

Saint Therese Parish

March 28, 2021

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

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

Parish Office

3416 East Marion Street, Seattle, WA 98122
www.st-therese.cc 206-325-2711

Priest Administrator

Fr. Maurice Mamba 206-720-7275
frmaurice@st-therese.cc

Pastoral Assistant & Administration & Facilities

Diane Figaro
206-720-7270 paa@st-therese.cc

Pastoral Assistant, Faith Formation & Liturgy

Nicole St. Hilaire
206-720-7277 nicoles@st-therese.cc

Bookkeeper..Lauren Schulz...206-720-7272
bookkeeper@st-therese.cc

Deacon Greg McNabb 206-601-2653
deaconmcnabb@gmail.com

Music Director "Spirit" Choir 8:30 AM
Diane Figaro 206-271-5117
diane.cornell.figaro@gmail.com

**Music Director "Shades of Praise" and
"Jubilation" Choirs**
Kent Stevenson 206-675-8000
zzstevenson@hotmail.com

Calendar (Deborah Tinsley) text 206-909-1727
calendar@st-therese.cc

Bulletin (Nancy Buckland) 206-325-2711
bulletin@st-therese.cc

St. Therese Catholic Academy

900 35th Avenue, Seattle, WA 98122
www.stcaseattle.org 206-324-0460

Principal - Admissions, Fundraising, & Operations:

Matt DeBoer 206-995-8100
mdeboer@stcaseattle.org

Vice Principal - Academics & School Culture:

Teresa Day 206-995-8104
tday@stcaseattle.org

St. Vincent de Paul

Emergency Financial Help ... 206-767-6449

Find us on 



Parish Leadership

Pastoral Council:

Chair: Trisha Tinsley..... citizencoach@gmail.com

Vice Chair: Rose Hesselbrock
...rose.hesselbrock@gmail.com

Secretary: BJ Montoya..... bjmontoya@mac.com
Anthony Barr-Jeffrey aebjeffrey@spu.edu
Yvonne Brandon ycbrando2@comcast.net
Susan Koenigs sckoenigs@gmail.com
Mercy Lazo msmuffetm@hotmail.com
Kenya Léger kenyaleger@yahoo.com
Evan Oakes oakes.emo24@gmail.com
Bob Penhale robtpenhale@gmail.com

Finance Council:

Steve Dunphyshdunphy@comcast.net

Stewardship Commission:

John Russell jvrussell85@gmail.com

Faith Formation & Evangelization:

Victoria Riesvictoria.ries@comcast.net

Liturgy Commission:

Chauncey Boyle, S.P.....206-290-3942

Social Justice Commission:

Sam Lawrence.....sam.lawrence@cytoviva.com

School Commission:

BJ Montoya bjmontoya@mac.com

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Reading 1 (before Processional): [Jn 12:12-16](#)

When the great crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, they took palm branches and went out to meet him, and cried out: "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the king of Israel." Jesus found an ass and sat upon it, as is written: *Fear no more, O daughter Zion; see, your king comes, seated upon an ass's colt.* His disciples did not understand this at first, but when Jesus had been glorified they remembered that these things were written about him and that they had done this for him.

Reading II [Phil 2:6-11](#)

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel [Mk 15:1-39](#)

As soon as morning came,
the chief priests with the elders and the scribes,
that is, the whole Sanhedrin held a council.
They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate.
Pilate questioned him,
"Are you the king of the Jews?"
He said to him in reply, "You say so."
The chief priests accused him of many things.
Again Pilate questioned him,
"Have you no answer?"
See how many things they accuse you of."
Jesus gave him no further answer, so that Pilate was amazed.
Now on the occasion of the feast he used to release to them
one prisoner whom they requested.
A man called Barabbas was then in prison
along with the rebels who had committed murder in a rebellion.
The crowd came forward and began to ask him
to do for them as he was accustomed.
Pilate answered,
"Do you want me to release to you the king of the Jews?"
For he knew that it was out of envy
that the chief priests had handed him over.
But the chief priests stirred up the crowd
to have him release Barabbas for them instead.
Pilate again said to them in reply,
"Then what do you want me to do
with the man you call the king of the Jews?"
They shouted again, "Crucify him."
Pilate said to them, "Why? What evil has he done?"
They only shouted the louder, "Crucify him."
So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd,
released Barabbas to them and, after he had Jesus scourged,
handed him over to be crucified.
The soldiers led him away inside the palace,
that is, the praetorium, and assembled the whole cohort.

