

Saint Therese Parish

January 10, 2021

The Baptism of the Lord

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

Parish Office is open by appointment only due to COVID-19

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The Baptism of the Lord

Reading I **Is 42:1-4, 6-7**

Thus says the LORD: Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased, upon whom I have put my spirit; he shall bring forth justice to the nations, not crying out, not shouting, not making his voice heard in the street. A bruised reed he shall not break, and a smoldering wick he shall not quench, until he establishes justice on the earth; the coastlands will wait for his teaching.

I, the LORD, have called you for the victory of justice, I have grasped you by the hand; I formed you, and set you as a covenant of the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to bring out prisoners from confinement, and from the dungeon, those who live in darkness.

Reading II **Acts 10:34-38**

Peter proceeded to speak to those gathered in the house of Cornelius, saying: "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him. You know the word that he sent to the Israelites as he proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all, what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him."

Gospel **Mk 1:7-11**

This is what John the Baptist proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

It happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John. On coming up out of the water he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

Message from Fr. Maurice

"Beware of an impersonator who has been sending text messages to Father Maurice's contacts asking for monetary assistance. Please ignore and delete such messages and block the sender. Again, there are official channels through which we ask for parishioners' financial contributions to support parish ministries. Please be vigilant."

Fr. Maurice Mamba
Priest Administrator

"Duc in Altum"

THANK YOU for bringing in 2021 calendars for the prisoners. They are very happy to have them. We now have all that are needed, so please do NOT bring in any more.

Every Sunday the church is open to all from 10am - 11:30 am for private prayer

The Baptism of the Lord

Sunday, January 10, at 11:30am, with Spirit Choir

Please be sure to sign-up for January Masses. We only have room for 50 people at each Mass. **Reserved seating only.** To attend, you must register ahead of time. Click on [Register now](#) or use your smart phone at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040549A9AE29A0FA7-sttherese>, or sign up at the Parish website st-therese.cc.

Please arrive 10 - 15 minutes early for Mass. Ushers will seat you (additional details below).

Livestreaming of St. Therese Masses at:

<https://www.facebook.com/StThereseParishSeattle/>

***Donations to Livestream enhanced system** may be made on the [Parish website](#).

Stewardship of Treasure link: Please make your pledge for 2021 online at www.st-therese.cc.

♦ What We Need to Do & Changes at Mass to Keep Each Other Safe

You must register ahead of time -

BUT please stay home if you are sick (temperature over 100.4°, diarrhea, vomiting, runny nose/congestion, or fatigue)

- ♦ Wear a mask * Wear gloves * Check in at entrance on the west side of church
- ♦ 6-ft. physical distancing at all times & 12-ft. from our priest while he celebrates Mass
- ♦ 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
*Communion in the hand during the Mass
- ♦ Dismissal from back to front.

Please dress warmly as the church is very cold. The windows in the church are open for ventilation.

Parish Office open by appointment only due to virus

Sat Jan 9 Caring for our Common Home 9:30am

Sun Jan 10 **The Baptism of the Lord 11:30am**

Tues Jan 12 Spirit Choir Rehearsal 7pm

Tue Feb 16 Virtual Fat Tuesday Party 7pm

Festive New Year's parish grounds work-party, **Saturday, January 9th, 2021!** We will be on site by

9:30am. Come late, leave early.

New volunteers are always welcome!

Contact John Russell: jvrussell85@gmail.com



If you missed the Christmas Concert by the Spirit Choir, there is a complete video to watch: <https://www.youtube.com/embed/hiuOq-oWLiM>

The Spirit Choir is excited to share this music with everyone! You can enjoy an hour of new videos created in 2020 of Christmas, Advent, and more. The virtual concert includes the full choir and small ensembles. It also features original art, photography, and video essays on a variety of themes. The link is also on the homepage of the parish website, so you can watch or share it with others whenever you wish.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

January 10, 2021

John Russell, Stewardship Chair
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It happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John. Gospel According to St. Mark, 1:9

Happy Feast of the Baptism of the Lord!

The early church had a big problem with this passage, which was repeated by Matthew and Luke. By the time that the Gospel of John was written, answers to some of the questions like, what just happened? and, who was he? were being proposed. The idea that Jesus was tempted but sinless clashed with the need for baptism, so the author of John simply omits it and goes straight to the dove.

As I have mentioned before, I am reading *Jesus of Nazareth: What He Wanted, Who He Was* by Gerhard Lohfink, S.J. Father Lohfink thinks that the whole question is beside the point. What brought Jesus to John was his growing understanding of his mission and the will of God:

Jesus went to the Baptizer because he sensed that God was acting through him. Israel was now entering the crucial phase of its history. For him that meant he had to be at the place where the fate of the people of God was being decided; he had to be on the spot where God was now acting in Israel. He had to be where the eschatological gathering and renewal of Israel was beginning. Jesus' concern was with God's plan, with the Father's will. By being baptized, he surrendered himself wholly to that plan. (Chap. 13, section on "The Father's Will")

Discerning God's will for us is the central task of discipleship and how we each can do God's work in the world. It means taking time for prayer and study and action.

If you haven't made a pledge for this year, it's not too late! Please go online st-therese.cc, click on Give on the banner, and then choose "Stewardship of Treasure Commitment Form."

