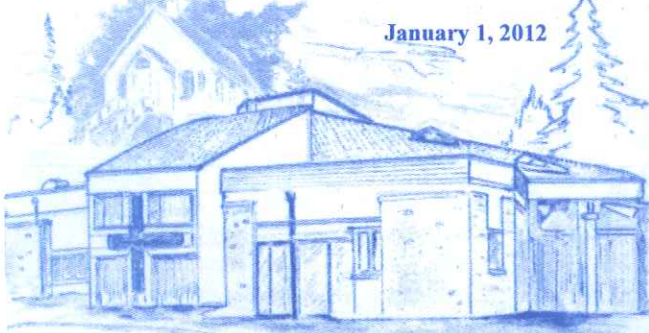


ST. THERESA'S PARISH

St. Theresa's invites all to follow Jesus Christ by celebrating the sacraments and building a diverse community"

January 1, 2012



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Fr. Leonardo Pestano, Parochial Vicar
Fr. Gilberto Mora-Tapia, Parochial Vicar
Deacon Dave Jones

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5 PM (English); 7 PM (Spanish)
 Sunday: 8:30 & 11:00 AM; 5PM Youth Mass
 Weekdays/Holy Days: As Announced

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 4 PM until all are heard
 Also, any time by appointment.

Chapel is open from 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM daily.

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Faith in Action

Lynn Weinman (253) 952-5152

Spiritual Life & Worship

Denise Lichty (253) 952-4314

Sacrament of Baptism

If you are expecting a baby or have an infant to be baptized, contact Micie DelosReyes at (253)838-5924, ext. 304 to make an appointment at least three months prior to the next scheduled session. Infant Baptism classes are held six times a year.

Marriage Preparation

For those who have not been married before, at least 6 months notice is required. For those who have been married, a longer period is required for annulment purposes. (Call Linda DeMarce, (253)838-5924, ext#307.

Committees

Christian Formation

Women's Fellowship	Karin Garton	(253) 941-1434
Faith Sharing Comm.	Mary Ann Bartholomew	(253) 927-4527
Adult Initiation	Mary Morrison	(253) 927-6838

Faith in Action

Eucharist For Sick	Mary Ann Earles	(253) 838-1486
Grief Ministry	Bernie Jacobs	(253) 927-2766
Fusion/Joseph Foundation	Peggy LaPorte	(253) 927-1904
Sandwich Ministry	Laurie Fiorito	(253) 719-8496
Nativity House	Ron Vandenberg	(253) 835-0212
	Bill Michaud	(253) 719-8550
Tithing Committee	Rita Keough	(253) 838-6218
Social Justice	Jim Harnish	(253) 927-6019
SVDP Assistance Line	St Vincent de Paul	(206) 767-6449
SVDP Membership	Virginia/Joe Roni	(253) 838-8919
SVDP Food Bank	Patti White	(253) 437-6061
Prayer Line	Mary Schindler	(253) 952-8585

StTheresaPrayerLine@hotmail.com

Reach Out	Nancy Jaenicke	(253) 973-1962
Faith in Light	Mary Margaret DeLorenzo	(253) 927-5558

Spiritual Life and Worship

Altar Servers	Catherine DeCastro	(253) 569-9828
Art and Environment	Teresa Tillman	(253) 924-0729
Coffee and Donuts	Tom Smith	(253) 381-9314
Eucharistic Ministers	Lisa Seabolt	(253) 568-0883
Altar Society	Carmela DeCastro	(253) 653-6437
Hospitality	Angel Quant	(253) 661-2355
Lectors	Mike Radford	(253) 735-4474
	Cynthia Kadoshima	(253) 927-8178

Other

Facility	Bob Dahl	(253) 838-9873
Knights of Columbus	Gene Victor	(253) 952-3916
Senior's Group	Pat Smith	(253) 924-1727
Gethsemane Catholic Cemetery		(253) 927-3350

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**Sunday, January 1st***Happy New Year 2012!*

- Masses—8:30, 11:00AM; No 5PM Youth Mass
- No Faith Formation
- No Life Teen Program

Monday, January 2nd

- Parish Office Closed in Observance of the Holiday

Tuesday, January 3rd

- Parish Office Reopens

Wednesday, January 4th

- Women's Fellowship Resumes 9:30AM (Narthex Room)
- 6PM Mass
- Sandwich Drop Off 5-7PM
- Baptismal Preparation 7PM (Overflow Room)
- Adult Initiation 7PM (Narthex Room)

