

# 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. Gilberto Mora-Tapia, Parochial Vicar  
Deacon Tom O'Loughlin

## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:00 PM (English), 7:00 PM (Spanish)  
Sunday Masses: 8:30 & 11:00 AM;  
Weekdays/Holy Days: As Announced

Chapel is open from 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM daily

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 4:00-4:45 PM (English); 6:00 pm Spanish  
Weekdays: Wed. 5:30 PM, Thursday & Friday 8:30 AM  
Tuesday & Thursday 6:30PM (Spanish)

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### Christian Formation Commission

Mary Morrison (253) 927-6838

### Faith in Action

Rita Keough (253) 344-1146

### Spiritual Life & Worship

Deacon Tom O'Loughlin (253) 307-797

### Sacrament of Baptism

If you are expecting a baby or have an infant to be baptized, contact Loreen Bell 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, ext#307.

## Committees Christian Formation

Women's Fellowship	Stacey Sherburne	(206) 304-9617
Faith Sharing Comm.	Mary Ann Bartholomew	(253) 927-4527
RCIA	Loreen Bell	(253) 838-5924

## Faith in Action

Eucharist For Sick	Bob Toohey	(206)-240-9351
Grief Ministry	Bernie Jacobs	(253) 927-2766
Fusion/ Joseph Foundation	Peggy LaPorte	(253) 927-1904
Sandwich Ministry	Laurie Fiorito	(206) 817-6327
Nativity House	Bill Michaud	(253) 719-8550
SVDP Assistance Line	St. Vincent de Paul	(206) 767-6449
SVDP Membership	Virginia/Joe Roni	(253) 838-8919
Prayer Line	Mary Schindler	(253) 952-8585

sttheresaprayertime@hotmail.com

Reach Out	Angela Watson	(910) 691-4606
Designs for Life	Diane Kellar	(253) 874-0537

## Spiritual Life and Worship

Altar Servers	Patti White	(253) 678-7026
Altar Commission	Brenda Connors	(253) 334-7573
Art and Environment	Teresa Tillman	(253) 924-0729
Coffee and Donuts	Tom Smith	(253) 381-9314
Eucharistic Ministers	Liz McFarland	(253) 344-1058
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Hospitality	Cynthia Kadoshima	(253) 927-8178
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Sacristans		

## Other

Facility	Bob Dahl	(253)927-1907
Knights of Columbus	Ken Burns	(253)952-3713
Senior Group	Bernie Jacobs	(253)927-2766

Gethsemane Catholic Cemetery (253)927-3350

### 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

*Sunday, November 18th*

- Masses 8:30 AM, 11 AM
- Advent Rally (Between the Masses); No Faith Formation
- Life Teen 3:30PM (note time change) (Parish Hall)
- Confirmation Class 6PM (Parish Office)

*Monday, November 19th*

- Hispanic Ministry Class 6PM(Parish Hall)

*Tuesday, November 20th*

- Sacrament of Reconciliation 6:30PM (Spanish); Mass 7PM (Spanish)
- RCIA (Hispanic) 5PM (Parish Office); Baptism Prep (English) 6:30PM (Parish Office)

*Wednesday, November 21st*

- Reconciliation 5:30pm, 6PM Mass
- Sandwich Drop 10AM-3PM (Parish Office)
- RCIA (English) 7PM (Parish Office)
- Safe Environment Training (English) (Parish Hall) 6:30PM

*Thursday, November 22nd*

\*\*\*\*\*Happy Thanksgiving\*\*\*\*\*

- Parish Office Closed in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday
- Thanksgiving Day Masses, 9 AM (English); 11 AM (Spanish)
- NO Sacrament of Reconciliation 8:30 AM (English), NO Sacrament of Reconciliation 6:30PM (Spanish); NO 7PM Mass (Spanish); Sandwich Drop Off 8:30 AM-9:30 AM (Church)
- Choir Practice 7:30PM ( 8:30 English Choir); 8PM (Hispanic Choir); Prayer Group 8PM (Main Church); Dance Practice 8PM (Parish Hall)

