Saint Therese Parish

Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

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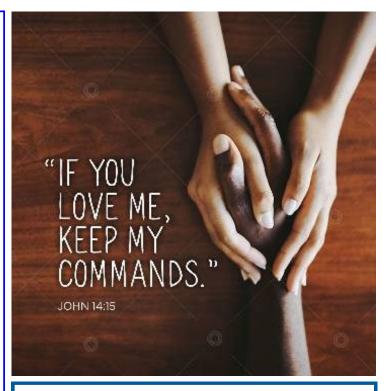
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Parish Events

Fri May 12 Mass at Park Shore 11am

Sat May 13 Caring for Our Common Home 9:30am

Sun May 14 Sixth Sunday of Easter *8:30am & Noon

Mother's Day Recognition 9:30am

Wed May 17 Staff Meeting 11am

Spirit Choir Rehearsal 4:30pm

Mass at Immaculate Conception 6pm

Thu May 18 Mass at Immaculate Conception 8am

Mass at St. Therese 5:30pm Finance Council 6:15pm

Sun May 21 The Ascension of the Lord 8:30am & *Noon

Tue May 23 St. Edward's Catholic Church hosting:

Ending the Sin of Racism - 3rd Anniversary

of the Murder of George Floyd 6pm

Wed May 24 Spirit Choir Rehearsal 5:30pm

Mass at Immaculate Conception 6pm

Thu May 25 Mass at Immaculate Conception 8am

Liturgy Commission Meeting 4pm
Mass at St. Therese 5:30pm

*This Mass will be Livestreamed

May 14, 2023

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

READING 1 ACTS 8:5-8, 14-17 RESP. PSALM PS 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 READING 2 1 PT 3:15-18 GOSPEL JN 14:15-21

8:30am Fr. Woody McCallister Spirit Choir

Noon Fr. Woody McCallister Shades of Praise Choir

Mass at Park Shore May 12, 11am Reconciliation for St. Therese Parishioners by Appointment

We encourage wearing a mask indoors.

We Livestream Noon Mass on 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month and 8:30am Mass on 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays. Livestreamed at: https://www.facebook.com/StThereseParishSeattle/!

Annual Catholic Appeal 2023

St. Therese invites you to give to this year's Annual Catholic Appeal. The ACA supports the many ministries and services offered by our regional church. St. Therese's goal this year is \$42,618. If we reach our goal, we receive a rebate from the Archdiocese that will go toward projects serving the community of St. Therese, including improvements to the kitchen in our social hall which is used for coffee hours, events, facility rentals. Thank you for joining your community in supporting this year's Annual Catholic Appeal.

Give online at www.archseattle.org/GiveACA. It is safe, secure, and convenient. See pg. 6

Liturgical Ministry Schedule for 6th Sunday of Easter, 5/14/2023

Deacon or Lay Presider 8:30am Jenny Lobo

Noon Deacon Greg McNabb

Eucharistic Ministers

8:30am Kim Wahl, Felix Koontz

Noon James Willis,

Sharon Spence-Wilcox

Lectors

8:30am Lucelia Thompson,

Meredith Thompson

Noon Carla Orlando, Sue Jackels

Greeters

8:30am Bob Penhale, Jim Yearby

Noon Ashley Tracey, Volunteer Needed

Hospitality

8:30am Tim & Marie Allen

Noon Christi & Keith Muoneke-Ledford

Livestream Host 8:30am Deacon Greg McNabb

Bread Baker None Needed

The Laudato Si' work party will be this Saturday, May 13, 9:30am



Sunday is Mother's Day, so let's get St. T spruced up!

We'll be mowing and trimming grass, pulling weeds, planting a few plants, picking up trash. What fun! We'll gather at 9:30am. But alas, John and Nancy will be gone, so no lunch this Saturday.

Come late, leave early! Questions, please contact John Russell.

ST.VINCENT de PAUL

ON MOTHER'S DAY WE THINK OF THE MOMS IN OUR LIFE AND ALSO OUR INSPIRING HERO MOMS THAT WE HAVE THE PRIVILEGE OF HELPING



Kim is a young mom that our conference has been assisting with rent and food. Like several of the other moms we are working with, she has had and still has tremendous burdens. She had COVID and has been through serious Domestic Violence. She is raising three children, ages 1, 5 and 11, without support and food stamps are now harder to get these days. She was able to get a decent job but had to give it up because of difficulty obtaining child support. But she is determined and talented and we know she will make it. In the meantime, she has not lost her caring and fun personality. Recently, when I gave her a food voucher, she looked at me and said "Bob, you know you are really old, and you better take care of yourself."