They clothed him in purple and,
weaving a crown of thorns, placed it on him.
They began to salute him with, "Hail, King of the Jews!"
and kept striking his head with a reed and spitting upon him.
They knelt before him in homage.
And when they had mocked him,
they stripped him of the purple cloak,
dressed him in his own clothes,
and led him out to crucify him.

They pressed into service a passer-by, Simon,
a Cyrenian, who was coming in from the country,
the father of Alexander and Rufus,
to carry his cross.

They brought him to the place of Golgotha
—which is translated Place of the Skull —
They gave him wine drugged with myrrh,
but he did not take it.

Then they crucified him and divided his garments
by casting lots for them to see what each should take.
It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him.

The inscription of the charge against him read,
"The King of the Jews."

With him they crucified two revolutionaries,
one on his right and one on his left.

Those passing by reviled him,
shaking their heads and saying,

"Aha! You who would destroy the temple
and rebuild it in three days,

save yourself by coming down from the cross."

Likewise the chief priests, with the scribes,
mocked him among themselves and said,

"He saved others; he cannot save himself.

Let the Christ, the King of Israel,
come down now from the cross
that we may see and believe."

Those who were crucified with him also kept abusing him.

At noon darkness came over the whole land
until three in the afternoon.

And at three o'clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice,

"Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?"

which is translated,

"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

Some of the bystanders who heard it said,

"Look, he is calling Elijah."

One of them ran, soaked a sponge with wine, put it on a reed
and gave it to him to drink saying,

"Wait, let us see if Elijah comes to take him down."

Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

Here all kneel and pause for a short time.

The veil of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom.

When the centurion who stood facing him

saw how he breathed his last he said,

"Truly this man was the Son of God!"

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Sunday, March 28, at 11:30am, with Shades of Praise Choir

Please be sure to sign-up early for Holy Week and Easter. We still only have room for 50 people in the church until after Easter. **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). **It will not be necessary to register for Mass after Easter Sunday, when we resume 8:30am Mass.** We will need more Lectors and Ushers as well as volunteers to clean between the two Masses in order to support this addition. So, if you are ready to return to Mass and are willing to support our community, please contact Nicole St. Hilaire at nicoles@st-therese.cc.

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>. Thank you!

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, April 14th, at 5pm. Virtual Sessions are planned for the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month. The group is studying St. Paul's Letter to the Romans. All are welcome. Advance sign-up is not required. Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/91864179579?> Meeting ID=91864179579 Password=597590

Parish Events

Sun Mar 28 **Palm Sunday** 11:30am
Immigration Committee 10:15am
Tue Mar 30 Weekday Mass 5:30pm
Spirit Choir Rehearsal 7pm
Thu Apr 1 Holy Thursday 7pm (at Immaculate)
Fri Apr 2 Good Friday 7pm
Sat Apr 3 Easter Vigil 8:30pm
Sun Apr 4 **Easter Sunday** 8:30 & 11:30am
Virtual Social Hour 1pm
Mon Apr 5 Office closed
Tue Apr 6 Liturgy Commission 6pm
Spirit Choir Rehearsal 7pm
Weekday Mass 5:30pm

All events are virtual except liturgies

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

- ◆ You must register ahead of time
- ◆ Wear a mask * 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 are now closed during Mass. However, windows in the church remain partially open for required ventilation.

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 p. 4).