Thursday, January 5th

- 9AM Mass
- Quinceanera Prep 5:30PM (Parish Hall)
- Confirmation Preparation 6PM (Overflow Room)
- Spanish Mass 7PM

Friday, January 6th

- First Friday 9AM Mass & Adoration
- Senior's Coffee and Donuts (Parish Hall)
- Edge Program Resumes 7PM (Parish Hall)

Saturday, January 7th

- Sacrament of Reconciliation 4PM
- Masses 5PM (English), 7PM (Spanish)
- All Parish Clothing Drive Begins (Women's Clothing) (All Masses)
- Signups begin for Parish Directory begins (All Masses)

Sunday, January 8th

- Masses—8:30, 11:00AM; 5PM Youth Mass
- All Parish Clothing Drive Begins (Women's Clothing) (All Masses)
- Signups for Parish Directory Begins (All Masses)
- Faith Formation Resumes
- Life Teen Program Resumes

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** 1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Jn 1:29-34
Wednesday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42
Thursday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Jn 1:43-51
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Mk 1:7-11 or
 Lk 3:23-38 [23, 31-34, 36, 38]
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 2:1-11
Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6;
 Mt 2:1-12

FAITH FORMATION
 Children *** Adults and Family *** Youth

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY****Elementary Faith Formation Classes:****January 8th—Class 10****First Eucharist/Communion Classes:****(For both Parents and Candidates (grades 2-12))****Jan 8th—1-2:30pm Parent Orientation Meeting; Jan 22nd
11am Enrollment Liturgy at Mass**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: The next Baptismal celebration (for infants up to 7 years old) is scheduled on January 15, 2012, Saturday at the 5pm Mass. The baptismal classes for parents and godparents are scheduled on 1/04/12 and 1/11/12. Please call and register at the parish office prior to attending the classes.

ADULT CONFIRMATION: If you are baptized Catholic (19 years and over) who have received the Sacraments of Eucharist and Reconciliation and who wish to reaffirm their faith through preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation, contact Micie in the parish office to make an appointment to register into this program before the first session. Classes are held two Wednesdays a month starting with 1st session on January 25th through April with the celebration of the sacrament in early May.

YOUTH MINISTRY**LIFETEEN:**

Life Teen Resumes on Sunday, January 8th at 6PM in the Parish Hall.

EDGE:

Edge program resumes on Friday, January 6th at 6PM in the Parish Hall.

YOUTH MASS:

Youth Mass resumes on Sunday, January 8th at 5PM. All are welcome. Please join us!

Offer a welcoming spirit...sponsor a new Catholic

As you sit in Church each Sunday, listening to the Good News of the day, do you see Jesus in the person sitting next to you? Can you feel the Holy Spirit working upon their soul? What if that person was wondering if the Catholic Church was the place for them? Would you answer the call to help them? Every week, there are several inquirers among us who need direction, support and love as they begin to learn more about the Catholic Church, and what it could mean to them.. They're looking for guides within our Parish, someone to walk with them on their journey. Perhaps the time is right for you to become a sponsor. For more information about sponsoring new Catholics, contact Mary Morrison at 253-927-6838; For more information about becoming Catholic or reconnecting with the Catholic Church, contact the Parish Office.

FROM THE DESK OF LINDA DEMARCE**MASSES THIS WEEK**

Masses this week will be celebrated on Wednesday at 6PM, Thursday and Friday at 9AM

NEW YEARS EVE AND NEW YEARS DAY MASSES

We will observe our normal Mass schedule on Saturday, December 31st with Mass at 5PM (English), 7PM (Spanish). Sunday, January 1st (Solemnity of Mary) (Holy Day of Obligation), Masses will be at 8:30AM, 11AM. There is no 5PM Youth Mass

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

The office will also be closed on Monday, January 2nd, reopening on Tuesday, January 3rd. If there is an emergency either due to a serious illness, or someone has died, please call the parish office and our after hours emergency service will be able to get in touch with me so that we can aid in the situation.

ST. THERESA'S ANNUAL CLOTHING DRIVE

Our Faith in Action Commission will be planning and implementing this year's Annual Clothing Drive. The clothing drive will begin on the weekend of January 7th/8th. Please refer to the bulletin insert in this week's bulletin for more detailed information. Start the cleaning process, and clean out your closets, wherever you might have gently used clean clothing that is no longer needed. Please put them in plastic bags, and bring to church on the designated days. Thank you parishioners of St. Theresa.

