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MASS SCHEDULE—Saturday, 5PM (English), 7PM (Spanish); Sunday, 8:30 AM (English) (Livestreamed), 11AM (English); 7PM (Spanish) (Livestreamed)
Weekdays: Tuesday, 7PM (Spanish), Wednesday, (English) 6PM, Thursday 9AM (English), 7PM (Spanish), Friday 9AM (English)
CHURCH IS OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER:
Wednesday 10AM-12 Noon (only)
Sacrament of Reconciliation—English: 5:30PM Wednesday, 8:30AM, Thursday & Friday, 4PM Saturday. Spanish: 6:15 Thursday, Saturday

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Christian Formation Commission
Vacant
Faith in Action
Rita Keough (253) 344-1146
Spiritual Life & Worship
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Sacrament of Baptism
If you are expecting a baby or have an infant to be baptized, contact Holli Neigel at (253) 838-5924 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
RCIA	Holli Neigel	(253) 838-5924

Faith in Action

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Other

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THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, December 26th

- Masses—8:30AM (Livestreamed); 11AM (Both English); 7PM Spanish
- NO Faith Formation (English) 9:45 (Church)
- NO Lifeteen 5PM (Parish Hall)

Monday, December 27th

- Parish Office Closed for the Holiday
- No Parish Activities Scheduled

Tuesday, December 28th

- Parish Office open 9AM-3PM
- No Teen Sacramental; No High School Confirmation; No Spanish RCIA
- 6PM-6:45PM Sacrament of Reconciliation (Spanish); 7PM Mass (Spanish)

Wednesday, December 29th

- Parish Office Opened 9AM-3PM
- Church open for Private Prayer this week 10AM- 12 Noon
- Sacrament of Reconciliation 5:30PM; 6PM Mass (English)
- NO RCIA (English) 7PM (Parish Office)

Thursday, December 30th

- Sacrament of Reconciliation 8:30AM; 9AM Mass (English); Spanish Sacrament of Reconciliation 6PM-6:45PM; 7PM Mass Spanish

Friday, December 31st

- Parish Office: Closed on Fridays
- Sacrament of Reconciliation 8:30AM; 9AM Mass (English)
- NO Edge 6PM (Parish Hall)

Saturday, January 1st- Solemnity of Mary

- Parish Office Closed
- Solemnity of Mary Masses: 9AM (English); 11 AM (Spanish)
- NO Sacrament of Reconciliation (English) 4-4:30PM; NO 5PM Mass (English); NO Sacrament of Reconciliation 6:15 (Spanish); NO 7PM Mass (Spanish)
- NO Faith Formation (Spanish) 5:30PM (Church)

Sunday, January 2nd

- Masses—8:30AM (Livestreamed); 11AM (Both English); 7PM Spanish
- NO Faith Formation (English) 9:45 (Church)
- NO Lifeteen 5PM (Parish Hall)



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

Religious Education- We will return on **January 9th** when we will be discussing the Epiphany and house blessings.

Baptism- Our next class will be held on **January 9th** at 11:00 am in the parish hall. Please call the parish office or e-mail Holli.neigel@sttheresafw.org, to register. Baptism will occur on **January 23** at the 8:30 am Mass.

On behalf of the Faith Formation office, we want to wish each of you and very holy and peaceful holiday season



All Youth Group Activities will be cancelled until after the 1st of the year. We will begin our Youth Group, Edge on Friday, January 7th, and Life Teen on Sunday, January 9th.

Sacramental Preparation for High School will resume on Tuesday, **January 4th**, and Middle School will resume on Tuesday, **January 11th**.

If you have any questions, please call let Foa know. You may contact him at foa.paopao@sttheresafw.org.

Happy Holidays from the Youth Ministry Office!!!!!!

Readings for the week of December 26, 2021

- Sunday:** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/ Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52
- Monday:** 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
- Tuesday:** 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18
- Wednesday:** 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35
- Thursday:** 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40
- Friday:** 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18
- Saturday:** Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
- Next Sunday:** Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12





Dear Parishioners,
Merry Christmas! May the peace, love, and joy of Christ be with you during this special time of Christ's birth. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for the many ways that you, St. Theresa's parishioners, helped us to keep our Christmas Giving Program going during this time with all of the COVID protocols in place.

First and foremost we would like to thank our Office Staff for working with us to find the space and dates for this program to take place.

Next we would like to thank the Senior Group for getting us started with the help they gave us putting together the bulk mailing to all of the parishioners.

