

ST. THERESA'S PARISH

St. Theresa Catholic Church invites all to follow Jesus Christ by celebrating the sacraments and building a community of compassion



December 2, 2018

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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.

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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: **During**

Advent No Sacrament of Reconciliation (English

Tuesday & Thursday 6:30PM (Spanish)

Committees

Christian Formation

Women's Fellowship	Stacey Sherburne	(206) 304-9617
Faith Sharing Comm.	Mary Ann Bartholomew	(253) 927-4527
RCIA		(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
	Vicky Parong	(253) 250-7158
Hospitality	Angel Quant	(253) 661-2355
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Sacristans	Ron McNerney	(206) 478-2782

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

First Sunday of Advent

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, December 2nd

- *Masses 8:30 AM, 11 AM ; Giving Tree Up; Donation Envelopes for SVDP Baskets; Faith Formation ; Life Teen 3:30PM (Parish Hall)*

Monday, December 3rd

- *Hispanic Catechetical Training 6PM (Parish Hall)*
- *Advent Contemplative Prayer 7PM (Main Church) Facilitated by Bob Toohey*

Tuesday, December 4th

- *Tannahill Funeral Mass 10 AM /Reception*
- *RCIA (Hispanic) 5PM (Parish Office)*
- *Reconciliation (Spanish) 6:30PM; Mass (Spanish) 7PM*
- *Hispanic Dance Rehearsal 8PM (Parish Hall)*
- *Prayer Group Rehearsal 8PM (Main Church)*

Wednesday, December 5th

- *NO Reconciliation 5:30pm, NO 6PM Mass*
- *Sandwich Drop 10AM-3PM (Parish Office)*
- *RCIA (English) 7PM (Parish Office)*
- *Spiritual Life & Worship 7PM (Parish Office)*

Thursday, December 6th

- *NO Sacrament of Reconciliation 8:30 AM (English), NO 9 AM Mass (English); Sacrament of Reconciliation 6:30PM (Spanish); 7PM Mass (Spanish); Sandwich Drop Off 8:30 AM-9:30 AM (Church)*
- *Pastoral Council Meeting 7PM (Parish Office); St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 7PM (Parish Office)*
- *Choir Practice 7:30PM (8:30 English Choir); 8PM (Hispanic Choir); Prayer Group 8PM (Main Church); Dance Practice 8PM (Parish Hall)*

Friday, December 7th

- *NO Sacrament of Reconciliation 8:30 AM (English); NO 9 AM (English); Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass 7PM (Main Church)*
- *Edge 6PM (Parish Hall)*

Saturday, December 8th

- *Immaculate Conception 9 AM Mass at St. Vincent de Paul Parish Please see insert in the bulletin; Catholic Community Services Second Collection (All Masses)*
- *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); Hispanic Faith Formation*

Sunday, December 9th

- *Masses 8:30 AM, 11 AM ; Catholic Community Services 2nd Collection (All Masses); Faith Formation (between the Masses) Giving Tree Up; Donation Envelopes for SVDP Baskets; Faith Formation ; Life Teen 3:30PM (Parish Hall); Confirmation Prep (Youth) 6PM (Parish Office)*

WEEKLY READINGS

- Monday:** Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Sunday: Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

December 2, 2018



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

Children's Faith Formation

- **Faith Formation begins again on December 2nd.**
- **Infant Baptism:** Please contact Loreen for more information

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 or 253-307-4526



YOUTH MINISTRY

I would like to take this opportunity to let you all know that Matt will be out of the office for a bit. Jessica, his wife suffered a slight stroke this past week. At the writing of this bulletin, Jessica is hospitalized, with the hope of going home soon. We will keep you all updated on her progress. As well as updates on the programs. We ask that you keep Jess, Matt, and their children in your prayers at this time. The family has asked for prayers only at this time. If you have any questions, please call me at the parish office. Linda.

No Edge on Friday, November 30th.

NO Life Teen today, Sunday, December 2nd.

Confirmation: Our next Confirmation class is on **Sunday, December 9th** immediately following Life Teen.

