

Saint Therese Parish

September 20, 2020

25th 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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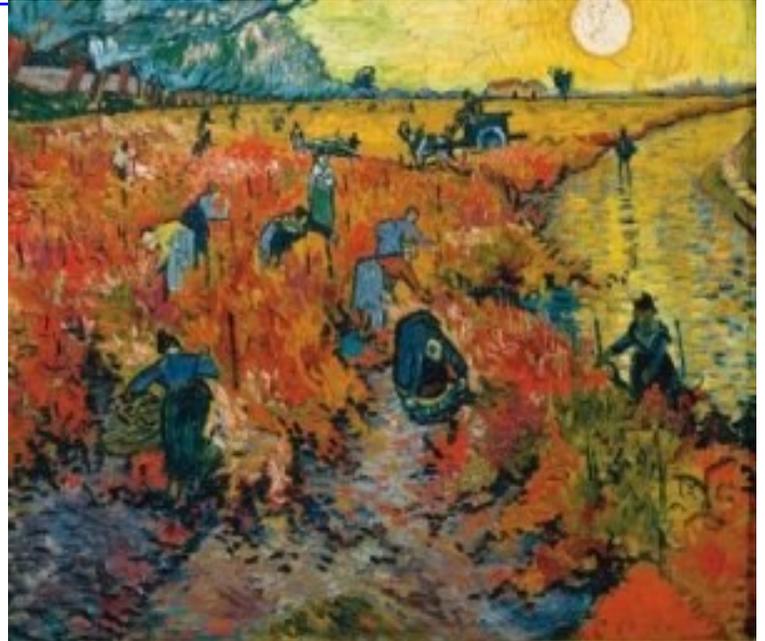
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Find us on 

The Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading 1 IS 55:6-9

Seek the LORD while he may be found, call him while he is near. Let the scoundrel forsake his way, and the wicked his thoughts; let him turn to the LORD for mercy; to our God, who is generous in forgiving. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts.

Reading 2 PHIL 1:20C-24, 27A

Brothers and sisters: Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me life is Christ, and death is gain. If I go on living in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. And I do not know which I shall choose. I am caught between the two. I long to depart this life and be with Christ, for that is far better. Yet that I remain in the flesh is more necessary for your benefit.

Only, conduct yourselves in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ.

Gospel MT 20:1-16A

Jesus told his disciples this parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out at dawn to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with them for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. Going out about nine o’clock, the landowner saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and he said to them, ‘You too go into my vineyard, and I will give you what is just.’ So they went off. And he went out again around noon, and around three o’clock, and did likewise. Going out about five o’clock, the landowner found others standing around, and said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ They answered, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You too go into my vineyard. When it was evening the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and ending with the first.’ When those who had started about five o’clock came, each received the usual daily wage. So when the first came, they thought that they would receive more, but each of them also got the usual wage. And on receiving it they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last ones worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us, who bore the day’s burden and the heat.’ He said to one of them in reply, ‘My friend, I am not cheating you. Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what is yours and go. What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?’ Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last.

Parish Re-Opening and Live Streaming

Sun Sept 20

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 website 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/>

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° F, diarrhea, vomiting, runny nose/congestion, or fatigue)

Wear a mask - Wear gloves

Check in at entrance on the west side of church

Seating by ushers

No kiss of peace

No group singing - Cantor wears a mask

No processions and 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

Dismissal from back to front.



Fr. Maurice Mamba is available to bring Communion to homebound parishioners. Please contact him at 206-720-7275 to make a request. Visits generally would be on Friday afternoons. In accordance with coronavirus precautions, Archdiocesan protocols require his wearing a mask and gloves, with the visit lasting only about 10 minutes.

THE SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMISSION

is meeting virtually

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 22 4:00-5:30PM

YOU ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US

We are looking for members to aid us with actions for either or both the next 6 months and strategic planning for 2020/2021. We are also looking for a new chair so please consider stepping forward as a leader for this particularly important year of service in social justice.

Please contact Trisha N Tinsley at citizencoach@gmail.com or call 206.920.9318 for the login information or questions.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

September 20, 2020

John Russell, Stewardship Chair

Contact John Russell at jvrussell85@gmail.com

*For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.*

Isaiah 55:7

In today's Gospel, a vineyard owner goes to the town square during the day to hire laborers. At the end of the day, he rewards each equally regardless of how much they worked, arousing resentment in those who labored longest. This parable is very much like the Prodigal Son, where the younger son squanders his inheritance in debauchery while the older stays home to tend to his father's business. Yet the younger is forgiven upon his repentance, which makes the older feel unappreciated and resentful.

