



St. Therese of the Child Jesus Catholic Church and School

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June 13, 2021



Sacraments of the Eucharist

Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Mass 10:00 a.m.



Reconciliation

By Appointment



Parish Office Information

Office Hours Monday to Friday
9:00 am to 1:00 pm

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A Note From Shasta:

St Vincent de Paul needs volunteers to maintain its current level of operations. Delivery drivers are needed; most drivers drive once every three weeks and shifts are typically less than an hour and a half. Saturday shifts are available. Packers are needed; current rotation is once every three weeks, shifts are typically less than an hour. We have some miscellaneous jobs that need to be filled. Please call Shasta Hatter at 503-253-7566 for more information or to volunteer.

WEEKLY DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN ENTRIES IS EVERY MONDAY AT 5:00 PM. EMAIL info@stthereseor.org.

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Our Prayer Petitions

Kindly call the Office 503-256-5850 and ask for Colleen or email info@stthereseor.org if you would like your prayer petitions to be included in this section starting next week. More than ever, we are stronger in praying for each other!



Help Encourage One Another to Worship in Person!

There is no better time to step forward than now to help encourage each other return to in-person worship. Over a year is too long to stay away from receiving the Holy Eucharist, as the Holy Eucharist is precisely our sure hope to battle fear and uncertainty. Our small parish remains strengthened, renewed and anchored firmly on the Holy Eucharist, and we especially ask Jesus Christ the grace that more hearts will open and respond to His call to be one with Him in Mass in person. Help others gain confidence to return to church by sharing your own. Remember that as we step us to help, we also give ourselves the opportunity to share in the strength of community.

Remembering Diane Rothery

Please take a moment to say a prayer for Diane Rothery, a faithful parishioner, who passed into eternity last week, for the repose of her soul, and consolation to her loved ones. Her Funeral Mass will be on June 21, 2021, Monday, at 11:00 a.m. with the recitation of the Rosary before the Mass at 10:20 a.m. Her grandson, Luis (left, pictured with his mom, Jenny Rothery) will return to St. Therese to serve as Altar Server in his Grandma's Funeral Mass.



Easing Back to Normal

May 28th after the Friday Morning Mass with School, Ministers (from left) Sue, Barb and Hazel with Fr. Steve. On the right is Maureen Briare, a member of our Shared Music Ministry (Note: Maureen's harp is not in the picture!)



Fr. Steve's Ordination Anniversary

Kindly spare a moment to give thanks to God for Fr. Steve's Ordination Anniversary on the tenth of June. The chalice that Fr. Steve uses in Mass is a gift from his Dad, Mr. Edward Geer, who is also fondly called "Jack" by his loved ones and friends. Please remember in your prayers all priests who continue to live the mandate of Jesus and by their sacrifice bring to us the "crux and summit of our Christian life," which is the Holy Eucharist. We are blessed to have a Pastor and therefore a Parish!





June 6, 2021, after the Sunday Mass. We would like to thank Fr. Dominic for helping us with the two Masses during last weekend. That Sunday was also Fr. Dominic's birthday. Above, Fr. Dominic with some of our parishioners who also greeted Fr. Dominic with the Happy Birthday song. If you want to hear it, kindly go to our website, stthereseor.org



A group of parishioners has been meeting for **LECTIO DIVINA** on Fridays after the 10:00am Mass at the PSC (around 10:45am). Safety and sanitation protocol are still very much in place in our parish. In the noise of all the fear and confusion LECTIO DIVINA gives us a space and a time to spend with the Lord. For information please call Carmel at 503-997-7067.

ALERT: Starting on August 10th, Tuesday, we will have Daily Mass every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 9:00 a.m. Kindly call Carmel at 503-997-7067 for changes in the Lectio Divina group meeting, if any.

39 "COME," HE REPLIED, "AND YOU WILL SEE." (FROM JOHN 1:39)

If you or someone you know have questions about the Catholic Faith, considering becoming a Catholic, or would like to walk more fully into our journey of faith, please give us a call. We are opening up our Parish Faith Formation Program soon - so please kindly share the good news! If you would like more information about the following, or any question at all! - please see Stella, call 503-256-5850 ext. 204 or email at stella@stthereseor.org:

First Communion Classes (after school hours)

Confirmation Classes (after school hours)

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) - schedule to be decided by attendees

Catholics and Difficult Questions - schedule to be decided by attendees

Bible Reflection Group - schedule to be decided

What a pretty Saturday afternoon after Mass to start seeing our Mass Ministers back and actually agree to have their picture taken! The Holy Eucharist truly gathers!



