

# Saint Therese Parish

October 15, 2023

## 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

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*"The kingdom of heaven is like a  
certain king who arranged a  
marriage for his son,  
Matthew 22:2*

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## Parish Events

- Fri Oct 13 Park Shore Communion Service 11am
- Sun Oct 15 28th Sunday in Ord Time 8:30 & \*Noon**
- Wed Oct 18 Spirit Choir Rehearsal 5:30pm  
Communion Service at IC 6pm
- Thu Oct 19 No 8am Mass at Immaculate Conception  
No 5:30 pm Mass at St. Therese  
Finance Council Meeting 6:30pm
- Sat. Oct 21 Our Common Home Work party 9:30am
- Sun Oct 22 29th Sunday in Ord Time \*8:30 & Noon**
- Wed Oct 25 Spirit Choir Rehearsal 5:30pm
- Thu Oct 26 No 8am Mass at Immaculate  
Liturgy Meeting 4pm  
No 5:30pm Mass at St. Therese
- Fri Oct 27 Park Shore Communion Service 11am

\*This Mass will be Livestreamed

Please join us for social hour after Sunday Masses

October 15, 2023

## THE 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

READING 1 IS 25:6-10A  
RESP. PSALM PS 23:1-3A, 3B-4, 5, 6  
READING 2 PHIL 4:12-14, 19-20  
GOSPEL MT 22:1-14

8:30am Fr. Chris Cartwright, S.J.  
*Spirit Choir*

Noon Fr. Chris Cartwright, S.J.  
*Shades of Praise Choir*

*Park Shore Communion Service October 13*  
*Reconciliation for St. Therese Parishioners*  
*by Appointment*

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/>

## A MESSAGE FROM FR. WOODY

Dear friends,

Please hold me in prayer, as I will you, for the rest of the month, as I take my first vacation in a VERY long time. I am still a country boy at heart, so I will be spending most of my holidays in faraway places where there is no cell phone service or Internet (AHHH!). You are in very good hands, with a capable, caring parish staff and truly FINE substitute priests for your Sundays. I will return just in time to celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints with you at our 9 AM school Holy Day Mass on November 1st.

We welcome Fr. Chris Cartwright, S.J., pastor of St. Joseph Parish, who is celebrating Mass with us this weekend.

## Liturgical Ministry Schedule 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Lay Presider

8:30am Rosemary Adamski  
Noon Sharon Spence-Wilcox

### Eucharistic Ministers

8:30am Jim Yearby, VOLUNTEER NEEDED  
Noon Martha O'Fallon, VOLUNTEER NEEDED

### Lectors

8:30am Lucelia Thompson, Meredith Thompson  
Noon Sue Jackels, Carol O'Brien

### Greeters

8:30am Lisa Hartin, Evan Oakes  
Noon Ashley Tracey, VOLUNTEER NEEDED

### Hospitality

8:30am Mike & Melinda Sechrist  
Noon Jen Montoya

Livestream Host Noon Mass Linnea Montoya  
Bread Baker None Needed

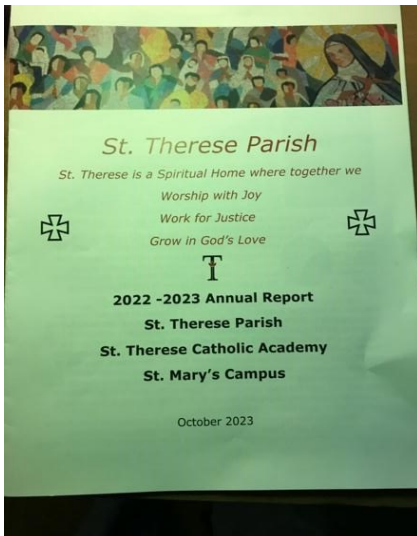
## 2022-2023 Annual financial report now available at church doors.

In a few weeks we will begin the Stewardship of Treasure campaign where we ask you to make financial pledges in support of St. Therese.

But, as we begin that campaign, we want to report to you on our stewardship of what you have already given. We cannot ask you to be stewards without showing you that we have been good stewards ourselves.

The annual financial report for the fiscal year that ended in June is available at the church entrance. It will show you in some detail where our funds came from and how we spent them. As usual, most went to people – our pastor, staff, music directors, musicians.

