

# 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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### 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  
Fusion/Joseph Foundation Peggy LaPorte (253) 927-1904  
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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

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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  
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### Other

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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 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 5PM Youth Mass
- Life Teen Program

**Monday, January 16th**

- Parish Office Closed for Martin Luther King Holiday

**Tuesday, January 17th**

- Christian Formation Meeting 7PM (Parish Office)

**Wednesday, January 18th**

- Women's Fellowship 9:30AM (Narthex Room)
- 6PM Mass
- Sandwich Drop Off 5-7PM
- Adult Initiation 7PM (Narthex Room)
- Adult Formation—Roots and Fruits Series facilitated by Bob Cooper 7PM (Parish Hall)

**Thursday, January 19th**

- 9AM Mass
- Hispanic Baptism Class 5:30PM (Parish Hall)
- Quincenera Preparation 5:30PM (Narthex Room)
- Confirmation Preparation 6PM (Overflow Room)
- Spanish Mass 7PM

**Friday, January 20th**

- Edge Retreat/Lock In—St. Theresa Parish Begins at 6PM

**Saturday, January 21st**

- Edge Lock In concludes 10AM
- Sacrament of Reconciliation 4PM
- Masses 5PM (English), 7PM (Spanish)
- Hispanic Faith Formation 5:30PM (Parish office and Parish)
- All Parish Clothing Drive (Teens/School Age Children) Clothing) (All Masses)
- Signups for Parish Directory (All Masses)

**Sunday, January 22nd**

- Masses—8:30, 11:00AM; 5PM Youth Mass
- First Communion Enrollment 11AM Mass
- All Parish Clothing Drive (Teen's/School Aged Children Clothing) (All Masses)
- Signups for Parish Directory (All Masses)
- Faith Formation
- Life Teen Program

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday:** 1 Sm 15:16-23; Mk 2:18-22
- Tuesday:** 1 Sm 16:1-13; Mk 2:23-28
- Wednesday:** 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mk 3:1-6
- Thursday:** 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Mk 3:7-12
- Friday:** 1 Sm 24:3-21; Mk 3:13-19
- Saturday:** 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Mk 3:20-21
- Sunday:** Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

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



**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

**Elementary Faith Formation Classes:**

January 15th- Class 11; January 22nd- Class 12

**First Communion Classes: (Parents and Candidates grades 2-12)**

Jan 22nd- Sunday 11am Enrollment Liturgy at Mass

Feb 12th- Sunday 1pm Class #1

♦ **PARENTS OF CHILDREN IN FAITH FORMATION:**

Following the guidelines of the Archdiocese, children must have one year of formal instruction before entering the Sacramental program for 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation and 1<sup>st</sup> Communion. Be sure that your first graders and your 1<sup>st</sup> Communion candidates are enrolled and *regularly attend* the Faith Formation classes

♦ **CLASS CANCELLATION:** In case of an emergency such as inclement weather please visit sttheresafw.org or call the parish office on cancellations for Faith Formation or St. Theresa events. St. Theresa follows the Federal Way school district's report – if they cancel class on a snow day for the schools, St. Theresa's FF classes and/or events are also cancelled.

♦ **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:** The next Baptismal celebration (for infants up to 7 years old) is scheduled on February 11, 2012, Saturday at the 5pm Mass. The baptism classes for parents and godparents are scheduled on 2/01/12 and 2/08/12. 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 Mice 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**

**Life Teen:**

1/15—Life Night- "Divine Design" 6-8pm @ Parish Hall

1/22—No Life Night- Edge Lock-in

**Edge:**

1/20—Edge Retreat Lockin @ St Theresa 6pm – 10am Saturday

**Confirmation:**

1/19- Confirmation Night "Source and Summit" 6-8pm in Overflow Room

\*\*\*After every Life Teen Mass this month we are need of young people to help load the trucks for the clothing drive. Please contact Diana to sign-up for the following weekends.\*\*\*

**THE CATHOLIC CHURCH: IS IT FOR YOU?**

Are you a guest at St. Theresa's Catholic Church, unable to fully participate in Communion? We invite you, particularly if you are not Catholic—to learn more about the Church and your own beliefs. If you were baptized Christian, if you've never been baptized, if you're not Catholic and married to someone who is, we would like you to hear from you. What do we want you to do? 1) Call the Parish Office at 253-838-5924; 2) Tell them you're interested in the sessions for adults learning more about the Catholic Church. 3) Join us Wednesday evenings, 7-8:30 in the Parish Hall.



