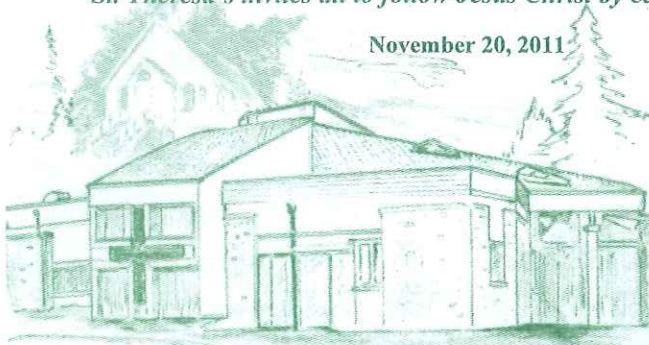


# ST. THERESA'S PARISH

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

November 20, 2011



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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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#### 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, 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

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Faith in Light Mary Margaret DeLorenzo (253) 927-5558

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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, 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)

**Monday, November 21st**

- Maria Negrin Funeral 10AM (Church)

**Tuesday, November 22nd**

- No Parish Activities Scheduled

**Wednesday, November 23rd**

- Mass 6PM (Chapel)
- Sandwich Drop Off 5-7PM
- Altar Server Training 6PM (Church)

**Thursday, November 24th****HAPPY THANKSGIVING !**

- Parish Office Closed in Observance of the Holiday
- Mass 9AM (English)
- Mass 11AM (Spanish)

**Friday, November 25th**

- Parish Office Closed
- 9AM Mass
- No Edge—Thanksgiving Weekend
- Saturday, November 26th
- Marriage Preparation Session 11AM (Parish Office)
- Parish Stewardship Follow Up/Thank you (All Masses)
- Sacrament of Reconciliation 4PM
- New Roman Missal Implementation
- Masses 5PM (English); 7PM (Spanish)
- No Hispanic Faith Formation

**Sunday, November 27th**

- First Sunday of Advent—New Roman Missal Implementation Masses—8:30, 11:00AM; NO 5PM YOUTH MASS
- Parish Stewardship—Follow Up/Thank you Sunday (All Masses)
- No Life Teen Night

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday:** Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Lk 21:1-4  
**Tuesday:** Dn 2:31-45; Lk 21:5-11  
**Wednesday:** Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Lk 21:12-19  
**Thursday:** Dn 6:12-28; Lk 21:20-28  
Thanksgiving Day—Suggested:  
 1 Kgs 8:55-61; 1 Cor 1:3-9;  
 Lk 1:39-55  
**Friday:** Dn 7:2-14; Lk 21:29-33  
**Saturday:** Dn 7:15-27; Lk 21:34-36  
**Sunday:** Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Ps 80;  
 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

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

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

November 20th—ADVENT RALLY; November 27th— NO Class;  
 December 4th—Class 7

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

Dec 4th— Sunday 1-2:30pm Lessons 5&6; Dec 17th— Saturday  
 1pm 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation Celebration

- **Join our family ADVENT-ure TODAY:** Family Advent Rally this today, Sunday at 9:45-10:45am in the parish hall. An opportunity to make a new Advent wreath or pick up new Advent candles for your wreath at home or make a Christmas ornament or just have fellowship with our parish family!
- **Book of Remembrance:** During the month of November, we pray with a special devotion for our beloved dead. Our parish Book of Remembrance will be available during the month of November so that all can inscribe the names of family and friends who have died.

**Congratulations and welcome to our newly baptized** who has begun a lifelong journey in knowing and following Jesus: *Alyssa Kamsin DelosSantos Seveses* is baptized today at the 11am Mass.

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

11/20-Life Night New Roman Missal Teaching 6-8pm @ Parish Hall.

11/27- No Life Teen Thanksgiving weekend

**EDGE:**

11/25- No Edge Thanksgiving weekend

**CONFIRMATION:**

12/1- Confirmation Super Session 7&8 6-8pm @ Overflow

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.

