

# ST. THERESA'S PARISH

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

December 4, 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

Doug Johnson (253) 874-0581

#### Finance 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

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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

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SVDP Membership Virginia/Joe Roni (253) 838-8919

SVDP Food Bank Patti White (253) 437-6061

Prayer Line Mary Schindler (253) 952-8585

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

### Spiritual Life and Worship

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Art and Environment Teresa Tillman (253) 924-0729

Coffee and Donuts Tom Smith (253) 381-9314

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Lectors Mike Radford (253) 735-4474

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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 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**

**Monday, December 5th**

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

**Tuesday, December 6th**

- **Advent Contemplative Prayer Begins 7PM**

**Wednesday, December 7th**

- **Women's Fellowship 9:30AM (Narthex Room)**
- **Altar Server Training 6PM (Church)**
- **Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass 7PM (Church) (Holy Day of Obligation); no 6PM Mass**
- **Sandwich Drop Off 5-7PM**
- **Adult Initiation 7PM (Narthex)**

**Thursday, December 8th**

- **Immaculate Conception Mass (Holy Day of Obligation) 9AM (Church)**
- **OLG Rosary 6:15PM (Church)**
- **Spanish Mass 7PM**
- **St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 7PM (Parish Office)**

**Friday, December 9th**

- **9AM Mass**
- **OLG Rosary 6:15PM (Church)**
- **Edge 7PM (Parish Hall)**
- **Saturday, December 10th**
- **Sacrament of Reconciliation 4P**
- **Masses 5PM (English); 7PM (Spanish); OLG Rosary 6PM; Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration (Parish Hall)**

**Sunday, December 11th**

- **Third Sunday of Advent; Masses—8:30, 11:00AM; 5PM Youth Mass ; Advent Reconciliation Service 6:30PM**
- **Faith Formation**
- **Life Teen 7PM (Parish Hall)**
- **Hispanic Mananitas 10PM (Church)**

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday:** Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26
- Tuesday:** Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14
- Wednesday:** Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30
- Thursday:** Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
- Friday:** Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19
- Saturday:** Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
- Sunday:** Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

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



**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

**Elementary Faith Formation Classes:**

December 4th—Class 7; December 11th- Class 8;  
December 18th—Christmas Pageant

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

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

- **CATHOLIC CHALLENGE:** The Season of Advent is here! Families, begin to engage your children in the countless activities that will help to prepare for the coming of Jesus' birthday! At home – focus on the Advent Wreath, candles and Advent prayers; addressing Christmas cards. At church – Contemplative prayers on Tuesday evenings, Advent Reconciliation Service on Sunday, Dec 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm, Simbang Gabi (a Filipino sponsored Advent Mass) on Wednesday, Dec 14<sup>th</sup>, and many more! Check your parish Advent calendar!
- **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 26<sup>th</sup> through April with the celebration of the sacrament in early May.

**YOUTH MINISTRY**

**LIFETEEN:**

**December 4th** -Life Night 6-8pm @ Parish Hall  
**December 11th**—Life Night 6-8pm @ Parish Hall

**EDGE:**

**December 9th**— Edge Night 6-8pm @Parish Hall  
**December 16th**— Christmas basket project

**CONFIRMATION:**

December 15th—Super Session 9-10 6-8pm @ Overflow Room  
December 18th— Presentation of candidates @ 5pm LifeTeen Mass

**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—Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass at 7PM (Holy Day of Obligation), Thursday, Immaculate Conception 9AM (English) 7PM (Spanish), Friday at 9AM (First Friday & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament)

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

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

**ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE**

Our Advent Reconciliation Service will take place on Sunday, December 11th at 6:30PM with individual confessions.

**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.

**ROMAN MISSAL IMPLEMENTATION**

We have begun the implementation that we have been talking about for over a year now. All went pretty well, we have some bumps in the road, but as time goes on, and we as a parish community embrace the changes, all will be well. If you have any questions or concerns, please let either Fr. Leonardo or myself know.

**COFFEE HOUR**

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 continues all Tuesdays of the Advent season 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.

