

# Saint Therese Parish

October 11, 2020

## 28th 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-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

### **Reading 1** IS 25:6-10A

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will provide for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines, juicy, rich food and pure, choice wines. On this mountain he will destroy the veil that veils all peoples, the web that is woven over all nations; he will destroy death forever. The Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from every face; the reproach of his people he will remove from the whole earth; for the LORD has spoken. On that day it will be said: "Behold our God, to whom we looked to save us! This is the LORD for whom we looked; let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!" For the hand of the LORD will rest on this mountain.

### **Reading 2** PHIL 4:12-14, 19-20

Brothers and sisters: I know how to live in humble circumstances; I know also how to live with abundance. In every circumstance and in all things I have learned the secret of being well fed and of going hungry, of living in abundance and of being in need. I can do all things in him who strengthens me. Still, it was kind of you to share in my distress.

My God will fully supply whatever you need, in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father, glory forever and ever. Amen.

### **Gospel** MT 22:1-14

Jesus again in reply spoke to the chief priests and elders of the people in parables, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son. He dispatched his servants to summon the invited guests to the feast, but they refused to come. A second time he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those invited: "Behold, I have prepared my banquet, my calves and fattened cattle are killed, and everything is ready; come to the feast."' Some ignored the invitation and went away, one to his farm, another to his business. The rest laid hold of his servants, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged and sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, 'The feast is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy to come. Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find.' The servants went out into the streets and gathered all they found, bad and good alike, and the hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to meet the guests, he saw a man there not dressed in a wedding garment. The king said to him, 'My friend, how is it that you came in here without a wedding garment?' But he was reduced to silence. Then the king said to his attendants, 'Bind his hands and feet, and cast him into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.' Many are invited, but few are chosen."

## ***Live Streaming of 11:30 Mass***

**Sun Oct. 11**

Every Sunday the church is open to all from 8:30 to 11:30 am for private prayer. **Mass** with Fr. Mamba and the 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](http://st-therese.cc). Please arrive 10 - 15 minutes early on Sunday. Ushers will seat you. Details below.  
Mass link <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.

## **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](mailto:tomandrose2@mac.com) or 206-817-0084).

**But when the king came in to meet the guests,  
he saw a man there not dressed in a wedding garment.  
The king said to him, 'My friend, how is it  
that you came in here without a wedding garment?'  
But he was reduced to silence. Matthew 22:12**

This is the third week of reading about Jesus' attack on the Jewish religious leaders while in Jerusalem on his way to his cross.

Jesus tells them a parable about a wedding feast where a king gives a banquet but all the invited dignitaries refuse the invitation. The king then sends his servants into the streets to bring in whomever they find, "good and bad alike." The shorter option on this reading ends here but the longer includes a rather jarring ending: the king sees a man not dressed in a wedding garment and has him thrown out!

What? For not having a wedding garment, for not being properly adorned? Well, perhaps for not going to the effort beforehand to accept the invitation. Earlier in Matthew, in the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus says that "Not everyone who says to me 'Lord, Lord,' will get into the Kingdom of Heaven but the one who does the will of my Father in heaven" (MT 7:21). Let us not stop short at praising God in word but continue on to build the Kingdom of Heaven.

The Adult Religious Education program is presenting a series on *The Sin and Tragedy of Racism*. The first session is available as a video on our website. The last two sessions will be October 13 and November 12 at 7:00 pm. (Note the date changes!) See page 7 for more details.

By the way, this series is presented by the Faith Formation Commission because the Social Justice Commission is leaderless as well as followerless. If you are interested in getting our missions right, email Father Maurice and offer to get involved.

Also worth reading: a reflection by Ed Taylor, former parishioner and father of an STCA alum at <https://www.kuow.org/stories/i-want-my-hair-to-be-fully-gray-the-lives-of-black-folks-should-end-with-dignity>.

Use Sign Up! from the website or your phone to reserve a spot for the 11:30 Mass. (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.)

Let us be generous with our financial resources:

- We are now less than \$900 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](mailto:jvrussell85@gmail.com)
- Give to the St. Vincent de Paul Society by going to our website at [st-therese.cc](http://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](http://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](mailto:citizencoach@gmail.com).

