Saint Therese Parish

April 25, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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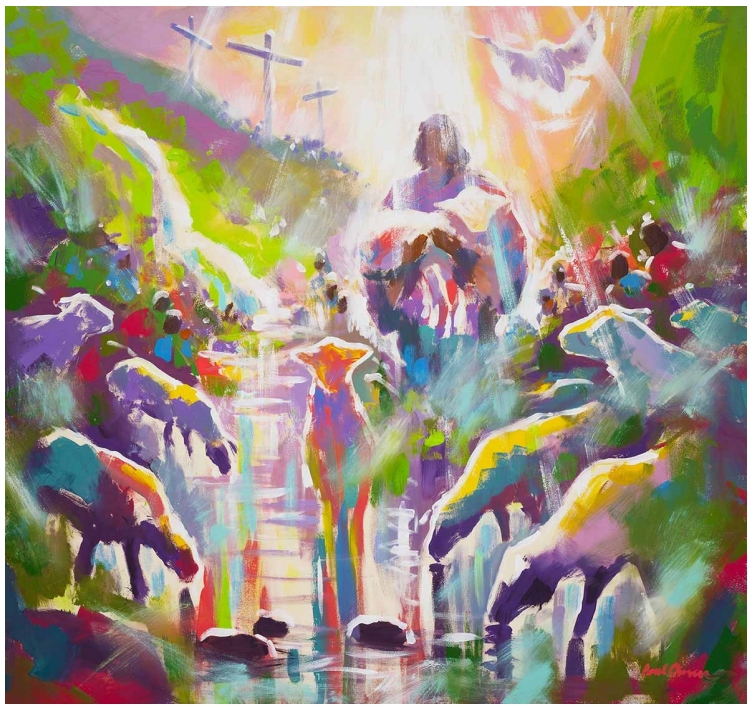

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

Reading I **Acts 4:8-12**

Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said: "Leaders of the people and elders: If we are being examined today about a good deed done to a cripple, namely, by what means he was saved, then all of you and all the people of Israel should know that it was in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead; in his name this man stands before you healed. He is *the stone rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone.* There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved."

Reading II **1 Jn 3:1-2**

Beloved: See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

Gospel **Jn 10:11-18**

Jesus said: "I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. A hired man, who is not a shepherd and whose sheep are not his own, sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf catches and scatters them. This is because he works for pay and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd. This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my own. I have power to lay it down, and power to take it up again. This command I have received from my Father."

Social Justice Commission Reflection

We support the recent convictions in the George Floyd murder trial and believe they offer an important milestone in our country's journey towards racial equity.

These convictions represent an unmistakable statement of truth about the crimes committed as well as accountability for anyone tempted to abuse their power in a similar fashion in the future.

While we are heartened by these convictions, we also recognize there is much more work to be done eliminating these types of abuses towards Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC), Asian American and Pacific Islander communities, as well as the systemic racism that continues to burden all of these, our brothers and sisters.

We believe our Faith calls us all to this work and we remain committed to it. We also hold George Floyd's family in our prayers and ask for God's comfort, peace and continued presence in their lives and with all our communities as we strive towards a more just society.

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 25, at 8:30am (Spirit Choir) and at 11:30am (Shades of Praise Choir)

St. Therese normal schedule with two Masses on Sunday! **As a result, it is no longer necessary to register for Mass.** But we need more Lectors and Ushers, volunteers to assist with livestreaming, as well as cleaning between Masses. 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 on alternate Sundays
We Livestream the 11:30 am Mass on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month and the 8:30 am Mass on the 2nd and 4th Sundays. This week it will be 8:30am Mass.
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!

Bible Study with Fr. Maurice

The final Bible Study will be this Wednesday, April 28th, at 5pm. The group is studying St. Paul's Letter to the Romans. All are welcome. Zoom link: https://zoom.us/j/91864179579? Meeting ID =91864179579 Password=597590

We welcome into our parish family, Brooks Njenga Fernandez, son of Nancy Mwangi and Antonio Fernandez III, who was baptized last Sunday, April 18, after the 11:30 am Mass.