Joyful celebrations of Sacraments during the pandemic: Twelve of our students were confirmed on October 25th and November 8th, 2020. Eight of our students received their First Communion on January 1st and May 16th of this year while one of our third graders was also baptized. Praise the Lord for these blessings!



COVID brings out gratitude and collaboration! A lot to be thankful for in these pandemic times. In spite of challenges, Ministers of the Mass have been unflinching in their commitment to support both the Liturgy and safety procedures that we have implemented. We also have in place a vibrant Shared Music Ministry whose Ministers graciously collaborate so that music is never absent in our Masses. Shown in the picture is Mother Mary of the Angels of the Sisters of Reparation who is our accompanist every other Sunday (in the blue habit).

Be still, and know that I am God.

Psalms 46:10a



Mr. Edward Geer and His Son, Fr. Stephen Geer



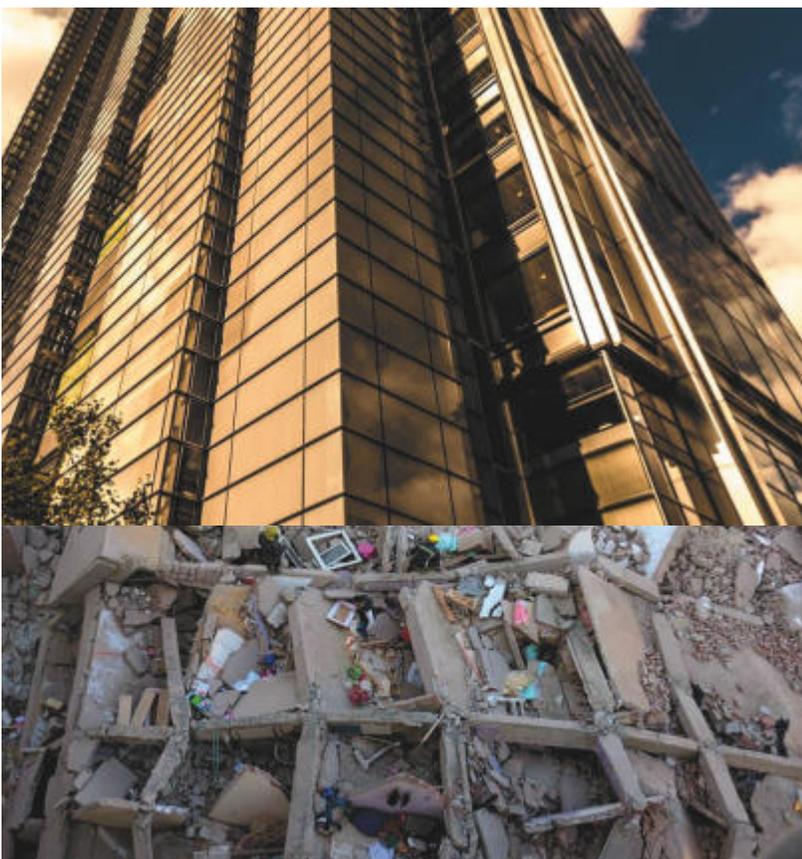
Please kindly extend your condolence and prayer of support to our Pastor, Fr. Steve and his two sisters for the passing of their Dad, Mr. Edward Geer last Monday morning, June 7, 2021. Mr. Edward Geer, who is also fondly called "Jack" will be very much missed. We pray for the eternal repose of Mr. Edward Geer and that he always keeps close to his heart our St. Therese Parish.

What does "Edifying" mean?

edify (v.)

mid-14c., "to build, construct," also, in figurative use, "to build up morally or in faith," from Old French *edefier* (12c., Modern French *édifier*) "build; install; teach, instruct (morally)," from Latin *aedificare* "to build, construct," in Late Latin "improve spiritually, instruct" (see [edifice](#)). Related: *Edified*; *edifying*.

Buildings are also called "edifices" - a structure that is put together by strong beams, walls and a solid foundation. In contrast, certain violent events can put down and pull down an "edifice" and have it crumbling down. In our relationship with others, we can also apply the word "edifying." We can either be "edifying" or "pull down" another person with our words. There are many verses in Sacred Scripture that do warn us about the potential destructiveness of our words, especially if our intentions are not sincere and our intent is to really pull a person down to crumble. As we are created in the image and likeness of God, we pray that we reflect his creative, nurturing nature.



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