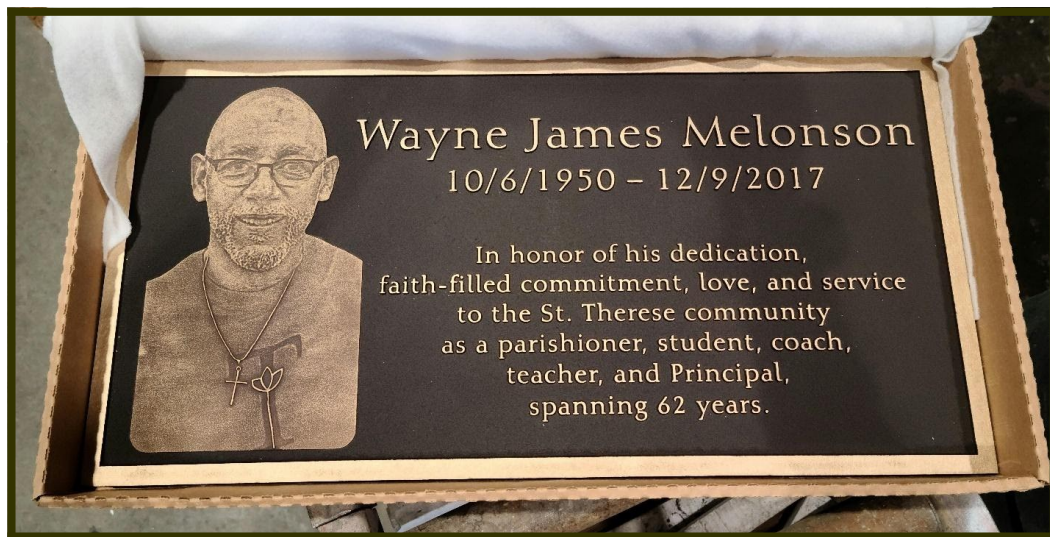
Collections Fiscal Year - July 1, 2020, through October 7, 2020.	\$82,976.14
Previous Fiscal Year - July 1 - October 6, 2019.	\$81,171.32
Where we need to be to meet projected expenses this fiscal year.	\$108,064.52



## WAYNE MELONSON PLAQUE DEDICATION

This past Tuesday, Oct. 6, St. Therese Catholic Academy dedicated a plaque in memory of beloved former principal Wayne Melonson, who died in October 2017. Oct. 6 was his birthday. The plaque is located north of the church's west entrance.

Wayne had been part of St. Therese School (its former name) most of his life. He was a student, graduating with the Class of 1964. He became its first lay principal and also was a teacher, coach and St. Therese parishioner for more than 40 years. He graduated from O'Dea High School and Seattle University and was a U.S. Army veteran. Wayne's leadership is honored with STCA's Wayne J. Melonson Legacy Scholarship Fund and the Wayne J. Melonson Academic Excellence Award given to 8th Grade valedictorian(s). We join with the Melonson Family in honoring his memory.



### **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!

### **Laudato Si' at St. Therese**

This month we will have lots of grass to mow, lots of hedges to clip and lots of bindweed to pull. Also the back of the Parish Center needs a lot of attention. It's supposed to rain. But we play football, not baseball. No delays for rain. No postponements. Get your rain gear on and come on out! Remember, the weeds pull out more easily in the rain.

**St. T work party is this Saturday, Oct. 10.** I'll be there at 9:30am. We'll socially distance. Bring a mask! (And a water bottle!) Come late, leave early!

Contact John Russell: [jvrussell85@gmail.com](mailto:jvrussell85@gmail.com)



GOD SO LOVED, HE GAVE



FROM A HEART OF GRATITUDE, WE GIVE OUR  
TALENT

At St. Therese Parish, there are many ways God wants you to use your unique role in the body of Christ to glorify Him. Generously sharing your God-given gifts helps you to encounter Jesus more deeply, and committing to a ministry helps to proclaim the gospel message regularly. We invite you to prayerfully consider a ministry to which you feel called, list some of the gifts/skills/passions that you would be willing to share with our parish in the future, and return the completed form through the mail, returning the form in the collection basket at Mass, or filling out the pledge form on our website, [www.st-therese.cc](http://www.st-therese.cc). As we encourage you to take this next step in your faith journey, we also want to thank you for the ways your gifts are already supporting the mission of St. Therese Parish. [Link to Talent and Gifts checklist here](#)

**Greetings from the Peace & Spirituality Center. We hope you and your community are finding places of renewal during these difficult times. We would like to invite your congregants to our online retreat offerings. To register or for more information contact us at 425-635-3603 or e-mail [peace@csjp-olp.org](mailto:peace@csjp-olp.org) Find us on the web: <http://csjp.org/psc>**

#### **PEACE DAYS FOR ALL**

*"Embracing Nonviolence: Heart to Heart" - led by Frank McCann, CSJP-A*

All are welcome at our virtual Peace Day retreats this fall. Take a moment to pause for reflection and prayer led by Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace and friends of the Peace and Spirituality Center. Please join us! **Wednesday, October 21, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon Pacific Time**

#### **CONFRONTING CLIMATE ANXIETY VIRTUAL RETREAT**

*Confronting Climate Anxiety: Putting Faith in Action in Distressing Times - Led by Jeff Renner*

Please join us for this program led by Emmy-award winning science journalist and meteorologist Jeff Renner who will guide us through a set of strategies for living in this anxious time of climate change and environmental damage.