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus who showed up to help us set up and move the toys into position for the wrapping and assembly.

Thank you to Steve, our custodian, for his help on this.

Thanks you also go to our Faith Formation teachers and children who made the Christmas cards we handed out to each family.

We had 43 parishioners volunteer to wrap the gifts and get them ready for delivery. Some are also part of our delivery teams. We couldn't have completed this work without your help.

Our Designs for Life group generously donated their creations of hats so that each child has a warm head cover for the winter. We appreciate the hours it took to get all of these ready.

Thank you to the parishioners who adopted 33 families and provided the gifts for these children.

Our special thank go to a Guardian Angel who not only donated gift cards for each family, but also donated 100 family book gifts of **The Orca Rescue: The True Story of an Orphaned Orca Named Springer**, signed by the author and founder of the Whale Trail, Donna Sandstrom.

We would also like to acknowledge the Kroger Family of Stores (Fred Meyer & QFC) for their grant which provided food gift cards for each family's Christmas dinner.

Thank you to our 16 Vincentians who called, identified, and assisted our families in need in so many ways during this time.

Finally, we want to thank the MANY parishioners who donated checks, gift cards, and miscellaneous gifts to support this Christmas Giving Program. It is because of all this help and generosity that 100 families had a Christmas celebration this year. This would not happen without YOU our St. Theresa's Family.

St. Theresa's St. Vincent de Paul Society

DESIGNS FOR LIFE

Designs for Life is back. Next meeting will be in January, check bulletins for upcoming dates. We have members working on projects for infant layette and hats /scarves for Christmas giving. You may drop off your projects at the church at any of the weekend Masses at back of church in the bin marked "Design's for Life". Yarn is available from our closet for anyone who needs some for a project. We could use more baby blankets. **Masks and socially distancing are required.**

??? Call Marsha Doviak at 253-838-8753, leave a voice message or text.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Next meetings: January 12th & 26th
Narthex Room from 10 am – 11:30 am

All women are welcome to join us as we start our study: "Mary: Jesus' Mother--And Ours" 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.



KNIGHTS KNOTES

Our Knight of Columbus will be celebrating its **40th Anniversary on December 29th**. During these many years, our members have contributed in benefiting the parish with acts of charity, fraternity and unity. We have more than 150 current members and we would like to increase our numbers. If you are interested in becoming a member, please email us at KofC7908@gmail.com.

Please keep our Council in your prayers and help us in congratulating our members.



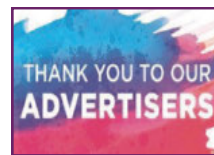
WEEKLY COLLECTION REPORT

Thank you to our Parish. A weekly goal of \$10,577 is needed to keep us on budget for the year

Sunday Collection

Collection 11/21/21	\$ 8,456
Collection 11/28/21	\$ 5,173
Collection 12/05/21	\$ 18,378
Year to Date Actual	\$ 231,375
Year to Date Budget	\$ 243,271
Deficit	\$ 11,896

Collections continue to be down due to restricted Mass capacity, and all of the implications of COVID-19. If you are not already using EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer), please call the parish office and sign up today. It is fast,



We are excited to be back!!!!



First Friday January 7, 2022 @9:00AM Mass And Adoration Followed by breakfast at the Browns Point Diner.

SANDWICH PROGRAM UPDATE

The restrictions and cautions created by the coronavirus pandemic continue to impact the ability to resume the sandwich program as we know it. For now, our program manager, Michael Sterbick, is asking us to donate tents, tarps, sleeping bags, blankets and socks. All of these are life supporting **ESSENTIALS** that he and his crew will deliver to those living on the streets of Tacoma. There are totes in the church Narthex labeled, "Sandwich Program/Essentials" for you to drop off your donations. Thank you for your continued support of this important ministry. For more information please call Laurie Fiorito at 206-817-6327 or send an email to Ljfiorito@comcast.net

PASTORAL COUNCIL CORNER

The Call to Journey Together! From Pope Francis to Archbishop Etienne to St. Theresa's Parish, we hear the call to journey together in a Synodal Process. What do we need for this journey? Members of our Parish Council recently participated in the beginning of the journey: the planning stages. We attended the first of a series of sessions to help us understand what Pope Francis is asking of us. We continue in the month of December by learning more. This process, along with our parish Listening Sessions, call on us to travel with the Holy Spirit as we explore together what it means to experience a fullness of faith in community. Interested in learning more? **Contact Mary Morrison at mkmorrisn@gmail.com or call Mary at 253-318-0852.**

FROM THE DESK OF LINDA DEMARCE
WELCOME BACK TO MASS

We wish to invite all of you back to church and most importantly sharing of the Eucharist. It is time for all of us to be back, renewing our faith through the Eucharist and to be in community with all at our parish. We encourage you to visit our website at www.sttheresafw.org, or on Flocknote for an invitation back to Mass from AB Etienne.

