4,000.00
Envelope Collections	\$4,002.00
Loose Cash	\$927.00
Net	\$929.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$20.00
Sacramentals	\$31.00

Give Online



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

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.



06 • SACRED HEART

Priestly Ordination of Men

Question:

Why are only men allowed to be priests or deacons in the Church?

Answer:

One of the most debated and — in some circles — contentious teachings of the Church is that only men can be ordained as priests and deacons. Critics see it as a way of strengthening a patriarchal system in which women have little or no voice. Those who support this teaching look to New Testament teaching (where we read of Jesus choosing only men to be apostles) and the long-standing practice of the Church. This was certainly the perspective of St. John Paul II who, in his 1994 apostolic letter, *Ordinatio Sacerdotalis*, closed the discussion on the possibility of ordaining women as priests.

In the letter, he reflected on the dignity of women and their call to share in the life and mission of the Church, but he concluded by solemnly declaring that “the Church has no authority whatsoever to confer priestly ordination on women and that this judgement is to be definitely held by all the Church’s faithful” (no. 4).

This position has been upheld by Pope Francis in interviews, most notably as he returned from his 2016 visit to Sweden.

The ordination of women to the diaconate is another question and one which is being studied. In 2016, Pope Francis created a 12-member commission to study the question from several perspectives (theological, liturgical, historical, etc.). The commission issued an initial report for Pope Francis who later said that the commission had not yet produced a “definite response” to the question because of a lack of agreement on the role of female deacons in the Early Church.

For now, however, regardless of what changes might come from ongoing study and debate, the Church continues to reserve ordination to the diaconate to men only, recognizing a vital link between the diaconate and the priesthood and the lack of certainty about the presence and function of female deacons throughout history

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Faith Formation



Elementary Formation – Linda Cooper

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



Youth Ministry – Katy Baker

Registration is now open for Youth Group, First Communion, and Confirmation. All students must register, including returning participants.



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. Follow the QR code and follow the steps. You may contact Ann with any questions at ann@3hearts.org.



OCIA Adults – David Gedrose

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

Infant Baptism, Marriage & Quinceañera – Spanish Victoria Feig

Infant Baptism, Marriage – English Debera Ricalde



- **Baptism:** Classes will be held the first Monday of June, August, and October at 6 pm in Hallen Hall. Please bring birth certificate and godparents information.
- **Marriage:** If you are planning a wedding, please contact us at least 6 months to 1 year prior to your anticipated wedding date.
- **Quinceañera:** Classes will be held twice a year. Bring baptism and 1st Communion certificates to register for the classes.



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Events & Announcements

Help with flowers

Do you have a passion for creating flower arrangements? Would you like to help preserve the beauty of our church?

We are looking for a volunteer to assist in maintaining a vibrant and inviting atmosphere. Your support would be immensely valued.

For inquiries, please contact us at 360-491-0890.

“Confessions” by St. Augustine

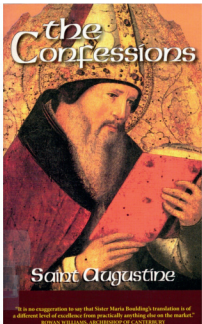
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10 AM - 11:30 AM

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Living Our Strengths



Living Your Strengths

“After taking my strengths assessment, I wish I had taken it three years ago when I first received the book. I feel so good. I feel I know myself!”

Do you feel valued? Do you feel God is calling you to do something more in life? The Strengths process can help you discover what your God-given talents are. Call the Parish Office at 360-491-0890 and ask for Mary. You will be amazed at how blessed Our God is! Whether you are 18 or 80 years old, age has no bearing on this discovery of self. This is a proven fact and not mere fiction. Ask anyone who has taken the Strengths assessment.

Volunteer Opportunity – Share Your Time & Talents!

Our church community is blessed by the generosity of so many who give their time and gifts in service to others. We invite you to prayerfully consider becoming a volunteer and helping us continue our mission of faith, fellowship, and outreach.

There are many ways to serve, including:

- Assisting with liturgical ministries
- Helping with hospitality and parish events
- Supporting outreach to those in need
- Assisting with faith formation programs
- Helping with office tasks or special projects

Whether you can give a few hours a month or more regularly, your presence makes a difference. Volunteering is a wonderful way to grow in faith, meet fellow parishioners, and put God’s love into action.