Parish Events

Sun Apr 25	**Fourth Sunday of Easter**	******8:30 & 11:30am*
	Virtual Social Hour	*1pm*
Tue Apr 27	Weekday Mass	*5:30pm*
	Spirit Choir Rehearsal	*7pm*
Wed Apr 28	Bible Study	*5pm*
Thu Apr 29	Shades of Praise Rehearsal	*7pm*
Fri Apr 30	AllStar Dads' Fish Fry	*3:30 & 6:30pm*
Sun May 2	**Fifth Sunday of Easter**	*8:30 & *11:30am*
Tue May 4	Weekday Mass	*5:30pm*
	Spirit Choir Rehearsal	*7pm*
Wed May 5	Staff Meeting	*10am*
Thu May 6	Shades of Praise Rehearsal	*6:30pm*
	Pastoral Council Meeting	*7pm*

** This Mass will be Livestreamed*

All events are virtual except liturgies, Spirit Choir rehearsal and Our Common Home

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

- Wear a mask
- 6-ft. physical distancing at all times & 12-ft. from our priest while he celebrates Mass
- Seating by ushers * No kiss of peace
- Singing by the Choir only, with 6-ft. social distancing and wearing 3-layer masks.
- No processions and no passed baskets * No incense or holy water * No cup * Communion in the hand during the Mass

Stay home if you are sick (fever over 100.4°, diarrhea, vomiting, runny nose/congestion, or fatigue).

The doors and windows of the church remain partially open for required ventilation. On cooler days you may still require a jacket or sweater.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

April 25, 2021

John Russell, Stewardship Chair jvrussell85@gmail.com

> See what love the Father has bestowed on us
> that we may be called the children of God.
> Yet so we are. First letter of John 3:1a

Happy Fourth Sunday of Easter! Happy Good Shepherd Sunday! Alleluia! Alleluia!

There is gratitude in this passage from the first letter of John. Gratitude and amazement that we are loved by God the creator of heaven and Earth. Alleluia! Alleluia!

In *Fratelli Tutti, Pope Francis incessantly calls on us to share God's love with those strange to us. In Chapter 5, "A Better Kind of Politics," he discusses political charity:*

> If someone helps an elderly person cross a river, that is a fine act of charity. The politician, on the other hand, builds a bridge, and that too is an act of charity.

(Digression on "charity": those who know their catechism - or can use Google - know that "charity" is an English translation of "caritas" as in "Deus caritas est," commonly translated as "God is love." It is preferred to "love" in some translations because in English "love" has too many meanings and connotations, the least of which is a gift of God which enables us to love God for God's own sake and love others for God's sake. The Great Commandment, the Second Commandment and the Good Shepherd are about charity.)

> True charity can employ all the resources that the institutions of an organized, free, and creative society are capable of generating. Even the Good Samaritan, for example, needed to have a nearby inn that could provide the help that he was personally unable to offer. Love of neighbor is concrete and squanders none of the resources needed to bring about historical change that can benefit the poor and disadvantaged.

Pope Francis ends with a series of questions for politicians to consider, which are also good questions for the rest of us. Here are a few:

> How much love do I put into my work?
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> What do I do for the progress of my people?
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> What real bonds do I create?

Ministry Opportunities

Victoria Ries has volunteered to continue **the garden** in support of St. Mary's Food Bank! Yea!!! She had begun tending and caring for it on Friday afternoons with the help of a couple of volunteers. 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. Although we are now celebrating two Masses on Sunday, we still are at less than capacity, and many parishioners are still staying away because the COVID danger is still with us. 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.**

Ellie Wakefield is seeking help making **lunches for the Matt Talbot Center**. The goal is to provide 30 lunches once a month for the center. She needs three volunteers to make ten lunches each and drop them off at the house of a fourth volunteer who would then drive them downtown to the Matt Talbot Center. Depending on how many people sign up, you may only need to volunteer once every 3-4 months. If you can help, contact Ellie at ellieawake@gmail.com. (My all-time favorite email address!) For you newcomers, the MTC ministers to individuals who want to recover from addiction. It was engendered by the Holy Spirit at the same 1981 Cursillo retreat where the Gospel Choir was rooted and is led by former St. T parishioner Greg Alex.

