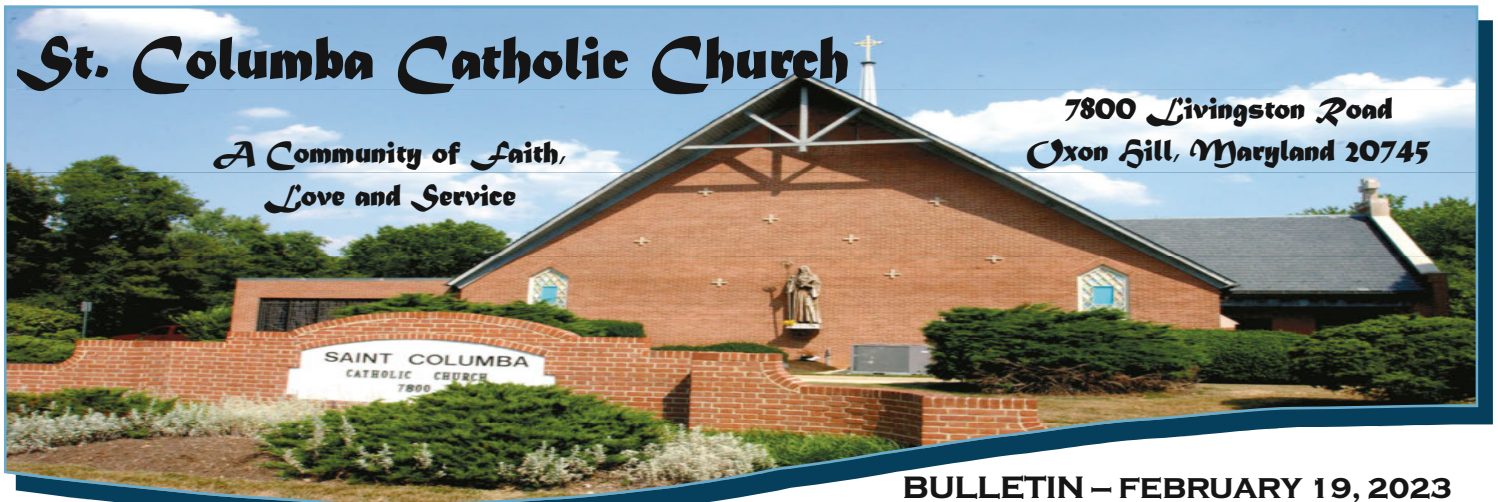


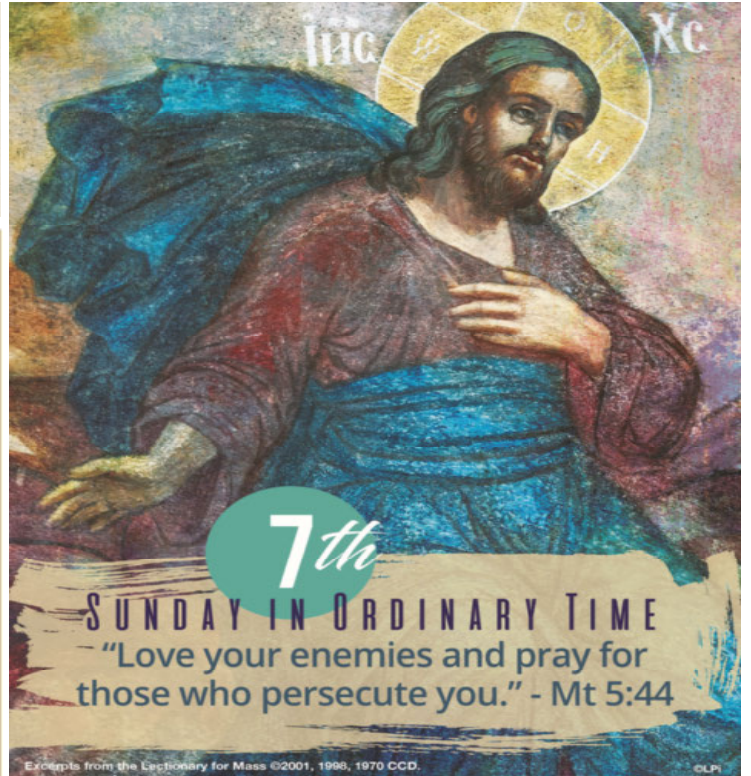
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BULLETIN – FEBRUARY 19, 2023



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil
4:00 p. m.

Sunday
8:00 & 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m.

First Saturday
Tagalog (Filipino)
(no Mass)

Weekdays
Monday—Friday
(No Mass on Wednesday Morning)
8:15 a.m.
Saturdays
9:00 a.m.

Mass and Novena
Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Wednesdays
7:00 p.m.