If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information, please contact the parish office. 360-491-0890



Come pray with us

PRAYER GROUPS

Divine Mercy Prayer Group

Mon. 9:30am Church

Rosary Prayer Group

Thu. 6pm Church

Small Christian Communities

Tue. 10am & 1:30pm, and every other

Thu. 1:30pm HH upstairs

Hispanic Charismatic Group

Thu. 6:30pm Fabian Hall

St. Joseph Men’s Prayer Group

Wed. 7am S5

Our Mother of Perpetual Help Prayer

Wed., July 1; 6pm Church

GROUP UPDATES & Meeting Times

AI-Anon Family Group (en español)

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

AFF St. Augustine’s “Confessions”

Wed. 10am HH2-RM1&2

Blanket Ministry – Adults

Tue. 10am HH

Marian Movement of Priests – Chapel

Wed. 9:30am Church

Music Ministry

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



08 • ST. COLUMBAN & ST. PETER



Group Updates & Meeting Times

Altar Society

Thursdays after daily Mass

Bible Studies

St. Peter: Wed. 10am

St. Columban: Thu. 6:30pm (Last meeting for the summer is June 25. Meetings will resume Sep. 10)

Daughters of Mary

Next meeting:

4th Tuesday, 6pm



Knights of Columbus

St. Columban Council
17152 & Assembly 3947
Third Wednesday, 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: July 14, 9:30am

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Third Thursday, 7pm



Events & Announcements

Upcoming Events

Daily Masses are cancelled June 23–25 at St. Columban

After Mass fellowship/breakfast hosts at St. Columban:

- June 21 - Breakfast on Father's Day, hosted by the Knights of Columbus
- July 5 - Daughters of Mary

Sunday, August 9 - St. Columban Parish Picnic

Are you called to help out?

Volunteers for our Liturgical Ministries are needed: Ushers, Greeters, EMHCs, Altar servers, Sacristans. Please see the interest form in the narthex or contact the office for more information.

Thank You!

A big thanks to our Daughters of Mary women's group for hosting the early Father's day brunch last week and to our Knights of Columbus for hosting another wonderful car show.

Ignite NW Baby Bundle Drive

Our youth are collecting items as part of pro-life activities during the Ignite NW Catholic Youth Conference

Attendees will be assembling baby item bundles which will be given to local Portland area pro-life nonprofits. We need your help to donate these suggested items: Pacifiers, baby bottles, burp cloths, hooded towels, diaper cream, onesies for 0-3 month olds, sleepers for 12-month-olds, outfits for 18-month and 24-month olds. Donations may be brought to the St. Columban office or the bassinet in the narthex. Call 360-226-0798 to arrange a drop-off. Last day to donate is Sunday, July 19.



Before there was St. Columban, there was St. Margaret Mary

June 10 marked the 36th anniversary of the dedication of the current church building at St. Columban. Before land was purchased in Yelm,



however, the Catholic community in the Nisqually valley first gathered in McKenna. After several temporary locations, the community eventually built St. Margaret Mary Church along SR 507. This church was named after the 17th century French nun and mystic whose visions drew greater devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.



Statue of St. Margaret Mary at St. Columban, present day.

Faith Formation

Registration for 2026–2027 School Year now open

Registering now ensures we can plan ahead for numbers, reserve your child's/youth's spot in classes, and ensure you have time to gather prerequisite paperwork. Scan the QR code to access registration or use the link on saintcolumbanyelm.org.



REGISTER FOR
RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION



The Search is an innovative series that tackles the key questions of every human heart. Whether you're a practiced inquirer or a jaded skeptic, The Search will speak to you. You may be reassured by some parts, and challenged by others. Either way, you'll find a lot here to think about. And when all is said and done, life's questions demand to be answered.

Sessions will be held every Thursday night from July 9- August 20 at Saint Columban. 6:30PM-8:00PM.



Help Couples at Sacred Heart Celebrate One of Life's Most Sacred Moments

Our parish is seeking compassionate and organized Wedding Coordinators to help accompany couples as they prepare for the celebration of marriage. Wedding Coordinators play an important role in ensuring wedding liturgies are beautiful, organized, and prayerful while supporting couples through the planning process. Wedding coordinators receive a stipend for the weddings they coordinate.

For more information, contact:
Debera Ricalde at debera@3hearts.org



From the Catechism Paragraph 388

With the progress of Revelation, the reality of sin is also illuminated. Although to some extent the People of God in the Old Testament had tried to understand the pathos of the human condition in the light of the history of the fall narrated in Genesis, they could not grasp this story's ultimate meaning, which is revealed only in the light of the death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. We must know Christ as the source of grace in order to know Adam as the source of sin. The Spirit-Paraclete, sent by the risen Christ, came to "convict the world concerning sin," by revealing him who is its Redeemer.