Collections July 1 - January 6, 2021

\$189,246

Where we need to be:

\$204,323

Last year at this time:

\$191,524

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE FOR ST. THERESE PARISH

First-Time and RENEWAL pledges as of January 10 for 2021. To date, we have heard from 27% of Parish households, with pledges totaling \$279,882. There were **12 new givers this past week!** Thank you to those who have responded!

How To Update Your 2021 Giving Online on PushPay

We are so grateful to you for pledging your offerings for 2021! Now would be the time to update your giving online. Here's how:

- 1) **If you are currently on Pushpay and don't want to change the amount**, you don't need to do anything; your giving will continue.
- 2) **If you are on PushPay but want to change the amount**, please log on and enter the new amount at <https://pushpay.com/login?Mode=P&returnUrl=%2Fpushpay>
- 3) **If you are NOT on PushPay and are new to pledging online**, you may begin your giving at <https://pushpay.com/g/saintttheresechurchseattle?src=hpp&r=monthly>
- 4) **If you have a recurring gift but have not switched to PushPay**, you may do so at <https://pushpay.com/g/saintttheresechurchseattle?src=hpp&r=monthly> Please ask PAA Diane Figaro to discontinue your old account.

Thank you so much for your support to the St. Therese community, our ministries and assistance.

St Therese Phone Outreach

We are inviting members of St. Therese to volunteer to reach out to our fellow parishioners to maintain connection during this time when we cannot meet in person.

**Volunteers will have from
January 18th to February 14th
to reach out to parishioners via phone.**

You will receive a list of 5-7 parishioners and a script/outline to guide you on how to check in, collect contact information updates and share parish information.

**To volunteer or for more info contact
Trisha N Tinsley ~ citzencoach@gmail.com ~ 206.920.9318**

There will be a short Zoom info session on 1/17/21 at 2 pm for those who are interested.

NEW YEAR PRAYER:

Thank You Lord for giving me
The brand new year ahead.
Help me live the way I should
As each new day I tread.
Give me gentle wisdom
That I might help a friend,
Give me strength and courage
So a shoulder I might lend.
The year ahead is empty,
Help me fill it with good things
Each new day filled with joy
And happiness it brings.
Amen.



ST. VINCENT de PAUL

THE COVID RELIEF BILL'S CURRENT STATUS/

THANK YOU FOOD BANK, AT ST. MARY'S

After considerable uncertainty, particularly with the amount of direct payments to be made to those qualifying, the federal COVID relief bill has been signed and direct payments of \$600 for singles and \$1200 for couples who qualify will be on the way. There will also be unemployment benefits of \$300 per week for 11 weeks. Governor Inslee has assisted by adding a \$550 payment for those whose Federal unemployment benefits lapsed. The hope is for a second wave soon.

As someone who is familiar with the various services that the Food Bank at St. Mary's provides, I know that we owe them a great deal of gratitude. We have had wonderful food support from St. Therese's folks and Leschi Market every week, but once the food is received by the Food Bank, a complex set of tasks begins: including unloading the food from the variety of sources that donate at the site, storing it as needed, separating and arranging it for distribution pick up on-site, as well as distributing it by deliveries to persons at their residences. This does not include the many other things, like running a business, especially with so many folks working there and also fundraising with communities.

Deep Sing does a great job as operations manager, and we have always found that the managers and those working at the site (most of whom as volunteers) are very capable, efficient, dedicated, and fun to work with. One of the "feel good" stories is about a manager (too humble to allow me to use his name). When he heard about one of our families involving a single mom and three teenagers that was really hurting, he instantly said "Protein" which meant the family needed healthy food - so he saw to it that they would receive two bags of nutritious food for most of a year which helped them survive a very tough time. You might want to check out the Food Bank website thefbsm.org which has an excellent video. They typically give out about 3 million pounds of food a year. Thanks again to the food operation at our sister SVdP conference of St. Mary's.

The need for assistance for rent has not subsided at all with so many families owing thousands of dollars. The extension of the moratoriums on evictions by City and State through the end of March does not excuse the payment of rent. If you would like to assist us, you can donate by mailing your gift to Sr. Kathleen - SVdP, 3514 E. Marion St., Seattle, WA 98122 or by doing so online via the parish website www.st-therese.cc where you will find specific information about donating to the conference. For food donations, please see below. For help for your family, please call 206-767-6449.

God Bless and We Will Be There.

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DROP OFF TIME FOR SVdP FOOD DONATIONS

The pickup of nonperishable food every Sunday is 12:30pm for food donations left outside the church after 8:30am that morning.



St. Therese Parish
Large Event Committee
Lent 2021



*Please join us!!
for a VIRTUAL PARTY!!!*



Fat Tuesday

All Parishioners Welcome!

*Bring your own beverages and snacks!
Socialize with all those friends you have been missing!!*

PRIZES for

--Best headdress for women and best mask for men!

Trivia Game!

"Name That Parishioner" Game!!

*Find Out About a New Parish Initiative
To Help Seattle's Homeless Find Permanent Housing!!!*

Tuesday, February 16, 2021, 7:00pm – 8:30pm

ZOOM info to follow!