First Friday
8:15 a.m.
7:00 p.m. (no Mass)

Adoration
Wednesdays
6:00—6:45 p.m.
First Friday
9:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.

Confessions
Saturdays
2:30—3:30 p.m. or by appointment

Rosary
Monday—Friday
7:25 a.m.

No Coffee Social time
until further notice

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Rev. Gary T. Villanueva

Deacon
Deacon Robert Villanueva

Parish Accountant
Diane Alexander

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Leah Flores

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Sr. Emily Bautista, MCST

Parish School of Religion
Coordinator:
Sr. Luzviminda Domingo, MCST

Director of Music
Ministry
Rebecca Bautista

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Benny Ramos

Fr. Dewan Hall
Coordinator
TBA

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Christine Patton

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BAPTISM

Please call the Parish Office for information and to schedule Baptism Preparation Class.

BAPTISM AND SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR OLDER CHILDREN

Please contact the Parish School of Religion, Sr. Luzviminda Domingo, MCST at 301-567-6113.

MATRIMONY

Please contact the Parish Office at least six months prior to a proposed wedding date to speak with a priest. Reservation of the church is required before other preparations such as receptions are made.

ANOIDING OF THE SICK/ COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Please contact the Parish Office



"You have heard that it was said, You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy. But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father." - Mt 5:43-45a

REFLECTIONS SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Of all the things Jesus says which seem totally bat-crazy, this one might take the cake: "But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you." An enemy is someone who desires the destruction of you, your projects, or those you care about. To love and pray for them is to want their health, strength, and flourishing. But if they thrive, they are more likely to hurt you and others. So, aren't you indirectly willing your own destruction, or that of your friends? If you doubt that this problem is embedded in this teaching, when was the last time you actually prayed honestly for the people you really hate?

How can we solve this riddle so we might actually live this command? Recall that enemy-love is the surest sign that you love someone with God's love, and not with indirect egotism. After all, if my love for my enemy ends up hurting me or my loved ones, it can't be for me. Enemy-love costs more because there are no tit-for-tats. No reciprocity — just loved poured out, and often pain in return. That's why it is so precious and rare. "What is unusual about that?" asks the Lord about love for our friends. Jesus wants us to experience the unusual love which only comes from him.

When Jesus was being killed on the cross, he was loving his executioners. In fact, he was holding them in being as they nailed him to the cross. He loved those who were spiritually piercing his Mother's heart, while they were doing it. And when he rose from the dead, he showed us that this kind of love is always worth it. It's stronger than death. Real love is unusual.

— Father John Muir

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 19, 2023

Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/
Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13
(8a)/1 Cor 3:16-23/
Mt 5:38-48

Monday: Sir 1:1-10/Ps 93:1ab,
1cd-2, 5/Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11/Ps 37:3-4,
18-19, 27-28, 39-40/
Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4,
5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/
2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6,
16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2,
3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4,
5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/
Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/
Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/
Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17
(see 3a)/Rom 5:12-19
or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Our Sick and Suffering

Especially Simon Perez, Jr. (15Jan23). Rachel Fisher, Abe & Tess Samoy, Ellamae Hulsey, Jeanne Pike, Grace Macaranas (22Jan23). Violeta dela Pena, Charles & Elizabeth McClain (29Jan23). Mary Ann Flores, Gloria King (02Feb23).

Our Beloved Dead

Especially Katherine Santos, Mamerto Sevilla, Paul Aquino, Edsel Basco, Leonila Baes, Harvey Tabion, Alejandro Smith, Edsel Basco, Melba Montenegro, Armando Bassiwa, Theresa & Norman Busada.



Monday, February 20

8:15 a.m. +Mercedes Quimen

Tuesday, February 21

8:15 a.m. +Juliana Perez

Wednesday, February 22

8:15 a.m. St. Columba Parishioners

7:00 p.m. +Edmon De Castro

Thursday, February 23

8:15 a.m. +Bonnie Bell

Friday, February 24

8:15 a.m. +Daniel Castillo

Saturday, February 25

9:00 a.m. +Robert Pulos

4:00 p.m. +St. Columba Parishioners

Sunday, February 26

8:00 a.m. Bessiemelda

Ancanan (Birthday)

10:00 a.m. Arthur &

Josephine Giacalone

12:00 p.m. +Michael Scribner

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY INCLUDING:

Tiffany Williams; Peter John Ifurung; PFC Mark J. Venancio; Andrew Alexander; Lt. Victor Barba; 1st Lt Peter Agboli; Krystol Dudley; Christian Samoy; Derrell Thomas Jahaira Best; Kevin Myers; Delange Monks, Marquette Young, Noel Dienzo, Kevin Neri, AJ Semilla.

PRAY

"Love your enemies
and pray for those
who persecute you."

