

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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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: **5:30PM Wed, 8:30AM Thurs/Fri (English)**
Tuesday & Thursday 6:30PM (Spanish)

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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
	Vicky Parong	(253) 250-7158
Hospitality	Angel Quant	(253) 661-2355
Lectors	Cynthia Kadoshima	(253) 927-8178
	Ernest King	(253) 874-4045
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

The Holy Family

December 30, 2018

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, December 30th

- Masses 8:30 AM, 11 AM
- NO Faith Formation
- NO Life Teen

Monday, December 31st

- Parish Office Open—Normal Schedule

Tuesday, January 1st

Happy New Year!!!!

- ****Parish Office Closed for New Year's Day ****
New Year's Day Mass—Solemnity of Mary—10 AM— Fr. Gerry Mayovsky
- No Spanish Mass—Fr. Gilberto Away on vacation

Wednesday, January 2nd

- NO Reconciliation 5:30pm; NO 6PM Mass (Fr. Jean Pierre away on vacation)
- Sandwich Drop 10AM-3PM (Parish Office)
- NO RCIA (English) 7PM (Parish Office)

Thursday, January 3rd

- NO Sacrament of Reconciliation 8:30 AM (English) NO 9 AM Mass (English); NO Sacrament of Reconciliation 6:30PM (Spanish); 7PM Mass (Spanish); Sandwich Drop Off 8:30AM-9:30 AM (Church)
- Choir Practice 7:30PM (8:30 English Choir); 8PM (Hispanic Choir); Prayer Group 8PM (Main Church); Pastoral Council Meeting 7PM (Parish Office)

Friday, January 4th

- NO Sacrament of Reconciliation 8:30 AM (English); NO 9 AM (English); No First Friday/Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- Edge 6PM (Parish Hall)

Saturday, January 5th

- Reconciliation 4PM (English); 6PM (Spanish); Mass 5PM (English); 7PM (Spanish); Sandwich Drop Off 4PM-8PM (Church)
- Hispanic Faith Formation 5:30PM ; Quinceanera Orientation 5PM (Chapel); Sacramental Prep (Hispanic) 5PM (Narthex Room)
- Epiphany Celebration 8:15 PM (Parish Hall)

Sunday, January 6th

- Masses 8:30 AM, 11 AM
- Faith Formation 9:50AM
- Life Teen 3:30PM (Parish Hall); Confirmation Prep 6PM (Parish Office)



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

Children's Faith Formation

I wish you all a very blessed New Year!

Faith Formation Schedule for Advent and Christmas:

December 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

ADULT Faith Formation

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: Edge will resume **Friday, January 4th, 6 - 8 P.M.**

Life Teen: Life Teen will resume **Sunday, January 6th, 3:30 - 5:30 P.M.**

Confirmation: Class 4 will be on **Sunday, January 6th, immediately following Life Teen.**

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

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday:	1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
Tuesday:	Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
Wednesday:	1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
Thursday:	1 Jn 2:29 -- 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34
Friday:	1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42
Saturday:	1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Jn 1:43-51
Sunday:	Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12





Your SVDP Food Bank is in need of toilet paper and Kleenex.

Your St. Vincent de Paul Society in Action:

Dear St. Theresa's Parishioners,

On behalf of your St. Theresa's SVDP Society, we would like to thank you for your generosity during the Advent/Christmas season. Because you cared enough to donate money and gifts, 80 families had a Christmas celebration. They had food on their tables and presents for their children of all ages. There are so many stories of the joy you brought to those who are in need. At one family we visited, the children had to show us their Christmas tree which turned out to be a string of lights taped to the wall in the shape of a tree. They were so proud of it, and they put the presents under it. At another home, the children ran out in their bare feet to help us carry in the food and presents. There are also several stories of mothers with tears in their eyes because there wouldn't have been a Christmas without our delivery. It is so easy to get caught up in the commercial Christmas, but with your help we can also see the true meaning of Christmas. It takes many people to make this plan successful. If you are one of the members of St. Theresa's many groups who helped us carry out this whole plan, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. May you have a healthy and Happy New Year.

Your St. Theresa's St. Vincent de Paul Society

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: January 19th
February 2nd & 16th
March 2nd, 16th, 30th
April 13th & 27th**

**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@sttheresasfwb.org / 206-556-5038.

DESIGNS FOR LIFE

Designs for Life will meet in the new year. Calendar is being decided upon. Watch upcoming bulletins for updated information.

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 30** - Seahawks Vs Arizona Cardinals
1:25 PM

• **Fri Jan 11** - Culture of Life Spaghetti Dinner
5 to 7 PM

• **Mon Jan 14** - Business Meeting 7:30 PM

• **Tues Jan 22** - Blood Drive 1 to 7PM

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

*****Due to early sending of the bulletin, figures will not be updated until after the holidays*****

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

ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK

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50+ CLUB

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

Saturday Jan 19th- The First pot luck of the New Year. Mass at 5:00Pm pot luck after Mass. Please come and join us for fellowship and great food.

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.

FROM THE DESK OF LINDA DEMARCE

ADVANCED NOTICE

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 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.

Masses/Sacrament of Reconciliation— During Fr. Jean Pierre's time away, we will not have the Sacrament of Reconciliation, nor Daily Masses on January 2nd, 3rd or 4th. Also, there will be no Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday, January 4th. It is very difficult to get priest coverage when our assigned priests are away.

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.

AWAY FROM THE PARISH

I will be away from the parish December 22th-January 2nd for winter break.

Fr. Jean Pierre will be away from the parish December 26th—January 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.



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.

HAPPY NEW YEAR AND WELCOME 2019

As a parish staff we would like to take this opportunity to wish each and everyone of you a blessed and fruitful New Year in 2019. Our parish staff including Fr. Jean Pierre, Fr. Gilberto, Deacon Tom, Loreen, Matt, Nadia, Jose, Chelsea, Frank, Stephen, Pam, and myself continue to pray for each of you and for peace in our world. Peace as we know it, begins in each of us, so this New Year, take the time to listen to your heart, your mind, and your feelings. There are always so many unanswered questions in our world, and in our individual lives, but through prayer, reflection, discernment, and taking the time to listen, we will see the path that God has for us. Each of us in on this earth only for a short time with a mission. Our faith and our trust in the Lord enables each of us to accomplish our mission. Let us all begin 2019 with open and loving hearts, clear of violence and hatred, but mostly with inner peace. Let us all go out and spread the peace, love and joy of Jesus Christ.

***Happy New Year to all!!!!
With love and blessings,
Linda, Fr. Jean Pierre, Fr. Gilberto, and parish staff***