

Saint Therese Parish

August 30, 2020

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Therese is a Spiritual Home where together we
Worship with Joy • Work for Justice • Grow in God's Love

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The Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading 1 JER 20:7-9

You duped me, O LORD, and I let myself be duped; you were too strong for me, and you triumphed. All the day I am an object of laughter; everyone mocks me.

Whenever I speak, I must cry out, violence and outrage is my message; the word of the LORD has brought me derision and reproach all the day.

I say to myself, I will not mention him, I will speak in his name no more. But then it becomes like fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones; I grow weary holding it in, I cannot endure it.

Reading 2 ROM 12:1-2

I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship. Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect.

Gospel MT 16: 21-27

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly from the elders, the chief priests and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised. Then Peter took Jesus aside and began to rebuke him, "God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you." He turned and said to Peter, "**Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do.**"

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "**Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange for his life? For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father's glory, and then he will repay all according to his conduct.**"

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Our Atrium sessions will look different this year, but you can still sign your child up to participate in Virtual Atrium. Here is the link to register for our community's faith formation program for children.

(Please note your child must be enrolled in this program for 2 years in order to receive their First Eucharist.)

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdFcNrOCL1mkACPI4JZTpIP_wzo_tqp44WNOGPxFxn1v7Fncg/viewform?usp=sf_link



Parish Re-Opening and Live Streaming

Sun August 30 Every Sunday the church is open to all from 8:30 to 11:30 am for private prayer. **Mass** with Fr. Mamba and Shades Choir 11:30am **Reserved seating only.** To attend, you must register ahead of time using your smart phone at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040549A9AE29A0FA7-sttherese>, or click on [Register now](#). Sign up also available on Parish web site st-therese.cc. Please arrive 10 - 15 minutes early on Sunday. Ushers will seat you. Details below.

Mass & Prayer Vigil links: <https://www.facebook.com/StThereseParishSeattle/>

NOTE: We regret the unprecedented problem with last Sunday's streaming of our 11:30 am Mass. The specific cause was not identified, but we are hopeful it was a one-time interference and will not reoccur!

What You Need to Do & Changes at Mass to Keep Each Other Safe:

You must register ahead of time - BUT stay home if you are sick (temp over 100.4 degrees F)

Wear a mask - Wear gloves

Check in at entrance on the west side of the church

Seating by ushers

No kiss of peace

No group singing - Cantor wears a mask

No processions

No passed baskets

No incense or holy water

No cup

6-ft. physical distancing at all times & 12-ft. from priest while he celebrates Mass

Communion in the hand during the Mass

Are You Registered to Vote?

Do you know the deadline to be registered and to turn in your ballot?

Do you need to update your voter information?

Go to www.usa.gov to register and find more information, including eligibility, voter status, deadlines, requirements and ability to vote for immigrants, people experiencing homelessness, and those with previous felony convictions in Washington or other states.



ST. VINCENT de PAUL

KING COUNTY LAUNCHES \$ 41.4 MILLION RENTAL ASSISTANCE AND EVICTION PREVENTION PROGRAM

This program, the bulk of which is funded by the federal CARES Act, will last through December 30th. This will enable tenants and landlords who have fallen behind to apply for three months of rental relief subject to certain qualifications and restrictions. This also means that the assistance you have been helping us provide is **all the more meaningful** because with this government help our contributions to neighbors is more likely to help them catch up with delinquent rent. We will be providing more details on this soon. This is really a huge development.

With other federal benefits stalled in Congress, at least if we are able to help the rental situation - and also assist in providing food benefits as we have been doing - we as parishioners are doing all we can do. (Food drop-off information on page pg. 5.)

You can donate by sending your donation to Sr. Kathleen - SVdP, 3514 E. Marion St., Seattle, WA 98122 or donate on-line by accessing the parish website at www.st-therese.cc where you will find specific information about donating for our conference.

God Bless. Thanks for Being There with us.

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STEWARDSHIP CORNER

August 30, 2020

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but be transformed by the renewal of your mind,
that you may discern what is the will of God,
what is good and pleasing and perfect.*

St. Paul in his Letter to the Romans 12:2

Oh, boy. St. Paul is talking about prayer again and here sets out a daunting prayer challenge: first we must figure out how we are conforming to this age and then we must discern what is the will of God.

In 2015 Pope Francis wrote *Laudato Si', On Care for Our Common Home*. This is ostensibly about care for the environment but any discussion of the environment quickly devolves to a discussion of materialism. There are just too many people on Earth to bring everyone up to the standard of living of the developed countries without disastrous environmental consequences.

