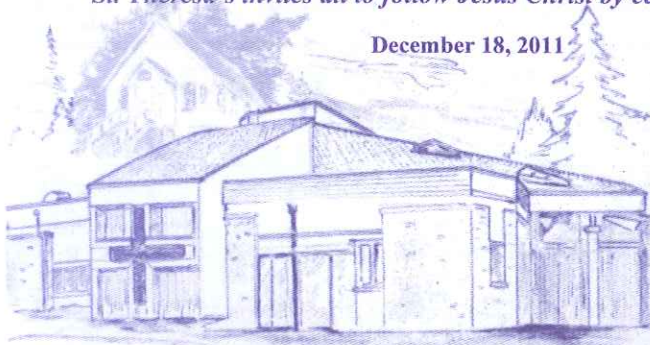


# ST. THERESA'S PARISH

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

December 18, 2011



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**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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### Consultative Structures

#### Pastoral Council

Doug Johnson (253) 874-0581

#### Finance Council

Robert Celski (253) 925-5242

#### 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

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](mailto: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

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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, December 18th**

- **Fourth Sunday of Advent; Masses—8:30, 11:00AM; 5PM Youth Mass**
- **Faith Formation ; 12 Noon-1PM Xmas Play/Choir Rehearsal**
- **Faith and Light 1PM (Narthex Room)**
- **Life Teen 7PM (Parish Hall)**

**Monday, December 19th**

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

**Tuesday, December 20th**

- **Advent Contemplative Prayer 7PM**
- **Christian Formation Commission Meeting 7PM (Parish Office)**

**Wednesday, December 21st**

- **6PM Mass**
- **Sandwich Drop Off 5-7PM**
- **Adult Initiation 7PM (Narthex Room)**
- **Roots and Fruits Series—7PM (Parish Hall) Deacon Dave Facilitating**

**Thursday, December 22nd**

- **9AM Mass**
- **Spanish Mass 7PM**

**Friday, December 23rd**

- **9AM Mass**
- **Parish Office Closed**
- **Decorating Church for Christmas Season beginning at 10AM**
- **No Edge Program**

**Saturday, December 24th**

- **No Sacrament of Reconciliation**
- **Masses 5PM (English); 7PM (Spanish); 10PM (English)**

**Sunday, December 25th**

*Merry Christmas to all !*

- **Masses—8:30, 11:00AM; No 5PM Youth Mass**
- **No Faith Formation**
- **No Life Teen Program**

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday:** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25  
**Tuesday:** Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38  
**Wednesday:** Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45  
**Thursday:** 1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56  
**Friday:** Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66  
**Saturday:** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Lk 1:67-79  
**Sunday:** Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]

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

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

December 18th—Christmas Pageant; Dec 25-Jan 1  
 NO Class – Christmas Break; January 8th- Class 10

**4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT:** The fourth candle reminds us of the star that guided the Magi to the stable where Jesus lay. **PRAYER:** Dear God, we thank you for sharing Jesus with all the world. Please help us to care about and befriend those who might be different from ourselves. Help us, too, to remember that the gifts we share with each other at Christmas are reminders of the gift that Jesus is to us. Amen.

**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT:** You are all invited to come to the children's Christmas Pageant on Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 10am in the church and for the cake reception in the parish hall afterwards. Come see our FF children perform The First Christmas Story! If you miss it, you can still watch their play on Christmas Eve 5pm children's 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:**

12-18-Life Night 6-8pm @ Parish Hall  
 12-25 No Life Night- Christmas Day

**EDGE:**

12-23 No Edge Night - Christmas day

\*\*\*\*\*Classes resume 1/6-8th\*\*\*\*\*

**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**

There will be no Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday, December 24th.

**CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES**

Christmas Eve Masses will be celebrated at 5PM (English), 7PM (Spanish), 10PM (English). On Sunday, Christmas morning, Masses will be at the normal times of 8:30AM & 11AM. There will be no 5PM Youth Mass on Christmas Day, December 25th.

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE**

The parish office will be closed on Friday, December 23rd, and Monday, December 26th in observance of the Christmas Holidays. If there is an emergency, please call the parish office and follow the directions for the After Hours Emergency Service, who will get in contact with me as soon as possible.

**TIME AWAY**

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.

**CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER**

This coming Tuesday, will be the last of our Advent Contemplative Prayer. We take this opportunity to thank Bob Toohey for his commitment to this endeavor that he so graciously shares with us each Advent and Lenten Season. Hopefully, all have taken an opportunity to come and learn this unique way of sharing and praying in the glorious Advent Season.

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS NEEDED**

As we are approaching the Christmas season, and it is fast approaching, I have been notified by Lisa Seabolt (Eucharistic Ministers) and Angel Quant (Greeters) that we are seeking ministers in both areas for the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses. It is so important that we have all our liturgical ministers in place. I know each of us has commitments, but, your help is desperately needed. If you are a greeter, or Eucharistic Minister, please get in touch with Lisa and Angel. Their numbers are on the front of the bulletin, and please let them know you will volunteer for these Masses. The need is very urgent. Thank you all for your continued gifts of time and talent.

