

ST. THERESA'S PARISH

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



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**Linda DeMarce, Pastoral Coordinator
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: **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	Loreen Bell	(253) 838-5924

Faith in Action

Eucharist For Sick	Bob Toohey	(206)-240-9351
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Finance Council

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Christian Formation Commission

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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.

Third Sunday of Advent

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, December 16th

SIMBANG GABI MASS 4PM/ RECEPTION AFTER MASS

- Masses 8:30 AM, 11 AM ; Flower/Decoration 2nd Collection (All Masses); Faith Formation (between the Masses); Faith Formation ; Life Teen 3:30PM (Parish Hall)

Monday, December 17th

- Advent Contemplative Prayer 7PM (Chapel) Facilitated by Bob Toohey
- Knights of Columbus Meeting 7:30PM (Parish Hall)

Tuesday, December 18th

- Reconciliation (Spanish) 6:30PM; Mass (Spanish) 7PM
- Hispanic RCIA 5PM (Parish Office)
- Prayer Group Rehearsal 8PM (Main Church)

Wednesday, December 19th

- NO Reconciliation 5:30pm; Liturgy of Hour 15 minutes prior to Mass; 6PM Mass
- Advent Reconciliation Service 7PM (Main Church)
- Sandwich Drop 10AM-3PM (Parish Office)
- RCIA (English) 7PM (Parish Office)

Thursday, December 20th

- NO Sacrament of Reconciliation 8:30 AM (English); Liturgy of Hour 15 minutes prior to Mass; 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)

Friday, December 21st

- NO Sacrament of Reconciliation 8:30 AM (English); Liturgy of Hour 15 minutes prior to Mass; 9 AM (English)
- Edge 6PM (Parish Hall); Youth Christmas Party

Saturday, December 22nd

- Reconciliation 4PM (English); 6PM (Spanish); Mass 5PM (English); 7PM (Spanish); Sandwich Drop Off 4PM-8PM (Church); Flower/Decoration 2nd Collection (All Masses)
- NO Hispanic Faith Formation; Hispanic Posada Celebration 8:15PM (Parish Hall)

Sunday, December 23rd

- Masses 8:30 AM, 11 AM ; Flower/Decoration 2nd Collection (All Masses); Faith Formation (between the Masses)
- NO Faith Formation
- NO Life Teen

WEEKLY READINGS

- Monday:** Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
- Tuesday:** Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
- Wednesday:** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
- Thursday:** Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38
- Friday:** Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
- Saturday:** 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
- Sunday:** Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

December 16, 2018



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

Children's Faith Formation

Faith Formation Schedule for Advent and Christmas

- **December 16th:** there will be faith formation classes from 9:50-10:50 between the masses.
- **December 23rd and 30th** there is NO Faith formation.
- **Classes resume on January 6th, 2019**

Sacramental Prep

- Our next Sacrament Preparation class is on **Tuesday, Jan 15.**
- **Infant Baptism:** Please contact Loreen for more information

Children's Christmas Program

Come see our kids perform in their children's concert right before mass at 4:30 PM on December 24th Right before Mass! Join us for our annual Children's Mass on Christmas Eve, December 24th at 5pm.

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 for our last session with Bob Toohey in Advent Contemplative prayer on Monday, December 17th at 7pm in the sanctuary.

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

Youth Christmas Party: On Friday, December

21st, from 6 - 8 P.M., there will be a Christmas party for both middle and high school youth in the parish hall. All youth are encouraged to bring 1 or 2 dozen of their favorite Christmas cookies.

Edge: Our middle school youth group will meet again on **January 4th.**

Life Teen: There is **NO regular Life Teen tonight.** Instead we will be going to Holy Spirit parish in Kent for our second large youth gathering. We will be leaving St. Theresa's by 3:00 P.M., and will return around 8:30 P.M. Parental permission forms are required, and I will have some on hand for those who need them. Our next regular Life night will be on **January 6th.**

Confirmation: Our 4th class will meet on **January 6th** after Life Teen.

Teen Sacramental Prep: Our next class will be on **January 13th**, 9:45 - 10:45, at the parish office.



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

Your St. Vincent de Paul Society in Action

Keeping families in their homes during Christmas time.