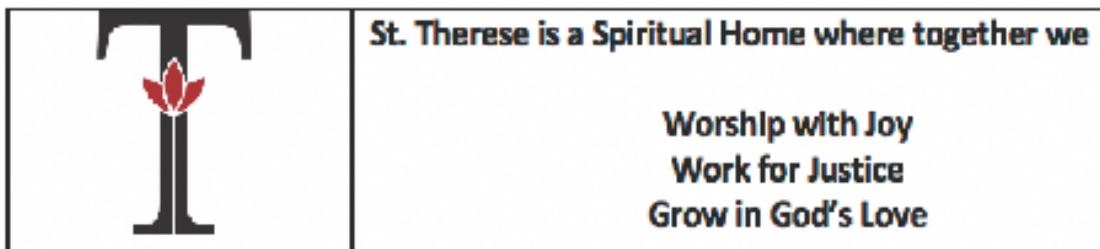
**Online Saturday, October 24 - 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Pacific Time. [Register here](#) to receive the Zoom link by email.**

#### **TRANSFORMATION IN A TIME OF UNCERTAINTY VIRTUAL RETREAT**

*Transformation in a Time of Uncertainty - Led by Sr. Nancy Sylvester, IHM*

Sr. Nancy will teach participants how to speak and listen from the contemplative heart that is necessary for transformational dialogue between people of differing perspectives during these monumental times.

**Online Saturday, October 31 - 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Pacific Time. Suggested Donation \$50. [Register here](#) to receive the Zoom link by email.**



**St. Therese Parish    Adult Religious Education Series    2020-2021**  
**Theme: THE SIN & TRAGEDY OF RACISM: RENEWING OUR**  
**COMMITMENT FOR JUSTICE & ACTION**

**Our series continues, but with new dates for Sessions II & III!**

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

**Tuesday, October 13, 2020, 7:00pm – 8:30pm (via Zoom)**

**Presenter: Lonnie Lusardo (The Diversity Collaborative, founder 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?

**PLEASE NOTE NEW DATE!!**

**SESSION 3: "LEARNING TO BE ANTI-RACIST: STRATEGIES & ACTIONS"**

**Thursday, November 12, 2020, 7:00pm – 8:30pm (via Zoom)**

**Presenter: Marion Brown (Racial Equity Consultants, founder and change agent)**

**Included topics/themes:**

- The hidden forms of racism: micro-aggressions, 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?!

**PLEASE NOTE NEW DATE!!**

**Our series on Racism continues.** Please mark your calendars for the second ZOOM presentation on racism on **Tuesday, October 13, 7-8:30pm**. [Please note new date, changed to avoid conflict with the Presidential Debate.]

Our presenter will be Lonnie Lusardo. Lonnie is Founder and Principal Consultant for The Diversity Collaborative, a veteran owned business that specializes in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Training. Before starting his consulting practice in 1990, Lonnie was a journalist and freelance writer for local, regional, and national publications. He covered stories related to civil rights and became intrigued by the social and community interactions between people in the dominant U.S. culture and those in marginalized populations. His 13 years of research into former extremists reveals a significant theme that influenced every person he interviewed to leave the hate movement -- developing a meaningful relationship with someone from a group they learned to hate. Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., once said, "Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into a friend." Lonnie is the author of *The Anatomy of Organized Hate: Stories of Former White Supremacists – and America's Struggle to Understand the Hate Movement*.

His topic will be **Understanding White Privilege and Developing Empathy**.

To view the first presentation by four parishioners on their experience of racism, click on: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8avH9GCclFTTN2af4ASTsHpsGUqt.4MxrXUPHOVAb2Ph-> Passcode: 3\*.K^0CB





## Fall Leadership Meeting

**Save the Date**

**October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020 9:00am-12:00pm**

Held virtually

### **Attendees usually include (but are not limited to):**

- Commission and committee chairs and members
- Parishioners that have attended past leadership meetings or have served in past leadership roles
- Pastoral Council and Finance Council members
- Parishioners who are interested in stepping into leadership to impact the St. Therese community

**If you have questions or are interested being involved, please e-mail Trisha N Tinsley at [citizencoach@gmail.com](mailto:citizencoach@gmail.com)**

### **ST. VINCENT de PAUL**

#### **CRUNCH TIME**

Yes, it is crunch time with the St. Edward's Conference reorganization still in progress. We helped a total of 45 neighbors in September, providing \$16,672 for rent and housing needs, and \$1,300 for other benefits to the neighbors, for a total of \$17,972.