**ADVANCE NOTICE OF MASS TIMES**

**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.

**BROWNS POINT LIGHTHOUSE COTTAGE**

Old Fashioned Christmas Tea and Open House at the Browns Point Lighthouse Cottage, all decorated for the Holidays, featuring singing of carols, visit by Santa, home-made goodies and historical displays, including one of the history of historic "little" St Theresa church at Dash Point. For info contact Jim and Pat Harnish 927-6019

**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 175 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 years 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 years 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. Commitment Cards and information is located at the back of the church in the pick up area. Follow up letters to those that we have not yet heard from will be going out sometime in the next coming week. Again, thank you to all for your consideration of this request.

**CATHOLIC COMMUNITY SERVICES COLLECTION**

This 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!

**SEEKING THE COMMON GOOD**

Inserted in today's bulletin is an insert that Archbishop Sartain has asked us to share with our parish communities. As we all discern and meditate during the Advent Season on God's supreme gift of his Son, we are well aware of the extremely tough economic situation that all face. The Washington State Conference has developed the insert in today's bulletin as a means of encouraging our people to reflect in faith on the many issues before us at this time, especially in light of Catholic Social Teaching and the important concept of the Common Good. Please take a moment to read this very important bulletin announcement. May God bless each of us, and may our faith inform every aspect of our lives. May we lift up to God in prayer the intentions of all those who lead and serve us, that they might make decisions in accord with His will. God bless us all during this Advent Season.

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**December 4, 2011**



The Food Bank is in need of Tooth Paste, Tooth Brushes, and Paper Napkins

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

This year, your St. Vincent de Paul Society hopes to deliver approximately 100 meal boxes along with gifts for the children to needy families who live within our parish area. This is a highlight of many families' holiday season -- not only for the recipients but also for those who deliver the gifts to them. The gratitude of parents is heartwarming as they know for certain that their children will have gifts beneath the tree on Christmas morning and a special meal later that day. You and your family or friends can be a part of this joyous event in a myriad of ways. For participation suggestions, see the Flyer in today's church bulletin or simply give Virginia Roni a call at (253) 838-8919 who will be glad to answer any questions you may have.

**Come be a part of serving Our Lord as you give to our neighbors at this Holy time of year. Give to others and receive a Christmas blessing as you do!**



**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 opportunity to thank Mike Valmonte for all his many gifts of time and talent that he so graciously shares with our parish. Mike is currently helping out Diana our Youth Minister to enable her more time to spend with the youth of the parish and not the many, many administrative items that are on her plate. We thank you Mike for your many gifts that you so graciously share with our parish!

**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**

Mark your calendar for a Christmas Brunch next Wed, Dec 14<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 11:30am! Please join us for our annual fete. We will meet in the Narthex Room in the church building. Bring yourself, a friend, and any favorite brunch dish to share. There will be a White Elephant raffle to support an international women's project. You are always welcome to join us there in fellowship, scripture reflection, and prayer each Wednesday morning from 9:30 - 11:30a. We are studying the "Sisters in Scripture" bible guide. Come any time and we have bibles to share. For any questions, call Karin Garton at 253-941-1434.

**ST. THERESA'S PARISH  
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 4PM Mass followed by a 5PM delicious dinner at The Palisades. **SOLD OUT** We will carpool from the 21<sup>st</sup> Ave. Park & Ride at 12:15 PM. Drivers will be needed. Please be prompt!



**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 this weekend, **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**

*This Advent, let the Wreath remind us to Circle around those near us who need our love, help and support.*

**\*MARCH TO MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday** - Giving Tree Gifts for children are due at church for St. Vincent De Paul Society Christmas Baskets.  
**Dec. 16 Friday** - Help assemble Baskets after morning Mass in the Parish Hall.  
**Dec. 17 Saturday** - Volunteer to help Deliver Baskets (Contact Virginia Roni 253-838-8919)

\*Use the parish prayer line. Let those you care about, who are experiencing difficulty, know they have your prayer support and that of our parish community [sttheresaprayerline@hotmail.com](mailto:sttheresaprayerline@hotmail.com)

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

*John the Baptist's call to repentance is echoed in the US Bishops' pastoral letter on stewardship: "Christians must beg God for the grace of conversion: the grace to know who they are, to whom they belong, how they are to live...the grace to repent and change and grow, the grace to become good disciples and stewards."*



**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 11/19-20	\$ 9,881
Last Week's Collection 11/26-27	\$ 9,080
Year to Date Actual (22)	\$ 215,209
Year to Date Budget (22)	\$ 223,742
<b>Deficit</b>	<b>\$ 8,533</b>