Many of our clients have experienced homelessness, and it is something they surely do not want to return to, so was the case recently. We received a request from a single man, who resides with his adult daughter and two young granddaughters. He called requesting assistance with his rent for the upcoming month. Even though we are an emergency response, he knew that he was not going to be able to pay the full rent for the upcoming month, and did not want to be on the streets again. So, he was given our number by the Office Manager at his apartment. We made the home visit and explained that we would need to wait until the first of the month before we could provide any assistance, in the meantime, we gave him a list of other agencies in the community who also do rental help. By the first of the month, he was able to pay half of his rent, and then we were able to help with the other half. We can only do this through the generosity provided by St. Theresa's parishioners.

At Christmas time especially, helping families is what Jesus calls on us to do. When we help others, we do it in Jesus' name - Amen.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

**Next meetings: Wednesdays January 9th & 23rd
Narthex Room from 9:30am – 11:30 am**

All women are welcome to join us as we continue our study: "Philippians: A letter to Friends" by Loyola Press. We meet twice a month, on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month. We keep extra books, so drop in any time and join us 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@sttheresasfw.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

- **Mon Dec 17 (changed) - 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 12/9/2018	\$	18,403
Year to Date Actual	\$	249,134
Year to Date Budget	\$	283,848
Deficit	\$	34,714

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

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50+ CLUB

- **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.
- **Friday, Jan 4th**—First Friday Mass and Adoration with breakfast to follow at the Brown's Point Diner. Hope you can join us!

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

AN INVITATION FROM OUR ART & ENVIRONMENT GROUP

We will begin decorating for our Christmas celebration on Dec 23rd at 1pm following the last Mass. We have a sign up sheet in the Narthex with specific tasks that we know will need to be done. You don't even have to be creative. You just have to be willing to give an hour or so to help us make our sacred space glitter for this special time. We invite families, teens, everyone. Please consider donating some of your time this year."

FROM THE DESK OF LINDA DEMARCEADVANCED NOTICE

Sunday, December 16th—Simbang Gabi Mass and Reception. Mass at 4PM, reception directly after Mass.

Wednesday, December 19th—Advent Reconciliation Service 7PM

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.

New Year's Day-Solemnity of Mary—January 1st— Mass at 10 AM (English). No Spanish Mass as Fr. Gilberto is away.

Parish Office Closures— The parish office will be closed on Monday, December 24th, Tuesday, December 25th, and Wednesday, December 26th. We will reopen on Thursday, December 27th. We will also be closed on Tuesday, January 1st, reopening on Wednesday, January 2nd. If there is an emergency such as a serious illness, or a death has occurred, please call 253-204-2335 and our after hours emergency line will be able to contact Linda. Please do not call this number for routine office matters, or for assistance from the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

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.

JOSE RAMIREZ

Jose Ramirez who is our Hispanic Ministry Coordinator who has been with the parish for almost 5 years will be leaving the parish. Jose has been responsible for our Faith Formation for K-5th grade, RCIA (Adults and Children), and Sacramental Prep. We wish Jose well in his new journey, and thank him for all he has done for our Faith Formation Programs.

FAITH FORMATION POSITION OPEN

With Jose leaving, we are now seeking a 15-25 hour per week PA for Faith Formation for our Hispanic Community. Spanish speaking is a must. Must be certified in Faith Formation with a bachelor's degree preferred but not required. Must be well versed in Children's Faith Formation and Sacramental Prep. Well organized, able to communicate to a variety of people. If interested, please contact me at the parish office. Position is open until filled.



Our families at St. Theresa Parish have currently raised \$257,366 toward our goal of \$775,515 with 74 families committing. As you know, for every dollar raised, our parish will receive 15% back to the parish in a form of a parish share. Payments will begin on a quarterly basis to the parish for the parish share. -

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.

AWAY FROM THE PARISH

I will be away from the parish December 22th-January 2nd for winter break. However, I will be at the Christmas Eve Masses.

Fr. Jean Pierre will be away from the parish December 26th—December 4th for winter break.

Fr. Gilberto will be leaving for his month vacation to Columbia on December 26th. He will return on February 5th. In his absence, Fr. Bill Peterson and Fr. Steve Woodland will be filling in.

Advent Prayer

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me a wonder at the wisdom and power of Your Father and ours. Receive my prayer as part of my service of the Lord who enlists me in God's own work for justice.

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me a hunger for peace: peace in the world, peace in my home, peace in myself.

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me a joy responsive to the Father's joy. I seek His will so I can serve with gladness, singing and love.

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me the joy and love and peace it is right to bring to the manger of my Lord. Raise in me, too, sober reverence for the God who acted there, hearty gratitude for the life begun there, and spirited resolution to serve the Father and Son.

I pray in the name of Jesus Christ, whose advent I hail. Amen.