Christian spirituality proposes a growth marked by moderation and the capacity to be happy with little. It is a return to that simplicity which allows us to stop and appreciate the small things, to be grateful for the opportunities which life affords us, to be spiritually detached from what we possess, and not to succumb to sadness for what we lack.

Pope Francis, Laudato Si, p. 108 (USCCB edition)

I personally don't find this an easy thing to do. One can always find enjoyment in material things, especially when you can share them with others. But, then, discerning the will of God has never been easy. Find a quiet spot, open your heart, and listen.

If you would like to use Sign Up! on your phone to register for Mass or for serving at Mass, you can find the button way down at the end of the scroll. The website refers to the Sign Up! button being on the right, where it appears on a computer. On a phone, however, the button appears at the bottom of the page. Keep scrolling!

Let us be generous with our financial resources:

- **Our Annual Catholic Appeal gap has closed to only \$1,504!** Please support the work of the Church of Western Washington by clicking on this link: [Annual Catholic Appeal](#). Much of your contribution comes back to the parish in the form of central office services, such as facilities and personnel consultations, payroll servicing, and management of employee health insurance and retirement funds. If you have questions about the Appeal, please email me at jvrussell85@gmail.com
- Give to the St. Vincent de Paul Society by going to our website at st-therese.cc. Scroll down to the St. Vincent de Paul button near the bottom of the home page. If you prefer to write checks, please send them to Sr. Kathleen - SVdP, 3514 E. Marion St., Seattle, WA 98122. The St. Therese conference has been overwhelmed by requests in the St. Edward's area, which our conference is now also serving. Please be generous!
- Finally, you can make a contribution online at st-therese.cc and clicking on the "Donate Now" button or use the Push-Pay app on your phone.

Finally, join the Social Justice Commission! If there was ever a moment that St. Therese needs a Social Justice Commission, it is now! If you want to work for justice, email Trisha Tinsley at citizencoach@gmail.com.

Collections Fiscal Year - July 1, 2020, through August 26 2020: \$40,157

Previous Fiscal Year - July 1 - August 25, 2019: \$38,604

1 New Push Pay Giver

STCA REOPENING PLAN

In solidarity with Catholic schools throughout the Archdiocese of Seattle, STCA is committed to following the recommendations of our local public health officials. Thus, on August 31, school will begin the 2020-21 school year **remotely for 1st-8th Grade** and remain remote with limited campus visits/interaction until the high-risk rate of infection transmissions has declined to moderate-risk rate of infection transmissions.

STCA will implement on-campus elements for students when there is moderate-risk rate of infection transmissions, followed by a hybrid return to campus in phases for all students when there is low-risk rate of infection transmission over at least a 2-week time frame.

The 8-week preschool summer camp has been a success, so it will continue with on-campus programming. Also, because there is a significant learning curve in our academic programming, Kindergarten students will be welcomed to campus in cohorts with their two teachers so they can learn the core elements of our program to prepare for the possibility of future remote learning or a hybrid schedule. **Preschool will continue on-campus programming and Kindergarten will meet on campus in cohorts as the school year begins.**

PRESCHOOL (3 or 4 years old) IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR NEW STUDENTS. Contact admissions@stcaseattle.org or call the school office for more information at 206-324-0460.

STCA enrollment is projected at 165-170 (an increase from 156 students). Most grades are at or near capacity, with applicants in process for Pre-K-4-year-olds, Kindergarten, 2nd, 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th Grades.

Meeting to Benefit Inner-city Small Businesses

Kaiser Permanente is launching a new program in their Washington region through Inner City Capital Connections to help small businesses survive, recover, and grow by providing access to capital as well as business and management education.

If you are a small business owner, you may be interested in attending a brief 45-minute meeting about the launch of this program. The kickoff is a virtual meeting on **September 2, starting at 9 a.m.**

DROP OFF HOURS FOR SVdP FOOD DONATIONS:



The pickup of nonperishable food every Sunday now is 12:30pm for food donations left outside the church after 8:30am that morning. This allows those attending Mass at 11:30am to bring food with them. All food should be left at the south entrance of the church. Our St. Vincent de Paul Conference continues to support St. Mary's Food Bank every week with donations from Leschi Market and whatever parishioners are able to share. Thank you!

Greetings, St. Therese Family!

