

Saint Therese Parish

March 7, 2021

Third Sunday of Lent

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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Reading I **Ex 20:1-17**

In those days, God delivered all these commandments: "I, the LORD, am your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that place of slavery. You shall not have other gods besides me. You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything in the sky above or on the earth below or in the waters beneath the earth; you shall not bow down before them or worship them. For I, the LORD, your God, am a jealous God, inflicting punishment for their fathers' wickedness on the children of those who hate me, down to the third and fourth generation; but bestowing mercy down to the thousandth generation on the children of those who love me and keep my commandments.

"You shall not take the name of the LORD, your God, in vain. For the LORD will not leave unpunished the one who takes his name in vain.

"Remember to keep holy the sabbath day. Six days you may labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD, your God. No work may be done then either by you, or your son or daughter, or your male or female slave, or your beast, or by the alien who lives with you. In six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them; but on the seventh day he rested. That is why the LORD has blessed the sabbath day and made it holy.

"Honor your father and your mother, that you may have a long life in the land which the LORD, your God, is giving you. You shall not kill. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his male or female slave, nor his ox or ass, nor anything else that belongs to him."

Reading II **1 Cor 1:22-25**

Brothers and sisters: Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, Jews and Greeks alike, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

Gospel **Jn 2:13-25**

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and oxen, and spilled the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables, and to those who sold doves he said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, Zeal for your house will consume me. At this the Jews answered and said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and you will raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking about the temple of his body. Therefore, when he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they came to believe the Scripture and the word Jesus had spoken.

While he was in Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, many began to believe in his name when they saw the signs he was doing. But Jesus would not trust himself to them because he knew them all, and did not need anyone to testify about human nature. He himself understood it well.

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

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Sunday, March 7, at 11:30am, with Spirit Choir

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

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](#). Click on GIVE on the right hand side of the menu bar.

Stewardship of Treasure link: Please make your pledge for 2021 online at <https://www.st-therese.cc/stewardship-of-treasure-commitment-form>

Weekday Mass Returns

Father Maurice has resumed offering Mass at 5:30 pm on Tuesdays in the church. No pre-registration is required. Masks, distancing and other required precautions are maintained

Bible Study with Fr. Maurice

Next Bible Study will be Wednesday, March 10, at 5pm. Virtual Sessions are planned for the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month. The group is studying St. Paul's Letters to the Romans. All are welcome. Advance sign-up is not required. Zoom link: [https://zoom.us/j/91864179579?](https://zoom.us/j/91864179579?MeetingID=91864179579) Meeting ID=91864179579 Password=597590

Parish Events

Fri Mar 5	Stations of the Cross	6pm
Sun Mar 7	3rd Sunday of Lent	11:30am
Tue Mar 9	Spirit Choir Rehearsal	7pm
	Weekday Mass	5:30pm
Wed Mar 10	Bible Study	5pm
Fri Mar 12	Stations of the Cross	6pm
Sat Mar 13	Lenten Reconciliation Serv.	10am
Sun Mar 14	4th Sunday of Lent	11:30am
	Virtual Social Hour	1pm
Mon Mar 15	Faith Formation/Evangelization Comm.	7pm
Tue Mar 16	Spirit Choir Rehearsal	7pm
	Weekday Mass	5:30pm

All events are virtual except Masses & Our Common Home

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

- ◆ You must register ahead of time
- ◆ 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.

Stay home if you are sick (fever over 100.4°, diarrhea, vomiting, runny nose/congestion, or fatigue). Please dress warmly as the church is very cold. The doors to the south and west are now closed during Mass. However, windows in the church remain partially open for required ventilation.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

March 7, 2021

John Russell, Stewardship Chair
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but we proclaim Christ crucified,
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St. Paul in his First Letter to the Corinthians, 1:22b-24

Proclaiming Christ crucified is a major mission for Paul. Christ crucified is God nailed to a cross naked, bleeding, exhausted, executed in the most demeaning way that the Roman Empire could devise, with thieves and revolutionaries on either side of him. No one else in the history of the world has come up with such a totally stupid, hopeless concept of a god. What are we thinking???

Faith really isn't about thinking. It is about believing and answering God's call. It is about forgiving a repentant son, giving a coat in addition to your cloak, about carrying a load two miles when asked for only one, about paying your laborers for a full day regardless of whether they worked one hour or ten, about the greatest being the servant of all.

None of it makes sense. But it bestows on us love and forgiveness and wisdom to do the right things. It gives us hope, and it gives us peace.