Palm Sunday, March 28th

11:30am Mass at St. Therese /[Livestream](#)

Holy Thursday, April 1st

7pm Mass at Immaculate Conception

Good Friday, April 2nd

7pm Adoration of the Cross
and Communion at St. Therese/[Livestream](#)

Easter Vigil, April 3rd

8:30pm Mass at St. Therese/[Livestream](#)

Easter Sunday, April 4th

8:30am Mass at St. Therese/[Livestream](#)
11:30am Mass at St. Therese

Stations of the Cross

Friday, 6pm, March 26th

Ritual and prayer are practices of Lent we can observe despite our pandemic. Our parish focus on the injustices of racism continues in this contemplative prayer from USCCB. If you are comfortable, consider joining the community to pray the Stations of the Cross for our final time this season in the church or view online on the [parish webpage](#), Facebook, or the usual places you tune in for Livestream events.



CRS Rice Bowl SERVING THE SUFFERING CHRIST

As we enter Holy Week and celebrate Palm Sunday, let's reflect on how our Lord suffered from our indifference: those who proclaimed him king of Jerusalem were the same who called to crucify him. We recognize we are all one human family. Are we contributing to the suffering of our sisters and brothers with our indifference to their realities? How does our faith inspire us to care for them and share the gifts that God has bestowed on us?

Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.



STCA ALLSTAR
DADS CLUB
**DRIVE-THRU
FISH FRY**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 26TH
PREPARED AND PICKED UP
ON CAMPUS
ST. THERESE
CATHOLIC ACADEMY
900 35th Ave, Seattle
in the Madrona neighborhood**

**\$12 adults
\$8 kids**
FISH, FRIES & HUSH PUPPIES
PRE-ORDER AT STCASEATTLE.ORG/FISH

- PRE-ORDERS ONLY -

DUE BY FRIDAY, MARCH 26TH @ 8:00AM

With generous support from:



Regulations for Fast and Abstinence during Lent (Code of Canon Law 1249-1252)

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.

It could be said that, here and now, anyone who is neither a robber nor a passerby is either injured himself or bearing an injured person on his shoulders.

Pope Francis on the parable of the Good Samaritan, *Fratelli Tutti*

The second chapter of *Fratelli Tutti* is the Pope's reflection on the parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25–37.) I am going to make the assumption that anyone reading this note is familiar with it, but let me summarize the cast of characters:

A lawyer, that is, a Jewish expert on Torah, who asks Jesus, "Who is my neighbor?"

Jesus, who answers by telling the story about:

A Judean traveling on a road,

A band of robbers that sets upon the traveler and leaves him injured by the roadside,

A priest, who passes by,

A Levite, who passes by,

A Samaritan, who does not,

An innkeeper who is paid by the Samaritan to look after the injured man.

The central irony, of course, is that the priest and Levite were Jews, even devout Jews, while the Good Samaritan was, well, a Samaritan. Samaria had been the ancient kingdom of Israel, conquered by the Assyrians in 721 B.C. The Assyrians imported colonists who brought in idols and intermarried. The Samaritans had their own Torah and own temple and so were despised by devout Jews.

Pope Francis' comment:

Several people passed him by. These were people holding important social positions, yet lacking in real concern for the common good. They would not waste a couple of minutes caring for the injured man, or even in calling for help. Only one person stopped and cared of him personally even spending his own money to provide for his needs. He also gave him something that in our frenetic world we cling to tightly: He gave him his time. Certainly he had his own plans for that day, his own needs, commitments, and desires. Yet he was able to put all that aside when confronted with someone in need.

Pope Francis asks us, "Which of these persons do you identify with?"



Volunteer Requests: Victoria Ries has volunteered to continue the garden in support of St Mary's Food Bank Yea!!! But she needs your help. If you're interested, contact her at victoria.ries@comcast.net.