**The Food Bank is in need of Peanut Butter and Crackers**

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

A family of four living in Federal Way, but outside our parish, called seeking help with their rent. They had an Eviction Notice and couldn't pay the \$388.00 they owed for December. They had managed previously to get into rental houses but on 4 occasions the houses they rented ended in foreclosure, forcing them to move and forfeiting their deposit. Her husband had recently suffered a heart attack, incapacitating him, and now their 15 year old daughter was going into the hospital for lymph node surgery for a possible cancer problem. The mother was working in a part-time retail position paying the minimum hourly wage. A portion of their total rent was being paid monthly by a non-profit Seattle based organization who had arranged this transitional housing for the family, extracting them from homelessness. On behalf of this household, we did solicit the help of Federal Way CareGiving Network, and between CareGiving and the St. Vincent de Paul Society we were able to cover the December rent. The financial assistance provided by our Society came in part from a City of Federal Way Grant for Emergency Assistance to residents of the city. We also helped this family with food and gas vouchers, and arranged for them to receive a Christmas Food Basket from our neighboring Catholic parish. We received a beautiful handwritten note from the mother thanking us and were relieved to hear that their daughter did not have cancer.



**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 the **Barenwald Family** for all of their team efforts to give back to the parish with time and talent. Ryan, Paula, Adam and Natalia help with our Coffee and Donut program. It is quite amazing to see Adam setting the napkins out, putting the sugar and creamer on the table, and just as a family coming together to help give back to the church through the efforts of time and talent. We thank you Ryan, Paula, Adam and Natalia for giving of your gifts that God has given to you.

**DESIGNS FOR LIFE**

Designs for Life will begin the new year with a meeting on Jan. 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**

The Ladies of WF wish to invite the women of the parish to a monthly "Social" event, the last Wednesday of each month. Usually there will be a video shown with discussion and an informal potluck brunch. So come join us on Jan 25th! And we invite you to join us anytime for fellowship, scripture reflection, and prayer in the Narthex Room on Wednesday mornings from 9:30 -11:30a. We are studying the women in Genesis of the "Sisters in Scripture" bible guide. For any questions, call Karin Garton at 253-941-1434



**KNIGHTS KNOTES**

◆ **YOUTH:** The Knights of Columbus Essay Contest for grades 8-12 and the Poster Contest for grades 3-5 are due Sunday 1/22.

Bring entries to class or drop off in the box by the Knight's Notice Board in the Narthex. For more information contact Jeff Kellar at 874 0537 or kellar@clearwire.net

- ◆ **SUPER BOWL PARTY:** The annual Super Bowl Party is at the home of Brother Tom and Daphne Blankenship on Sunday, February 5, arrive any time after 2:30. Bring a dessert for 10 or a favorite beverage, but most of all come out to the Blankenship's for a great time!
- ◆ **LENTEN FISH FRY FRIDAYS SAVE THE DATES:** This year your Knights of Columbus are hosting 3 Fish Fry Fridays on March 9, 16 and 30. Save the date and watch for more information in the bulletin.
- ◆ **HEARTY THANKS** to all who donated at the Blood Drive this past Tuesday and the many volunteers who make it happen.
- ◆ **COFFEE CLUB:** Brother Knights gather for coffee on Wednesday mornings between 6:30 and 7:30 at the Starbucks on Hoyt Road next to Walgreen's Stop in for warm fellowship and lots of laughs. Not a Knight? Stop by and learn more

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

*In today's first reading, we hear Samuel respond eagerly, "Here I am!" each time the Lord calls him. May we, too, be listening for the call of God in our lives and be ready to say like the psalmist, "Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will."*



**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 12/31-1/1	\$ 8,885
Year to Date Actual (28)	\$ 285,274
Year to Date Budget (28)	\$ 277,312

**ST. THERESA PARISH 50+ CLUB**

**Fri. Feb 3rd**

First Friday Mass (9 AM) & Adoration Breakfast Buffet after at Twin Lakes Country Club.

\*\*\*TOUR\*\*\*

Watch for a date for the tour of the Boeing/Everett Plant in February

**FAITH IN LIGHT**

Faith in Light is a Christian ecumenical movement for people of all ages with disabilities, their families and friends. We have fellowship, learning and prayer. We will be meeting on Sunday, January 29th at 1PM at St. Theresa's in the Narthex Room. For more information call Mary Margaret. Hope to see you all there!

**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 has been planning and implementing this year's Annual Clothing Drive. The clothing drive continues this weekend with Men's Clothing, and next weekend will be Youth/School Age Children. We ask that you donate gently used, clean clothing. Start the cleaning process, and clean out your closets. Please put them in plastic bags, and bring to church on the designated days. Ron Vandenberg will be outside before and after the Masses with the Multi Service Van. 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**

Signups have begun for our upcoming Pictorial Directory that will be coming up in February. Volunteers and members of Staff will be at the tables in the back of the church after all the Masses for sign ups for your picture taking process. There is no obligation to purchase anything in order to have your picture in the directory. We have not had a directory in a very long time, and many changes have taken place. Please sign up this weekend, and become part of the history making process. This is an excellent chance to know the name of the person who may sit next to you each and every weekend. Please join us!

**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.*