Our major ministry opportunities remain unfilled!

We still need a reinvigorated Social Justice Commission! Our mission statement says that we work for justice, which makes the Social Justice Commission a key part of our ministry as a parish. We currently have three members on the committee, but we need three or more new members to join them, help develop a path forward and re-energize this critical commission. If you're interested or have questions, contact Sam Lawrence at sam.lawrence@cytoviva.com.

Second, we need someone with a modest familiarity with computers to help Nicole run our live stream equipment. This is crucial. At a time that we're running only one Mass and that only 20% full at best, the live stream is our best way to keep our parish vibrant. If you're interested, contact Nicole at nicoles@st-therese.cc

And last, there is a vegetable garden behind the Parish Center that was begun by a school parent for a life-skills class at the St. Therese school. Unfortunately, he has now moved out of town, opening the opportunity for someone to continue the garden to support St. Mary's Food bank. If you're interested, please contact me at jvrussell85@gmail.com

Collections July 1 - March 3, 2021	\$276,686
Where we need to be:	\$263,017
Last year at this time:	\$250,867

It's Time to Update Online Giving

Thank you for your support!

Automatic withdrawals stay the same, unless you initiate changes by yourself! Here is how to update your online giving: Please go to <https://www.st-therese.cc/stewardship-of-treasure-commitment-form> or click on **Give** on our website. We really appreciate your support during this challenging time.

Stations of the Cross

Fridays, February 19th - March 26th, 6pm

Ritual and prayer are practices of Lent we can observe despite our pandemic. If you are comfortable, consider joining the community to pray the Stations of the Cross in the church or view online on the parish webpage, Facebook, or the usual places you tune in for Livestream events.



Lenten Reconciliation Service

Saturday, March 13th, 10am

It has been a LONG time since we were able to offer a seasonal reconciliation service. These beautiful, contemplative gatherings are a tradition in our community and we are happy to gather again this Lent. Our in-person service will include time for individual confession. No sign-up is required.



CRS Rice Bowl

Contributions for Alms Giving

SUSTAINABILITY IN EL SALVADOR Drought has become a big problem across El Salvador, making it difficult for farmers to produce enough crops to support their families. But new farming techniques—and a new generation of young farmers—are making a difference. What would you do if your livelihood was threatened? How can you

support young people in your community and around the world? View the [CRS Lenten Calendar](#). Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

St. Therese Virtual Social Hour



Sunday, March 14th, 2021
1:00-2:00pm

(Following Mass)
Open to all parishioners (Please join by 12:50)

[https://iirp.zoom.us/j/98201636972?
pwd=ZFJ3NWNqd2ZSVVRSbUh4R1djcFBOZz09](https://iirp.zoom.us/j/98201636972?pwd=ZFJ3NWNqd2ZSVVRSbUh4R1djcFBOZz09)

Meeting ID: 982 0163 6972

Passcode: 212453

If you want to dial in (253) 215-8782



ST. VINCENT de PAUL **THANK YOU, CATHY AND PHIL SAFFEL**

Cathy and Phil Saffel lived on the Eastside, but enjoyed the spirit and warmth of St. Therese, and have been parishioners since around 1994. Cathy and Phil regularly attended the noon Mass where in recent years Cathy was a cup minister at Communion time. A couple of years after they joined the parish, Cathy became a member of our St. Vincent de Paul Conference. If you want to know what a Vincentian does, Cathy would be your model. For many years Cathy has served at the SVdP Central Office's Call Center where neighbors needing help call in their requests. She also assigned those neighbors to conferences, including our own, where she always took more than her share of visits or calls to neighbors. She was our conference Co-President for 8 years. One of Cathy's annual projects was getting together with friends and selecting toys, clothes and other gifts for families at Christmas-time. There was something special about Cathy - as Marie Allen, our treasurer remarked "She, also, consistently showed a true spirit of love and patience when some of us wanted to be less so! Her example to her fellow Vincentians and to all the neighbors we help, is going to be sorely missed."

Cathy and Phil will be relocating to Allen, Washington, so she will not be able to be active on a regular basis, but she will still be a conference member, and will give us valuable counsel from time to time. Cathy and Phil, you will be greatly missed - and thank you again for your services and, most of all, your friendship.

If you would like to assist us in helping our neighbors, you can donate by mailing your gift to Sr. Kathleen-SVDP, 3514 E. Marion St. Seattle, WA 98122. You can also do so by going 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. **Robert Mackin** rmackinatty@yahoo.com

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.

