



ST. COLUMBA CATHOLIC PARISH

We are a Eucharist-centered community called to enable, strengthen, and encourage each other to live out our vocation as the Body of Christ.

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Fifth Century Mosaic
at the Church of the Multiplication of Loaves and Fishes
Tabgha, Israel

Regular Mass Schedule

Tuesday - Friday 7:30am

Saturday 5:00pm

Sunday 9:00am & 11:30am
5:30pm at Vallecito Resort

**Join us Monday at 7:30 am
for Morning Prayer**

**and Tuesday through Friday
at 7:15am for Morning Prayer
before morning Mass at 7:30 am
in the church**

Parish Staff

Pastor: Fr. Kevin F. Novack
Deacon Stephen Johnson
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Maintenance: Fabian Mendez
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Reconciliation Saturday 4:00pm and by appointment.

Communion for the sick or homebound may be requested by calling the parish office.

Becoming a Catholic: the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is for adults who have never been baptized or are from another Christian faith tradition. Contact Judy Sturdevant

Preparation for Baptism, 1st Communion, Confirmation, 1st Reconciliation and Marriage requires regular participation in Sunday Mass, registered in the parish for a minimum of six months, and participation in preparation gatherings. Contact the parish office for information.

Marriage preparation requires a minimum of nine months before the wedding. Contact Fr. Kevin F. Novack.

New Parishioners If you would like to become a St. Columba parishioner simply fill out a registration form, found in the vestibule of the church, on the website, or from the parish office.

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time—July 26, 2015



Dear Parishioners,

The story of the Multiplication of the Loaves and Fishes occurs six times in the four gospels (Matthew and Mark have two stories each). It is one of those powerfully significant events that must have captured the imagination and the hearts of the early Christian community and became an important paradigm for their own Eucharistic celebrations and their understanding of what it means to be followers of Jesus. A large crowd, a shortage of resources, and the desire to be free of the responsibility of others, lead the disciples to want to avoid the potential problem. They seek to go around it, and Jesus wants them to go right into the mess, with a profound trust in the providence of God. The fear of scarcity of resources often leads us to want to avoid the issues. How can we possibly be concerned about the serious social issues that face our world, or even the struggles of our neighbors? Such issues are too big for us, too complicated, and too deeply embedded in the very structure of things. And yet, the Christian has to be confident in what God can do with what little may be brought forward. Our resources might seem insignificant in the light of the scope of the problems, but in the act of entrusting them, putting them into the hands of Jesus, we believe that something great can happen. Did the boy with the five barley loaves and two fishes offer them to Jesus, or did the disciples discover him with his lunch, and coerce him to give it over? I like to think that a small person with small resources made an enormously important gesture and did not hold back, and because of one small act of generosity, a multitude was fed. I believe that such miracles happen today through the power of Christ. We are challenged to be generous and courageous enough to let go of what is precious to us and offer it to God. In that way, we too can feed a multitude. We continue to know him in the breaking of the bread.

WORSHIP COMMISSION

Welcome new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and those being recommissioned.

On Sunday August 2, at the 9:00am Mass we will commission and recommission the following people into this liturgical ministry. We thank them for their willingness to serve our parish family or within the jail ministry or sick and homebound: Kathy Huber, Mary Mullen, Janet DeFratus, Marti Genge, Geri Weber, Rod Weber, Pat Petersen and Paul Petersen.



Sunday Evening Mass is celebrated at Vallecito Resort (13030 CR 501, Bayfield) for the summer months at 5:30pm. All are welcome to attend. If you are a liturgical minister and intend to come to this Mass, contact Judy (247-0044) if you would like to help.

Friday, August 7 (4:30 to 6:30pm) the church will be open for prayer and adoration.

Each hour will have reflective music for a brief time. At 6:00 we will have evening prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours and conclude with Benediction. Please join us at any time during these 2 hours, stay as long as you can. We are asked to “pray without ceasing”. We must hope and trust in the power of prayer and time spent with Our Lord, our savior, and the giver of all gifts!

