

SAINT COLUMBAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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We belong to Christ, not ourselves

ST. COLUMBAN PARISH

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Office Hours

Monday—Thursday 9:00AM –2:00PM

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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:00PM

Sunday: 10:30AM

Daily Mass: Tues—Fri 9AM *except 1st Fridays

Rosary is said 30min prior to each Mass

Sacraments

Anointing of the Sick: Following First Friday Devotions or by Appointment

Confession: Saturdays 3:30—4:30PM

First Friday Devotions: 6:30PM

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

See Calendar on Page 3 for current schedule and updates

St. Columban Prayer Chain: Confidential and private prayer chain. Please contact the parish office to submit a request.

St. Vincent De Paul

Providing emergency assistance for those in need.

Help Line: 360-458-1904

Please leave your name, phone number, and details of your need.

ST. PETER MISSION

149 Keithahn St. S, Tenino, WA 98589

For administrative assistance please contact St. Columban

Mass Schedule

Sunday 8:00AM

Rosary is said 30min prior to Mass

Sacraments

Confession: Sundays 7:30 -7:45AM

Daily Mass (First Fridays): 9:00AM

Anointing of the Sick: by appointment



May 8, 2022

4th Sunday of Easter/Mother's Day

Today's Readings

Entrance Antiphon: *The merciful love of the Lord fills the Earth, by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.*

1st Reading: Acts 13:14,43-52

Responsorial Psalm: *We are the sheep of his flock.*

2nd Reading: Revelations 7:9, 14b-17

Gospel Acclamation: *I am the good shepherd says the Lord. I know my sheep, and mine know me.*

Gospel: John 10:27-30

Communion Antiphon: *I am the Good Shepherd says the Lord. I know my sheep and mine know me, alleluia, alleluia.*

We are a Catholic faith community that seeks to place God first, to know Him, and to grow in holiness together. We strive to live the Gospel through the Eucharist, in our teaching and way of life.



Fr. Thompson's Reflections

Cremation Rules

Recently, the Vatican released a reminder and a clarification regarding the importance of treating the bodies of the deceased with proper reverence in light of our expectation of the Resurrection. The body is an essential element of a person and not just a shell for the soul, and thus the bodies of the dead cannot be thought of or treated as mere “things.” The practice of the Church from the beginning was to bury our dead intact in the ground or in tombs. This contrasted with the pagan practice in many places of burning or otherwise destroying the bodies of the dead; even martyrs who were dismembered or burned or devoured, the Church endeavored to bury what they could.

As Christianity became widespread in the culture, choosing old pagan funerary practices began to take on an additional layer of meaning: rejection of the Gospel. For most of Christian history, cremation was chosen as a final act of defiance by heretics and apostates who wanted to notoriously reject God and the hope of the Resurrection (as if to challenge God to resurrect a disintegrated body). Of course, because our bodies will naturally return to the dust from which we were made, in the Resurrection God will reconstruct most people’s bodies in any event; the division of a body cannot actually hurt the soul or prevent or impact the Resurrection, but nonetheless the Church has been insistent on intact bodily burial in all but the most exceptional cases. So, to combat heretical or apostate cremations, and to protect the consciences of the faithful, the Church enforced a penalty for those who willingly chose cremation: they would be denied a Christian funeral and could not be buried in Christian cemeteries.

However, in the last few decades, the Church has decided to allow more exceptions to the practice of bodily burial than in the past; while bodily burial is and will always be preferred, the Church tolerates situations were—without any apostate, heretical, or irreverent motives—a Christian or his family chooses to cremate his body for reasonable cause (usually issues of economics or the ability to transport and bury his remains elsewhere). However, the Church prefers that, if possible, the cremation be done after the funeral Mass, and she holds to the firm requirement that the cremated remains be treated in just the same way as the intact body would be (i.e. laid to rest intact); the Church also continues to deny Christian burial to anyone who asks to be cremated as a denial of belief in the Resurrection, or some other grave offense against the Faith or the Christian understanding of the body. So, a Catholic may be cremated, but he must direct his family, and his family must, entomb his ashes—all of them together—in one final resting place: No retaining them as permanent home decoration (respectful temporary retention for the purposes of arranging a future burial is tolerable), no dividing ashes for multiple burials or as keepsakes, no pressing ashes into artificial gemstones or making them into concrete sculptures, nor whatever other odd practice one might dream up, and absolutely no scattering them!

The recent Vatican document reminded us of all this. However, it also clarified that any of the irreverent practices I just mentioned (or any practices like them, whether connected to cremation or any other unorthodox disposition of one’s remains), should be understood as serious offenses against the Christian hope of the Resurrection and understanding of the body as integral to a person and more than just a “shell” for the soul. Thus, the Church has judged that those who direct their remains to be treated or disposed of in an irreverent manner is to be denied Funerary rites and Christian burial, just as those who choose cremation as an explicit final denial of the Resurrection.

As you make final arrangements, it is crucial to make your desire for a Funeral Mass and intact burial (or burial of ashes) explicit. Tell your kids you don’t care if they don’t want to observe the full Catholic rites: it’s your funeral, not theirs!