Regulations for Fast and Abstinence during Lent

Ash Wednesday, February 17, and Good Friday, April 2, are days of fast and abstinence. Fridays of Lent are also days of abstinence. Fasting is to be observed by all eighteen years of age and older, who have not yet celebrated their sixtieth birthday. On a fast day, one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices, are allowed. Abstinence is observed by all fourteen years of age and older. On days of abstinence no meat is allowed. Note that when health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. When in doubt concerning fast & abstinence, the parish priest should be consulted. Fasting, almsgiving, and prayer are the three traditional disciplines of Lent. The faithful and catechumens should undertake these practices seriously in a spirit of penance and of preparation for Baptism or of renewal of Baptism at Easter. (Code of Canon Law 1249-1252)



ST. THERESE CATHOLIC ACADEMY

IGNITING FAITH, MINDS & DREAMS SINCE 1927

February 27, 2021

Lenten Greetings, St. Therese Family!

At St. Therese, our first root belief is that we are a diverse community. This root belief is at the center of who we are, what we do, and how we do it. While our demographic data is often praised by metric-focused lenses, the true beauty of our community is not a statistic, but an authentic appreciation and celebration of each member of our community - past, present, and future; students, teachers, and family members.

This past week, I was blessed to welcome back to campus a number of former school parents and alumni who now have children of their own. Engaging in admissions interviews has always been one of my favorite components of this multifaceted role of a Catholic school principal. Why? In these encounters, I am blessed with the opportunity to hear the stories of perspective families. I often learn unique details about families - how they met, where they've been, what they've done, and also different passions and interests of students. When a family who has already passed through St. Therese - whether as a student, parent, or pretty much any other experience - the memories St. Therese provided them are always at the core of why they are back. **For over 9 decades, our community has had an exemplary way of acknowledging and appreciating the uniqueness and dignity of all who pass through our doors.** I so often listen in awe when alums and former parents reminisce on their St. Therese experiences - it is clear we are standing on the shoulders of giants and saints, and on the strength of an authentic community!

While each time I engage in an admissions interview I am trying to gauge whether a family would be a good fit for our community, more often than not I find families asking me similar questions, asking about my story, my experiences, and, most often, what brought me to St. Therese. It is always an honor to tell my "St. Therese story," because every time I am asked, I am reminded of all of the people who played a role in bringing my family and I to St. Therese. I am reminded of the prayers that were said and the way the Holy Spirit moved me to take the leap of faith and say YES to the invitation to serve in this beloved community. And above all, I am reminded of the love and hope and passion I encountered from the members of our St. Therese Family upon my arrival. While it felt like special treatment at the time, I now realize that my family and I did not receive an extra warm welcome simply because I was the new principal in town. Rather, we received that love because that is what we do at St. Therese. We go out of our way to make sure that every member of our community and all those we encounter feel acknowledged and appreciated for *who they are and Whose they are*. This is what the Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace did for their students and families from the 1920s through the 1970s, and Mr. Melonson, Mrs. Gray, and other leaders and Dream Teamers over the years worked together to continue this legacy, to strive for *peace through justice*, which is the charism of the Congregation of St. Joseph of Peace.

In closing, I had the opportunity to be a virtual host to 3rd Graders' Friday Zoom class. As we began our day together in prayer, I had to chuckle and ask them why they all had special titles after their names (i.e. "the cool," "the great," etc.). While I could not get a square answer out of them, it was clear it was a unique practice they had embraced, at least for that day. After tagging myself, *Mr. DeBoer 'Da Boss'* (which they loved), I invited them to think about our SLE and how this connects to our names. We had a nice conversation about the importance of names and calling people by their names. We discussed the ritual of choosing a name and in the context of Black History Month, why Malcolm X chose his name and how many formerly enslaved Americans chose new names upon obtaining their freedom. Finally, we invited all who wanted to share the meaning of their names. *I was blown away at how many of them truly understood* where their names came from, why they were chosen, and what they meant.

Our 3rd Grade AllStars have much more sense of *who they are* than I did at their age, and this gives me great hope. However, I'm not all that surprised. When families choose St. Therese for their children's education, they are not simply choosing a school, they are choosing a community. Communities are made up of individuals, and strong communities value each individual and their strength is in each individual member valuing the others. I'm blessed to be a part of this St. Therese community - and I'm grateful that each of you have chosen to be a part of this community as well, because truly, we would not be the same without you.

Blessings on the week and Lenten season ahead,
Mr. Matt DeBoer, Principal