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

Masses this week will be celebrated on Wednesday at 6PM, Thursday and Friday at 9AM. Thursday is Thanksgiving Day, and all are invited to bring along to Mass an item from your Thanksgiving Day Table to be blest.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

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

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE**

The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday, November 24th, Thanksgiving Day, and Friday, November 25th in observance of the Thanksgiving weekend. We will reopen on Monday, November 28th. If you have an emergency, please call the parish office and our after hours emergency service will be able to get in touch with me as soon as possible.

**TIME AWAY**

I will be away the weekend of November 26th and 27th and not present at the Masses. Also, I will be taking some vacation prior to the end of the year in December. I will be away the week of December 19th-23rd, but will be present for the Christmas Eve Masses on December 24th. I will not be present at the Masses on Sunday, December 25th. Also, the week of December 26th—January 2nd. I will return to the office on Tuesday, January 3rd. As always, if you need me for an emergency, please call the parish office, and Micie and/or Alexis will know how to get in touch with me. I will not be checking my e-mail or voice mail during this time off period.

**ROMAN MISSAL IMPLEMENTATION**

The New Roman Missal Implementation will take place beginning next weekend, 1st Sunday of Advent. Beginning this weekend, we will have the New Roman Missal changes in the form of a pew card which will be in the front of the pews. We will not be saying the changes until the official start next weekend, but take a moment to look them over as we approach this new time in the life of the Catholic Church. Please leave the pew cards in the pews, and please do not take them home.

**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.

**ADVENT CALENDAR**

Inserted in today's bulletin, please find our yearly Advent Calendar. Please refer to this for all the special happenings during the Advent Season.

**CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER**

Contemplative Prayer begins on Tuesday, November 29th at 7PM in the chapel. Bob Toohey has graciously offered to facilitate this unique way of prayer as he has done for many years. Please come and join us. Spend quiet time in prayer as we begin this Advent Season. This will continue through Tuesday, December 20th.

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL**

This weekend, is follow up Sunday for our annual Parish Stewardship Campaign at our parish. Two weekend's ago 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.

**ADVANCE NOTICE OF MASS TIMES**

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**—Masses for Immaculate Conception, (a holy day of obligation) will be held on Wednesday, December 7th (Vigil) at 7PM, Thursday, December 8th, Mass will be at 9AM.

**ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE**—Our Advent Reconciliation Service will be held on Sunday, December 11th beginning at 6:30PM.

**CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES**—Saturday, December 24th, Masses will be at 5PM (Children's Mass) (English), 7PM (Spanish), 10PM (English)

**CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES**—Sunday, December 25th we will have our normal Sunday Schedule of 8:30 and 11AM.

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING**

*On behalf of Fr. Leonardo, Fr. Gilberto, the parish staff and myself, we want to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you and your families, a blessed Thanksgiving Day. Welcome the presence of the Lord into your homes and into your hearts as we now enter into the Advent Season. We ask for his blessings each and every day as we continue to serve him. We ask for his continued love and support. May God be with us all.*



**YOUR ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY IN ACTION**

**"Dear Friend":** On this beautiful Saturday morning, the Lord brought three angels to my door. These angels, as I understand, were messengers of God from your organization. They came bearing food, a food gift certificate, and gifts for my children. I cannot express the gratitude and love I feel from this gift. It may sound corny, what I am saying, but it all boils down to this: because of those three angels (and I am positive many others) I was able to tell my children, "We will be having a special Christmas." I had no idea how I was going to be able to give them the meal or gifts that they so deserved with so many negatives in our lives right now. This was the best positive I could have hoped for. Thank you so much and God bless every one of you!" - A thank you note from a mother who previously had received a Christmas basket from St. Theresa's SVDP Society. You too can be one of these "angels". We will be delivering 90-100 Christmas Baskets and Gifts to needy families this year on Saturday, Dec. 17 but we need your help. Please consider being a "participating angel". Each of you can do so by using the Christmas Food Basket Donation Envelope distributed at all the masses. Other ways are by helping with the Gift sorting on Friday morning, Dec. 16 or by delivering some of the Christmas Baskets on Saturday morning, Dec. 17. If you able to sort or deliver, please contact Virginia Roni at (253) 838-8919 prior to Dec 8<sup>th</sup>. **You too can be an angel!**



