

# ST. THERESA'S PARISH

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

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## 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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## Consultative Structures

### Pastoral Council

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### Finance Council

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### Christian Formation Commission

Mary Morrison (253) 927-6838

### 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

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Tithing Committee Rita Keough (253) 838-6218

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SVDP Membership Virginia/Joe Roni (253) 838-8919

SVDP Food Bank Patti White (253) 437-6061

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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 8th**

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

**Monday, January 9th**

- No Parish Activities Scheduled

**Tuesday, January 10th**

- Knights of Columbus Sponsored Blood Drive 1-7PM (Parish Hall)

**Wednesday, January 11th**

- Women's Fellowship 9:30AM (Narthex Room)
- 6PM Mass
- Sandwich Drop Off 5-7PM
- Baptismal Preparation 7PM (Overflow Room)
- Adult Initiation 7PM (Narthex Room)
- Spiritual Life and Worship Meeting 7PM (Parish Office)

**Thursday, January 12th**

- 9AM Mass
- Hispanic Baptism Class 5:30PM (Parish Hall)
- Finance Council Meeting 4PM (Parish Office)
- Spanish Mass 7PM

**Friday, January 13th**

- Edge Program 7PM (Parish Hall)

**Saturday, January 14th**

- Sacrament of Reconciliation 4PM
- Masses 5PM (English), 7PM (Spanish)
- Hispanic Faith Formation 5:30PM (Parish office and Parish)
- All Parish Clothing Drive (Men's Clothing) (All Masses)
- Signups for Parish Directory (All Masses)
- Senior's Potluck directly after the 5PM Mass

**Sunday, January 15th**

- Masses—8:30, 11:00AM; 5PM Youth Mass
- All Parish Clothing Drive (Men's Clothing) (All Masses)
- Signups for Parish Directory (All Masses)
- Faith Formation
- Presentation of Confirmation Candidates/Baptisms 5PM Youth Mass
- Life Teen Program

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday:** Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11; Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11
- Tuesday:** 1 Sm 1:9-20 or 1 Sm 1:1-8 and 1 Sm 1:9-20; Mk 1:21-28 or Mk 1:14-20 and Mk 1:21-28
- Wednesday:** Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Mk 1:29-39
- Thursday:** 1 Sm 4:1-11; Mk 1:40-45
- Friday:** 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mk 2:1-12
- Saturday:** 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Mk 2:13-17
- Sunday:** 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

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

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY****Elementary Faith Formation Classes:**

January 8th—Class 10; January 15th—Class 11

**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 baptism 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 1<sup>st</sup> session on January 25<sup>th</sup> through April with the celebration of the sacrament in early May.

**YOUTH MINISTRY****LIFETEEN:**

Jan 8th—Life Night 6-8pm @ Parish Hall; Jan 15th—Life Night 6-8pm @ Parish Hall

**EDGE:**

Jan 13th—Edge Night 6-8pm @ Parish Hall

\*\*\*Jan 20th-21st—Edge Retreat Lock-In!\*\*\*

Permission slips due this week. For more information contact Diana.

**CONFIRMATION:**

Jan 19th—Confirmation Super Session 6-8pm @ Overflow Room

Jan 15th—Presentation of the Candidates during the Life Teen Mass. Come see your Confirmation Candidates on this special day!! Please continue to pray for their journey and Retreat which is next month!!

\*\*\*Clothing drive this weekend!! Helpers are needed to load the St. Vincent de Paul truck after the Life Teen Mass. For more info on dates and for sign-up, contact Diana.\*\*\*

**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

**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 this January 7th/8th. We are beginning the Clothing Drive with Women's Clothing. 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 this weekend January 7th/8th at all the Masses. All families of St. Theresa are invited to partake in this. And continue through January. Please see the letter in this week's bulletin from myself and Fr. Leonardo outlining the process.

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.

**THANK YOU ST. THERESA**

This past weekend we had a second collection for the relief efforts in the Philippines for the recent flash flooding. Our parish collected over \$1,300 for the one weekend! That is a great amount and shows the outreach of our parish in helping those that tragedy has struck, those without jobs and places to live, no food, and a host of other things. Our parish has always been and continues to be an "Outreach" parish. Let us keep up that standard as we move into 2012. Thank you all for your great gifts of generosity at St. Theresa Parish.

