

# 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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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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### 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

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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
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	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 Baptism of the Lord

### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

**Sunday, January 13th**

**\*\*\*CLEAN YOUR CLOSET WEEKEND\*\*\***

- **Masses 8:30 AM, 11 AM**
- **Faith Formation 9:50AM; Sacramental Preparation (Parish Office)**
- **Life Teen 3:30PM (Parish Hall)**

**Monday, January 14th**

- **Knights of Columbus Meeting 7:30PM (Parish Hall)**

**Tuesday, January 15th**

- **No Spanish Reconciliation nor Spanish Mass at 6PM; Prayer Group Practice 8PM (Overflow Room)**
- **RCIA (Spanish) 5PM (Parish Office)**

**Wednesday, January 16th**

- **NO Reconciliation 5:30pm; NO 6PM Mass**
- **Sandwich Drop 10AM-3PM (Parish Office)**
- **RCIA (English) 7PM (Parish Office); Adult Confirmation Orientation 6:30PM (Parish Office)**

**Thursday, January 17th**

- **NO Sacrament of Reconciliation 8:30 AM (English) NO 9 AM Mass (English); NO Sacrament of Reconciliation 6:30PM (Spanish); NO 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)**

**Friday, January 18th**

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

**Saturday, January 19th**

- **Reconciliation 4PM (English); 6PM (Spanish); Mass 5PM (English); 7PM (Spanish); Sandwich Drop Off 4PM-8PM (Church); Senior's Potluck (Directly after the 5PM Mass)**
- **Quinceanera Preparation 4PM (Overflow Room); Faith Formation 5:30PM (Church/Parish Office)**

**Sunday, January 20th**

- **Masses 8:30 AM, 11 AM**
- **NO Faith Formation 9:50AM**
- **Life Teen 3:30PM (Parish Hall)**
- **Confirmation Preparation 6PM (Parish Office)**

**January 13, 2019**



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

### Children's Faith Formation in January

January 13th: Faith formation as usual

**January 20th: NO Formation - MLK Holiday**

January 27th: Faith formation resumes as usual.

**Sacramental Prep-** Please continue to pray for our first communicants and their families as they begin the next phase of their journey, preparing for their first Eucharist.

Our next Sacrament Preparation class is on Tuesday, Jan 15.

**Infant Baptism:** Please contact Loreen for more information

### **ADULT Faith Formation**

**RCIA -** Please pray for our 2 catechumens this year, **Teresa and Michael, in their journey toward receiving the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist on Easter Vigil.**

**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 will be Edge next Friday, 6:00 p.m.

This will be a lesson night.

**Life Teen:** Life Teen tonight, 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. We will be looking at the differences between Catholicism and Protestantism. Life Teen next Sunday, same time. This night will be an open Q&A night.

**Sacramental Prep:** Class this Sunday, 9:45 - 10:45, at the parish office. Next class Sunday, February 10th, same time and location. Confirmation: Our next class is on Sunday, January 20th, immediately following Life Teen. This is our 5th class and we will focus on The Four Last Things.

**REMINDER:** Sponsor forms due January 20th! If you did not get my email, or the sponsor form that came home after our last class, please contact me!



Your SVDP Food Bank is in need of bath soap & liquid hand soap.

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

This weekend marks the return of the popular **CLEAN YOUR CLOSETS** event coordinated by St. Theresa's St. Vincent de Paul Society. There are **CLEARLY MARKED RECEPTACLES** in the Church Narthex to receive your donations of clean wearable clothing and shoes. After pick-up by a St. Vincent's Society Dispatch truck, your donations are distributed to the Society's Thrift Stores for re-sale. As always, about 90% of the generated profits are used to fund programs to help people calling the Society for assistance.

**Once again, Parishioners, our local SVDP Society at St. Theresa's thanks you for your support of this weekend's program and those scheduled later in the year. God bless you for your generous donations.**

**WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

**Next meeting: Wednesday January 23<sup>rd</sup>  
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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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**

We meet every Saturday, 7 a.m., at Poverty Bay Cafe in Federal Way. Feel free to drop in any Saturday and join us!

**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 reading and discussing St. Francis de Sales' work, "An Introduction to the Devout Life." Come join us any Saturday for good food, fellowship, and a little learning.

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

**DESIGNS FOR LIFE**

Designs for Life wrapped up the year by wrapping and delivering over 185 scarves, hats and mittens sets to the children on the St. Vincent de Paul Giving tree. We still have some extras. If you know anyone who needs some please contact Diane Kellar at [kellar@centurylink.net](mailto:kellar@centurylink.net) or (253) 874-0537. We will meet **January 28th at 7:30pm** at the church.

