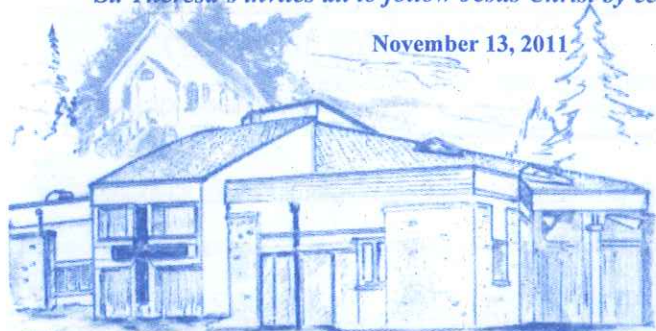


ST. THERESA'S PARISH

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

November 13, 2011



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Linda DeMarce, Pastoral Coordinator
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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Pastoral Council

Doug Johnson (253) 874-0581

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Robert Celski (253) 925-5242

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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, extension #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, November 13th

- Masses—8:30, 11:00AM; 5PM Youth Mass; Parish Stewardship—Commitment Sunday (All Masses)
- Faith Formation ; Faith in Action Mtg 9:45 (Parish Hall); 1st Reconciliation Prep 1PM (Parish Hall)
- Life Teen Night 6PM (Parish Hall)

Monday, November 14th

- Knights of Columbus Meeting 7:30PM (Overflow Room)

Tuesday, November 15th

- Christian Formation Commission Meeting 7PM (Parish Office)

Wednesday, November 16th

- Women's Fellowship 9:30 AM (Narthex Room)
- Mass 6PM (Chapel)
- Sandwich Drop Off 5-7PM
- Adult Initiation 7PM (Narthex Room)
- Baptismal Preparation 7PM (Narthex Room)
- Pastoral Council Meeting 7PM (Parish Office)
- Adult Formation—"Roots and Fruits Session"- Bob Toohey—7PM (Parish Hall)

Thursday, November 17th

- 9AM Mass
- Sandwich Drop Off 9AM
- Hispanic Sacramental Prep—1st Recon. 5:30 (Parish Hall)
- Spanish Mass 7PM (Church)
- Confirmation Prep 7PM (Overflow Room)

Friday, November 18th

- 9AM Mass
- Edge 7PM (Parish Hall)

Saturday, November 19th

- Parish Annual Stewardship—Follow Up Sunday (All Masses)
- Sacrament of Reconciliation 4PM
- Masses 5PM (English); 7PM (Spanish);
- Hispanic Faith Formation 5:30PM (Parish/Office); Seniors Potluck Directly after the 5PM Mass

Sunday, November 20th

- Masses—8:30, 11:00AM; 5PM Youth Mass; Parish Stewardship—Follow Up Sunday (All Masses)
- Advent Rally—Faith Formation Classes—Between the Masses
- Baptism 11AM Mass
- Life Teen Night 6PM (Parish Hall)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Lk 18:35-43
- Tuesday:** 2 Mc 6:18-31; Lk 19:1-10
- Wednesday:** 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Lk 19:11-28
- Thursday:** 1 Mc 2:15-29; Lk 19:41-44
- Friday:** 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; Lk 19:45-48 or (for the memorial of the Dedication) Acts 28:11-16, 30-31; Mt 14:22-23
- Saturday:** 1 Mc 6:1-13; Lk 20:27-40
- Sunday:** Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

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



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Elementary Faith Formation Classes:

November 13th—Class 6; November 20th- ADVENT RALLY; November 27th—NO Class

First Reconciliation Classes: (For both Parents and Candidates grades 2-12)

Nov 13th—Sunday- 1-2:20pm; Dec 4th—Sunday 1-2:30pm

- **CLOW-Children's Liturgy of the Word:** This ministry is ONLY offered at the 8:30am and 11:00am Masses when Sunday Faith Formation classes are in session. This is open ONLY to children in grades Kinder to 2nd.
- **CHILDCARE SERVICES:** This service is also offered ONLY at the 8:30am and 11:00am Masses when Sunday Faith Formation classes are in session. This service is for children up to 2 years old. Please register with our Childcare workers in the nursery room.
- **Join a family ADVENT-ure:** Family Advent Rally on Sunday, November 20 at 9:45-10:45am in the parish hall. Make a new family advent wreath or bring your old one to adorn with new Christmas trimmings or pick up new Advent candles! See separate flyer for details! If you would like to help out at this Rally, please contact Micie at the parish office.

YOUTH MINISTRY

LIFETEEN:

- ◆ 11/13-Life Night "Rise&Walk" 6-8pm @ Parish Hall
- ◆ 11/20- Life Night 6-8pm @ Parish Hall

EDGE:

- ◆ 11/18- Edge Night 6-8pm @Parish Hall

CONFIRMATION:

- ◆ 11/17- Super Session 3&4 6-8pm @ Overflow Room

Life Teen Mass- 11/13, 11/20

No LT Mass 11/27- Thanksgiving Break.

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 at 253-838-5924.