Another big contribution was to the school. St. Therese Catholic Academy is the largest social justice activity of the parish and it is important that we support the school as best we can. Currently we contribute 12 percent of the three-year average of Sunday giving to the school, or \$55,000.



The report includes the school's income and spending. The school is a good steward of its financial resources as well.

There is good news in the report. The parish ended the year with a small surplus of about \$15,000. It meant that we did not have to tap into savings to cover a deficit. The school had a surplus as well despite it being a year of transition.

The report includes St. Mary's, the former parish which was merged into St. Therese at the beginning year. A group of St. Mary parishioners has appealed the closure of their parish to the Vatican, but we have heard nothing from the Vatican as yet on that appeal, and until we do we must keep separate accounts for St. Mary's income and assets.

Our budget for the current fiscal year – we are already a third of the way through it – is conservative. We have budgeted a deficit of about \$5,000, thinking that we could work to reduce that over the year. In fact through August we have a surplus of about \$10,000 thanks in part to a generous bequest from the estate of longtime parishioner George Kenny.

As always, we want to say thank you. Thank you to the Kenny family. Thank you to those who write a check each week. Thank you to those who contribute on line. Thanks to those who put in a few dollars in cash. Thank you to those who simply pray for us. You are all important and an important part of keeping our parish strong.

One of the themes of the report is change. Change is happening again as we move toward a new "family" structure with St. Joseph's through the Archdiocese Partners in the Gospel consolidation. We continue to work with the Archdiocese and other experts to understand how the changes will affect us.



## Discerning Women Deacons Synodal Session in Rome

Rose and Tom Hesselbrock departed Thursday to spend a week in Rome in accompaniment with Discerning Deacons <https://discerningdeacons.org/>. They will be sharing photos and impressions with us through the St. Therese social media pages on Facebook and Instagram so be sure to check there for updates! Please continue to pray for all our delegates, especially Archbishop Etienne!



### Our Common Home

Our Laudato Si' at St. Therese work parties will resume beginning Oct. 21 and every third Saturday of the month going forward. We'll be trimming shrubs, weeding and mulching leaves.

We'll start at 9:30 a.m. and have lunch about 12:30 p.m. but appreciate every minute you can contribute.

Come late! Leave early! If you have any questions, please email John at [jvrussell85@gmail.com](mailto:jvrussell85@gmail.com).



ST. THERESE  
CATHOLIC ACADEMY

# TRUNK OR TREAT!

Fun for the entire community. All monsters, skeletons and fairies welcome!

**Come join us for an afternoon of fun!**

**CANDY / CRAFTS / GAMES**

Sunday, October 29th

1:30pm - 3:30pm

St. Therese Catholic Academy

900 35th Ave, Seattle WA

Costumes encouraged!

JOIN US FOR A  
SPOOKTAGULAR  
AFTERNOON!



For more information and volunteer opportunities contact [pto@stcaseattle.org](mailto:pto@stcaseattle.org)



# CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Faith Formation for Children Ages 3-12

**REGISTER HERE!**

**COME AND JOIN US!**

**SUNDAYS BETWEEN MASSES**

**10AM - 11:30AM**

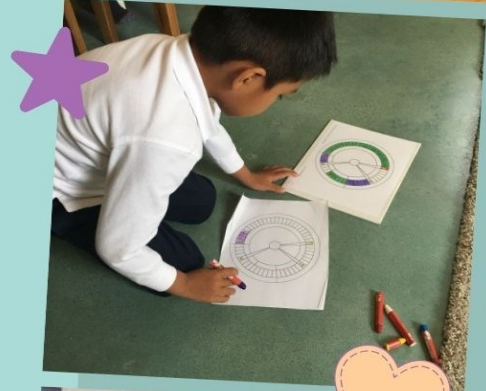
**LEVEL 1: AGE 3 - KINDERGARTEN**

**LEVEL 2: 1ST - 3RD GRADES**

**LEVEL 3: 4TH - 6TH GRADES**

## WHAT IS CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD?

- A Montessori based program has been forming children (and adults!) in faith for 19 years here at St. Therese.
- Deeply rooted in and shaped around the belief that we all have a relationship with God, and need time and space for children to explore that relationship with hands on materials.
- Dedicated Atrium rooms, housed in the Parish Center, are designed for specific age groups.
- Additional sessions on weekday afternoons will be determined upon session capacities.