Hallow

Share your prayer intentions and join a prayer challenge on Hallow



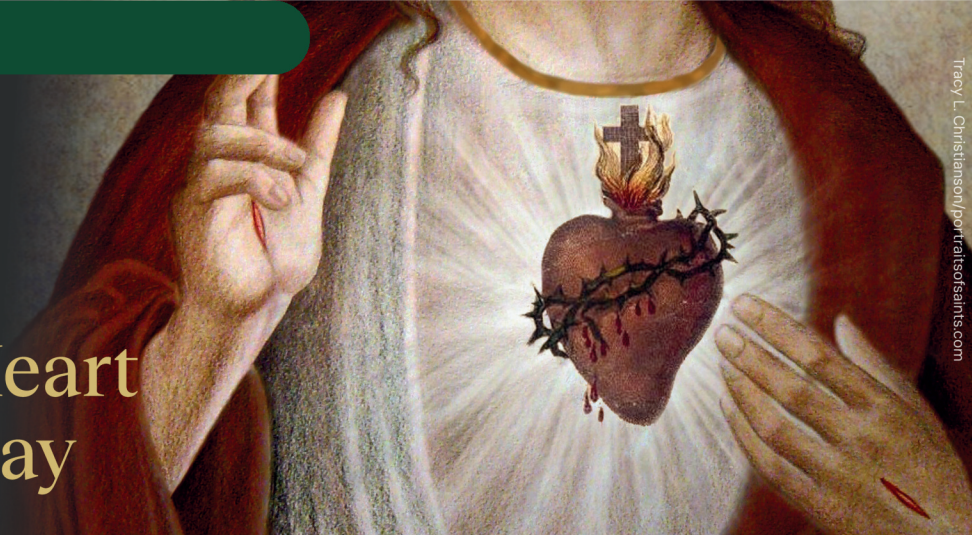
1. Scan the QR code or go to Hallow.com/parish on your phone or computer.
2. Search for our parish group - **"Nisqually Basin Catholic Churches"**
3. Join our parish!
4. Log in with whichever method you prefer. Please remember this login, as you will need it for the app!
5. Once logged in, you have the option to subscribe with a promo offer, continue with your subscription, or start a free account.



10 • FEATURES

Make Our Hearts Like Your Own

The Sacred Heart Devotion Today



Tracy L. Christianson/portraitsofsaints.com

Why the Sacred Heart Devotion is relevant today

Images of the Sacred Heart of Jesus are found everywhere in our Catholic churches, but devotion to the Sacred Heart is often misunderstood. Some think of it as an antiquated devotion from the past that's no longer relevant, and this couldn't be further from the truth.

In his 2024 encyclical on the Sacred Heart, *Dilexit nos*, Pope Francis wrote, "Some have questioned whether this symbol is still meaningful today." He went on, "living as we do in an age of superficiality, rushing frenetically from one thing to another without really knowing why, and ending up as insatiable consumers and slaves to the mechanisms of a market unconcerned about the deeper meaning of our lives, all of us need to rediscover the importance of the heart" (*Dilexit nos*, 2).

The Sacred Heart is Christ's love for us

To contemplate Christ's heart is not to separate his heart from the rest of his body, but to focus our attention on Christ's saving love. In Scriptures, the heart is the center, the interior reality of the person, the place of truth, the source of compassion and love. Thus, when we speak of the heart of Christ, we are speaking of the very core of his being; and the image of the Sacred Heart shows us Christ generously revealing his heart to humanity: a heart wounded by thorns, yet on fire with love.

The Sacred Heart draws us to the Eucharist

Devotion to the Sacred Heart should draw us closer to Jesus in the Eucharist: "O most Sacred, most loving Heart of Jesus, Thou art concealed in the Holy Eucharist, and Thou beatest for us still," prayed St. John Henry Newman.

The Sacred Heart calls us to love others

This devotion should deepen our love of God and neighbor. St. Thérèse of Lisieux found in the heart of Jesus the source of her little way of confidence and love: "I find perfection very easy to practice because I have understood it is a matter of taking hold of Jesus by his heart."

Transforming our hearts - transforming the world

The Sacred Heart of Jesus can do more than change our individual hearts: it can change the world. Pope Francis has written: "Reconciliation and peace are also born of the heart. The heart of Christ is 'ecstasy', openness, gift and encounter. Taking the heart seriously, then, has consequences for society as a whole.... There, in that heart, we can truly come at last to know ourselves and we learn how to love" (*Dilexit Nos*, 28-30).



Learn more

To learn more about the Sacred Heart devotion and read Archbishop Paul D. Etienne's 2026 pastoral letter about it, go to archseattle.org/sacredheart or scan the QR code.



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"Together, as one people, as brothers and sisters, let us walk towards God and love one another."—Pope Leo XIV, Homily at Mass for the Beginning of the Pontificate of Pope Leo XIV, May 18, 2025

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El papa León XIV, desde que apareció por primera vez luego de su elección en mayo del 2025, ha hecho un llamado a los católicos a vivir en paz y unidad los unos con los otros dentro de la Iglesia y a compartir esta invitación de paz y unidad con el mundo entero. A lo largo de la historia, los católicos han compartido con el mundo la misión de Cristo, proclamando el Evangelio y realizando obras de misericordia que les trae consuelo al pobre y al vulnerable.

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“Juntos, como un solo pueblo, todos como hermanos, caminemos hacia Dios y amémonos los unos a los otros.”—Papa León XIV, Homilía de celebración eucarística con motivo del inicio del ministerio Petriño del obispo de Roma León XIV, May 18, 2025

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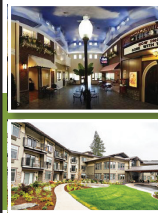
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