**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 and opportunity to thank Connie Adams for all of her many gifts of time and talent that she so graciously shares with St. Theresa Parish. Connie is a member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. In the past, she has chaired our annual Bundle Sundays, she assists in many home visits, and is the all around go to person for the Society. We thank you Connie for your continued support and giving to our parish.*

**DESIGNS FOR LIFE**

Designs for Life will be meeting on Tuesdays in the parish office again. Meeting date is November 22nd, December 6th 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 Wymbs in your prayers. Nancy has had to step down from her leadership role due to illness. Please come and join us!

**WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

**Ladies!** This week the Women's Fellowship group will take a "Thanksgiving" break to be with our families. Come join us next week! Mark your calendars now for our Christmas Brunch, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 10am- 11:30am !



**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 11/12-13	\$ 9,602
Year to Date Actual (20)	\$ 196,248
Year to Date Budget (20)	\$ 203,934
<b>Deficit</b>	<b>\$ 7,686</b>



**KNIGHTS KNOTES**

**YOUTH SOCCER CHALLENGE STATE CHAMPIONS!** Three of our Parish youth were awarded State Champion recognition at the 2011 Soccer Challenge. **Anna Masterson**, Girls 10;

**Dylan Grenz**, Boys 10 and **Gavin Masterson**, Boys 12.

**SAVE THE DATE** - the annual Council Christmas Party is Wednesday, December 28th at the home of Peggy and PGK Dennis LaPorte. Watch for more details.

**CARDS AND CHRISTMAS GREENERY PICK UP** - Don't forget to pick up your cards and Christmas greens after Mass on December 3 and 4.

**SEAHAWKS FUND RAISERS** - The next three games are Sunday, 11/27, 12/1 and Monday, 12/12. Holidays weekends and week day evenings are especially hard to fill so please contact Brother Walter Aho or any Knight if you can join in the fun and fund raising!

**DECEMBER COUNCIL MEETING DATES CHANGE** - due to timing of Seahawks games and Christmas, Council 7908 meetings next month will be Monday, December 5th and the 19th. Gather at 7:30 as usual and stay for refreshments after the meetings!

For more information about the activities of Knights of Columbus Council 7908 or to become a member contact Kof-C7908info@gmail.com

**FAITH IN ACTION SPECIAL NOTE**

This week we are foregoing the normal Faith in Action Focus that we have published weekly in our parish bulletin. We are instead appealing to all parishioners to be involved and participate in this year's St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Food and Gifts for needy families within our parish boundaries. We have sponsored this program for many years as St. Theresa. But, as the needs increase due to the current economic conditions, the calls keep coming and coming. This year more than ever, we are asking for your help.

Please consider participating in this major outreach to your fellow Brothers and Sister in Christ, many of whom could possibly be neighbors.

There are many ways you can help:

1. Contribute financially in the Christmas Food Basket Donation Envelope.
2. Bring Gifts for children and place them under the Giving Tree by Sunday, Dec. 11th.
3. Help with Gift Sorting on Friday morning, Dec. 16th.
4. Deliver Christmas Baskets on Saturday, Dec. 17th.
5. Pray for your neighbors in need.

If you can help with gift sorting or the Basket delivery, please contact Virginia Roni (253 838-8919) no later than the 8th of December

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

When the son of Man comes in glory, may we be among those who have fed the hungry, welcomed the stranger, and clothed the naked. For Jesus tells us clearly that it is those who have demonstrated good stewardship by sharing their gifts with the less fortunate who will receive God's blessing and inherit the kingdom.

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

**SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>, 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 10 tickets left! We will carpool from the 21<sup>st</sup> 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.