We need someone with a modest familiarity with computers to help Nicole run our Livestream equipment. This is crucial. At a time when we're running only one Mass, and that only 20% full at best, the Livestream is our best way to keep our parish vibrant. If you are able to watch Mass on your computer, you are computer-savvy enough to help. Contact Nicole at nicoles@st-therese.cc. (Additional info on volunteer opportunities on p.89 of this Bulletin. —ed.)

| | |
|--|-----------|
| Collections July 1 - March 17, 2021 | \$298,118 |
| Where we need to be: | \$282,382 |
| Last year at this time: | \$269,822 |

To support our many ministries, please click on [Ways to Give](#) on our website.
We really appreciate your generosity during this challenging time.



ST. VINCENT de PAUL

WE ARE 101 YEARS YOUNG AND JUST GETTING STARTED !

We proudly announce that our Seattle/King County St. Vincent de Paul Society is 101. Last Sunday's observance was highlighted with a presentation by very personable State Senator Rebecca Saldaña who discussed issues important to us. She grew up in Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, and her parents are both Vincentians.

EPRAP. Governor Inslee has joined Mayor Durkan and expanded the statewide rental eviction moratorium through June 30th. Also very important is that King County is re-launching the rental assistance program (EPRAP) to help those households economically impacted by Covid-19, effective April 1. We are not sure how we are going to be involved yet, but we will try to help our neighbors by keeping them informed in a program that will be complex for sure.

Parish Stations of the Cross: Overcoming Racism. This text is beautiful and especially appropriate for our times. It can serve as material for group or individual prayer and is certainly a theme that we at St. V support.

Congratulations to awesome parishioners and St. V members Tim and Marie Allen for their award as 2020's Least of my Brethren. This honor is given by our St. V King County Council to those who deserve special recognition for their services to our mission. Marie has the most difficult role in our conference, processing our receipts and sending out checks for neighbors, plus taking care of our books and doing reports. Tim is our all-purpose guy, making neighbor visits or calls with Marie, helping with food collections and other tasks and donating his considerable talents to STCA.

A nice confirmation. In a reply to our thank you for her excellent Time magazine article, "Crisis Around The Corner," featuring our Good Samaritan of the week, Rian de Laat, Seattle Author Abby Vesoulis said in part, "After meeting her in person, I can confirm that Rian truly embodies that parable."

Good Samaritans of the Week. A couple of years ago Patti Dunn and Mike Grabham of Seattle's charity, Survive the Streets, first met Sandra and her three teenage children. Sandra's husband left her a car with 4 flat tires, other damaged property and no money, child support or job. We were helping her with rent along with other assistance, and delivering food from a very generous St. Mary's Food Bank. But Patti and Michael bought 4 new tires, gave financial help and even some part-time work. Recently Sandra, who is experiencing a dramatic increase in her rent, was in her car and, all of a sudden, it would not start. We were able to reinstate her AAA membership to move the car. However, the bill for repair was \$1,000. When informed, Patti immediately made arrangement for full payment. Now our Conference can concentrate on the needed rent. Survive the Streets has been known for years for assisting homeless folks and people in need. One of their signature charities is providing warm jackets and clothes during the wintertime to folks on the streets. We are very fortunate to have them as our Conference friends. Thanks so much again, Patti and Mike.

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, which are getting better each week, 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. 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 to support St. Mary's Food Bank along with donations from Leschi Market.
Thank you!

St. Therese is resuming our 8:30am Mass beginning with Easter Sunday! **As a result, it will not be necessary to register for Mass after Easter Sunday!** We will need more Lectors and Ushers as well as volunteers to clean between the two Masses in order to support this addition. So, if you are ready to return to Mass and are willing to support our community, please contact Nicole St. Hilaire at nicoles@st-therese.cc.