Last week we reflected on our first root belief: we are a diverse community. Our second root belief stems from the first. Every community and culture has its norms, customs, and mores that define and guide it. Rituals and traditions are shaped by these cultural norms, and communities rally around and find meaning in them. The founding order of our school, the [Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace](#), lived a simple charism: peace through justice. While the language of this charism has evolved with the decades that have passed since 1927, our root belief remains largely the same: **We are called to act with justice.** This call is not unique to our St. Therese community; it is one that all Christians are baptized into when we are marked as priests, prophets, and queens & kings at our baptism. Justice is a concept deeply rooted in our Scriptures, yet, it seems to be a controversial and divisive concept today. Given this foundation and contemporary divide, we must ask ourselves, what is justice?

Justice is Biblically rooted, but politically convoluted. Justice can be used to describe a society or a platform characterized by “law and order.” On the contrary, justice is the demand of the voices of protest all over our city, nation, and world right now in response to egregious acts of violence toward Black Americans by those in authority. As a Religion teacher, I always defined justice as making the world the way God created it to be. Whether we call it working for justice, building the Kingdom of God, or enacting the Reign of God - the method and outcome are one and the same. Justice is all about restoring and entering into right relationships. God created the world and all of humanity good, whole, dignified, and in God’s own image and likeness. This divine origin that we all share is the light within us, yet, systems and institutions, policies and individual actions, have created division, strife, and distance between us as individuals - and between us and God. Justice is working to making things right, and this starts with relationships.

Growing up with every iota of white privilege around me and benefiting me, I was raised to live in the comforts and luxuries of that world. Yet, as my social circles expanded in high school and college, and the realities of the injustices I was previously blind to became more visible, tangible, and alive to me, this perceived comfort and luxury seemed far less appealing. In fact, it seemed wrong, unfair, and unjust. Thus, this awareness gained through relationships and study led to an increase in knowledge and skills that I continue to hone and expand upon in order to act and advocate for true justice for all. In my experience, this pursuit of justice is in vain if absent of meaningful relationships with those who are different from us, and those on the margins of any given society.

Here at STCA, we are not afraid to go to those margins; that is where we belong. Our service-learning program is designed to send us there. Jesus went to the margins to tell the Good News and recruit friends and followers. He then empowered those on the margins to see themselves as whole, dignified, and entirely worthy of the love and affection of a compassionate and just God. He was also clear that those living in the comforts and luxuries of his time needed to “wake up” and listen to the prophets of old - and the one in their midst. We know how that story ended. Jesus was executed by the authorities of his day, but the Resurrection rendered that authority powerless under the Kingdom of God.

In the past few years, our students have been inspired to act with justice. This can be as simple as standing up for a classmate being wronged or as complex and awe-inspiring of building a tiny house (Class of 2019) or leading a prayer service and march for racial justice (June 2020). True justice is about righting the wrongs around us and entering into meaningful and right relationships with others and God’s Creation. As we look around at our world today, it is clear we have a lot of work to do, but working for justice is joining in God’s work, so we persevere with our thoughts, words, and actions and “march on ‘till victory is won.” The late John Lewis often cited an African proverb that captures the essence of what this root belief is all about: *“When you pray, move your feet.”*

Let’s move our feet, St. Therese Family. Let’s move our feet. Our children, our world, and our God demand and deserve justice on earth, as it is in heaven. I pray that we may all do our part, and move our feet.

God bless,
Mr. Matthew D. DeBoer, Principal



ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL: A Future Full of Hope

Thanks to your great response this week, we are within \$1,504 of our goal of \$38,214, with 31% of parishioners responding!

At the time of publication, the ACA office at the Archdiocese and St. Therese are reconciling our current figures. The latest amount received will be published on our parish website and next week's Bulletin. Your gift can still help the Annual Catholic Appeal by its support of more than 60 ministries and services that are offered to thousands of individuals across Western Washington. In addition, this year, a 10% 'tithe' from ACA 2020 donations (excluding rebates) will be placed in a **Parish Solidarity Fund** for those parishes severely financially impacted as a result of the suspension of public Masses due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

If you haven't already made your gift, won't you please consider making a gift this year? *No gift is too small.* There is still time to donate - you can help us get all the way to our Goal!! Go online to <https://donate.seattlearchdiocese.org/aca> or use a pledge envelope. If you'd rather call in your gift to the Appeal Office, they can be reached at 800-809-4921. The list of donors to the ACA is provided to St. Therese on a weekly basis. We apologize if you contributed and are not listed, but we will update names weekly. Thank you!

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