We received \$2,469.35 from the parish (thank you very much!) and \$10,000 from our Central Council for a total of \$12,469.35. The result is that after using our savings account, what we have left is about equal to our accounts payable.

We are hoping that our neighbors can benefit from the King County \$41 million Eviction and Rental Assistance program financed through the federal Cares Act - a portion of which is being administered through our Central office. But the awarding of benefits is very complicated and starts out with a lottery and difficult requirements which some of our neighbors, despite their needs, will not be able to meet. It also requires considerable cooperation from landlords.

We are uncertain how the program will help our neighbors, but we are providing them information so they can apply. In the meantime we may have to delay response to neighbors' requests until we get more funds. If you can assist us, you can donate by sending your gift to Sr. Kathleen - SVdP, 3514 E. Marion St., Seattle, WA 98122 or by going online to access the parish website [www.st-therese.cc](http://www.st-therese.cc) where you will find specific information about donating to the conference.

On a brighter note, the parish food contributions (information on how to make contributions pg. 5) continue to be very good. In addition, Leschi Market recently made a donation of frozen meat and chicken to the Food Bank at St. Mary's that will provide nearly 400 servings for distribution to those who visit the Food Bank.

God Bless. Thanks for Being There with us.

**Robert Mackin [mackinatty@yahoo.com](mailto:mackinatty@yahoo.com)**



Greetings, St. Therese Family!

This week has invited us all to reflect on our SLE calling us to be faith-filled servant-leaders who know and understand Catholic teachings and prayers. As a Catholic school, our faith and prayers are central to who we are, what we do, and how we do it. The Catholic Church has a rich history in pursuing understanding and connections with God through our intellectual pursuit of knowledge as well as spiritual and liturgical practices. The Eucharist - one of the seven sacraments of the Catholic Church - is celebrated each week "in memory" of Jesus' Last Supper. In our celebration of the Mass, we praise and thank God, listen and reflect on God's Word through the readings and homily, offer our prayers, and receive our spiritual nourishment in the form of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. While different Christian denominations offer different teachings on the Eucharist and what happens in this moment of our liturgies, this practice is the source and summit of the Catholic faith. We had four students who received their "First Communion" this past weekend and entered more fully into their faith journeys as Catholics. St. Augustine encouraged us to truly embrace the "We are what we eat" mentality with the Eucharist. **As we consume the precious Body and Blood of Jesus, our call is not simply to bask in this union, but rather, to be nourished by it and to go out and BE CHRIST to the world.** Congratulations to Cori, Levi, Kaemon, and Ane for taking that big spiritual step on their Catholic faith journeys!

We also had the privilege of living out our faith and the teachings and prayers of the Catholic Church this week by learning about and celebrating the feast day of our patron, St. Therese of Lisieux. **St. Therese provides a beautiful example to us of simple living and embracing the life God has blessed us with to the fullest.** She experienced great suffering from tuberculosis, but also great joy in the union that provided her with Christ who suffered deeply in his days on earth. St. Therese earned the nickname, "The Little Flower" by practicing her "Little Way" spirituality and writing down her way of life in a spiritual autobiography, The Story of a Soul. **As a community and as individuals, we are all invited to imitate her example of holiness by practicing all of the little things we do in life with great love. In her words, "Nothing is small in the eyes of God. Do all that you do with great love."** Our children truly lived this out this week as the Kindergarteners offered prayers for those in need in a display in their classroom and our preschoolers made and shared flowers and words of wisdom from St. Therese to all on campus personnel! They also made a precious video highlighting who our patron is and why she is a good model for us to follow. Finally, our 7th Graders gathered on campus to lead us in a liturgy to celebrate the feast. All in all, it was a great week of honoring our patron, living out our SLE, and practicing what we preach!

We even got some "Hail Mary" handwashing in to link sanitizing our hands and cleansing our souls!

Have a blessed week,  
Mr. Matt DeBoer, Principal



**DO JUSTICE.  
LOVE MERCY.  
WALK HUMBLY WITH OUR GOD.  
- MICAH 6:8**

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