New Social Justice Commission Chair Reaches Out to Volunteers

St. Therese Parish has a long history of dedication to social justice and it is time to renew and revitalize that commitment. In response to this call, the St. Therese Social Justice Commission is actively seeking new members who are inspired by the work of helping guide our parish to develop, promote and demonstrate the ideals and practices of social justice. **We need members with passion, energy and dedication to the cause of social justice and the willingness to put their faith into action.** Come help us build on our parish's long history of dedication to social justice, based on the tenets of Catholic Social Teaching, to be the most effective faith-based beacon for social justice possible. We will continue to work in partnership with and support of St. Therese Catholic Academy, the Refugees & Immigrants Committee, the Shelter Committee and the St. Vincent de Paul Society at St. Therese. But we will also work to develop new and innovative opportunities to advance social justice within and beyond the boundaries of our parish, municipal, state and national communities.

We are in search of new Commission members who are willing to commit their time and talents on a reliable and consistent basis to help create and maintain the strategies, practices and infrastructure required for the parish to continue to be a leader for social justice. Specifically, new members are asked to commit to the following:

- Possess a personal dedication, commitment and passion to the ideals of a socially just society
- Embrace a journey of personal openness and growth in this area
- Think and act strategically to promote the Commission's mission
- Attend 90% of all Commission monthly meetings
- Be willing to devote additional time, as needed, to accomplish the Commission's work

We are seeking a diverse group of members across all spectrums of age, ethnicity, gender, ability and affiliation with St. Therese. Please contact Sam Lawrence at sam.lawrence@cytoviva.com or (334)332-7099 if you feel led to join us in this important work.

Can you help provide breakfast or lunches to clients of the Matt Talbot Center once a month?

Cody Hervey, a Jesuit Volunteer living on Cherry Street, contacted the Shelter Steering Committee to ask if our parish could help feed clients at the [Matt Talbot Center](#), a CCS-affiliated recovery program and treatment center for people living with substance use disorders, homelessness, and mental illness in Belltown (2313 Third Avenue). Greg Alex, the center's director, has spoken to our parish about the program, and parishioner Tyra Elliott is the Administrative Manager.

Essentially they are asking volunteers to schedule and drop off breakfast or lunch for 30 on a given day every month. Sack lunches are welcome; hot breakfast/lunch casseroles in disposable containers (foil) could be reheated in their oven. Fruit is always welcome.

There are several open monthly slots available. If preparing or delivering 30 meals seems difficult, perhaps you could create a team of 3 households that each prepare 10 meals for one delivery. Another option is to underwrite a group meal from a local affiliate restaurant.

For more info, please contact me or Cody Hervey at (580) 697-2321 or CodyH@ccsww.org.

Submitted by Catherine Pagès, (206) 218-4841



Laudato Si' at St. T is Moving to 3rd Saturdays! Due to the confluence of several factors, Laudato Si' is moving to third Saturdays! We will gather next on April 17. I will be there at 9:30 until, well, we all get tired and hungry. We'll renew mowing, trimming, weeding, and fighting the wisteria, English ivy, blackberry, and bindweed. Come late, leave early!

New volunteers are always welcome! Contact John Russell at jvrussell85@gmail.com



St. Therese is a Spiritual Home where together we

Worship with Joy
Work for Justice
Grow In God's Love

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

Our series continues!

**SESSION 4: "WHITE PRIVILEGE VERSUS WHITE SUPREMACY: DEEPLY ENTRENCHED
STRUCTURES IN THE DOMINANT WHITE CULTURE" (PART 2)**

Tuesday, April 20, 2021, 7:00pm – 8:30pm (via Zoom)

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

Included topics/themes:

- How has white privilege become a routine social behavior for me?
- How will population changes alter racism in education, jobs, housing, and mass incarcerations?
- How can we affirm and stand with BIPOC (black, indigenous, & people of color)?

SESSION 5: "LEARNING TO BE ANTI-RACIST: STRATEGIES & ACTIONS" (PART 2)

Tuesday, May 11, 2021, 7:00pm – 8:30pm (via Zoom)

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

Included topics/themes:

- Micro-aggressions: how to interrupt them and repair the harm
- Anti-racism: overcoming our unconscious biases
- Finding our voices: how can we be prophets of hope?!