If you would like to continue to assist our St. Therese Conference of St. Vincent de Paul, especially with rents to prevent homelessness and other needs of neighbors, you can do so by contributing at the north and south entrances of the church and on our collection day, the third Sunday of the month. You can also donate by mailing your gift to SVDP, % St. Therese Parish, 3416 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 or friends 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 <u>Sunday is at 1:00pm</u> for food donations left outside the church after 8:30am that morning. All food should be left at the south entrance of the church to support St. Mary's Food Bank.

Happy Sixth Sunday of Easter! Happy Mothers Day!

Last week, Rosemary Adamski gave a wonderful appeal for the Annual Catholic Appeal. She quoted Mother Teresa, "I am a little pencil in the hand of a loving God, who is sending a love letter to the world." The following is Rosemary's reflection on giving.

How beautiful is this image from a beautiful saint? And with and beyond this image...how do we see this for ourselves?

What kind of pencil am I and what is the love letter I am in this world? What kind of message is my life projecting and imprinting? Today as we reflect on the Annual Catholic Appeal and all the ministries that are enveloped in this Appeal, it is one of the opportunities we have to consider how our loving and generous God is leading us to share the gifts that God has bestowed on us with our life.

Each of us is a child of God, and each of us has gifts that need to be shared in the world. And we know the world desperately needs them/us so much right now. It needs us to be all we can be, share all of who we are. It is different for each of us, but every single one is so essential. I think of this sometimes as a puzzle...of perhaps a hundred, or a thousand pieces, but if even just 1 piece is missing, the picture is not complete! Each one is essential. EACH AND EVERY-ONE OF US IS ESSENTIAL! And so it is with our role in our St Therese Community, and with the Annual Catholic Appeal. Each one of us is essential. Each gift is good and is important.

I counted at least 20 broad areas - such as Seminarians, care for sick and retired priests, support of parish staff benefits administration, CYO athletics and camps, outreach to the incarcerated and those in hospitals – that the appeal supports.

Today's call is much the same as the disciples heard 2000 years ago in serving the needs of their communities. Today, as we add our financial support to the Annual Catholic Appeal, we are partners in providing food through the Agape Service Project which fosters community, prayer and service as participants encounter Christ and serving migrant farmworkers in Whatcom County through weeklong middle and high school mission trips. Through service-learning immersion experiences, participants learn about issues affecting migrant farmworkers and why we are called to serve. The mobile food distribution enables Agape to meet families where they are, which deepens the connections at the Agape Food Bank the next day. Through the food bank, they seek to build personal relationships with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

To support the Appeal, click here.

Parish Collections this fiscal year:

	July thru April'23	July thru April '22
Collections and Gifts Income	\$371,540	\$370,660
Net Income	\$ 12,855	\$ 30,860
Savings Reserve	\$ 86,070	\$85,215

+ Annual Catholic Appeal



Through the **Annual Catholic Appeal**, we have the opportunity to support our local Catholic community. This archdiocesan-wide campaign provides vital funding for ministries that serve people and parishes throughout our region.

Your gift helps support ministries that bring Christ's light to others, such as:

- Youth and Young Adult
- Mental Health
- Hospital and Healthcare
- Catholic Youth Organization (CYO)
 - Camps and Athletics
- Immigrant and Refugee
- Diaconate and lay formation

- Priest and seminarian support
- Support services for parishes
- ... and dozens more

To learn about all ministries in the Archdiocese of Seattle, please review the Annual Report at https://archseattle.org/finance

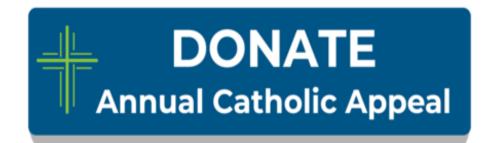
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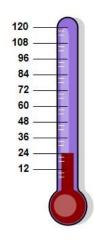




Please donate to the ACA - our goal is 120 participating households! Click on the blue button on the left to see donation options and don't forget to select St. Therese as your parish to credit. Households Pledged so far 25 (21%) Pledged to date (20%) \$8,627 Pledge Goal \$42,618 Thank you!