WINTER WEATHER

Just a reminder that the cold and winter weather is upon us. If we experience snow and ice the parish follows the same schedule as the Federal Way School District. If there is a delay in the schools, the parish office will be delayed in opening. If the schools are closed, the parish office will be closed and there will not be any daily Masses or meetings. If there is snow and or ice on the weekend, Masses will take place as scheduled. You may call the parish office at any time if you are unsure about what is taking place and what is not taking place. We can access the parish office line, and update as necessary. We will be working to get the same process for our parish website. Also, if you are able, please help out at the weekend Masses if there is an ice issue. There are ice compounds and shovels in the janitor closet, and as a parish staff, we will need help in order to secure the safety of all. Thank you for your consideration, and as always, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

St. Theresa Parish will be having a new pictorial directory of parishioners within our parish community. It has been many years since we have done something like this. The actual photos will be taken beginning in February. Signups will begin the weekend of January 7th/8th at all the Masses. All families of St. Theresa are invited to partake in this.

We will also need to have volunteers manning the sign up tables, meeting and greeting parish families when the pictures are being taken, coordinating the directory efforts overall, and a host of other items. If you are interested, please call either myself or Alexis.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

We will be having a second collection this weekend to help with the recent flash flooding in the Philippines. As was mentioned at the Christmas Masses, the southern part of the Philippines was hit extremely hard with flooding. Over 800 individuals are still not accounted for, and several thousands are without homes. If you would like more information, please visit crs.org or refer to the insert in this week's bulletin. Please be generous in this extreme time of need for the Filipino Community.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL

We now have approximately 230 families that have made their annual stewardship commitment pledge to the parish. We thank each and every one of you for your continued support of our parish. As we all know, we have over 1200 families registered at our parish. We need all parishioners regardless of the size of your commitment to take part in giving back to the Lord, and supporting our parish community. It is vital that we have participation from all. The size of the commitment is not important, but what is important is that we all do our fair share in financially supporting our parish. This year in particular with the economic crisis still in full swing, the parish is not different from any other business or family home. We have heating, electricity, plumbing, repairs, salaries, (all the basic) bills that have to be paid each and every week. Without the support of the Sunday collections, which is our primary source of income, we simply will not be able to make it. We have been fortunate in the past few years that we have had reserves to count on, but those reserves are slowing diminishing. It seems that every turn we are being asked for money, but as I have said time and time again, the parish is no different than anyone else. Our bills must be paid, and we can't continue to count on the core members of the parish that consistently give to the parish in the area of treasure. It is a team effort, and all players must commit to the team. If you have not discerned your financial commitment, please do so today. Be part of giving back to the Lord, and in the end you will feel and see the rewards. I will be sending out a follow up letter to those that we have still not heard from later in the week into early next week. Please make your commitment today. On behalf of the parish staff, and the parish community, we thank you.

CHANGE IN E-MAIL ADDRESSES

Please note on the front of the bulletin that our staff e-mail addresses have changed. This system is to better incorporate the new technical technology of our times, and to provide the staff with all being on the same system. All the staff changes are reflected on the front of the bulletin cover. My new e-mail address that comes directly to me is Linda.DeMarce@sttheresafw.org. Please discontinue using the sttheresaparish@msn.com. If you have any questions, or concerns, please let me know.

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2012

As a parish staff, we would like to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a very blessed and happy New Year (2012! Our parish staff including Fr. Leonardo, Fr. Gilberto, Deacon Dave, Micie, Diana, Alexis, Alicia, Eduviges, Frank, Brian, Alan, and myself pray for your happiness, success, and that each of us will come closer to God during the New Year. It is through our faith, attending Mass, being involved in the parish in every aspect, that we indeed do come closer to God. Each of us has a mission on this earth, and our faith helps us to accomplish that mission. Let us begin the New Year by spreading the peace, love and joy of Jesus Christ. May you all experience joy and happiness in the New Year.

*Blessings always,
Linda and Staff*



The Food Bank is in need of Paper Napkins and Facial Tissue.

