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Fr. Jay Bonete, Parish Priest
Fr. Gilberto Mora-Tapia, Parish Priest
Deacon Jim Fish

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

Deacon Jim Fish

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

Eucharist For Sick	Shawn Thibault	(206) 601-6364
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
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SVDP Membership	Diane Johnson	(253) 218-7037
Prayer Line	Mary Schindler	(253) 952-8585

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Designs for Life	Marsha Doviak	(253) 838-8753

Spiritual Life and Worship

Altar Servers	Emily Victor	(253) 380-0882
Altar Commission	Brenda Connors	(253) 334-7573
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Coffee and Donuts	Tom Smith	(253) 381-9314
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Other

Facility	vacant	
Knights of Columbus	Carlos Carrillo	(509)307-4826
Senior Group	Bernie Jacobs	(253)927-2766

Gethsemane Catholic Cemetery (253)927-3350

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, January 2nd

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

Monday, January 3rd

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

Tuesday, January 4th

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

Wednesday, January 5th

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

Thursday, January 6th

- Women's Club 10AM (Parish Hall)
- NO Sacrament of Reconciliation 8:30AM; NO 9AM Mass (English); Spanish NO Sacrament of Reconciliation 6PM-6:45PM; 7PM Mass Spanish

Friday, January 7th

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

Saturday, January 8th

- Parish Office Closed
- Sacrament of Reconciliation (English) 4-4:30PM; 5PM Mass (English); Sacrament of Reconciliation 6:15 (Spanish); 7PM Mass (Spanish)
- Faith Formation (Spanish) 5:30PM (Church)

Sunday, January 9th

- Masses—8:30AM (Livestreamed); 11AM (Both English); 7PM Spanish
- Faith Formation (English) 9:45 (Church)
- Lifeteen 5PM (Parish Hall)



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

Religious Education- We will return on **January 9th**.

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



We will begin our Youth Group, Edge on Friday, January 7th, and Life Teen on Sunday, January 9th.

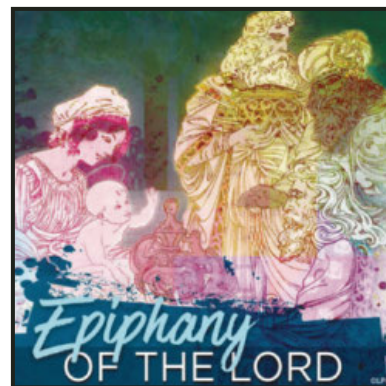
Sacramental Preparation for High School will resume on Tuesday, **January 4th**, and Middle School will resume on Tuesday, **January 11th**.

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 January 02, 2022

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
Monday:	1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday:	1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday:	1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52
Thursday:	1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a
Friday:	1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/L5:12-16
Saturday:	1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9bn 3:22-30
Next Sunday:	Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/ Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
-	or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27
-	28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21
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Your SVDP Food Bank is in need of canned tuna and meats.

Your St. Vincent de Paul Society in Action

Helping those who are trying to start a safe new life. Two of your St. Theresa's SVDP Society volunteers were called to help a neighbor who was escaping a domestic violence situation. She had found a safe shelter where she and her seven year old daughter could stay. She called us because she needed gas for her car as well as food for both of them. At her shelter, they share a kitchen with many other residents, and she is trying to feed her daughter while she is staying safe and not out in the public. When our members first met her, her car had a flat tire. Our volunteers got that taken care of with the help of a very kind man who came to the rescue. This client is in a safe place with gas for her car and food for her little family. She was very grateful for the help.

Working with the St. Vincent de Paul Society is a rewarding experience. It allows us to live the Beatitudes & help others during their personally challenging times. We thank you for your generosity which allows us to do this work.

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 Council is recruiting new members and they will have an exemplification ceremony on January 24th at 7:30 pm. If you want to know more or join our organization please contact our Grand Knight at ccarrillo123@msn.com or give us a call at 509 307-4826.

We profess and follow our values of Charity, Unity and Fraternity.

Join us and help us to make life better in our parish and community.



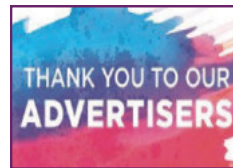
WEEKLY COLLECTION REPORT

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.

MASSES IN FATHER JAY'S ABSENCE

Fr. Jay will be away from the parish from Monday, January 3rd returning on Wednesday, January 12th. During his time away, there will be no Sacrament of Reconciliation January 5th, 6th, or 7th. There will be no 6PM Mass on January 5th, and no 9AM Masses on 6th and 7th. Fr. Ohno will be joining us on the weekend of January 8th and 9th for Reconciliation at 4PM, and Saturday, 5PM Mass, and Sunday Masses 8:30AM, and 11 AM. We thank Fr. Ohno for his willingness to serve in Fr. Jay's absence.

MASSES IN FR. GILBERTO'S ABSENCE

Fr. Gilberto is away and will not be returning until February 5th. During January there will be no Tuesday, 7PM Masses or Reconciliation. Thursdays, Fr. Steve from St. Philomena will be doing the 7PM Mass, but there will be no Reconciliation. Thursday, January 20th there will be no Thursday 7PM Mass. Saturday there will be 6PM Confessions, and 7PM Mass. Sunday, 7PM Mass. There will be different priests coming and celebrating the Spanish Masses in Fr. Gilberto's absence.

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

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURES FOR HOLIDAY

The office will be closed Monday, January 3rd. Masses 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.

AWAY FROM THE PARISH

I am currently away from the parish. I will return on Tuesday, January 4th. I will not be responding to emails during my time away. If a death or serious illness arises, please call my cell number 253-332-7115.

The Epiphany
OF THE LORD



*"And you, Bethlehem,
land of Judah,
are by no means least among
the rulers of Judah;
since from you shall
come a ruler,
who is to shepherd
my people Israel."*

- Mt 2:6



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