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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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Faith in Action

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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

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THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, January 9th

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

Monday, January 10th

- Parish Office open 9AM-3PM
- Women's Club 10AM (Church)
- Knights of Columbus Meeting 7:30PM (Church)

Tuesday, January 11th

- Parish Office open 9AM-3PM
- Middle 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 12th

- Parish Office open 9AM-3PM
- Church open for Private Prayer this week 10AM- 12 Noon
- Women's Fellowship 9:45AM (Church)
- Sacrament of Reconciliation 5:30PM; 6PM Mass (English)
- RCIA (English) 7PM (Parish Office)
- Spiritual Life and Worship 7pm (Church)

Thursday, January 13th

- Parish Office open 9AM-3PM
- Sacrament of Reconciliation 8:30AM; 9AM Mass (English); NO Sacrament of Reconciliation 6PM-6:45PM (Spanish); NO 7PM Mass (Spanish)

Friday, January 14th

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

Saturday, January 15th

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

Sunday, January 16th

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

Readings for the week of January 09, 2022

- 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, 21-22
- Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20
- Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28
- Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39
- Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45
- Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12
- Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17



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

Religious Education—Today we are back in session. We will continue to work in our religion books for the next 6 weeks. While we are working on those lessons, we will be incorporating the parts of the Mass and the correct responses. While you attend Mass weekly, help your student follow along with a handout and Mass notes for them to fill out. These will be provided in class. If your student returns the Mass notes, they can pick a prize from the prize bucket.

Faith Formation classes are available from Grades kindergarten through 5th grade. You would not qualify for sacraments this year but you are always welcome.

We continue to search for volunteers to work with our students with crafts, prayers and Eucharistic Prep.

Baptism—Our first Baptism class of 2022 is this Sunday at 11:00 am. The classes are for parents and godparents. Remember to be a godparent you must have received Baptism, First Eucharist, and Confirmation. If you are married, it must have been in the Catholic Church. If you are not a registered member of St. Theresa's, you will need a letter from your pastor stating that you are a registered, active and participating member of that parish. I will need copies of your Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation papers. Our next class is in February. Please call the office for more details.

RCIA—We will be resuming our RCIA classes on this Wednesday, January 5, 2022 at 7:00 pm in the parish office. If you haven't received Baptism, First Communion or Confirmation, this is the place to be. Call the parish office for more details.

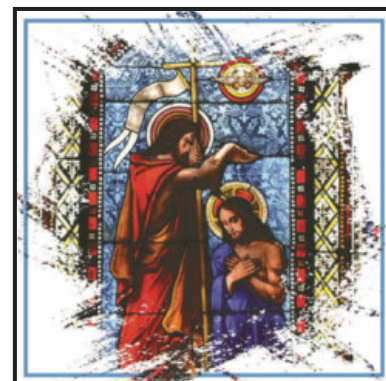


We will begin our Youth Group, Edge on Friday, **January 7th**, and Life Teen on Sunday, **January 9th**.

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

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

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





Your SVDP Food Bank is in need of canned tuna and meats.

Your St. Vincent de Paul Society in Action

Dear Parishioners,

May the peace, love, and joy of this Christmas Season be with each of you & your families. 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. Here are some of the numbers and people we would like to thank for the success of our project: 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.

Thank 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 were 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/gloves 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 thanks 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 over 100 families had a Christmas celebration this year. This would not happen without YOU, our St. Theresa's Family.

May God bless and keep you healthy and safe in the New Year, St. Theresa's St. Vincent de Paul Society

DESIGNS FOR LIFE

Designs for Life is back. Next meeting will be on January 12 at 11:45am in the Parish Office Basement meeting room. We will review activity for 2021 and plan activity for 2022. We now accept new & clean used donations for infant clothing up to size 2 in the marked bin in the church narthex. Care Net always needs disposable diapers and unscented diaper wipes.

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. A Membership Rally will be held after the weekend masses on January 15 and 16, 2022.

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.



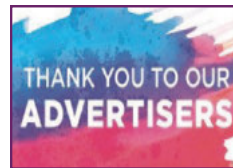
WEEKLY COLLECTION REPORT

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, easy, and very safe and reliable.



We are excited to be back!!!!