*Friday, November 23rd*

- Parish Office Closed in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday
- NO Sacrament of Reconciliation 8:30 AM (English); NO 9 AM (English)
- NO Edge

*Saturday, November 24th*

- Reconciliation 4PM (English); 6PM (Spanish); Mass 5PM (English); 7PM (Spanish); Sandwich Drop Off 4PM-8PM (Church);
- Giving Tree Up; Donation Envelopes for SVDP Christmas Baskets (All Masses); Blood Drive Signups (All Masses) ; NO Hispanic Faith Formation

*Sunday, November 25th*

- Masses 8:30 AM, 11 AM ; Giving Tree Up; Donation Envelopes for SVDP Baskets; NO Faith Formation ; No Life Teen

#### WEEKLY READINGS

- Monday:** Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 18:35-43
- Tuesday:** Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 19:1-10
- Wednesday:** Rv 4:1-11; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 19:11-28
- Thursday:** Rv 5:1-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 19:41-44
- Friday:** Rv 10:8-11; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Lk 19:45-48
- Saturday:** Rv 11:4-12; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Lk 20:27-40
- Sunday:** Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37

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

#### Children's Faith Formation

- There is NO Children's Faith formation this weekend due to the Advent Rally! Come Join us!
- There will be NO Children's Faith Formation Next Sunday 25th because of Thanksgiving weekend.
- Faith Formation begins again on December 2nd.
- Infant Baptism: Please contact Loreen for more information

#### Advent Rally!

All are welcome to attend our upcoming Advent Rally today, November 18th, in between the masses!

#### Children's Christmas Program

All children from kindergarten – 5th grade are invited to participate in our Children's Christmas concert to be held at 4:30pm on Christmas Eve, right before the Children's Mass at 5pm on December 25th. The rehearsals will be held at **1pm on Sunday, December 2nd, 9th, and 16th**. Please sign up with Loreen before or on **November 28th**.

#### ADULT Faith Formation

**RCIA-** Are you interested in finding out more about the Catholic Church? Whether you were baptized in another Christian denomination or have never been baptized and are exploring Christianity for the first time, we are happy to talk with you, answer questions, and explore the possibilities. Have you been baptized Catholic and feel called to return to the sacraments? Please contact Loreen to learn more.

**Advent Contemplative Prayer-** Please join us with **Bob Toohey** in Advent Contemplative prayer to be held on Monday nights at 7pm during Advent: December 3rd, 10th and 17th.

**For Survivors of Abuse –** The Maria Goretti Network offers support to survivors of any kind of abuse – physical, sexual, emotional or verbal from every walk of life. It is A peer to peer support group for women and men focusing on healing and forgiveness in Jesus Christ, through the intercession of its Patroness, St. Maria Goretti. For information on monthly meetings please e-mail [Debbie@mgoretti.org](mailto:Debbie@mgoretti.org) or 253-307-4526



#### YOUTH MINISTRY

**Edge:** There is NO Edge next Friday, November 23rd. Edge will resume on Friday, November 30th.

**Life Teen:** There is Life Teen this afternoon, 3:30 - 5:30. There will be NO Life Teen next Sunday, November 25th. Life Teen will resume the following Sunday, December 2nd.

**Confirmation:** There is Confirmation this Sunday, November 18th, immediately after Life Teen, 5:30 - 7:00.

**Sacramental Prep:** There is sacramental prep this Sunday, **November 18th, 9:45 - 10:45**, at the parish office. Our next class will be on Sunday, December 2nd.





Your SVDP Food Bank is in need of canned meats of all kinds.

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

Many of our clients are working hard to provide for their families and never see themselves as having to ask for help. Recently we met a single father raising his two children who had been laid off from work in April. He had the foresight to put aside funds for a rainy day, but unfortunately once his unemployment benefits ran out, as well as his savings account, he had no way to cover his utility bill. That is when he called 211 and was given our number. By the time we made our home visit, he had interviewed with Amazon and would be hired within a few weeks. This will make it possible for him to pay his bills in the future. Another plus is that he is a union member and on the list to go back to work through them too. This though, could take a few more months. So, we were able to help him pay his bill and stop a shut off. He was very grateful for the help your St. Theresa's SVDP Conference was able to provide.