COMMUNITY LIFE COMMISSION

FAITH IN ACTION

Pray for the sick of our parish:

For the sick & injured: Clarence Abeyta, Rose Archuletta, Barbara Ealick, Genevieve Larson, James Mead, Margaret Ann Merry, Therese Michels, and Chapman Sanford

For our family and friends: Erin Casey and Jo Weger

For those grieving the loss of: Carlene Finlay and John Jerome (Jeff) Morrissey

For our troops: Michael Abeyta-Griego, PJ Abeyta, Adam Beach, Brian Beach, Bert Close, DJ Cummins, Ben Fiala, Kraig Jones, AJ Meiers, Matthew Petersen, Chuck Sauvage, Hunter Schlemeyer and Luke Wood



FAITH FORMATION COMMISSION

BREAD OF LIFE: EUCHARIST! OUR LIFE!

The five Sunday Gospels of July 26 – August 23, 2015 are a continual reading of Jesus' teaching on the Bread of Life from chapter 6 of John's Gospel. This discourse ('teaching') provides us the opportunity to explore the meaning of the Eucharist in a much more focused way. On the five Wednesday evenings preceding these Sundays, as a part of Scripture study, I would like to offer to our parishioners a more in-depth presentation of what the Eucharist means in our Catholic tradition. Eucharist is the heart of our lives, but most Catholics are unfamiliar with the wealth of its true significance and meaning. I hope you will put aside these five Wednesday evenings to come to a greater understanding and appreciation of this 'Gift of God', **beginning July 22** (6:30 – 8:30pm). During these five weeks, Friday morning Scripture Study, "It's Greek To Me," will not be held so as to make the most of our Wednesday evening sessions. -- Fr. Kevin

Wednesday July 29 readings: John 6:24-35 Exodus 16:2-4,12-15 Ephesians 4:17,20-24

RCIA: RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS INQUIRY

Do you want to know about the Catholic faith? Do you (or someone you know) desire or feel called to become Catholic?

Come to an information session, questions and answers, regarding the process of catechesis and the journey into our faith on **Saturday, August 15** (9:00-10:30am) in the parish center. Share with others your desire to know Jesus through scripture and the Catholic Church.

OUTREACH COMMISSION



Bill Pearce St. Columba Adopt-a-Student Golf Fundraiser Sunday, August 16 Tee Times 11:00am—1:00pm Contact Hillcrest Golf Club to Register (247-1499)



Join us for an afternoon with family, friends, and community to come together and enjoy an afternoon of golf, food, prizes, and fellowship on behalf of students who attend St. Columba School.

Fees: Hillcrest Member—\$65.00 / Non-Member—\$90.00

(Includes greens fee, cart fee, lunch, prizes, and a donation to the Adopt-a-Student Foundation)

For more information contact Doris Pearce (247-3567, Gary Pearce (928-821-3080)
Or Kevin Chick (247-5527).

Silent Meadows, A Place of Prayer offers Spiritual Day Retreats for adults.

Prayerfulness, the Parable of the Sower: Saturday, August 1: Reflecting on ways we can nurture the soil of our hearts through the word of God, accepting the generosity of God's seeds of grace.

\$40.00 fee includes breakfast and lunch. To register contact Mary Ann (759-2833). More info is available on the website (www.silentmeadowsretreat.com).



Help us to keep our parish address book current: with everything from email addresses to cell phones changing frequently, we appreciate your assistance. If you have recently changed any of the following information,

already in our data system, telephone Cathy, church secretary (247-0044), email us at parishoffice@stcolumbacatholic.org or log onto our website (www.stcolumbacatholic.org), click on the "Parishioner Update Form" link and update your information. *Thank you!*

Registered Parishioner Data Update

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

***Does St. Columba have your email address?
We have been notifying parishioners of
different happenings through email. If you
haven't received an email message, call the
church office and have Cathy add your email
address to our database.***

PARISH CALENDAR

Wednesday 29

- 6:30pm Bread of Life Discourse

Thursday 30

- 6:00am That Man is You
- 6:30pm Leadership Forum

Saturday 1

- 4:00pm Reconciliation

Sunday 2

- 5:30pm Evening Mass at Vallecito Resort

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday 27: Exodus 32:15-24,30-34