Sacramental Prep: Our next class will be today, **Sunday, December 2nd, 9:45-10:45 at the parish office.**





Your St. Vincent de Paul Society in Action

Once again at this time of year, we are requesting that each and every parishioner will consider becoming a **PARTICIPATING ANGEL IN OUR ANNUAL ALL PARISH CHRISTMAS FOOD/GIFT PROGRAM**. This year our goal is to help at least 80 families with children who live in the nearby Federal Way and N.E. Tacoma communities, and are in need of some extra Christmas help. For further details regarding the ways in which you could be involved in this joy filled event, please **SEE THE FLYER IN TODAY'S BULLETIN**. We know that many of you look forward to this all parish program coordinated by our St. Vincent de Paul Society, and your assistance is very much appreciated. We could not do it without all of your help. If you are interested in sorting and assembling gifts, please contact Roberta Reardon as soon as possible at: (253)-677-1087 or through her e-mail at: rr@nventure.com.

Here are some ways you can be a PARTICIPATING ANGEL:

- USE THE HOLIDAY DONATION ENVELOPE TO COVER THE FOOD COSTS.
- BRING GIFTS FOR THE GIVING TREE BY SUNDAY, DEC. 9th.
- HELP WITH GIFT SORTING THE MORNING OF DECEMBER 14th IN THE CHURCH HALL.
- PRAY FOR YOUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Next meeting on December 5th 9:30am – 11:30 am
 Christmas Party on December 12th 10am – 11:30am

All women are welcome to join us in the Narthex Room for fellowship, scripture reflection & prayer. For any questions, call **Stacey Sherburne at 206-304-9617**.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Meeting schedule through Christmas
 Saturday, December 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 **Wednesday, December 12th at noon in the parish office**. We will be finalizing things for the **December 14th** meeting at 9:00 am in the church where we will help wrap and distribute the gifts for the giving tree. Please join us either day or both if you can. If you have any medium size gift bags (12" tall or so) or tissue please leave them in our box or bring them along to either meeting. If you know someone in need or have questions please call **Diane Kellar (253) 874-0537** or email kellar@centurylink.net

KNIGHTS KNOTES



- **Sun Dec 10** - Seahawks Vs Minnesota Vikings 5:15 PM
 - **Mon Dec 17** - Business Meeting 7:30 PM
 - **Sun Dec 23** - Seahawks Vs Kansas City Chiefs 5:20 PM
 - **Sun Dec 30** - Seahawks Vs Arizona Cardinals 1:25 PM
 - **Fri Jan 11** - Culture of Life Spaghetti Dinner 5 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 11/17/2018	\$	8,564
Collection 11/25/2018	\$	6,230
Year to Date Actual	\$	223,609
Year to Date Budget	\$	260,194
Deficit	\$	36,585

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

ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK

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50+ CLUB

- **Fri Dec 7th**—There will be no First Friday Mass or Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. There will be Breakfast at the Browns Point Diner.
- **Tuesday Dec 18th**- our Christmas luncheon at 12:30 at Twin Lakes Country Club in the Putting Room. For reservations please call 253-838-1790.

OUR SISTER PARISH—ST. VINCENT de PAUL

- Mark your calendars! Fr. Tom Vandenberg will address *The Surprising Sacrament of Marriage* three Wednesday evenings beginning January 9th. What difference does the sacrament of marriage make? What makes it so valuable that the health of the Church depends on it.
- **Simbang Gabi**, Filipino Advent Mass - 5 pm, Sat, Dec. 22
- **Mass for the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, Saturday December 8th at 9:00 AM at St. Vincent de Paul Parish

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.

ADVANCED NOTICE (Please note Change in Schedule)

Immaculate Conception - which is a Holy Day of Obligation will be on Friday, December 7th at 7PM (English), Saturday, December 8th 9AM Mass at St. Vincent de Paul Parish. Please see insert in this week's bulletin.

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 today, the first Sunday of Advent. 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@sttheresasfw.org, or 253-838-5924, extension #307. Classes will begin Wednesday, January 16th at 6:30PM at the parish office.