YOUR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY IN ACTION

On behalf of those we serve, the St. Vincent de Paul Society wishes to thank and acknowledge **OUTSIDE DONATIONS** that they received for the Christmas Food/Gift Delivery Program to more than 100 needy families on December 17, 2011. Food, gifts, and financial contributions were received from: the Students of Kennedy High School; the QFC at Northshore; the Dash Point Starbucks; the One Warm Coat Foundation; Olympus Press, Inc.; the Marco J. Heidner Charitable Trust; the Knights of Columbus; and the Windermere Foundation. The generosity of these donors which supplemented direct parishioner contributions allowed our Society to provide all of the food with meat vouchers for a Christmas meal to close to 500 individuals residing in the 100 households on the delivery list, accompanied by two gifts for each child in a family. 325 children received gifts!

Many parents accepting the delivery to their household shed tears of joy for this tangible sign of care. On behalf of these families, and also the members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society at St. Theresa's, a huge **THANK YOU** is expressed to all of the donors for their wonderful support to our annual Christmas Food/Gift Program to those in need. Each of you is truly a blessing to us and the families.



FOR THE HOUSEBOUND

Mary DeVoe, Arleen Emery, Helen Baer, Betty O'Neil, Lee Ark, Lois Belcher, Mary Durante, & Robert Osborn.



Let us as a parish community take this opportunity to thank **all of our volunteers** who stepped up during the Christmas holidays, (Greeters, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Altar Servers, Money Counters, Music Ministry, and a host of so many others. Without all the many gifts of time and talent, our Christmas Masses and celebrations would not take place. We thank each and every one of you for your gifts.

DESIGNS FOR LIFE

Designs for Life will begin the new year with meetings on **January 10th and 24th** at 1 pm at the parish office. Please join us if you would like to make baby items for pregnant women in need. If you don't know how to crochet, knit or sew we will teach you! If you need more information or know someone in need please contact Diane Kellar kellar@clearwire.net or 253 874-0537

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Welcome ladies to the New Year! We always welcome anyone to join us. Come often or whenever it is possible. Our group meets in fellowship, scripture reflection, and prayer in the Narthex Room on Wednesday mornings from 9:30 -11:30a. We will continue to study the "Sisters in Scripture" bible guide. For any questions, call Karin Garton at 253-941-1434.

**ST. THERESA'S PARISH
50+ CLUB**

NOTE CHANGE

Fri. Jan. 6th- First Friday 9 AM Mass & Adoration- Coffee & Donuts after in the parish hall. Twin Lakes is closed for the first week of January.

Sat. Jan. 14th- After 5 PM Mass, join us for our annual **LUAU!** Ease your winter blues with a visit to the Islands and enjoy the warmth of fellowship.



KNIGHTS KNOTES

➤ A very hearty "thank you" for a job well done" to **Walter Aho** and the many Brother Knights who volunteered for this year's Seahawks Fund Raisers. Council 7908 manned a concession

stand and very often two extra beer stands for ten home games. There isn't a final tally yet but the home team's better performance in the second half of the season boosted sales and tips beyond expectations.

➤ **COUNCIL 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION - SAVE THE DATE!** Plans are being made for Sunday, January 29 to celebrate the 30th anniversary of our Knights of Columbus Council 7908. A block of seats is saved at the matinee of Late Night Catechism at the Broadway Center in Tacoma, followed by dinner close by the theater. Watch for a bulletin flyer soon for reservations details.

➤ **BLOOD DRIVE** in the Parish Hall on Tuesday, January 10th.
The Brothers gather every Wednesday between 6:30 and 7:30 at the Starbucks on Hoyt next to Walgreens. Join in for a quick cup on your way to work.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

The first reading today recalls God's special blessing upon the Israelites. The Lord has been gracious to us as well, pouring into our hearts that spirit which knows Him as Father and makes us His children. May we, like Mary, treasure these things in our hearts and live gratefully!



Weekly Collection Report

Thank you to all who contribute to the support of our Parish. A weekly goal of \$9,904 is needed to keep us on budget for the year.

Last Week's Collection 12/3-4	\$ 22,542
Year to Date Actual (23)	\$ 237,751
Year to Date Budget (23)	\$ 233,712

***Due to holiday dates, bulletin figures will be updated when Linda returns from vacation in the January 8th bulletin**

TAX TIME DONATIONS

As the end of the year is approaching, please remember if you want any stewardship or building donations credited to you for the 2011 tax season, all payments must be into the parish office and dated December 31st, or mailed and postmarked the 31st. If we receive after that date, it will be credited to your 2012 stewardship or capital campaign. If you have any questions on this, please contact Linda at the parish office.