**SESSION 6: "COMING FULL CIRCLE: THE EXPERIENCE OF RACISM & SUPPORTING
EACH OTHER" (PART 2)**

Tuesday, June 8, 2020, 7:00pm – 8:30pm (via Zoom)

Presenter: Panel of Parishioners

Included topics/themes:

- How have I/we learned about facing and overcoming 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?

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!**



10th Annual Stand Against Racism with Ijeoma Oluo

Join YWCA Seattle | King | Snohomish for a discussion about the negative impacts of institutional and structural racism at YWCA's 10th Annual Stand Against Racism.

Learn how we can move from declarations to change and take a stand against racism every day at this free virtual town hall with keynote speaker Ijeoma Oluo, author of the #1 *New York Times* best-seller, *So You Want to Talk About Race*.

This event also celebrates the 10th anniversary of the Stand Against Racism in Seattle, proudly presented by YWCA's People of Color Executive Council (POCEC) for more than a decade.

Friday, April 30, 2021, 11:45AM

Virtual doors open at 11:45 am; program begins at noon. Closed captioning will be provided.

ABOUT THE STAND AGAINST RACISM

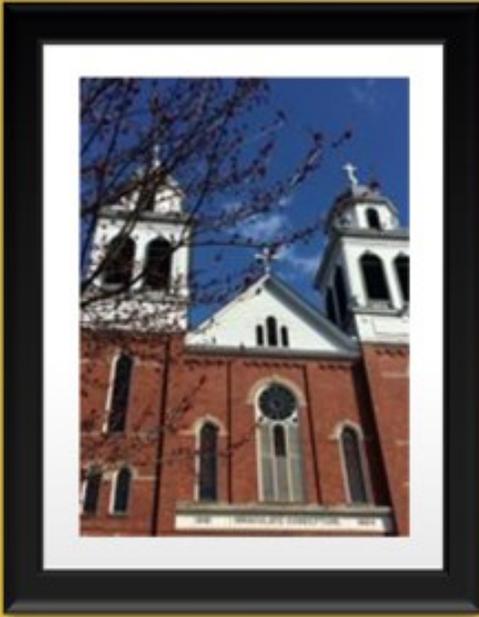
YWCA's Stand Against Racism is an annual event in April that brings together thousands of people across the country to raise awareness of structural and systemic racism, take collective action for equity, and build community in the fight for racial justice. This is a signature campaign of YWCA USA, and part of our mission to eliminate racism and empower women.

To learn more ways you can participate in the Stand Against Racism, visit standagainstracism.org.

ABOUT IJEOMA OLUO, KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Ijeoma Oluo is author of the #1 *New York Times* best-seller, *So You Want to Talk About Race*, and the recently released book, *Mediocre: The Dangerous Legacy of White Male America*. Her work on race has been featured in numerous publications, including the *New York Times* and *Washington Post*. Oluo was recently named one of the most influential people of 2021 on the TIME 100 list, has been twice named to the Root 100, and earned numerous awards for her work, including the 2018 Feminist Humanist Award and 2020 Harvard Humanist of the Year Award.

Presented by YWCA Seattle/King/Snohomish.



COVID-19 COMMUNITY VACCINATION EVENT @
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH
820 18TH AVE SEATTLE WA 98122

SATURDAY MARCH 27TH 2021 @ 10AM-3PM

- 65 years and older
- All people 50+ years living in multigenerational households (2 or more generations)
- Educators and staff for pre-K
- Child Care Providers
- CALL TO SCHEDULE: (253) 317-3251

STCA 2021 Virtual Auction

Live Event: May 20, 2021 @ 7pm

LET THE CHILDREN PLAY!



Help our Allstars shoot for the Moon!

Bidding opens @ 8am on Friday, May 14!



March 21, 2021

Lenten Greetings, St. Therese Family!

