

# 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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### Finance Council

Brad Masterson (253) 927-4341

### 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
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Art and Environment	Teresa Tillman	(253) 924-0729
Coffee and Donuts	Tom Smith	(253) 381-9314
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	Ernest King	(253) 874-4045
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## 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 Epiphany of the Lord

### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

#### *Sunday, January 6th*

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

#### *Monday, January 7th*

- No Parish Activities Scheduled

#### *Tuesday, January 8th*

- No Spanish Reconciliation nor Spanish Mass at 6PM
- RCIA (Spanish) 5PM (Parish Office)
- Baptism Prep 6:30PM (Parish Office)

#### *Wednesday, January 9th*

- Reconciliation 5:30pm; 6PM Mass
- Sandwich Drop 10AM-3PM (Parish Office)
- RCIA (English) 7PM (Parish Office); Spiritual Life & Worship 7PM (Parish Office)

#### *Thursday, January 10th*

- Sacrament of Reconciliation 8:30 AM (English) 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)

#### *Friday, January 11th*

- Sacrament of Reconciliation 8:30 AM (English); 9 AM (English)
- Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Dinner 5PM (Parish Hall)
- Edge 6PM (Parish Hall)

#### *Saturday, January 12th*

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

- Reconciliation 4PM (English); 6PM (Spanish); Mass 5PM (English); 7PM (Spanish); Sandwich Drop Off 4PM-8PM (Church)
- Quincenera Preparation 4PM (Overflow Room); Children's Choir Practice 4PM (Chapel) Hispanic Faith Formation 5:30PM (Church/Parish Office); Hispanic Committee Meeting 8:15PM (Parish Hall)

#### *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)

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

### Children's Faith Formation in January

Faith Formation starts up again this weekend, January 6, from 9:50-10:50.

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 - 8 P.M. Youth and families are encouraged to come early, at 5 P.M., to attend the Knights of Columbus culture of life spaghetti dinner!

**Life Teen:** There will be Life Teen tonight, 3:30 - 5:30 P.M., in the parish hall. Youth and families are encouraged to come out this coming Friday, 5 P.M., for the Knights of Columbus culture of life spaghetti dinner!

**Confirmation:** Our next Confirmation class is January 6th, immediately following Life Teen!

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



## The Epiphany of the Lord

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Your SVDP Food Bank is in need of mustard, mayo, & ketchup.

Your St. Vincent de Paul Society in Action

This next weekend, **JANUARY 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>**, marks the return of your SVDP Society's **CLEAN YOUR CLOSETS program**. There will be clearly marked receptacles in the back of the church at all of the weekend masses on **JANUARY 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>** to receive your donations of clean, wearable clothing and shoes.

After pick-up by a St. Vincent de Paul 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 Seattle/King County SVDP Society for help.

**Once again Parishioners of St. Theresa's, your local SVDP Society thanks you for your support of this program. May God bless each of you!**

### WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Next meetings: **Wednesdays January 9<sup>th</sup> & 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

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 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 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](mailto:kellar@centurylink.net)



### KNIGHTS NOTES

- **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
  - **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 12/15/2018	\$	7,525
Collection 12/23/2018	\$	7,129
Collection 12/30/2018	\$	10,703
Year to Date Actual	\$	274,491
Year to Date Budget	\$	319,329
<b>Deficit</b>	\$	<b>44,838</b>
<b>Christmas Collection</b>	\$	<b>6,670</b>

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

### ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK

**Comfort Keepers**

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### 50+ CLUB

**Sat., Jan 19<sup>th</sup>**—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 1<sup>st</sup>**— First Friday Mass and Adoration with breakfast to follow at the Browns Point Diner.

### 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**

**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, no Reconciliation, 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.

**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 (Spanish)**

The Faith Formation position has closed, and I will be conducting interviews during the course of the next week. I will announce whom is chosen from this field of applicants.

**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 trwasure 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.

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).**

**THANK YOU'S**

Thank you so much to everyone who helped make our Christmas celebrations wonderful! Thank you to all of our lectors, Eucharistic ministers, greeters, musicians, sacristans, altar servers, church decorators, gift bearers and to all of our parishioners who came and celebrated the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ. May the peace and joy of Christmas live in each of you!

**A PRAYER FOR BLESSINGS ON THE NEW YEAR**

O sacred and adorable Trinity, hear our prayers on behalf of our holy Father the Pope, our Bishops, our clergy, and for all that are in authority over us. Bless, we beseech Thee, during the coming year, the whole Catholic Church. Convert heretics and unbelievers. Soften the hearts of sinners so that they may return to Thy friendship. Give prosperity to our country and peace among the nations of the world. Pour down Thy blessings upon our friends, relatives, and acquaintances, and upon our enemies, if we have any. Assist the poor and the sick. Have pity on the souls of those whom the last year has taken from us, and do Thou be merciful to those who during the coming year will be summoned before Thy judgment seat. May all our actions be preceded by Your inspirations and carried on by Your assistance, so that all our prayers and works, having been begun in Thee, may likewise be ended through Thee. Amen.