MATTHEW 5:44

**SCHOOL NEWS, EVANGELIZATION, CHRISTIAN FORMATION, ADMINISTRATIONS,
STEWARDSHIP AND SERVICE**



**ST. COLUMBA SCHOOL IS NOW
ENROLLING FOR THE 2023-24
SCHOOL YEAR**

Applications for the 2023-2024 Archdiocese of Washington Tuition Assistance Program are now being accepted through 12/2/22 for returning families, and through 2/18/23 for new families. Please note that all families requesting any financial aid from St. Columba School must complete an application. The link may be found on our website www.stccatholic.org.



**WEDNESDAY,
FEBRUARY 22, 2023**

**MASSES
8:15 A.M.
7:00 P.M.**

The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington
Invites all of you to the Archdiocesan Celebration of
**Feast of
SAN PEDRO
CALUNGSOD**
on March 26, 2023
ST. COLUMBA CATHOLIC CHURCH
7804 Livingston, Oxon Hill, Maryland, 20745

PROGRAMME
2:30 P.M. Holy Rosary
3:00 Holy Eucharist
Main Celebrant and Homilist:
His Excellency
Bishop Eusebio Martinez-Ayala
4:00 Blessing of the Fish
4:30 Fellowship / Agape

"Life that is offered To God, Faith that is proclaimed"

RSVP: For Pre-registration, kindly contact the following:
Contact Person: Sr. Emily Bautista, MCST (Email: emily524@yahoo.com)
Sr. Luz Domingo, MCST (Email: stcolumba@yahoo.com)
Rey Regis (Email: rhregis@yahoo.com)
Leah Flores (Contact No. 301-567-5506)

Kindly cut and return this slip via email or send thru email:
Pre-Registration (RSVP)
Number of parishioner coming: _____
Parish: _____ Address: _____
Contact Person: _____ Contact No. _____
Email Address: _____

PARISH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

If you already pledged and opted for electronic bank or credit card withdrawals, please set-up your account through Parish Giving. Visit www.stcolumbathcatholicchurch.net and click the Parish Giving link. For assistance, please call the parish office at 301-567-5506. Thank you for your support.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN STATUS

Total Amount Goal:
\$860,000.00

Amount collected as of

December 2022: \$3,841.00

IS GOSSIP A SIN?

Question: Is gossip a mortal sin?

Answer: To really ask this question, we must consider the Eighth Commandment: "You shall not bear false witness."

In its reflections on this commandment, The Catechism of the Catholic Church invites us to not only think about what bearing "false witness" means, but to also consider how we understand the truth and how we communicate more broadly. This is why so much of this section of the Catechism has to do with the gift of language. With this in mind, we will notice that the word "gossip" isn't used by the Catechism. Instead, we find the words "detraction" and "calumny," which are actually two forms that gossip can take, and both can be quite serious.

First, detraction is the of revealing "another's faults and failings to persons who did not know them," without morally valid reasons. Calumny, by extension, is saying something about another person that is untrue, and it is sinful because it "harms the reputation of others and gives occasion for false judgements" (see no. 2477).

In all of our communication, we have to always recognize that we have a moral obligation to the truth and to always work to protect the reputation and honor of our neighbors (see no. 2479).

Gossip can, in fact, prove to be a very serious sin. After all, the Catechism reminds us: "No one is bound to reveal the truth to someone who does not have the right to know it" (no. 2489). When we have gossiped, especially if we are aware we have damaged another person's good name or reputation, we want to make every effort to undo the damage we have done, including seeking the grace and forgiveness offered in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

COLLECTIONS

SUNDAY OFFERING

Month of January 2023
\$36,823.00

COMPARISON

Month of January 2023
\$28,968.00

YEAR-TO-DATE (UPDATED)

2023 \$255,353.00
2022 239,426.00

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CAPITAL CAMPAIGN REPORT

CONTRACTORS	EXPENDITURES
Architect Leuterio Thomas	\$58,313.00
Builder Nastos Construction	\$828,156.00
Permits Prince George's County	\$4,750.00
Monitoring (fire/ emergencies) Siemens Industry, Inc.	\$6,327.00
Plumbing Repairs B McCall	\$420.00
Total	\$897,966.00
Income Capital Campaign	\$731,045.00
Shortfall	\$166,920.00

VOCATIONS CORNER

Please continue to pray for our fellow parishioner who is aspiring for Holy Orders.

Seminarian Chukwuma Collins Odigwe is currently studying Theology in The Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome, Italy.

Let us continue to pray for more vocations to the priesthood, the permanent diaconate and the religious life. If you know of anyone who feels such a calling, please give them encouragement and advise them to speak with Fr. Gary or any of the MCST sisters.

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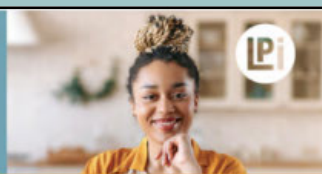
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