Collections July 1 - April 22, 2021	$343,198
Where we need to be:	$318,137
Last year at this time:	$301,150

To support our many ministries, please click on **Give** on our website. We appreciate your generosity during this challenging time.

St Therese
Virtual Social Hour

Sunday, April 25th, 2021

1:00-2:00

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

https://iirp.zoom.us/j/99528928434?pwd=TkhtNDYvNERJaGRMcFJyVFVrLoIoQT09

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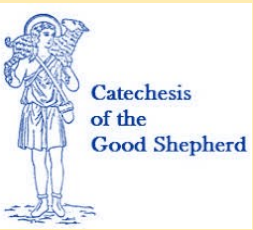
News from the Atrium

Children are welcome back in person for Levels 2 and 3 with COVID 19 precautions in place. Please contact Nicole St. Hilaire if you have any questions at: nicoles@st-therese.cc.



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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 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, 2021, 7:00pm – 8:30pm (via Zoom)
Presenter: Panel of Parishioners
Included topics/themes:
- **--What can I/we do to face and overcome 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: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88603128646

JOIN US!!
…as we seek the personal healing and renewal that can transform us and our nation!

ST. VINCENT de PAUL

HOW WE CAN DO OUR SHARE TO PREVENT MORE OF OUR NEIGHBORS FROM BECOMING HOMELESS?

We have tried to keep you folks informed on the various governmental and nonprofit services available to our neighbors. But how can we as a parish and with our friends that help us do our share? Answer: Just continue doing the awesome job that you are doing!

Last year, with the help of our wonderfully supportive St. Vincent de Paul King County Council, parishioners and a few other friends, we were able to pay to landlords on behalf of our neighbors $97,369.21. Usually, because of our funding limitations, our payments are relatively small compared to the amounts owed by our neighbors - often in the thousands, but tenants and landlords have been very grateful to receive these. We must remember that landlords, especially small landlords that have only a unit or two, are under tremendous pressure themselves because of mortgages, taxes and property maintenance. So, what we are doing is working. With the moratorium on evictions expiring at the end of June and government assistance apparently on the way, we cannot predict the future.

But remember in the beautiful parable of the Good Samaritan, he did not know the dying man, but he cared for him as if he were a brother. We know from the reaction of our neighbor tenants and, even their landlords, that a little care we give to these troubled strangers goes a long way.

A despicable, immoral, and terribly sad action of Zoom bombing was recently reported by the Seattle Times. The article recounted a meeting where the Seattle University Black Student Union offered a Zoom program in honor of Black History Month - only to be turned into chaos by unauthorized participants shouting racial slurs and profanities and calling BSU members names. Like so many other actions of disrespect, shootings and other forms of violence, this only increases our special commitment to communities of color by working hard to provide them spiritual and material assistance with rents, utilities, foods, educational and other needs.

Household items and clothing - Amazon grant. Our St. Vincent de Paul Central office is receiving "in kind" goods from Amazon that include: Household items, Diapers, Women's, Children's and Men's clothing. If you know of any family in need of these items, please contact our parish SVdP President Melanie Amador at 206-739-8491 or via email at: almakay74@gmail.com.

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 - thanks for your continued strong support!

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!

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.

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WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT TO REACH OUR $125,000 GOAL THIS YEAR!

St. Therese is striving to "Let the Children Play!" this year at our virtual auction. We hope you will join us virtually to help our All-stars shoot for the moon on **May 20, 2021**. Online bidding will open up on Friday, May 14 @ 8am and we will close bidding the evening of May 21.