DEAR FRIENDS OF REACH OUT AT ST. THERESA'S:

Thank you for your support of our recent Fund Raising Pancake Breakfast on October 13. St. Theresa's parishioners continue to provide a strong base of support for the Reach Out program. The breakfast brought in over \$23,000 which will go towards the operation of the first homeless women's overnight shelter in Federal Way. The Men's shelter opened on November 1ST and is running smoothly. The Women's shelter is expected to open between December 15 and January 1. Thanks to generous supporters like you, homeless men and women in Federal Way will have a hot meal and a dry place to sleep during the cold nights this winter season. On behalf of the Reach Out Leadership Team, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. For more information about Reach Out please visit our website, www.reachoutfederaiway.org

FROM THE DESK OF LINDA DEMARCE

MASSES THIS WEEK

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated each Saturday at 4PM in English, 6PM in Spanish.

ROMAN MISSAL IMPLEMENTATION

Implementation is coming along. We are now singing the new version of the Gloria, and the Alleluia. In this week's bulletin, we will have a brochure for all to take home and read on updating us as to why the changes are happening. Shortly, we will have pew cards in the pews that will remain in the pews indicating the changes in the liturgy that will effect the Priest saying the Mass and the people. We ask that you look these over, but please leave them in the pews.

PARISH ANNUAL REPORT

If you have not picked up a copy of the 2010-2011 parish annual report, please do so this weekend. This is a snapshot or short history of the parish for the past fiscal year. There are so many positive and good things that have taken place in the course of the year, and all of our parishioners should be aware of them. Please pick up your copy today at the back of the church in the designated pick up area.

COFFEE HOUR

Our coffee and donut hour has begun at the parish. Thanks to Tom Smith and all his core volunteers for making this happen. We are in need of volunteers for the 11AM Mass, please contact Tom (front of the bulletin) for more information. Without volunteers, this ministry cannot happen. Please give of your time and talent in this most needed ministry.

CARMELA DECASTRO

On behalf of Fr. Leonardo, and myself we want to extend our most gracious thank you to Carmela DeCastro for her inspirational and very moving talk this past weekend on not only what Stewardship is, but what it should mean to each and every one of us that come to Mass and partake in the Eucharist. She spoke of how each of us are the hands, feet, fingers and heart of the Lord, and we should remember those words in our daily lives. We thank you Carmela for taking all the time that you did and for sharing your heartfelt story with us.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL

This weekend, IS Commitment Sunday for our annual Parish Stewardship Campaign at our parish. Last weekend we heard from Carmela DeCastro who spoke not only about the gifts of treasure, but also the gifts of time and talent. She spoke frequently of how each of us is the hands, feet, fingers and most of all heart of the Lord. This year in particular, we need to not only answer the call of Stewardship treasure, but also if possible increase our call to stewardship. As you know with the economy the past 4 years, our parish along with all the parishes in the diocese has taken a hard hit. The many stories that have been shared with me from fellow parishioners on how they have lost their jobs, their houses, and so many other terrible tragedies. Our parish is not alone in the everyday struggles. There are times, I don't know where the money will come from in order to meet all the demands of a parish of our size. I am asking each of us to carefully discern your financial commitment to the parish this year. If possible, try to increase your commitment from previous year. It is not always easy, but the need is definitely there. The Pastoral Council, Finance Council and I are always working on solutions to the ever growing list of demands that we need to meet, but sometimes, some needs may not be met. We all know that we need to have funding for staff salaries, maintenance, programs, and all the 101 things that go with parish life. As Bob Celski pointed out, the month of October and November will be the telling point in which the Finance Council will base their upcoming recommendations to the Pastoral Council on what to do if Sunday Collections do not pick up. Our parish along with many other parishes in the diocese are facing this problem. Many parishes have already made budget cuts, which include Staffing, programs, and even in some cases usage of the buildings to help decrease the ever mounting utility bills. It is sad, but it is also reality. I am asking each of you to look deep into your hearts and minds as you discern your stewardship commitment to the parish this year. Don't think that your donation does not make a difference. Every dollar pledged will make a difference in the overall picture. Please make your financial commitment to St. Theresa Parish this weekend. On behalf of Fr. Leonardo, and myself, we thank each and every one of you for your continued support and commitment to the parish.

UNFORTUNATE HAPPENING AT THE PARISH

This past weekend, our parish had another robbery in the main church. Unfortunately, my purse was stolen from the back sacristy between the Masses. It is very disheartening that this type of thing has happened again at our parish, but unfortunately, our world is full of despair and misfortune. It is not the money, identification, or credit cards or check book that bother me so very much. But the fact that everything about me was in my purse. Address, house keys, mailbox keys, address, etc. I feel very violated, and it is truly not a good feeling. I don't feel anger, but disappointment. We all think that our parish should be our safe haven, but when things like this transpire, we need to all become more aware of what is around us and what is happening in the world. As I have said countless times, parents, please watch your children during Mass, between the Masses, and after Mass. Don't let them walk unattended anywhere in the main building or on the grounds. If you see something that you feel is not right, let me, Fr. Leonardo, or any member of staff know. We must all protect the church that we all love so very much. If you have any questions, please contact me at the parish office.