The problem, of course, is that we do not understand God's generosity. We want God to act like man. We want to make God in our own image. Our sense of justice is at odds with a god who dispenses mercy generously. But as Isaiah proclaimed centuries before these parables were told, "My ways are not your ways." Keep the faith and accept God's mercy.

Father Maurice has announced that if attendance at the 11:30 Mass reaches 50, he will restart the 8:30 Mass. Currently attendance is a bit over 30. Masks are worn, social distancing is in force, there is no communal singing (sob!) and there is lots of ventilation. **Use Sign Up!** from the website or your phone to reserve a spot. *(If you use Sign Up! on your phone, the button is at the bottom of the scroll, not on the right where it appears on a computer.)* jvrussell85@gmail.com

Let us be generous with our financial resources:

- For several weeks we've been about \$1100 short of our Annual Catholic Appeal Goal. We can't stop this close! 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 September 16, 2020: \$68,554

Previous Fiscal Year - July 1 - September 15, 2019: \$58,528

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!



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

A Faith Formation Program



Ages: 3 years through 6th grade
Schedule: Sundays October - May 23rd
Format: Zoom, small group when safe
Curriculum: Montessori based faith formation program.

ZOOM

Our trained catechists will lead virtual sessions on Sundays for all three levels: Level 1 (age 3 - Kindergarten), Level 2 (1st Grade - 3rd Grade), Level 3 (4th Grade - 6th Grade). Sessions will vary in length and always end in prayer.

While it cannot be our usual format with independent work and materials, it will include some content.

ATRIUM AT HOME

The rooms where the children typically gather are called Atrium. Since that would not be safe right now, we have plans to send a few materials home for families to set up in their own special space.

Additional supportive materials will be distributed seasonally as long as quarantine persists.

CELEBRATIONS

Seasonal liturgies to mark important celebrations and observances will be open for the entire CGS community. While we will not be able to end with a potluck as usual, we can at least see each other!

REGISTER [Here](#).

St. Therese Parish Adult Religious Education Series 2020-2021

**Theme: THE SIN & TRAGEDY OF RACISM:
RENEWING OUR COMMITMENT FOR JUSTICE & ACTION**

SESSION 1: “THE EXPERIENCE OF RACISM: SUPPORTING EACH OTHER”

Thursday, September 24, 2020, 7:00pm – 8:30pm (via Zoom)

Presenter: Panel of Parishioners

Included topics/themes:

- How have I/we experienced racism in my life?
- How can our parish community engage in solving the issue of racism?
- How can we ally ourselves with the (ongoing) victims of racism?

**SESSION 2: “OVERCOMING THE PERPETUATION OF RACISM IN AMERICA:
UNDERSTANDING WHITE PRIVILEGE AND DEVELOPING EMPATHY”**

Thursday, October 15, 2020, 7:00pm – 8:30pm (via Zoom)

Presenter: Lonnie Lusardo (The Diversity Collaborative, consultant and author)

Included topics/themes:

- How have I benefitted from white privilege?
- How have I/we been guilty of racism (sometimes without even knowing it)?
- How can we affirm and stand with people of color and other minorities?

SESSION 3: “LEARNING TO BE ANTI-RACIST: STRATEGIES & ACTIONS”

Thursday, November 5, 2020, 7:00pm – 8:30pm (via Zoom)

Presenter: Marlon Brown (Racial Equity Consultants, facilitator and "change agent")

Included topics/themes:

- The hidden forms of racism: micro-aggression, insensitivity, indifference
- Anti-racism: not just a concern or movement, but a new way of life
- Finding our voices: how can we be prophets of hope?!

All sessions will be held via Zoom; details and meeting instructions to follow.

JOIN US!!

**...as we seek the personal healing and renewal
that can transform us and our nation!**



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Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Are you someone or do you know someone who...

Has expressed interest in becoming a Catholic?

Has a child over 7 who has not been Baptized?

Was Baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

Is a Baptized Catholic but would like to return to the Church after a long time away?

St. Therese Parish community offers an opportunity to come together (*electronically, for now*) in a small group to learn about our beliefs, and explore our journey of faith to God. Sessions focus on our Christian roots revealed in the Bible and the teachings and experience of the Church. For those who choose, we also prepare individuals to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist during the Easter season. There are separate sessions for children or youth. You are welcome to participate in this process with your questions, your insights, and your faith story in a warm accepting setting.

For information, please contact Tom Hesselbrock (tomandrose2@mac.com or 206-817-0084).