Some of the things that have been reintroduced to Mass:
Sign of Peace
Parishioners bringing up the gifts
More than one cantor as long as 9-12 feet are spacing our cantors in the choir area
Still maintaining a section for those that wish to be socially distanced

WE ASK THAT YOU CONTINUE TO WEAR YOUR MASKS.
THIS IS MANDATED BY THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
FOR ALL INDOOR GATHERINGS.

CCS COLLECTION FOR THE POOR

We wish to thank all of you that contributed to this collection this past weekend. We collected a little over \$600 to go towards this much needed collection. We thank each of you for your continued gift of outreach to those most in need.

FLOWER COLLECTION

This past weekend as a parish we collected \$1,787 in flower collection money. Our Art and Environment Commission wishes to express their deepest thanks.

AWAY FROM THE PARISH

I will be away from the parish beginning on Thursday, December 23rd, will be present at the Christmas Eve Masses, and will not return until Tuesday, January 4th.

Fr. Jay will be away beginning on Monday, January 3rd, returning to the parish on Wednesday January 12th.

Fr. Gilberto will be away December 26th-February 6th

THANK YOU

I want to thank two wonderful gentlemen that helped me Sunday at the 11 AM Mass after taking a slight fall. I don't know who they were as everything happened so fast after I was returning from theambo to my seat. My foot caught somehow on the concrete, and I landed on my right side. Whomever these two angels from heaven were, thank you for coming to my aid. I felt so embarrassed. But, they were so kind.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

If you are an adult 19+ graduated from high school and are baptized and received the sacrament of Eucharist but for whatever the reason are missing the sacrament of Confirmation, we will be beginning adult confirmation classes on Wednesday, January 26th beginning at 7PM at the parish office. Please give me a call at 253-838-5924, extension #307, or send me an email at linda.demarce@sttheresafw.org. I will add your name to our list.

ANNUAL CAMPAIGN FOR STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL

Our Stewardship of Treasure is in full swing. We thank each of you that have made your financial commitment to the parish for 2021-2022. A follow up letter has been sent out. If you have made your commitment and received a letter, they have crossed in the mail. We invite you to reflect on how God has blessed you in your lives, we will ask you to consider returning a proper portion of those blessings to your parish as we continue the mission set before us by Jesus Christ. As we all know our Stewardship of treasure accounts for 90% of the income for the parish. Your pledge to our Stewardship of Treasure is very, very important. It helps the parish to fund the salaries of our parish staff, our parish programs so that our children, youth, and adults of the parish are nourished in our faith, takes care of our aging buildings that require daily servicing at this point in time. No matter the size, the gift is welcomed, and so much appreciated. We ask that everyone fill out a pledge commitment card even if you cannot give at this time. Offer your prayers for a successful campaign. You may return the commitment card in the collections basket, visit our website, and make your financial commitment on line, or set up EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer). EFT is fast, easy, and reliable. If you are currently giving by EFT, please fill out a commitment card as well, and indicate what your current pledge is, or what you want your pledge to be. Please join Fr. Jay, Fr. Gilberto, and I as we pray for our Stewardship of Treasure annual campaign. Pray for success and for giving back to God since everything we have, and are is a gift from God. We thank you again for your continued financial support of our parish. Without it, we would not be able to thrive as a loving, welcoming and warm parish community.