**Our ability to help these families comes from your generosity. We meet with them and hear their story. Sometimes just a little help is all they need to work through tough times.**

**WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

**Next meeting: Wednesday November 28th  
Narthex Room from 9:30am – 11:30 am**

All women are welcome to join us as we start a new year of Women's Fellowship. We meet twice a month, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of each month. Join us for fellowship, scripture reflection & prayer. **For any questions, call Stacey Sherburne at 206-304-9617.**

**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

**Meeting schedule through Christmas  
Saturdays, December 1st & 15th.**

**Where: Poverty Bay Cafe in Federal Way from  
7:00 - 8:30 a.m.**

All men over 18 are welcome to join us. We are currently exploring the book of Acts in a casual fashion. Come join us for good food, fellowship, and a little learning.

**If you have any questions please email or call Matt Bittle at matt.bittle@sttheresafw.org / 206-556-5038.**

**DESIGNS FOR LIFE**

Designs for Life will meet Monday, **November 26th at 7:30 pm** in the church Please join us to crochet, knit and sew for pregnant women in need, homeless people, the giving tree and other needs in the parish. If you know someone in need or have questions **please call Diane Kellar (253) 874-0537 or email kellar@centurylink.net**



**KNIGHTS NOTES**

- **Mon Nov 26th - Planning Meeting 7:30 PM**
- **Tues Nov 27th - Blood Drive 1 to 7 PM**
- **Coffee Hour, each Wednesday, 6:30 AM, Starbucks on Hoyt Rd**



**WEEKLY COLLECTION REPORT**

*Thank you to all who contribute to the support of our Parish. A weekly goal of \$11,827 is needed to keep us on budget for the year*

**Sunday Collection Summary**

Collection 11/4/11/2018	\$	16,034
Year to Date Actual	\$	208,815
Year to Date Budget	\$	236,540
<b>Deficit</b>	\$	<b>27,725</b>

**Consider EFT. Questions call Linda in the parish office (253) 838-5924, ext. 307**

**ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK**

**THE RESERVE IN AUBURN**

**STYLISH & AFFORDABLE SENIOR LIVING  
ASK ABOUT HOLIDAY SPECIAL**

**253-285-1200**

**live@reserveatauburn.com**

**\*Let them know you are St. Theresa Parishioners\***

**50+ CLUB**

- **Fri Dec 7th- First Friday Mass and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Breakfast to follow at the Browns Point Diner.**
- **Tuesday Dec 18th- Our Christmas celebration at the Twin Lakes Country Club in the Putting Room.**

**REACH OUT**

As our parish's time to serve at the Men's and Women's shelters is rapidly approaching we are asking for any and all volunteers to consider providing meals for those who are less fortunate than ourselves. If you feel the call to help sign ups will be taken after the masses this weekend of November 17th-18th. Or if you have any questions or cannot make it to the sign up please contact me at **910-691-4606 or email me at angela.m.watson1996@gmail.com**

**OUR SISTER PARISH—ST. VINCENT de PAUL**

St. Vincent de Paul Parish is looking for a part time receptionist, 2 days per week, 12-15 hours. Please contact Tracey Rockwell at [trockwell@stvincentparish.org](mailto:trockwell@stvincentparish.org), or call the parish office at 253-839-2320.

**FROM THE DESK OF LINDA DEMARCE****NEW MEMBERS FOR PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL**

We are in need of new members for the Parish Finance Council. If you have accounting, bookkeeping, or financial experience, we can certainly use you. We really need members that are fiscally sound, and can read and determine financial need from income statements, and balance sheets. This group is consultative to the Pastoral Coordinator. If you are interested, please give me a call.

**THANKSGIVING DAY MASS**

We will celebrate Thanksgiving Day Mass Thursday, November 22nd at 9 AM (English), 11 AM (Spanish). Please bring items from your Thanksgiving Day Table for a special blessing. A table will be set up in the Narthex for you to place your table items on.

**ADVANCED NOTICE**

Immaculate Conception - which is a Holy Day of Obligation will be on Friday, December 7th at 7PM (English), Saturday, December 8th at 9 AM (English).