ST. VINCENT de PAUL

“WE WERE FORMED BY AN AMAZING GROUP OF YOUNG MEN DURING A PANDEMIC”

In 1832 in Paris, 20,000 people died of a Cholera epidemic in a city of only 650,000. In May of 1833, Frederic Ozanam, a 20-year-old member of the privileged class of Paris and gifted university student, observed that the corporal and spiritual needs of the poor were being neglected or ignored. He was challenged that the Catholic Church was not addressing these needs. So he knocked on some doors of fellow students and gathered a group of young people who went through the slums of Paris distributing food, wood for stoves, and seeking to meet the other needs of the poor - and thus the birth of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, named after their patron who had died 174 years earlier. The feast of Blessed Frederic Ozanam is observed on September 9th.



So, historically, our current situation is not the first time SVdP has had to try to help those in need during a pandemic. As we approach the end of the year and the apparent end of the rent moratoriums, our city and county have great anxiety about how will our neighbors remain in their homes. We at St. Therese are committed to do the best we can as a small conference with great parishioners, and other great folks, who are helping us.

Through Sept. 15, with some help from the SVdP Central Office, we distributed \$9,450 - mostly paid out for neighbors' rents, and we received \$1,750 in parish contributions. If you would like to help, you can donate by sending donations to Sr. Kathleen - SVdP, 3514 E. Marion St., Seattle, WA 98122 or donate online by accessing the parish website at www.st-therese.cc where you will find specific information about donating to the conference. Please see page 4 for our ongoing food collection, which has become quite successful.

God Bless. Thanks for Being There with us.

Robert Mackin rmackinatty@yahoo.com

Greetings, St. Therese Family!

Today we close our second week of school, a week that started with Labor Day and ends with the 19th anniversary of the September 11, 2001 attacks on our country that forever changed our world. Terror and terrorists became part of the everyday vernacular, air travel went from easy and fun (for some) to highly regulated and nerve-racking for many, and stereotypes and myths about our Muslim sisters and brothers took over mainstream media. In short, the comforts that “freedom” in our country brought us were uprooted, and fear was abundant. The world has never been the same. Our fifth root belief at St. Therese calls us to **lead by example**. In a time of upheaval, uncertainty, and fear, what does it mean to lead by example?

For 93 years at St. Therese, we have strived to do this very thing. When I arrived at St. Therese in 2014, I asked parents, alumni, and local high school administrators what the strengths and needs of St. Therese graduates were. Almost unanimously I heard the same thing: **St. Therese students are leaders**. Regardless of academic abilities or needs, St. Therese students arrived to the various Catholic high schools in our Archdiocese ready to lead. Our Allstar students for generations have heeded this call to lead by example. This year’s students are no exception, even if we cannot gather in person to lead by example from campus every day.

In the first weeks of class, we have had students teaching each other (and at times teaching their teachers!) how to navigate our virtual learning spaces. Our preschool and kindergarten students that participated in our summer program have been phenomenal models for each other on all of the social distancing practices being used on campus. The Class of 2021 - our 8th Grade students - has already put their leadership on display by conducting our first virtual prayer service of the school year and then coming to campus to lead us in a recorded Mass to praise and thank God together. Our call to lead by example stems from our faith - we are called to be reflections of the image of God in our thoughts, words, and actions. This is not always easy, but it is possible, and our students are constant reminders of that - in person and in the virtual world we are called to live in so often at this time.

As we wrap up our weekly reflection series on the root beliefs that guide and define our St. Therese community, I’d like to lift up another example of someone who exemplified this root belief: Mr. Wayne J. Melonson. Mr. Melonson was a student at St. Therese from 1st-8th Grade under the tutelage of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace, and he later returned to his alma mater as the PE teacher and a coach during his college days at Seattle U. From there, he became the middle school math and 8th Grade teacher in the 1970s before becoming the first lay principal in 1978. He served 12 years as principal before sharing his gifts elsewhere, but then returned in the early 2010s to volunteer, tutor, mentor, and then return in full service as our Associate Principal during years of great transition. Through all of this, Mr. Melonson led by example as a servant-leader. His faith led and guided him on his journey through life and he was driven by the words of St. James’ epistle: “faith without works is dead.” Next month, we will unveil a memorial to Mr. Melonson who served our community as a student, coach, teacher, and principal for over 40 years. Mark your calendars for October 6 - Wayne’s birthday - when we will honor our late servant-leader and celebrate the gift and example he was and is for generations of St. Therese Allstars.

As we close this week with the reminder of our call to be faith-filled servant-leaders and to lead by example, I want to thank all of our parents and guardians who are supporting our students through remote learning or hybrid programming at this time. We know there is a lot to balance right now, and we just want to affirm that we appreciate you and your commitment to our community and your children’s education and spiritual, academic, and social formation. May God continue to guide us all as we strive to lead by example.

Blessings,
Mr. Matthew D. DeBoer, Principal