For more Information and to register go to the St. Therese web page

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSem-4FozVHvs9v1Aujtva2rdMEIx1SpV12XgY\\_Lllagdnmvow/viewform?pli=1](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSem-4FozVHvs9v1Aujtva2rdMEIx1SpV12XgY_Lllagdnmvow/viewform?pli=1)

## **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

### **THE SHADES OF PRAISE GOSPEL CHOIR HOMECOMING CONCERT ON OCTOBER 15TH--SEE YOU THERE**



This will be an awesome musical event featuring the current and alumni members of Shades. They are kindly and generously providing for a special donation to support our efforts to assist the suffering folks in the wonderful city of Lahaina and the recovery that is taking place. At the concert we will provide an update on the progress from our great friends from the Windward Oahu Conference in Hawaii whom we are working with in the support efforts and sending our donations to. The food donations will be delivered to the Food Bank at St. Mary's. **Thank you so much, Shades of Praise.**

If you would like to continue to assist us, especially in helping with rents to avoid homelessness, 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 St. Therese Parish, 3416 E. Marion St., Seattle, WA 98122 or online via the parish website [www.st-therese.cc](http://www.st-therese.cc) where you will find specific information about donating to the conference. For food donations which continue to be important, please see below. For help for your family or friends as noted above please call 206-767-6449.

**God Bless and We Will Be There.**

**Robert Mackin [rmackinatty@yahoo.com](mailto:rmackinatty@yahoo.com)**

#### **DROP OFF TIME FOR SVdP FOOD DONATIONS**

The pickup of nonperishable food every **Sunday is at 1:00pm** for food donations left outside the church after 8:30am that morning. All food should be left at the south entrance of the church for St. Mary's.

Excerpted from Seattle Archdiocese Northwest Catholic

OCT 11, 2023 KATE MCENTEE DEWEESE

SEATTLE — As the Archdiocese of Seattle nears the end of the public consultation phase of Partners in the Gospel, it is encouraging Catholics to join in the discussion.

Over the past weeks, parishes around the archdiocese have hosted listening sessions as part of the public consultation phase — a time for the public to offer input on proposed parish families and the changes that could come as the archdiocese's strategic planning initiative moves forward.

"We sincerely want to know from you, how does this sound? What are the hopes, the anxieties, the concerns that you see?" Archbishop Paul D. Etienne said in a video shared with parishes Sept. 23-24. "How is the Lord inviting us as a people of faith in him to rise to this moment and challenge that it presents?"

Those are exactly the kinds of discussions people are having in their listening sessions, participants say.

Participants said being open and respectful and recognizing the gifts, talents and histories of each parish also was a hallmark of their discussions. Input can be submitted online at [archseattle.org/partners](http://archseattle.org/partners).

So what's being done with all the comments from the listening sessions? What if participants have concerns about the makeup of their parish family? Each listening session has notetakers from within the parish who are documenting the feedback. Those notes are being sent to the archdiocese, where they will be reviewed by two people along with all the online comments. The readers assigned to a parish family will then create a synthesis of all the feedback that will be shared with the archdiocese's Oversight Committee and its Presbyteral Council for discernment before a final recommendation is given to Archbishop Etienne.

As of Oct. 11, 350 forms from nearly 100 parishes have been turned in, and more than 560 comments have been submitted online through the Partners in the Gospel website, the archdiocese said.

**Your input is important. If you were unable to attend one of the Partners gatherings, click [here](#) for the comment form and email your completed form by this Saturday. Thank you for providing your input on this major change in parish life.**



40TH ANNIVERSARY SEASON | SHADES OF PRAISE GOSPEL CHOIR | ST THERESE / SEATTLE

# THE SHADES OF PRAISE GOSPEL CHOIR

# HOME COMING

# SUNDAY

OCTOBER 15, 2023

ST THERESE CATHOLIC CHURCH  
900 - 35TH AVENUE - SEATTLE (IN MADRONA)

GOSPEL MASS 12 NOON | SOCIAL HALL RECEPTION 1:15 PM | HOME COMING CONCERT 2:30 PM

## JOIN US

In this joyous celebration, on this notable Reunion Sunday, as the Shades of Praise Gospel Choir of St Therese and Shades Choir Alumni combine voices to present an exciting afternoon of dynamic music to uplift and inspire the spirit --- which we all need in these times.