First Friday January 7, 2022 @9:00AM Mass
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 returning on Wednesday, January 12th. 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

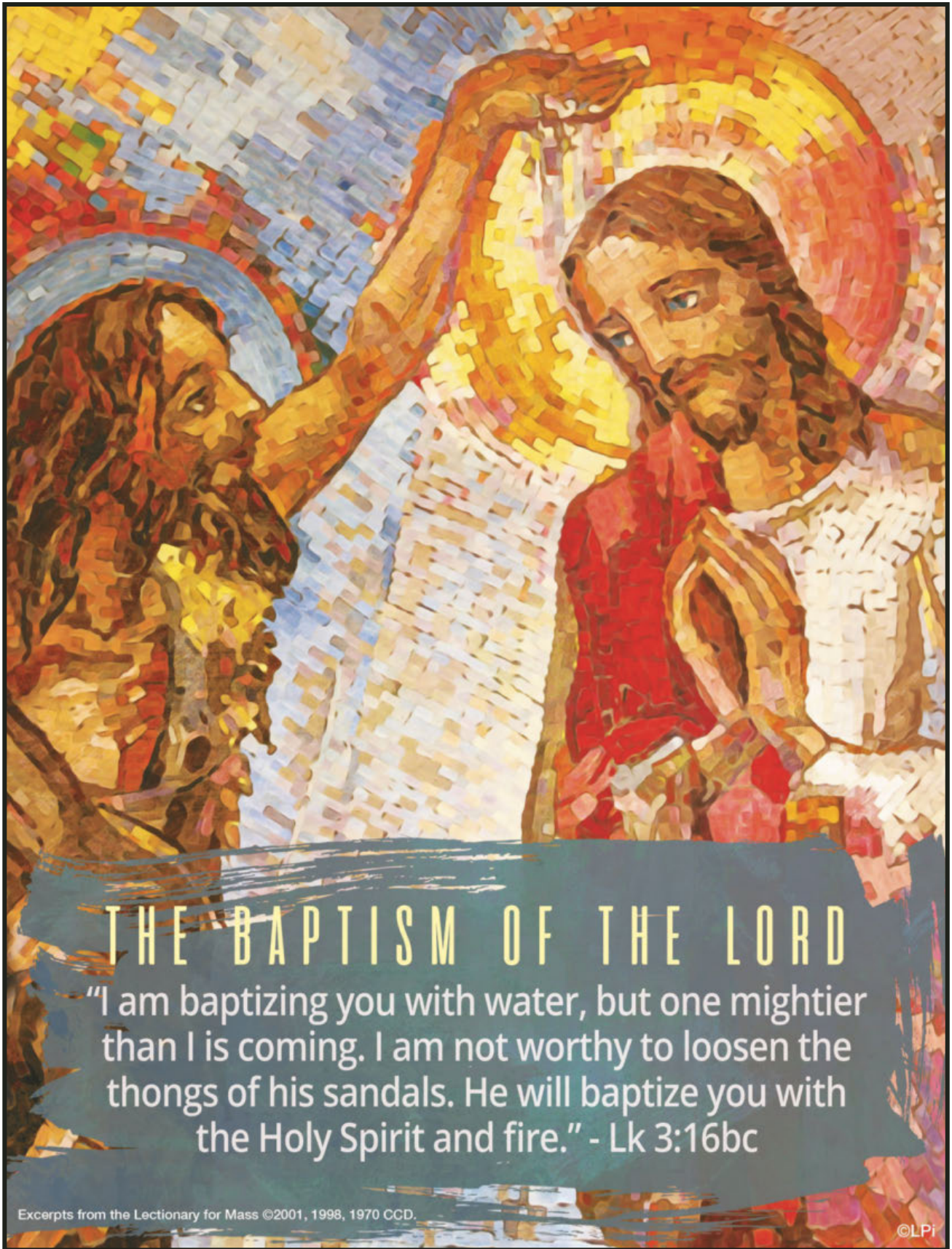
Fr. Gilberto is away and will not be returning until February 5th. During January there will be no Tuesday, 7PM Masses or Reconciliation. Thursdays, Fr. Steve from St. Philomena will be doing the 7PM Mass, but there will be no Reconciliation. Thursday, January 20th there will be no Thursday 7PM Mass. 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.



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

"I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." - Lk 3:16bc



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