Matt & Julie Barber
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Catholic Community Services (CCS) was founded in 1918 on Catholic social teaching that provides a compelling challenge for responsible living as well as a deliberate preference for serving the most vulnerable.

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MEETING CHRIST: EXPLORING THE LITURGY

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THE PROCESSION OF GIFTS

The image is separated from us by more than 1,600 years, but it is still instantly recognizable: three travelers, cloaks blowing in the wind, stride towards the seated figure of a mother with a child in her arms. This carving from a 4th-century Roman sarcophagus is one of the earliest depictions of the story of the magi, recounted in Matthew's Cospel. Wise men from far away see a star in the sky, and travel all the way to Bethlehem to worship a newborn king. They present him with symbolic offerings of gold, frankincense, and myrrh— gifts that suggest kingship, divinity, and sacrifice. Then they return home "by another way" (Mt 2:12), changed by their encounter with the child of Bethlehem.

The magi come into their own at Christmas, of course. They are featured in our carols and nativity sets, on ornaments and Christmas cards. But we would do well to remember the Magi, those first gift-givers, every time we gather to celebrate the Eucharist, because their journey to Christ is echoed in the presentation of the gifts at every Mass.

In the earliest accounts of the liturgy, this presentation of gifts stands out as an important part of the Mass, a great procession in which all the faithful participated. People brought bread prepared at home and wine from their own tables. They brought gifts of money. Sometimes they brought oil, cheese, olives, milk, honey, and other goods as well! A description of the papal Mass in Rome from the year 700 describes the whole assembly coming forward to the altar with gifts of various kinds. The deacons were on hand to receive and sort the gifts. Everyone, from choristers to the Pope himself, brought an offering.

Obviously, much more bread and wine would be presented than could be used at a single Eucharist. Some of the gifts made their way to the altar, others served the needs of the clergy. The largest portion, however, was distributed among the poor.

With time, this ritual action—which must have been lengthy and quite complex—faded from use. The bread and wine were simply brought from the side table by the altar servers, or even placed on the altar before Mass began. People still made their financial offerings; but the intimate link with the celebration of the Eucharist was lost.

With the renewal of the liturgy following the Second Vatican Council, this important moment for the participation of the faithful was restored and expanded.



ABOVE: The Magi present their gifts in a 4th-century sarcophagus inscription, now in the Vatican Museums.



The Magi brought gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh to the infant. Christ. At every Mass, we bring forward our gifts of bread and wine, with our offerings. We offer Christ our time, our talents, our selves!

"Even though the faithful no longer bring from their own possessions the bread and wine intended for the liturgy as was once the case, nevertheless the rite of carrying up the offerings still keeps its spiritual efficacy and significance" (General Instruction of the Roman Missal, 73). At many weekend Masses, parishes continue the ancient tradition. Following the Prayer of the Faithful, as the altar is prepared for the Liturgy of the Eucharist, all are invited to bring forward their own offerings. People stream forward towards the altar. As they place their gift in the basket, they are offering something back from all God has given to us.

Layers of meaning

The presentation of the gifts is rich in meaning. In this part of the Mass, the divine and the human meet: the bread and wine, "fruit of the earth and work of human hands," are placed on the altar, where they will become the Body and Blood of Christ. God receives our simple

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gifts in order to return them to us transformed into something infinitely more precious: the very presence of God. The liturgy highlights this holy exchange in the silent prayer that is said as the priest or deacon adds a little water to the wine: "By the mystery of this water and wine, may we come to share in the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share in our humanity" (Roman Missal). In every Mass, the Word becomes flesh, and makes his dwelling among us.

Participation in the presentation of gifts is closely linked with participation in the Eucharist itself; the two processions are like two sides of the same coin. In the early Church, only the baptized were allowed to bring forward their gifts. The non-baptized were not to bring an offering until the day of their baptism. To bring forward the gifts is the privilege of those who are already members of the Body of Christ.