The Food Bank is in need of Peanut Butter and Strawberry/Raspberry Preserves.

Your St. Vincent De Paul Society in Action

The month of October was a very busy month for us. We received over eighty requests for assistance. One call was from a single mother with responsibility for her three children, one grandchild and a niece for whom she has court ordered custody. She needed help with her rental deposit. Ten years ago, her partner and father of two of the children was an innocent victim, along with the cashier, and was killed during a convenience store robbery. Following this tragic event, she moved to Covington where they lived in the same home for nine years but were forced to move when their landlord was unwilling to make the necessary improvements to protect her family's safety. Two electrical fires had occurred while residing in the home. She did find new housing in Federal Way and the new landlord allowed her to move in with a partial deposit owing even though she had lost her job last year. We helped her with part of the deposit and gave her additional resources that might also be able to help. We were also able to provide some winter coats, health and personal care products, and also bus tickets for the family. The mother has found a part-time job working split shifts and is excited to start work this week. All three of the other school age children are adjusting well to their new schools in Federal Way and the young grandchild is cared by an Aunt while members of this family are working or in school. They are all very happy to be in their new home, starting a new chapter in their lives, and are very appreciative of all the assistance from your St. Vincent de Paul Society. On this family's behalf, we thank you.



FOR THE HOUSEBOUND

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



We wish to take this time to thank Carmela DeCastro for her many, many gifts of time and talent. She as you know was this year's Witness Speaker, and did a fine job, she is a lector, Eucharistic Minister, heads up the Altar Society, and is the all around person we call when in need! We thank you Carmela for your generosity, kindness, and above all your love of this parish community.

DESIGNS FOR LIFE

Designs for Life will be meeting on Tuesdays in the parish office again. Meeting date is November 22nd at 1PM. Please join us to sew, knit, crochet and embroider items for pregnant women in need. If you have any questions, please contact Diane Keller (253) 87 0537; kellar@clearwire.net. Also, please keep Nancy Wymb's in your prayers. Nancy has had to step down from her leadership role due to illness. Please come and join us!

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

All women are welcome to join us in fellowship, scripture study, and prayer any Wednesday morning in the Narthex Room in the church building from 9:30am-11:30am. We start with a short fellowship, then prayer time with the litanies this November, followed by our study of "Sisters in Scripture", a bible guide written by Kathleen Kichline, a Palisades retreat speaker, and finish with a short business time and more fellowship. Join us anytime! For any questions, call Karin Garton at 253-941-1434.



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 11/5-6	\$ 16,034
Year to Date Actual (19)	\$ 186,646
Year to Date Budget (19)	\$ 194,030
Deficit	\$ 7,384



KNIGHTS NOTES

◆ **CONGRATULATIONS** and

welcome to our newest member **John Morgan**. St. Theresa's Council 7908 have welcomed five new Brother Knights since the beginning of our fraternal year, July 1.

- ◆ **THANKS** to all the men of our Parish who attended the Men's Retreat. As always, it was a deeply spiritual day full of warm fellowship.
- ◆ **COFFEE CLUB** gathers every Wednesday morning at Starbucks on Hoyt Road between 6:30 and 7:30 am. Coffee Club welcomes all men of our Parish!

FAITH IN ACTION FOCUS...

Somali children are the victims most affected by the Food crisis in the Horn of Africa; the latest estimates indicate that people under 18 represent **80 percent** of the 121,000 refugees at U.N. camps in Ethiopia.

News Brief of America Magazine October 17, 2011

A Child Leads the Way.... (from the Progress)

Working on the belief that God gives more to some people and less to others so that the haves can share with the have-nots, 13-year old Mariana

Cuevas of Mary, Queen of Peace Parish has put her faith into action with her campaign to help feed the world's hungry children through the United Nations' World Food Program. She raised \$1,4000 for Catholic Relief Services at a bake sale at her church and she has a web site where one can contribute for the U. N. food program. <http://new.randomkid.org/projects/HappyTummies>
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888-277-7575 <http://crs.org>

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Good stewards are like the industrious and reliable servants in today's Gospel, prudently using and multiplying the gifts entrusted to them by God.

ST. THERESA'S 50+ CLUB

Sat. Nov. 19th—"Let Us Give Thanks" Potluck right after 5 PM Mass. Join us as we enjoy the traditional holiday foods of Autumn. Also a good time to join or renew membership in the 50+ Club so our potlucks can continue. Dues are \$15 annually.

SAVE THE DATE- Sunday, Dec. 18th, 1 PM See the popular "Christmas Revels" at the Rialto Theatre in Tacoma; then Mass & delicious dinner at The Palisades. Total cost for each person is \$48. Only 11 tickets left! We will carpool from the 21st Ave. Park & Ride at 12:15 PM. If only coming to the dinner, the cost is \$20.50 per person. Call 253-838-1790 to reserve.

FAITH IN LIGHT PROGRAM

FAITH AND LIGHT is a Christian movement for all people with mental or physical Disabilities their families and friends. We have fellowship, learning and prayer. Due to the Thanksgiving weekend we will have Faith and Light on Sun. Nov.20th 1:00 P.M. For more information call Mary Margaret 243- 927-5558