**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.

**MOVING INTO 2012**

*We have entered into 2012, and it is hard to believe that the years just keep going by and by! Sometimes, I don't know where the time goes, or how that much time has gone by. We at St. Theresa's have been through many changes over the past couple of years. We have handled those changes and accepted the changes whether it be in priests that serve at our parish, the changes to the worship space, changes in staffing, fighting and trying to survive the hardships of the economic times. But, we have stayed afloat, and survived. It is not always easy, and the struggles are many. But, as a parish community we have stayed together and hung in there. We don't know what the future holds for the parish. But, we will certainly continue to move forward. We have been working very hard this year on keeping our Sunday collections up, and not having to dip into our reserves. So far so good, but there are always the unexpected things that come up. We will as a parish still continue to work on the Sunday collections, eliminating our debt so that we can move towards the future, improve our communication with the parish as a whole, via e-mail, and the most modern means of communication, reaching out to those in need whether it is through our St. Vincent de Paul Society, or those that are spiritually in need of compassion, and comfort, improving our parish programs so that they serve all the needs of those attending, not just a selected few. The road is always long, but the New Year is the time to take a minute and evaluate where we are as a parish. This is something that our leadership of the parish is currently in the process of. Our Pastoral Council is discerning the Mission statement, and will in the future have a new and improved Mission statement to coincide with our parish vision statement. All takes time, but the wheels are in motion. It is always my honor to serve at this parish. May God Bless each and everyone one of us entering into 2012. Linda.*

## Epiphany of the Lord

January 8, 2012



The Food Bank is in need of Beef Stew and Chili.

### YOUR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY IN ACTION

**AN ACCOUNT BY TWO VINCENTIANS:** A few days before Christmas we received a request for help from a young mother with two children who had just received a power shut-off notice. She was very distraught about this notice as one of her daughters was sick with a high fever. Tacoma Public Utilities had suggested contacting our St. Vincent de Paul Society for possible financial assistance to avoid the shut-off. We called her, and then the power company and pledged enough money to prevent the lack of heat and electricity to the home. She couldn't believe that we could help right when she needed it the most. Abandoned by her husband, she is being forced to file for a divorce, and now for the first time, lacks sufficient funds to cover all of the household expenses. We asked her if she needed some food, and she was astounded that we would offer her food too. So on Christmas Eve, we took over one of the extra Christmas Food Baskets with a few other items and a gift card. She was so grateful that someone came through for her when she had just about lost hope. The generosity of St. Theresa's Parish makes these occasions possible. It helped our family celebrate the true meaning of Christmas too.



### FOR THE HOUSEBOUND

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



Let us take this opportunity to thank **Jolene Bradley** for all of her many gifts of time and talent that she shares with our parish community. **Jolene** is fairly new to the parish, but she serves as a greeter, and takes many shifts of greeting to just be that smile that welcomes us all to Mass, she is also part of the Altar Society, and our newly formed Sacristan Ministry at St. Theresa Parish. She does all of this with a smile, a handshake, and just being a friendly face. We thank you **Jolene** for your gifts of time and talent that you give back to the parish.

### 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](mailto:kellar@clearwire.net) or 253 874-0537

### WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Welcome ladies to the New Year! We invite you to join us anytime. 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 women in Genesis of 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. 6<sup>th</sup>**- 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. 14<sup>th</sup>**- 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. Sign ups after all the Masses this weekend!**

\*\*\*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 three wise men who came from the East to pay homage to the infant Jesus brought Him rich gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh as part of their worship. What gifts have I brought to this celebration to offer to the newborn Savior?

### 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 12/10/11	\$ 8,151
Last Week's Collection 12/18/19	\$ 16,226
Last Week's Collection 12/25/26	\$ 5,376
Last Week's Collection 12/31-1/1	\$ 8,885
Christmas Collection	\$4,204
Year to Date Actual (27)	\$ 276,389
Year to Date Budget (27)	\$ 267,408

### 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. This is not only a Diocesan guideline, but it is also stated in our tax system. Quite simply, there are not any way that we can get around this. Please adhere to this tax rule.