Happy Easter,
Fr Thompson

Ps To set people with less reverent next-of-kin at ease: if one’s family makes these choices against one’s wishes, a funeral would still be given, though perhaps not with the remains present.

Financial Stewardship

Week of April 24, 2022

Ordinary Income	St Columban	St Peter
Weekly Goal	\$5,762.00	\$712.00
Collection (Basket)	\$2,298.00	\$515.00
Online Giving	\$1,489.00	\$15.00
Net	(\$1,975.00)	(\$182.00)
Special Funds		
St Vincent DePaul	\$9.42	
Sacramentals		\$14.00
Flowers	\$10.00	
Building Fund	\$30.00	
Mass Intentions	\$90.00	
Rice Bowl	\$120.00	
CTSAC	Last Reported	14-Mar
3 Year Goal	\$307,368	\$54,327
Total Pledged	\$117,529	\$26,997

Annual Catholic Appeal

2022 Goal for St. Columban
\$24,555

2022 Goal for St. Peter
\$3,984

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Faith Formation

CHILDREN'S PRAYERS



For the 2021-2022 school year, the children in our Faith Formation program prayed an average of 474 prayers every week. Keep up the stellar work faithful young prayer warriors!

Prayer for the Mother of the Lord for all Mothers Mary, on this day when we honor all mothers, we turn to you. We thank the Lord whom you serve for the great gift of motherhood. Never has it been known that anyone who sought your intercession was left unaided by grace. Dear Mother, thank you for your "Yes" to the invitation of the angel who brought heaven to earth and changed human history. You opened yourself to God's word and the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us. Dear mother, intercede for all of our mothers. Ask your Divine Son to give them the grace of surrendered love so that they could join with you in giving their own "Fiat." May they find daily strength to say yes to the call to the sacrificial love- the very heart of the vocation of motherhood. May their love and witness be a source of great inspiration for all of us called to follow your Son. On this Mother's Day, Mother of the Word Incarnate, pray for us who have recourse to you... In the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Faith Formation: Grades K-12

- Classes have ended for the 2021-2022 catechetical year. Please look for registration opportunities in the fall.
 - Confirmation II students: please check your email for important updates on Confirmation.
- Please see the parish website for a complete class schedule.



RCIA is open to all adult learners and those seeking the Sacraments of initiation: Baptism, Eucharist, and/or Confirmation. Classes will resume in September. Contact Katie Hennigan for more information.
katie@saintcolumbanyelm.org
 360-458-3031x2 .



Please contact the parish office for more information, the latest updates, and schedule changes. Unless otherwise noted, all events are considered to be held at St. Columban.

May 9 Rosary Prayer Group

7:00PM St. Columban

May 10 Daily Mass

9:00AM St. Columban
In Memory of: Allyce Christine Fellers RIP

6:00PM Cantor Practice
 Church

6:30PM Spanish Prayer Group
 Parish Hall

May 11 Daily Mass

9:00AM St. Columban
In Memory of: Jeff Rogers RIP

May 12 Daily Mass

9:00AM St. Columban
In Memory of: Rebecca Wellington RIP

May 13 Daily Mass

9:00AM St. Columban
In Memory of: Mary Smith RIP

May 14 Confession

9AM-2PM Annual Outdoor Sale
 Parish Hall

3:30PM St. Columban
 5:00PM Vigil Mass

May 15 5th Sunday of Easter

ST. PETER MISSION TENINO
 7:30-7:45AM Confession
 8:00AM Mass

ST. COLUMBAN
 10:30AM Mass

In Our Prayers

Loving God, we join with others of your people here asking you to hold in Your hands all of our homebound brothers and sister and those who have asked for our prayers:

Jessica Nash

Paul Hennigan

Pam Henslee

Mary Taylor

Lindy Parse

Rose Montgomery

Cecelia Edgerton

Maria Teresa Siegemund

+ All those in harm's way.

+ For the people of the Ukraine

Rest In Peace

Maria Luisa Fregoso, Natalia Ortiz Oseguera

All the souls in purgatory, especially those who have no one to pray for them.

To add a name please contact the parish office.

All submissions must have permission from the named individual or an authorized family member for privacy purposes.

PARISH MINISTRIES

For more information or to sign-up to volunteer with any of these ministries, please contact the parish office.



Daughters of Mary
 St. Columban Catholic Church Yelm, WA
daughtersofmary@saintcolumbanyelm.org

May 10 Monthly Meeting
 10:00A Religious Ed Bldg

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 17152

May 18 Council Meeting
 6:00PM Parish Hall

May 14 Annual Outdoor Sale
 9AM-2PM Parish Hall/Parking Lot



St. Vincent de Paul

May 19 Monthly Meeting
 7:00PM Parish Hall



St. Peter's Circle

May 10 Monthly Meeting
 9:30AM St. Peter Mission/Tenino



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Cleaning the Church
 Every Thursday after Daily Mass

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 Every Tuesday after Daily Mass

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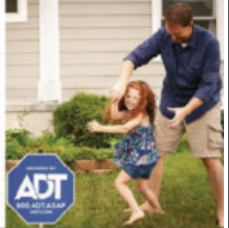


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