

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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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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Faith in Action

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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

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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

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Spiritual Life and Worship

Altar Servers Catherine DeCastro (253) 569-9828

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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 27th

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

Monday, November 28th

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

Tuesday, November 29th

- **Advent Contemplative Prayer Begins 7PM (Chapel)**

Wednesday, November 30th

- **Women's Fellowship 9:30AM (Narthex Room)**
- **Mass 6PM (Chapel)**
- **Sandwich Drop Off 5-7PM**
- **Adult Initiation 7PM (Narthex)**

Thursday, December 1st

- **Hispanic First Reconciliation 5:30 (Parish Hall)**
- **Confirmation Preparation 6PM (Overflow Room)**
- **Spanish Mass 7PM**
- **St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 7PM (Parish Office)**

Friday, December 2nd

- **9AM Mass**
- **Edge Resumes 6PM (Parish Hall)**
- **Saturday, December 3rd**
- **Sacrament of Reconciliation 4PM**
- **Masses 5PM (English); 7PM (Spanish)**
- **Catholic Community Services Weekend (All Masses)**
- **Hispanic Faith Formation Resumes 5:30PM (Church and Parish Office)**

Sunday, December 4th

- **Second Sunday of Advent; Masses—8:30, 11:00AM; 5PM Youth Mass**
- **Catholic Community Services (All Masses)**
- **1st Reconciliation Preparation 1PM (Parish Hall)**
- **Faith Formation Resumes**
- **Life Teen Night Resumes**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22
Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

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



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Elementary Faith Formation Classes:

November 27th—NO Class ; December 4th- Class 7; December 11th-Class 8

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

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

- **THANK YOU:** What an appropriate time this Thanksgiving weekend to thank all those who have helped in one way or another in the success of our Family Advent Rally last Sunday! Thanks to all our catechists, catechist aides and volunteers who helped with the different stations, to Fr. Leonardo for blessing our advent wreaths and to all of you who participated and made this parish event a success!
 - **DID YOU KNOW?** The word Advent comes from the Latin word *adventus*. It means simply "the coming" or the "showing." During the season of Advent we celebrate the various comings of God into our human community—into the past, the present, and the future. Jesus is the God of Advent. As we approach this wonderful liturgical season in which we prepare for Jesus' coming, take the time to become more deeply aware of God's presence in your life. Take the time from shopping, cooking, and decorating to make space for remembering all the ways God has shown his presence to you in the past and pay attention to how Jesus comes into your life today. May Jesus, the God of Advent, be born anew in your heart. Advent blessings to you and your family!
- **Have a blessed Thanksgiving weekend!!**

YOUTH MINISTRY

LIFETEEN

11/27— No Life Night- Thanksgiving
 12/4- Life Night "Rise & Walk" 6-8pm @ Parish Hall
 Core Members specifically Male are needed! If you would like more information on how you can help. Please contact Diana Jorda, Youth Minister.

EDGE

12/2-Edge Night 6-8pm "Not on Bread Alone" @ Parish Hall
 12/16- Service Project Christmas Baskets/ Christmas Party (potluck style)

LIFETEEN MASS

Life Teen Mass is in need of liturgical servers especially sacristans. We will offer training if need be. In order for this Mass to run smoothly, it is very important that we fill these needed positions. We are also in need of an adult with musical background to help coordinate the Life Teen Band. Please contact Diana for more information.

CONFIRMATION

12/1 Confirmation Super Session 7&8 6-8pm @ Over Flow Room

CORE TEAM

11/30 Edge Core 630pm; Life teen Core 730pm @ Parish Office

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.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

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

This weekend marks the implementation of the New Roman Missal. Over the past months, the parish has been led through a number of informational sessions facilitated by Fr. Leonardo, lots and lots of information in the bulletin, and today the day is here. We are very hopeful that all will embrace the changes with open hearts and minds. This will be a learning experience for us all, but if we trust in God, and follow the path that he has sketched for us, all will be well. As always, if you have any questions or concerns regarding the changes, please let either Fr. Leonardo, or myself know. In the pews, there are pew cards to help us all with the different word changes. Please refer to them until we are all on board with the changes!

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.

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.

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, 7PM in Spanish.

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.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL

I want to take the opportunity to thank all of you who have made your financial commitment to the parish for this year's Parish Stewardship Renewal. To date, we have 166 families that have pledged to the parish for the coming 2012 year. We thank each and every one of you that have stepped up and "taken a step in your faith". We would love to see all parish participation in this year's renewal campaign. However, we also know that is not always a possibility. For that, we completely understand. But, if for whatever the reason, you cannot commit at this time, please fill out a commitment card and let us know that you will pray for the stability and success of this program. It is important that each of us take a part in the responsibility. We all have an interest in this parish, and the parish is here for all. Fr. Leonardo and I ask that each of you discern your financial commitment and please commit to this year's renewal. It is vital for the continued growth of the parish, and for the vitality of the parish programs. With costs as they are, every dollar counts. There will be commitment cards in the pews this weekend, and there are also materials in the narthex in the designated pick up area for parish stewardship. Again, thank you to all for your consideration of this request.