**FLOWER COLLECTION**

This weekend and next weekend, we will be having our annual flower collection for the Christmas decorating season. The reason for the collection is to help with the total cost of purchasing flowers, materials and supplies for the holiday decorating that takes place for Christmas. If you are interested in helping with decorating the church for Christmas, please contact Teresa Tillman. Her phone number is on the front of the bulletin cover.

**END OF YEAR DONATIONS**

As we are approaching the end of the year, and tax time comes upon us. Just a reminder that if you want your donation to the parish for either stewardship or capital campaign to be included in the 2011 tax year, the parish office needs to receive your donation no later than December 31, 2011. If the donations come in the mail, they need to be postmarked with the December 31st date on it. If not, they will be included with the 2012 donations. This is an IRS regulation and one that the diocese strictly follows. ????...give me a call.

**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.

**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 take place in January. All families of St. Theresa are invited to partake in this. 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 at the parish office.

**CCS COLLECTION**

Two weekends ago we heard Deacon Dave talk about the work of Catholic Community Services and how this organization cares for the poor and vulnerable on behalf of our local Church. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have so generously made a donation, your gifts will be used to help provide safety, stability and supportive connections to the children and families who come to CCS in desperate need. As good stewards of your gifts, 92cents of every dollar CCS spends goes directly to those in need. Thank you again to all who participated and most of all, thank you for your care and compassion for our neighbors in need.

**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.



The Food Bank is in Need of Baby Wipe and Small Diapers

**Your St. Vincent De Paul Society in Action**

**WHAT DO ANGELS LOOK LIKE?** Do they wear long gowns and have wings and halos? Here at St. Theresa's they come in all sizes, colors, ages and genders. Hundreds of participating "Angels" aided the St. Vincent de Paul Society with our Christmas Basket program. Angels prepared tags for the giving tree, gave money, brought gifts, assembled Christmas dinner boxes, sorted gifts and delivered food boxes and gifts to the needy in our community. If you could have seen the faces of parents as they received gifts for their children who may not have had any gifts, were it not for you! They are truly grateful to have presents under their tree Christmas morning.

*"And a multitude of sounds was heard in the heavens" could it be the ANGELS of ST. THERESA'S PARISH? We are truly blest to have you watching over each and everyone of us!*



**FOR THE HOUSEBOUND**

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



Let us as a parish community take this opportunity to thank Dana Cosgrove for all of her many gifts of time and talent that she so graciously shares with our parish. Dana is a Catechist for our young children's Faith

Formation Program and is also helping with coordinating the children's Christmas Pageant this year. She is a warm, embracing person with a wealth of gifts to share and she does so each and every week with our young people. Thank you Dana!

**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 or 253 874-0537

**WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

This week the Women's Fellowship group will take a Christmas Break to be with our families. We wish all them and all the families of the parish a Blessed Christmas!

**ST. THERESA'S PARISH**

**50+ CLUB**

Sun. Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> - "The Christmas Revels" Show starts at 1 PM. I will give you your tickets at the 21<sup>st</sup> Ave. Park & Ride where we will meet to carpool at 12:15 PM. Drivers will be needed! Please be prompt! There is a parking lot adjacent to the Rialto Theatre--- the cost is \$5. After the show, we will meet at the Palisades for 4PM Mass and then dinner at 5PM.

Fri. Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> - First Friday Mass & Adoration 9AM. Coffee & donuts in church hall after. Twin Lakes C.C. closed until Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>.



**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.

For more information about the activities of Knights of Columbus Council 7908 or to become a member contact :

**K of C 7908info@gmail.com**

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

*In the first reading, God promises King David that his house and his kingdom will endure forever. It is through Mary's "Yes" ... "I am the handmaid of the Lord. Let it be done to me as you say..." that the promise finds fulfillment.*



**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 12/3-4	\$ 22,542
Year to Date Actual (23)	\$ 237,751
Year to Date Budget (23)	\$ 233,712
***Due to holiday dates, bulletin figures will be updated in January 1st bulletin.***	

**TITHING COMMITTEE**

St. Theresa's Tithing Committee meets quarterly to disburse to various charities 5% of the weekly collection. The committee will meet in **January, 2012**. To be eligible for funds non-profit organizations need to submit a formal request to the Committee explaining their need for and use of the funds. Their non-profit status must be verified.

**FAITH AND LIGHT**

Faith and 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 mee4ting at St. Theresa's on Sunday, December 18th at 1PM in the Narthex Room. Please call Mary Margaret for more information at 253-927-5558.

**MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!**

Please consider donating your time and talents in preparing our parish environment for Christmas. There are many different opportunities, perhaps one would work with your time and interests. We will begin decorating on Friday, December 23rd at 10AM. Decorating including many different tasks some longer in the time commitment than others. So even if you have a little time, there are some smaller projects we could use your help with. All are welcome! Please come and participate in our preparation.