## THE BAND

Kent Stevenson, Music Director/Piano - Orlando Morales/Keyboards  
Steven Banks/Drums - Hank Phillips/Bass  
BJ Montoya/Violin - Rose Croone/Guest Vocalist

## CONDUCTORS

Kenya Leger & Michael Allen

## YOU CAN HELP

Your voluntary door donations support the St Therese Music Department. A separate donation will be collected for St Vincent de Paul to aid those in need after the Lahaina, Maui tragedy. St Vincent Seattle is in communication with St Vincent, Maui. You are also invited to bring non-perishable (not expired, my friends!) food items for the St Vincent Food Bank. You feel so much better when you help. See you on October 15th!





# WE ARE ALL GOD'S PEOPLE: A CULTURAL IMMERSION

## Summit



Keynote speaker

**GLORIA  
PURVIS**



Free Parking  
\$40 Adults  
\$20 Students

(includes Continental  
Breakfast & Lunch)

Register at [www.bcacseattle.org](http://www.bcacseattle.org)

8:30 AM - 5:30 PM

Holy Spirit Catholic Church Hall  
318 Third Ave S | Kent, WA 98032

**NOV**

**11<sup>th</sup>**

**2023**

The summit will revolve around the notable keynote speaker, Gloria Purvis, a prominent author. Deacon Mel Trady will delve into the life and impact of Daniel Rudd, emphasizing his efforts to call the Catholic Church to justice and beyond. The legacy of local Catholic military service members will be honored. The interrelationship between Black Catholic history and Catholic social teaching will be explored through a panel discussion featuring Malcolm Nelson, Principal of St. Therese Catholic Academy in Seattle, and Fr. Robert P. Boxie III, Chaplain at Howard University, and more. The day will culminate in a Mass of Praise and Worship, led by Archbishop Paul Etienne, offering participants to come together in faith and gratitude.





# ST. THERESE CATHOLIC ACADEMY

*IGNITING FAITH, MINDS & DREAMS SINCE 1927*

**Reflection from the Principal**

**Little Things With Great Love**

**from September 29th**

Today we honored our Patron Saint, St. Therese of Lisieux. Although her feast day was, October 1st, as a school community we felt it was still important to have our Mass dedicated to her today. The students brought roses to honor her because St. Therese once wrote "When I die, I will send down a shower of roses from the heavens, I will spend my heaven by doing good on earth." Her mantra was to do little things with great love. At St. Therese Catholic Academy, our goal is to consistently preach that with not only our words but with our actions.

As we look to follow St. Therese as an example, today we also asked for the intercession of our own more recent hopeful saints of the Future. Today in the St. Therese school community was the feast of Wayne Melonson. Wayne James Melonson (10/6/1950 – 12/9/2017) was a born teacher, who had a passion for Catholic education, a passion for opening young minds to the wonders of learning, and a passion for justice. He was a huge inspiration to every student he taught and every teacher he mentored. He wanted his students and mentees not just to learn, but to grow; he wanted them to think for themselves and to question. He wanted them to open their eyes to untried possibilities, and to push beyond boundaries. He wanted each of them to fulfill their God-given potential - whatever it was, and he wanted them to know where that potential came from, God. That's what made Wayne not just a great educator, but a deeply Christian one.



Wayne spent 61 years as an active participant in the St. Therese parish, first as a student at the school, then as the teen club moderator and a coach, and finally in a professional capacity for 24 years as a teacher, Vice Principal, and Principal. When he returned from retirement to St. Therese, he was a mentor of Mr. DeBoer and me. He served humbly, he served faithfully, and he did everything in his power to make this world a better place, a brighter place, and a more just and caring place. I think we all agree he did this extraordinarily well! So in honor of Wayne, our students all wore purple, which was his favorite color.

On this day, I couldn't think of two better examples of past and more recent present, representations of Christ love shown to others by their actions. God taught us that each one of us is special, and that the hairs on our head are numbered. Knowing that we have such greatness instilled in us, let us emulate our role models who came before us, and prepare the way for a future filled with hope.

**- Mr. Malcolm X. Nelson & Ms. Madeleine Tomich**