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY SERVICES COLLECTION

Next weekend, we will be having a second collection for Catholic Community Services. We ask that you be generous to this much needed collection. Catholic Community Services and Catholic Housing Services of Western Washington serve over 81,000 people each year through more than 150 programs. Every dollar that is contributed does indeed make a difference. 92 cents of every dollar spent goes directly to those in need. Please join St. Theresa Parish and parishes throughout our diocese next weekend as we support Catholic Community Services. We thank you for your generosity.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CELEBRATION

Our Hispanic Community of St. Theresa is sending an invitation to all parishioners of St. Theresa to please come and join the Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration that will be presented on Saturday, December 10th beginning with Mass at 7PM. There is an insert being prepared that will help us all to understand the cultural explanation of Our Lady of Guadalupe and the significance of the celebration. Please join us.

SIMBANG GABI CELEBRATION

St. Theresa's Simbang Gabi celebration will take place on Wednesday, December 14th beginning with Mass at 6PM, followed by food and entertainment after Mass. Volunteers are much needed for this event. If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information, please call Sally Ramos at 253-927-4013. She is the coordinator of the event. Please come and join in on this celebration!

BEGINNING OF ADVENT

As we begin Advent 2011, remember that God loves us all...no matter what...his love is there to embrace each of us each and every day. May we all wait and believe in that love that God shares with us all. Let us all believe that God's love is so strong for us that even as we experience results of human weakness and choices that may or may not be on the right track, God will come and save us. God's touch is the touch of the master artist who will transform darkness into light. Pray during this time of Advent, and participate in the many activities that our Church has to help each of us on our Advent journey. Come together as a parish community and embrace the love that God has for us all. Bless each and every one of us during this Advent Season. As we await the Advent of Christ the Son, let us all prepare ourselves for the knock when he comes so that he may find us watchful in prayer.

First Sunday of Advent

Be watchful! Be alert!

You do not know when the time will come.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



The Food Bank is in need of Macaroni and Cheese and Canned Tuna.

YOUR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY IN ACTION

An account from one of our Vincentians: "When we receive a service call it is usually, if not always, from someone needing financial assistance. This past May we assisted a family needing their electricity bill paid due to the father losing his source of income and going through all his savings and family assistance. So when five months later I received a call that the family wanted to meet and give me something, I was a little surprised. I met the family in their home and sat around the family table. The father proceeded to tell me that after our visit, their financial state had changed. He was able to go back to work and was now making a sizeable income. Because of this, the family had decided to donate to organizations that helped the poor, especially St. Theresa's St. Vincent de Paul Society who had helped them in their time of need. At the end of our visit, the father gave me a very generous check to help the families in our community and pledged that more would be coming in the future." As he was entering a village, ten lepers met (him). They stood at a distance from him and raised their voice, saying, "Jesus, Master! Have pity on us!" And when he saw them, he said, "Go show yourselves to the priests." As they were going they were cleansed. And one of them, realizing he had been healed, returned, glorifying God in a loud voice, and he fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. (Luke 17: 12-16)"



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 Cynthia Kadoshima for her many talents that she so willingly shares with our parish. She is the Co-Chair of the Lector Ministry, a member of the Pastoral Council, Eucharistic Minister, and anything that you need her to do, she is always there and willing. We thank you Cynthia for your gifts of time and talent that you give back to the parish at St. Theresa!

DESIGNS FOR LIFE

Designs for Life will be meeting on Tuesdays in the parish office again. Meeting date is 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 of the Parish! You are invited to our Christmas Brunch, December 14th, from 10a - 11:30a. It is a great time of fellowship to get to know one another. And you are always invited to join us in fellowship, scripture study, and prayer any Wednesday morning in the Narthex Room in the church building from 9:30a - 11:30a. 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.

ST. THERESA'S PARISH 50+ CLUB

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 10 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.

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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... Focus

Give Us This Day our Daily Bread

- ◆ Our St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank is the foundation of about 150-200 bags of food being delivered in our parish area each month. Your financial donations to the society supplement your direct donations of food to the food bank.
- ◆ With the Holidays approaching our St. Vincent de Paul Society has a great plan to Feed and Gift the families in our parish area who need help this Christmas. Please take a good look at their plan and participate in any way you are able. They are seeking full parish participation.
- ◆ A volunteer or two are needed to "spruce up" the Food Box area of the Narthex. Please contact Linda at the parish office if you are willing to work on this project.
- ◆ If you know a community group that can use "day old" bread contact Ron Vandenberg. 253-218-7405
- ◆ Bread for the World urges our nation's leaders to end hunger. www.bread.org

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

*We are the servants of God, each with his or her own task.
We will be judged good stewards if, at His coming, He finds us ready and conscientiously pursuing the tasks to which we have been called*



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
Deficit	\$ 7,686

****Due to the holiday, the bulletin figures will be updated next week****