



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil 5:00 p. m. Sunday

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

First Sunday Filipino Mass 4:00 p.m.

Weekdays Monday—Friday 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.

Adoration Wednesdays 6:00—6:45 p.m. First Friday 9:00 a.m.—5:45 p.m.

Confessions Saturdays 3:30—4:30 p.m. or by appointment

> Rosary Monday—Friday 7:25 a.m.

Coffee Social every first Sunday of the month

Parish and School Staff

Pastor Rev. Gary T. Villanueva

Deacon

Deacon Robert Villanueva

Parish Accountant
Diane Alexander

Parish Admin. Assistant Leah Flores

Parish Youth Ministry Coordinator/Admin. Help Sr. Emily Bautista, MCST

Parish School of Religion Coordinator:

Sr. Luzviminda Domingo, MCST

Director of Music Ministry Rebecca Bautista

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Parish Council Chair Benny Ramos

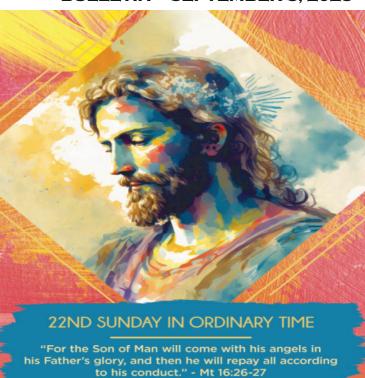
Fr. Dewan Hall Coordinator TBA

School Principal Jennifer Whelan

School Bookkeeper Nicole Vickers

School Admin. Assistant Jordan Lobo

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BAPTISMS

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.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK/ COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Please contact the Parish Office

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"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange for his life?" - Mt 16:24b-26

REFLECTIONS TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isn't it easy to relate to Peter? One moment Jesus announces Peter's deep communion with God the Father. The very next, when he rejects the logic of Jesus' suffering and death, Jesus calls Peter Satan. We Christians shouldn't be too shocked when we experience both spiritual highs and lows, when we perceive breathtaking contradictions in our hearts.

Like the great apostle, you and I are recipients of unfathomable graces. God dwells in us, calls his beloved children, and takes care of our every need. And we also continually fail to embrace our sufferings with trust in Jesus. We know the truth of the creed, but we easily scorn the weight of the cross.

The good news is that, like Peter, we are never abandoned by the Lord even at our worst moments. Peter will eventually learn the beauty of the cross when he is willingly crucified. But it took time for him to get there. And it takes time for us, too. This week let's not be too shocked at these divisions in our hearts but accept them and patiently seek to be more obedient to Jesus' cross-shaped plan for us.

— Father John Muir

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (2b)/ Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27 Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/ Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12,

13/Lk 4:16-30 **Tuesday:** 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/ Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/

Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/ Ps 52:10, 11/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: Col 1:9-14/ Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/ Lk 5:1-11

Friday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Saturday: Col 1:21-23/ Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8/ Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/ Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/ Rom 13:8-10/ Mt 18:15-20

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Our Sick and Suffering

Especially Patria Palacios, Severino Benzon (13Aug23). Simon Perez, Jr., Rachel Fisher, Tess Samoy, Ellamae Hulsey, Jeanne Pike, Cathy McGarrigan, Grace Macaranas, Violeta dela Pena, Charles McClain (27Aug23). Mary Ann Flores, Gloria King, Vivian Pane, Angelia-Marie Mathis (3Sept23).

Our Beloved Dead

Especially Concepcion Bravo, Brian P. Smith, Virginia Moran, Matilde de Bodmer, Rogelio David, Venerando Dinglasa, Margaret Galeng, Jacob Paguio, Mother Teodora Juan. Aaron Egana, Edgardo Hernandez, Priscilla Matute, Jimmy Legaspi, Severino Benzon, Lydia Paz Cruz.



Monday, September 4

8:15 a.m. Lily Rubio (Birthday)

<u>Tuesday, September 5</u> 8:15 a.m. Gavin Ramilo (Birthday)

Wednesday, September 6

8:15 a.m. No Morning Mass

7:00 p.m.. Mr. & Mrs. Gerardo Manaloto (Thanksgiving)

Thursday, September 7

8:15 a.m. +John, Ruth, Yvonne Ronald Harley **Friday, September 8**

8:15 a.m. +Dolores Castillo Saturday, September 9

9:00 a.m. +June Thomas 5:00 p.m. Robert & Debbie Rubio (Anniversary)

Sunday, September 10

8:00 a.m. St. Columba Parishioners 10:00 a.m. +Guisepe LoMedico 12:00 p.m. +Nicholas \$ Regina Cabillas

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY INCLUDING:

Especially Tiffany Williams; Peter John Ifurung; PFC Mark J. Venancio: Andrew Alexander; Lt. Victor Barba; 1st Lt Peter Agboli; Krystol Dudly: Christian Samoy; Derrell Thomas Jahaira Best; Kevin Myers; Delange Monks, Marquette Young, Capt. Daryll Garcia.



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



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

We are currently conducting in person tour of our school. Come and see what we are all about. Call today for more information. Contact the School Office at 301-567-6212 ext. 4 and visit our school website at www.stccatholic.org.

PARISH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

If you already pledged and opted for electronic bank or credit card withdrawals. Please set-up your account through Parish Giving. Go to www.stcolumbcatholic.net and click the Parish Giving link. If you need help, 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 in July 2023: \$2,747.00

COLLECTIONS

SUNDAY OFFERING

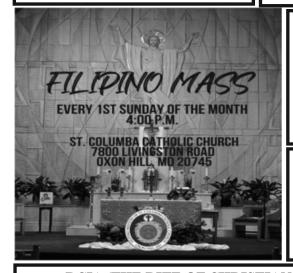
Month of July 2023 \$34,837.00

COMPARISON

Month of July 2022 \$33,841.00

YEAR-TO-DATE (UPDATED) JULY 1, 2022 - JUNE 30, 2023 \$400,359.00 JULY 1, 2021 - JUNE 30, 2022 \$394,882.00

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BIBLE STUDY

St. John's Gospel begins on Wednesday, September 6 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. (Chapel) 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. (Father Dewan Hall)

SODALITY MEETING

Our Lady of Divine Sodality will resume monthly meetings September 3rd @9:30am in the School Library.

RCIA (THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS)

Do you know someone who is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith? Perhaps you are thinking about what it means to be called to the Catholic way of life. The Church has a process called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) whereby adults can learn and discern whether to become Catholic Christians. The process leads an unbaptized adult to his or her baptism, usually at the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday. If the adult has been baptized in another Christian tradition, then the process prepares the person to be received into the Catholic Church by making a profession of faith as a Catholic. The process also prepares the way for someone who was baptized in the Catholic Church to receive First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Here at Saint Columba, the RCIA meets on Saturday mornings at 9:30 AM until 11:00 AM beginning in September and continuing into June. Each morning we explore a different topic with lecture/discussion facilitated by one of the RCIA team members. Our goal is to help you on your spiritual journey as you come to know Jesus through the Scriptures, the teachings of the Catholic Church, prayer and worship, and the community of Saint Columba. You will be accompanied on your journey by a Catholic sponsor, usually a friend, who is there to help answer questions and support you. To know more about the RCIA process, call the Parish Office at 301-567-5506 or call Mike Maxey at 301-536-1543.

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 Saint John Paul II Seminary, Washington, D. C.

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 Father Gary or any of the MCST sisters.

PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING (go to www.parishgiving.org/index or

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