ADVANCE NOTICE

Sunday, December 26th—Regular Sunday Masses, 8:30AM, 11 AM (English), 7PM (Spanish)

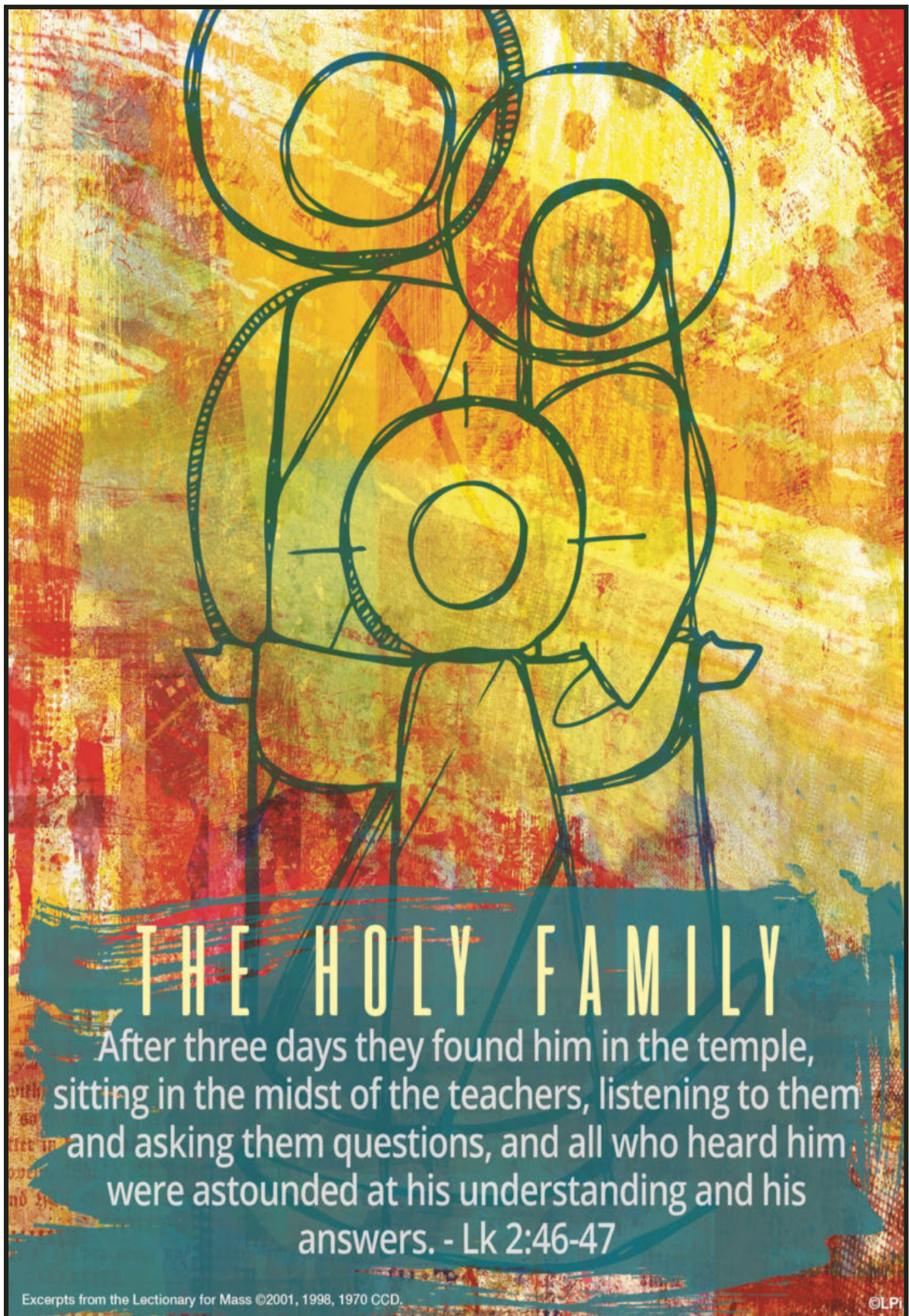
Saturday, January 1—Solemnity of Mary—since this year it falls on a Saturday, it is not a Holy day of Obligation- Masses 9AM (English); 11 AM (Spanish)

There will be no 5PM Saturday (English) Mass, nor no 7PM Saturday (Spanish) Mass

Sunday, January 2nd— Regular Sunday Masses, 8:30AM, 11 AM (English); 7PM (Spanish)

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURES FOR HOLIDAYS

The parish office will be closed beginning Thursday, December 23rd, and will reopen on Tuesday, December 28th. The office will also be closed Monday, January 3rd. Masses will be normal for the week day Masses, December 29th, 30th, 31st. Office is closed on Fridays. If there is an emergency, you may call the parish office for directions on how to get in contact with me. Emergencies only. I will not return phone calls for normal and routine office matters. If a serious illness has arisen, or a death has occurred, I will call back as soon as I am able. Cell Number 253-332-7115.



THE HOLY FAMILY

After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. - Lk 2:46-47



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