Matthew 13:31-35

Tuesday 28: Exodus 33:7-11;34:5b-9,28

Matthew 13:36-43

Wednesday 29: Exodus 34:29-35 Luke 10:38-42

Thursday 30: Exodus 40:16-21,34-38

Matthew 13:47-53

Friday 31: Leviticus 23:1,4-11,15-16,27,34b-37

Matthew 13:54-58

Saturday 1/ Sunday 2: Exodus 16:2-4,12-15

Ephesians 4:17,20-24 John 6:24-35

ELECTRONIC OFFERTORY GIVING

If you are traveling, and would like to make an offertory donation to St. Columba, you are invited to consider the convenience and safety of electronic giving. Donations may be made directly from an individual bank account or VISA/MasterCard, as determined by the donor. Visit the parish website (www.stcolumbacatholic.org, click the "Online Giving" button) or telephone the parish office (247-0044).



MASS INTENTIONS

27 Monday 7:30am

Morning Prayer

28 Tuesday 7:30am

+ John Carroll rq William Carroll

29 Wednesday 7:30am *Saint Martha*

12:00 Mercy Regional Medical Center Chapel

+ Fury and Alvene Dalla rq Theresa Marcum

30 Thursday 7:30am *Saint Peter Chrysologus*

31 Friday 7:30am *Saint Ignatius of Loyola*

1 Saturday 5:00pm *Saint Alphonsus Liguori*

Richard Gallavan rq Ward and Rita Lee

2 Sunday 9:00am 18th Sunday in OT

Parishioners

11:30am

+ Leslie Blohm rq Beverly Lopez

+ Mae Dalla Rq Beverly Lopez

5:30 pm Vallecito Resort

+ Fury and Alvene Dalla rq Theresa Marcum

STEWARDSHIP

Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD your God which he has given you. Deuteronomy 16:17

July 19 Offertory: \$7,893.57

* includes electronic donations through July 17

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ALTAR CLEANERS APPEAL

We currently have an **urgent need for more volunteers including a critical need for the month of August** when there are no volunteers scheduled. Just an hour or two for four weeks, in a team of two, will fill the need for August. Days and times are flexible. Duties include light dusting, replacing votive candles, cleaning liturgical candle followers. This ministry provides a special time for volunteers to enjoy private moments of reflection. For a complete list of tasks and more information, contact Myriam Palmer (375-0804 or mharp4@bresnan.net).

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PARISH TITHING

The foundational call of Christians to charity is a frequent theme of the Gospels. St Columba Parish takes this to heart and shares 10% of our annual parish envelope offerings in outreach to others as a way of sharing God's unconditional love. The allocation of funds to local, regional, national, and international needs is considered prayerfully each quarter and as necessary by the Life Team. The Life Team's purpose is to integrate Catholic social mission into every aspect of parish life. If you would be interested in knowing more about the "tithing fund" and the Life Team please contact Donna Rheault (259-6711).

June donations approved by Parish Council:

1. \$1,000 for Special Olympics Colorado
2. \$2,000 for Disabled Veterans Council to go toward purchase of a new van
3. \$500 Durango Alzheimers Association
4. \$1,350 Ministry against the Death Penalty
5. \$1,350 Engineers without Borders for water projects

BE INFORMED: ACCESS TO INFORMATION

In addition to periodic letters sent directly to parishioner homes, St. Columba Parish works to reach parishioners with current information through a variety of communication sources:

The weekly bulletin provides information to assist parishioners in navigating the coming weeks.

The website (www.stcolumbacatholic.org) has expanded information to inform and educate, with links to valuable Catholic resources.

The Facebook page (St. Columba Parish Durango) provides frequent reminder announcements about upcoming events, pictures and news updates.

The school website (stcolumbaschooldurango.org) features current news.

Parish members are encouraged to access each of these outlets to expand their knowledge of and engagement in the life of the parish.



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