

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. Jean Pierre Kasonga, Parochial Vicar
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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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
	Vicky Parong	(253) 250-7158
Hospitality	Angel Quant	(253) 661-2355
Lectors	Cynthia Kadoshima	(253) 927-8178
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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

Solemnity of Christ the King

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, November 25th

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

Monday, November 26th

- Twin Lakes Women's Club Meeting 9 AM (Overflow Room)
- Al Herbers Funeral Mass 10 AM
- Hispanic Ministry Class 6PM(Overflow Room)
- Knights of Columbus Planning Meeting 7:30PM (Parish Hall)

Tuesday, November 27th

- Knights of Columbus Sponsored Blood Drive 1PM (Parish Hall)
- Sacrament of Reconciliation 6:30PM (Spanish); Mass 7PM (Spanish)

Wednesday, November 28th

- Women's Fellowship 9:30 AM (Overflow Room)
- NO Reconciliation 5:30pm, NO 6PM Mass
- Sandwich Drop 10AM-3PM (Parish Office)
- RCIA (English) 7PM (Parish Office)

Thursday, November 29th

- 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)
- Choir Practice 7:30PM (8:30 English Choir); 8PM (Hispanic Choir); Prayer Group 8PM (Main Church); Dance Practice 8PM (Parish Hall)

Friday, November 30th

- NO Sacrament of Reconciliation 8:30 AM (English); NO 9 AM (English)
- Edge 6PM (Parish Hall)

Saturday, December 1st

- Catholic Community Services Second Collection (All Masses)
- NO
- 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 2nd

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

WEEKLY READINGS

- Monday:** Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6; Lk 21:1-4
- Tuesday:** Rv 14:14-19; Ps 96:10-13; Lk 21:5-11
- Wednesday:** Rv 15:1-4; Ps 98:1-3ab, 7-9; Lk 21:12-19
- Thursday:** Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 21:20-28
- Friday:** Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
- Saturday:** Rv 22:1-7; Ps 95:1-7ab; Lk 21:34-36
- Sunday:** Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14; 1 Thes 3:12 -- 4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

November 25, 2018



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

Children's Faith Formation

- There will be NO Children's Faith Formation today, Sunday 25th because of Thanksgiving weekend.
- 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

Edge will resume on Friday, November 30th.



There will be NO Life Teen today, Sunday, November 25th. Life Teen will resume the following Sunday, December 2nd.

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

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

And
He
Shall
Reign



Christ, our King

Forever
And
Ever



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: 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 2nd and 4th 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 KNOTES



- **Mon Nov 26th** - Planning Meeting with initiations 7:30 PM
- **Tues Nov 27th** - Blood Drive 1 to 7 PM
- **Sun Dec 2nd** - Seahawks Vs San Francisco 5:20 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
Deficit	\$	27,725

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

******Due to Holiday and early bulletin deadline, figures will be updated next week.******

ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK

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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.

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, 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.

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.

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 this coming weekend, November 24th/25 vacation days to spend time with my family. This past weekend I had a wonderful experience helping St. Mary in Seattle with their capital campaign. I will also be gone December 24th-January 2nd for winter break. However, I will be at the Christmas Eve Masses.

Fr. Jean Pierere will be away from the parish November 27-December 7th going to Washington DC. He also will be gone December 26th—December 4th for a 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 \$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.**

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.