The presentation of gifts is also intimately linked with the Christian call to share with the poor. Thus St. Cyprian of Carthage (c.200-258) scolded a wealthy woman who came to the Eucharist but made no offering of her own: "You are rich and well-to-do; yet you think you celebrate the Lord's Supper even though you.. come to it without an offering and receive a part of the offering brought by a poor person. Consider the widow in the gospel." The same holds true today. Eucharist and charity go hand in hand.

Praying the procession of gifts

During this part of the Mass which comes between the two great movements of the liturgy, the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist, it can sometimes feel like we are just waiting for 'the exciting part' to begin. But this is a special time of prayer and preparation, with a meaning and purpose all its own. Like the Magi of old, we journey into the presence of Christ, bearing such gifts as we have to offer. In the words of Christina Rossetti's wonderful poem:

What can I give Him, poor as I am?

If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;

If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part;

Yet what I can I give Him: give my heart.

(Christina Rossetti, In the Bleak Midwinter)

-Corinna Laughlin, Pastoral Assistant for Liturgy

"Wonder is an essential part of the liturgical act because it is the way that those who know they are engaged in the particularity of symbolic gestures look at things. It is the marveling of those who experience the power of symbol, which does not consist in referring to some abstract concept but rather in containing and expressing in its very concreteness what it signifies."

—Pope Francis, Desiderio Desideravi, 26



First communicants present the gifts of bread and wine during Mass in St. James Cathedral Participation in the procession of gifts is intimately linked to participation in the communion procession.

A Quiet Prayer at the Preparation of the Gifts

Lord Jesus,
as the altar is prepared,
prepare me to celebrate this Eucharist
with an attentive mind and a receptive heart.
Draw me closer to you
and to my brothers and sisters
in this shared prayer.

As the collection is taken, open my eyes to the needs around me and show me how to share my substance with others.

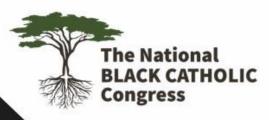
As the bread is brought forward, receive all I have accomplished this week as my offering to you.

As the wine is poured out, receive the failure, pain, and suffering of my life and transform them.

As the water and wine are mingled, make me more like you, so that the Holy Spirit may have room to act in me.

As the priest washes his hands, I ask you to bless him and all priests. Make them worthy servants of your mysteries, and faithful ministers to your holy people. Amen.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and for the good of all his holy Church.



JULY 20-23, 2023

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LYNNE' GRAY

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HOW MUCH LONGER, Ending the Sin of Racism

St. Edwards Catholic Church 4212 S Mead St, Seattle, WA 98118 Tuesday, May 23rd from 6:00-7:30pm

Join the South Seattle Deanery Racial Solidarity Committee in a collective cry of lament for the sin of racism as we remember the 3rd anniversary of the murder of George Floyd and so many other acts of race-based violence. We will pray and reflect together, hear stories from the community, and consider how we might act together as we work to end the sin of racism.

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The Greatest Teacher

May 5th

From the time I entered education to my time in the classroom, one question continued to resound: What makes a good teacher? We would sit in my classes at Seattle University and posit the most important trait, only to have an equally necessary one be quickly raised. Should teachers be kind? Should teachers be stern? Should teachers focus on only practical skills, or encourage discourse on theoretical and philosophical concepts? Should teachers advise students, or shut the doors tight as soon as school gets out? These questions plague us, are turned over and over in college classrooms, in break rooms, in harried discussions on days that are particularly tough. Are we doing enough? Are we doing what we are doing right? Can I protect my students from external harm in this world? Can I extend myself the grace I extend to my students?

Between scanning curriculum, sneaking in a bathroom break, and tracking down missing items for scattered students, it can be easy to forget that our model for the greatest teacher is present to us and patiently waiting for us to learn the lessons: Jesus Christ. The problems of his age most certainly did not involve the ethical quagmire of AI, but people have not changed too much in 2,000 years. The circumstances change, but the heart of humanity remains the same and yearns for the same balm: radical love, acceptance, and community, as beautifully and patiently modeled by Christ himself. Knowing the path does not always mean we follow it as we ought, but we never lose sight of the light of Christ that guides our work. We are particularly lucky at our Catholic school to not only reflect as a staff on Jesus as a teacher, but with our scholars as well. There is great joy in learning together the teachings of Christ and turning over how we grow and enrich our community with faith and knowledge.

"Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God."

- Colossians 3:16
- Mr. Malcolm X. Nelson & Ms. Madeleine Tomich