ST. THERESA GIVING TREE

Our annual St. Theresa Giving Tree will be going up this weekend. The parish is invited to give gifts to needy children and teens who live in our local area. We ask that you take one (or more tags) from the Christmas Giving Tree and return the wrapped, new gift with the tag attached under the Christmas Giving Tree in the Narthex no later than Sunday, December 9th.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SPONSORED CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKET DRIVE

With your help, we hope to deliver Christmas baskets accompanied by gifts for minor children. With your help, we hope to serve about 75 families with children. Please see the insert in this weeks bulletin for more detailed information, and how you can help not only financially, but also with the assembly of the Christmas baskets. Your help is so appreciated, and so needed.

AWAY FROM THE PARISH

I will be away from the parish December 24th-January 2nd for winter break. However, I will be at the Christmas Eve Masses.

Fr. Jean Pierre will be away from the parish November 27-December 7th going to Washington DC. He also will be gone December 26th—December 4th for winter break.

Fr. Gilberto will be leaving for his month vacation to Columbia on December 26th. In his absence, Fr. Bill Peterson will be filling in.



Our families at St. Theresa Parish have currently raised \$203,606 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 \$30,541 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*

If you would like more information or to make a gift, please visit the campaign website at calledtoserveaschrist.org.

In the Catholic Church, Advent is a period of preparation, extending over four Sundays, before Christmas. The word *Advent* comes from the Latin *advenio*, "to come to," and refers to the coming of Christ. This refers, first of all, to our celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas; but second, to the coming of Christ in our lives through grace and the Sacrament of Holy Communion; and finally, to His second coming at the end of time. Our preparations, therefore, should have all three comings in mind. We need to prepare our souls to receive Christ worthily.

First We Fast, Then We Feast

That's why Advent has traditionally been known as a "little Lent." As in Lent, Advent should be marked by increased prayer, fasting, and good works. While the Western Church no longer has a set requirement for fasting during Advent, the Eastern Church (both Catholic and Orthodox) continues to observe what is known as Philip's Fast, from November 15 until Christmas. Traditionally, all great feasts have been preceded by a time of fasting, which makes the feast itself more joyful. Sadly, Advent today has supplanted by "the Christmas shopping season," so that by Christmas Day, many people no longer enjoy the feast.

The Symbols of Advent

In its symbolism, the Church continues to stress the penitential and preparatory nature of Advent. As during Lent, priests wear purple vestments, and the Gloria ("Glory to God") is omitted during Mass. The only exception is on the Third Sunday of Advent, known as Gaudete Sunday when priests can wear rose-colored vestments. As on Laetare Sunday during Lent, this exception is designed to encourage us to continue our prayer and fasting, because we can see that Advent is more than halfway over.

The Advent Wreath

Perhaps the best-known of all Advent symbols is the Advent wreath, a custom which originated among German Lutherans but was soon adopted by Catholics. Consisting of four candles (three purple and one pink) arranged in a circle with evergreen boughs (and often a fifth, white candle in the center), the Advent wreath corresponds to the four Sundays of Advent. The purple candles represent the penitential nature of the season, while the pink candle calls to mind the respite of Gaudete Sunday. (The white candle, when used, represents Christmas.)

Celebrating Advent

We can better enjoy Christmas—all 12 days of it, from Christmas Day to Epiphany—if we revive Advent as a period of preparation. Abstaining from meat on Fridays, or not eating at all between meals, is a good way to revive the Advent fast. (Not eating Christmas cookies or listening to Christmas music before Christmas is another.) We can incorporate such customs as the Advent wreath, the Saint Andrew Christmas Novena, and the Jesse Tree into our daily ritual, and we can set some time aside for special scripture readings for Advent, which remind us of the threefold coming of Christ. Holding off on putting up the Christmas tree and other decorations is another way to remind ourselves that the feast is not here yet. Traditionally, such decorations were put up on Christmas Eve, but they would not be taken down until after Epiphany, in order to celebrate the Christmas season to its fullest.