Christmas Eve, December 24th—Masses will be at 5PM (English), 7:30PM (English), 9:30 PM (Spanish)

Christmas Day, December 25th—Mass will be at 10 AM (English). There will be no Spanish Mass on Christmas Day due to Father Gilberto being away on his normal vacation.

**PARISH ADVENT CALENDARS**

We will be distributing our Parish Advent Calendars on the first Sunday of Advent, December 1-2. Please take your copy home, and place on your refrigerator, or other prominent place in your home, so that you and your family may participate during the special time of Advent in our parish.

**ADULT CONFIRMATION**

If you are a baptized Catholic 19 years or older, who has received the Sacraments of Baptism, 1st Reconciliation, 1st Communion and wish to reaffirm your faith through preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation, please contact me at the parish office. An appointment will need to be made with me so that we can discuss your spiritual life and journey to this point. If you are interested, please contact me at linda.demarce@sttheresafw.org, or 253-838-5924, extension #307. Classes will begin Wednesday, January 16th at 6:30PM at the parish office.

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING**

On behalf of Fr. Jean Pierre, Fr. Gilberto, the parish staff, and myself, we wish each of you in our parish family a blessed and happy Thanksgiving Day. May the blessings of our Heavenly Father shine upon each of you as we all give thanks for his presence in our lives, and for our Catholic faith.



Our families at St. Theresa Parish have currently raised \$172,666 toward our goal of \$775,515. As you know, for every dollar raised, our parish will receive 15% back to the parish in a form of a parish share. Currently, we have \$20,860 as our parish share. If we go over our goal of \$775,515, we will receive 85% back to the parish. Payments will begin on a quarterly basis to the parish.

We will be having Commitment Weekend on January 26th/27th at all Masses. A second follow up will be mailed prior to commitment weekend to all of those that have not yet made their financial commitment to the parish.

Thank you to all of you who have answered the invitation to give to this historic campaign! **With the Thanksgiving and the Christmas season approaching, now is a perfect time to consider participating in this campaign out of thanksgiving and gratitude for all that priests and women religious have given to the Church.** As your Pastoral Coordinator, I am asking that you give serious consideration to making a financial gift to this important effort. **EVERY** pledge is important and **EVERY** gift makes a difference.

*Yours in Christ,  
Linda M. DeMarce  
Pastoral Coordinator*

**If you would like more information or to make a gift, please visit the campaign website at [calledtoserveaschrist.org](http://calledtoserveaschrist.org).**

**OUR PARISH CAMPAIGN GOAL:** \$775,515 15% Parish Share: \$116,327 All gifts to the Called to Serve as Christ campaign will support pension and medical needs of the priests, with the exception of the parish share component: fifteen cents of every dollar collected by St. Theresa's will be used to address our parish's needs. When we exceed our campaign goal of \$775,515, then 85 cents of each dollar raised will be returned to our parish.

**TILE ROOF REPLACEMENT:** \$75,000-\$100,000 The main priority with our parish share funds is to replace the existing tile roof over the main church, which is well beyond its life expectancy. Our parish has repaired the roof many times over the years, and it has come to a point where repairs are no longer a feasible option. Since the recession, our parish has struggled to address deferred maintenance to the roof, and now we have the opportunity to meet these needs with this campaign.

**REDUCING EXISTING PARISH DEBT:** \$58,799- St. Theresa Parish hopes to raise funds to make significant reductions to our parish debt with excess funds from the parish share. Each year, we make strides to reduce the debt: having a debt-free parish would be a well-deserved accomplishment and gift to those who have sacrificially given to this cause. Reducing our debt will enable us to address other pertinent matters that have been deferred these past few years. Eliminating our debt would provide our parish the opportunity to enhance our parish programs and provide knowledgeable and well-trained staff to oversee these programs. These improvements to our programs and staffing will boost our aptitude to fulfill our parish's mission and vision for years to come.

**OUTDOOR PRAYER AREA:** \$5,000 St. Theresa Parish hopes to use surplus funds from the parish share to develop an area of the parish grounds that enables parishioners to visit, reflect, pray and discern.