

# 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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### 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
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, December 25th**

*Merry Christmas to all !*

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

**Monday, December 26th**

- Parish Office Closed in Observance of the Holiday

**Tuesday, December 27th**

- Parish Office Reopens

**Wednesday, December 28th**

- 6PM Mass
- Sandwich Drop Off 5-7PM
- Pastoral Council Meeting 7PM (Parish Office)

**Thursday, December 29th**

- 9AM Mass
- Spanish Mass 7PM

**Friday, December 30th**

- 9AM Mass
- No Edge Program

**Saturday, December 31st**

- Sacrament of Reconciliation 4PM
- Masses 5PM (English), 7PM (Spanish)

**Sunday, January 1st**

*Happy New Year 2012!*

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

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday:** Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22  
**Tuesday:** 1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8  
**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Mt 2:13-18  
**Thursday:** 1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35  
**Friday:** Sir 3:2-7, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]  
**Saturday:** 1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18  
**Sunday:** Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

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



**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

**Elementary Faith Formation Classes:**

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

**First Eucharist/Communion Classes:**

(For both Parents and Candidates (grades 2-12)

Jan 8th—1-2:30pm Parent Orientation Meeting; Jan 22nd 11am  
 Enrollment Liturgy at Mass

**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT:** Thanks to all our Christmas Pageant performers, choir singers and special thanks to *Jennifer Riestra* (play director), *Gerry Jones* (choir director) and to our play assistants - *Carrie BeSerra* and *Megan Cosgrove* for a wonderful Christmas Play last Sunday. A big thanks to *Julie Fry* and *Dana Cosgrove* for donating the costumes. Thanks also to our FF staff volunteers (*Anne Cumings & crew*) for serving cake at the reception. And thanks to all who came to celebrate Jesus' birthday!

**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:**

12-25 No Life Night- Christmas Day

**EDGE:**

12-30 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

**NEW YEARS EVE AND NEW YEARS DAY MASSES**

We will observe our normal Mass schedule on Saturday, December 31st with Mass at 5PM (English), 7PM (Spanish). Sunday, January 1st (Solemnity of Mary) (Holy Day of Obligation), Masses will be at 8:30AM, 11AM. There is no 5PM Youth Mass

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE**

The parish office will be closed on Monday, December 26th. Will reopen on Tuesday, December 27th. The office will also be closed on Monday, January 2nd, reopening on Tuesday, January 3rd. If there is an emergency either due to a serious illness, or someone has died, please call the parish office and our after hours emergency service will be able to get in touch with me so that we can aid in the situation.

**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.

**ST. THERESA'S ANNUAL CLOTHING DRIVE**

Our Faith in Action Commission will be planning and implementing this year's Annual Clothing Drive. The clothing drive will begin on the weekend of January 7th/8th. We will have a detailed flyer in the bulletin the coming weekend, December 31st/January 1st. Start the cleaning process, and clean out your closets, wherever you might have gently used clean clothing that is no longer needed. Please put them in plastic bags, and bring to church on the designated days. 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**

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.

**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.

*Dear Parishioners of St. Theresa Parish,  
On behalf of Fr. Leonardo, Fr. Gilberto and the entire parish staff, we are all wishing you and your loved ones a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year! May you all find the peace, love and joy of Jesus Christ in each step that you take, and come closer to the Lord each and every day. During this busy time of the year, take the time to spend a few minutes each day to pray, talk and be with our Lord. It is only through prayer and coming to Mass that you find peace to deal with all of life's up's and down's. We are a blessed community, and we are a community of great outpouring of love, compassion, and joy. It is our sincere wish that each of you find comfort in knowing that we as a parish staff are here to serve you and to help aid in bringing all of us closer to God. It is our honor and privilege to serve you and to have each of you as part of our community, and most of all our family.*

*May God bless each of this Christmas Season,  
Linda, Fr. Leonardo, Fr. Gilberto, and the Parish Staff*





The Food Bank is in need of Family Sized Beef Stew and Chili

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 **Teresa Tillman**, her wonderful family, and all the members of the Art and Environment that work so very hard each and every year so that our worship space is decorated and inviting to all. We thank each and every one of you for your many, many gifts of art, talent, and time that you so graciously give to the parish and to the community. May God bless each of you during this Holy Season.

**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](mailto:kellar@clearwire.net) or 253 874-0537

**WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

This week the Women's Fellowship group continues to take a Christmas Break to be with our families. Please join us next Wednesday morning, Jan 4<sup>th</sup>, as we continue to study the "Sisters in Scripture" bible guide.

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

**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**

*The shepherds who heard the joyous news from the angels on that first Christmas night and then hurried to find the infant Savior must surely have been changed by that experience. How has His coming changed my life?*



**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.

**TAX TIME DONATIONS**

As the end of the year is approaching, please remember if you want any stewardship or building donations credited to you for the 2011 tax season, all payments must be into the parish office and dated December 31st, or mailed and postmarked the 31st. If we receive after that date, it will be credited to your 2012 stewardship or capital campaign. If you have any questions on this, please contact Linda at the parish office.