We are looking for exciting, dynamic auction items and/or experiences to add to our virtual auction this year. This is our largest fundraising event of the year, and despite the challenges of this past year, the future of our school is bright! **Your contributions are crucial to our success.** Furthermore, your generosity will give our school, parish, and neighborhood a beautiful new place to play and connect when we can all come together again!

Please click the [DONATE ITEM / EXPERIENCE] tab above to complete the procurement form by May 6, 2021.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and generosity!

ST. THERESE CATHOLIC ACADEMY

IGNITING FAITH, MINDS & DREAMS SINCE 1927

Happy Easter, St. Therese Family!

What a gift God has sent us to start this Easter season - springtime is blooming quickly, the warmth and sunshine are making us think that summer has already arrived in Seattle, and the joy and hope of the Resurrection stories greet us each Sunday. From the empty tomb to "Doubting Thomas" to the road to Emmaeus, the Resurrection stories we hear throughout the Easter season remind us of both the surprising nature of Jesus' appearances as well as the centrality of faith among those gathered at each appearance. When the women who sought to pay their respects to Jesus at the tomb arrived, they were surprised at the sight they saw, but they believed. Thomas, on the other hand, missed an earlier appearance of Jesus to his disciples, and he struggled to believe that this actually occurred. When Thomas finally did see Jesus, his words said it all, "My Lord and my God." In this moment Jesus acknowledges Thomas' renewed faith, but also says, **"Blessed are those who have not seen, but still believe."**

Faith has been defined as belief in things not seen, or, perhaps better stated, not *yet* seen. Thomas was unable to reach that place of deep, renewed faith until he encountered the Risen Christ. Every springtime and every Easter, we are invited to renew our faith in the Resurrection and the hope that it brings to our lives and our world. While Lent is the season of repentance, Easter is a season of *renewal*. While signs of life are abound throughout the beautiful region in which we live, there is also darkness as we continue to witness oppressive and unjust actions and systems that are still omnipresent when we come back down from our Easter elation. However, **the cyclical nature of our faith invites us to look through the darkness and see the light.**

The rising star poet, Amanda Gorman, concludes her now-famous poem, "The Hill We Climb," with the following reminder and invitation:

For there is always light,

if only we're brave enough to see it

If only we're brave enough to be it.

In the coming weeks, we will have every classroom on campus busy with students present. The early part of this school year was - for me - a bit lonely with such little activity on campus. While we are confident and affirmed that the slow and gradual reopening plan that we implemented was the right course of action, there is much more energy and much more light on campus now than there was in the quiet days of last fall. This past week, signs of life and light were all over our campus, and I was and am blessed to be a witness!

I encountered an intense 8th Grade debate that began in Social Studies class and continued on at recess about forms of government and the nation of Israel. It was refreshing to hear adolescents arguing about academic content on campus! I had the opportunity to join 5th Graders for recess and a game of ball tag on the upper field, and seeing these students laugh and run freely as we played was life-giving. Soccer practices began after school this week - and the craziness and zeal that they brought were a breath of fresh air (even if stress-inducing!). First Graders had a chance to attend class in the parish center Atrium for the first time - with amazing partnership from our parish leadership and Dream Team to make it happen. At dismissal one day, a preschooler came up to say goodbye, and while I expected a wave, I got a, "I love you, Mr. DeBoer" instead! Perhaps my favorite example of the week took place while I was sitting with a perspective family with 3 children when a Kindergarten student came up and said, "Excuse me, who wants to have a play date with me when coronavirus is over?!"

As the days get longer and signs of life abound, let us acknowledge that darkness is still present. However, **our Resurrection faith demands that we see the light. Our call as people of faith is to be the light for our world in need of a downpouring of God's love**. In the days and weeks ahead, let us all strive to be shining lights to all we encounter!

Blessings on this Easter Season!

Mr. Matthew DeBoer, Principal