

Saint Theresa's



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“St. Theresa’s invites all to follow Jesus Christ by celebrating the sacraments and building a diverse community”

December 31, 2011

Dear Parishioners of St. Theresa,

Fr. Leonardo and I are very excited to announce that we’re going to create a new pictorial directory at Saint Theresa’s. The directory will help us connect names with faces and it will be an ideal outreach tool that will help capture the history of our parish.

Please participate! All we ask is that you have your picture taken by the professional photographer. For the next several weekends beginning January 7th, we will be making appointments at the church after each Mass. Please sign up as soon as possible to get the best appointment to fit your schedule.

- Every participating family/household that selects a pose for the directory will receive a FREE church directory and a \$25 Portrait Gift Certificate, no fees and no purchase necessary.
- You will only need to come to the church once for photography and portrait viewing.
- The program is available at no cost to the church budget.
- You will have the opportunity to purchase portraits on the same day of photography. All portraits come with a 100% guarantee through Olan Mills.
- Whether you decide to dress formally or casually, you will want to make the most of this opportunity.

We also need volunteers! We can always use help in running the sign-up tables, checking people in for appointments. It will take a group effort to make this a reality and we ask for your support by volunteering just a little of your time. We will have volunteer signups along with our photo session signups.

The scheduled dates for photography and portrait viewing are Tuesdays to Saturdays, February 7th to February 25, 2012.

If you have questions, please contact Alexis at the parish office at 253-838-5924. We look forward to seeing everyone in the directory. Our new pictorial directory just won’t be complete without you!

Sincerely,

Linda and Fr. Leonardo

give blood

you can save a life!

Tuesday, January 10

1:00 pm to 7:00 pm
(closed 3:00 pm to 3:45 pm)

**ST THERESA'S
CATHOLIC CHURCH**
Church Hall

For a donation appointment, please contact:
Stephen White (253) 437-6061

*For information, contact either
Stephen White or Bob Dahl.*



2012 CLOTHING DRIVE WEEKENDS

WOMEN'S CLOTHING – JANUARY 7th and 8th

Coordinated by: • Women's Fellowship & Designs for Life (Saturday 5^{PM}, Sunday 8:30 & 11:00^{AM})

- LifeTeen/Crowd (Sunday 5^{PM})

MEN'S CLOTHING – JANUARY 14th and 15th

Coordinated by: • Knights of Columbus (Saturday 5^{PM}, Sunday 8:30 & 11:00^{AM})

- LifeTeen/Crowd (Sunday 5^{PM})

TEENS' & SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN'S CLOTHING – JANUARY 21nd and 22rd

Coordinated by: • Faith In Action (Saturday 5^{PM}, Sunday 8:30 & 11:00^{AM})

- LifeTeen/Crowd (Sunday 5^{PM})

INFANTS' & YOUNG CHILDREN'S CLOTHING – JANUARY 28th and 29th

Coordinated by: • Faith Formation (Saturday 5^{PM}, Sunday 8:30 & 11:00^{AM})

- LifeTeen/Crowd (Sunday 5^{PM})

Please bring:

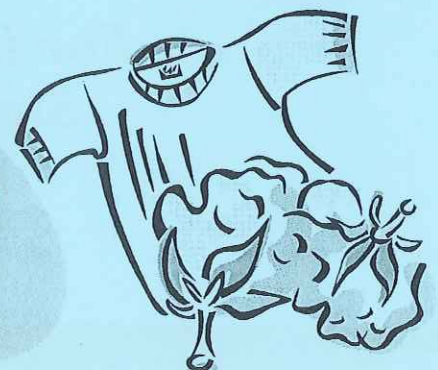
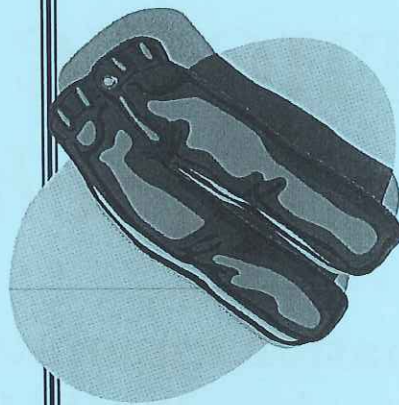
Your gently used clothes, cleaned, mended and ready to wear. Please be sure they are in large plastic bags tied shut.

Pickup details:

Federal Way Multi-Service van will be parked at the main doors of the church and representatives will be there to assist in collecting clothes before Mass.

Other information:

Clothes will go to the Federal Way Multi-Service Center, Foster Children, and PTA Clothing Drive.



CRS Responds to Severe Flooding in the Philippines

Background

Tropical Storm Washi (known locally as Sendong) hit Mindanao in the southern Philippines late on Friday, Dec. 16. Heavy rains in the island's mountainous areas caused severe flash flooding downstream. Cagayan de Oro and Iligan City are among the worst affected areas. The current number of dead is estimated at more than 650 and over 800 people are missing. Tens of thousands have been made homeless.

Joe Curry, Catholic Relief Services' country representative for the Philippines, arrived at the flood zone and met people who had lost everything. "Some people don't even have shoes – their sandals were pulled off their feet in the flood," he said. The flood waters came late at night. Radios were switched off for the night. Residents in Cagayan de Oro didn't hear the emergency warnings broadcast by the government shortly before water crashed into their homes on the riverbank. More than 50,000 people are now living in emergency evacuation centers. Government officials say that it could be up to 30 days before water is restored to most of the city. Students at Xavier University, a local CRS partner, are using Facebook to share information about where people can access drinking water.



Some 400 families were living in shanty houses made of plywood on this land near Cagayan de Oro. The houses were completely washed away by floodwaters. Photo by CRS Staff.

How CRS is Helping

Curry reports that CRS is prepared to help those most affected by the floods. "CRS is partnering with the Archdiocese of Cagayan de Oro to find how we can help those in greatest need. We've seen that people in the flood's path need basic household goods like water jugs, cooking utensils and soap. Water is most important over the next few days. The government has distributed food to some people, but they don't have water or pots to cook a meal," he said.

"I'm hopeful that we will be able to reach people quickly and help them meet their most urgent needs," said Curry. "We're seeing people in the community pull together and share what little they have."

To read more regarding our response visit www.crs.org. See us on [Facebook](#).

How you can help:

- Please pray for the people affected by the floods. We have included a [prayer and petitions](#) to share within your parishes.
- Parishes wishing to financially assist CRS can send their donation through the Missions Office. To donate, make checks payable to CRS (note "Philippines") and send to: **CRS/Missions Office, Archdiocese of Seattle; 710 9th Ave Seattle, WA 98104 (206) 382-4580; (800) 869-7028; www.seattlearchdiocese.org/missions**

Thank you for all you are doing! Please share this Special Report with others.