**Thank you to all the volunteers who make so many wonderful things for those in need!**



**KNIGHTS NOTES**

- **Mon Jan 14** - Business Meeting 7:30 PM
  - **Tues Jan 22** - Blood Drive 1 to 7PM
  - **Mon Jan 28**- Planning Meeting 7:30PM
- 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 01/06/2019	\$	18,497
Year to Date Actual	\$	292,988
Year to Date Budget	\$	331,156
<b>Deficit</b>	\$	<b>38,168</b>

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

**ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK**

**Family Resource Home Care  
Personal Care..Errands/Shopping...Care  
Management...and much more  
253-761-8019  
[familyresourcehomecare.com](http://familyresourcehomecare.com)**

**50+ CLUB**

**Sat., Jan 19th**—The First pot luck of the New Year. Mass at 5PM, Pot Luck right after Mass. Please come and join us for fellowship and great food.

**Friday, Feb 1st**— First Friday Mass and Adoration with breakfast to follow at the Browns Point Diner.



**FROM THE DESK OF LINDA DEMARCE**

**FATHER JEAN PIERRE AND FR. GILBERTO**

Father Gilberto is now away on his normal vacation for the year. He is home in Columbia with his family and friends. He will not return to the parish until the 2nd week of February. In his absence, there will no Reconciliation, nor Tuesday 7PM Mass, Thursday January 24th no Reconciliation, NO Mass due to Priest Retreat. Mass is at 7PM, Saturday, Fr. Bill Peterson will be here and will have confession at 6:15 and Mass at 7PM.

Fr. Jean Pierre will be away on the Archdiocesan Priest Retreat beginning on Monday, January 14th through Friday January 18th. During that week, there will be no Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday at 5:30PM, Thursday and Friday at 8:30 AM. There will be no Mass at 6PM Wednesday, nor Thursday or Friday at 9 AM.

**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. Jose's last day with the parish will be on Tuesday, February 5th.

**FAITH FORMATION POSITION (Spanish)**

We have hired a new Hispanic Ministry Coordinator for children's Faith Formation. Eduviges Munoz will be taking over the position on Thursday, February 7, 2019. Eduviges was previously with the parish a few years ago, but left the parish for the birth of her third child. Eduviges comes with much experience in the areas of Children's Faith Formation, and Sacramental Preparation, as well as Adult Faith Formation. We are anxious to have Eduviges back with St. Theresa Parish, and for her true love of ministry.

**TAX STATEMENTS FOR 2018 STEWARDSHIP DONATIONS**

We will be working on sending out the 2018 Stewardship donation tax letters in the next two weeks. By laws, they must be postmarked no later than January 31, 2018. At that time we will also send out a synopsis of the actual versus budget for 2017/18, and the current budget for 2018/2019.

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE FOR 2019**

I recently sent out a letter to all parishioners about the stewardship of treasure. As you all know November is the month that we promote the Sunday collection—Stewardship drive. However, this year with the Called to Serve as Christ Campaign going on beginning in November, it was decided that we would not do a formal presentation for the Stewardship campaign. However, we are asking that you continue with the your current giving for the Sunday collections, and if you can increase, we would appreciate it. Please fill out the stewardship of treasure card that you received in the mail, and return to the parish. It makes our accounting system so much easier. And, allows us to plan for the future. We thank you for your continued giving to our Stewardship—Sunday Collections. As you all know Sunday collections is our primary source of income for the parish.



Our families at St. Theresa Parish have currently raised \$279,816 toward our goal of \$775,515 with 82 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. We really are looking at the participation goal for the true success of our Commitment Weekend. Hopefully, our participating goal of 250 families giving to the Called to Serve As Christ Campaign will be met.

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](http://calledtoserveaschrist.org).**

Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Baptism of Our Lord. This brings to an end the season of Christmas. The Church recalls Our Lord's second manifestation or epiphany which occurred on the occasion of His baptism in the Jordan. Jesus descended into the River to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to beget sons of God. The event takes on the importance of a second creation in which the entire Trinity intervenes.

In the Eastern Church this feast is called Theophany because at the baptism of Christ in the River Jordan God appeared in three persons. The baptism of John was a sort of sacramental preparatory for the Baptism of Christ. It moved men to sentiments of repentance and induced them to confess their sins. Christ did not need the baptism of John. Although He appeared in the "substance of our flesh" and was recognized "outwardly like unto ourselves," He was absolutely sinless and impeccable. He conferred upon the water the power of the true Baptism which would remove all the sins of the world: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him Who takes away the sin of the world."

Many of the incidents which accompanied Christ's baptism are symbolical of what happened at our Baptism. At Christ's baptism the Holy Spirit descended upon Him; at our Baptism the Trinity took its abode in our soul. At His baptism Christ was proclaimed the "Beloved Son" of the Father; at our Baptism we become the adopted sons of God. At Christ's baptism the heavens were opened; at our Baptism heaven was opened to us. At His baptism Jesus prayed; after our Baptism we must pray to avoid actual sin