In a conversation last week, I was introduced to a term that breathed life into our SLE for the week: compassionate truth-tellers. It can be easy to sugarcoat things in order to preserve comfort - whether our own or that of others. We have seen this in very real ways in the past year in the cases of the killings of Breonna Taylor, Elijah McClain, Ahmaud Arbery, and George Floyd - among others. The outcries of grief, anger, pain, fury, and injustice have reached the heavens, just like the wails and lamentations of God's people in the Old Testament Scriptures. Throughout Scripture, God is clear: the TRUTH shall set you free. From the Garden of Eden to Peter's denial of Jesus in the final hours of Jesus' life, it is clear that God's people - ourselves included - struggle with telling the truth. Yet, it seems that this dishonesty and deception is strongly connected to the absence of peace and justice in our midst as well. So many conflicts in our lives, community, school, nation, and world are really just communication breakdowns in which honesty and the truth are obscured.

With all of that said, **how can we be compassionate truth-tellers who speak truth with love?**

Throughout this Lent, we have followed Jesus' story - from resisting temptation in the desert to transfiguring before Peter, James, and John to communicating to Nicodemus and his Apostles who he truly is and how we can glorify God. In the middle of these Lenten Gospels, we also heard about how Jesus entered God's house in the Temple and flipped over the moneychangers' tables and drove out the animals when his Father's house was turned into a marketplace. **Lent is a time to cleanse ourselves, to fast, pray, and give to others in an intentional way to renew and deepen our relationships with God and others.** For any relationship to thrive, TRUTH, honesty, and integrity are essential. How can we grow together if we cannot trust each other?

In reflecting on the state of our world, nation, city, and community at this time, I find this notion of speaking truth with love and being compassionate truth-tellers to be both necessary and compelling. Racism is often referred to as our nation's original sin. Sexism certainly predates racism, and can easily be traced back to THE story of original sin when Adam shifts the blame of his own actions onto Eve when confronted by God. The tragic killing of Sarah Everard in England a few weeks ago reminds us that these societal problems are global, not just local. We MUST name the injustices and sinful practices in our midst, first and foremost those in which we are complicit or enacting ourselves. **Truth-telling can alienate others, not because it is wrong, but because the discomfort that the truth reveals forces our hearts and consciences to stir. The stirring of our hearts and consciences can lead to two responses: fear or love; retreat or action.** I see this as the Holy Spirit inviting us to ACT in a new way, and when we are uncertain as to HOW we should change our ways, God always provides.

Adults have a much harder time changing our ways than our children. Fear is deeply rooted in us - for many reasons. We grow comfortable in our ways, even when they are wrong or sinful. We know when we are doing wrong, yet, so often we are paralyzed when we are invited to repent, to change our ways. I wonder if this is because we forget that the God we serve is a merciful God. The God we serve is also a just God, but God's justice does not condemn people, God's justice condemns behaviors - God knows we can all be better. I think children understand this better than adults - and we offer children mercy and forgiveness more generously than we extend it to other adults and even ourselves.

In this Sunday's first reading from the prophet Jeremiah, we hear:

*I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts;
I will be their God, and they shall be my people.
No longer will they have need to teach their friends and relatives
how to know the LORD.
All, from least to greatest, shall know me, says the LORD,
for I will forgive their evildoing and remember their sin no more.*

As we march into the final weeks of Lent, may we all reflect on how God is calling us to repent. Let us not retreat from God's invitations, but lean in and ACT. Forgiveness is there, waiting for us to embrace - as individuals and as communities. Every day at recess, children experience conflict, yet they apologize, own their wrongdoings, and extend forgiveness so willingly. Sometimes it may take some time and space for true healing to occur, but our children are beautiful models for how God wants us to live: do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God. May we once again follow the example of our children - we have a lot we can learn from them!

Blessings on the week and close of the Lenten season ahead,

Mr. Matthew DeBoer, Principal