

# Saint Therese Parish

December 17, 2023

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

**Limited Office Hours Best to Contact staff via email**

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## Parish Events

- Thu Dec 14 Finance Council Meeting, 6:30
- Fri Dec 15 Wise Ones Holiday Tea 12-3pm**
- Sat Dec 16 Simbang Gabi Mass at St. Therese \*4pm**
- Sun Dec 17 3rd Sunday of Advent 8:30am & \*Noon**
- Wed Dec 20 **No Staff Meeting**  
Spirit Choir Rehearsal 5:30pm  
Mass at Immaculate 6pm
- Thu Dec 21 Mass at Immaculate 8am
- Fri Dec 22 Mass at Park Shore 11am
- Sun Dec 24 4th Sunday of Advent \*8:30am**
- Sun Dec 24 Joint Vigil Mass at St. Therese 4:30pm**  
**Joint Mass at Night at Immaculate 9pm**
- Mon Dec 25 Mass at Dawn at St. Therese 9am**  
**Mass during the Day at IC 11:30 am**
- Wed Dec 27 Mass at Immaculate 6pm  
No Spirit Choir rehearsal
- Thu Dec 28 Mass at Immaculate 8am  
Mass at St. Therese 5:30pm
- Sun Dec 31 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph 8:30am & \*Noon**

\*This Mass will be Livestreamed

Please join us for social hour after Sunday Masses

## Our Common Home Work Party

We will gather this Saturday, **December 16**, to praise God and rake the leaves!

We will do the last of the leaf removal, raking leaves from under the fence and against the school and off the sidewalks for mulching. We will also remove and mulch leaves around the dumpsters behind the school.

We need to cut out the dead plant growth from last summer and cut out the burned huckleberry. There are also shrubs and invasives to cut and litter to pick up. This is our third and last heavy leaf session. Bring rakes.

I will arrive by 9:30. Lunch at 12:30. Come late! Leave early! [jvrussell85@gmail.com](mailto:jvrussell85@gmail.com)



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## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

READING 1 IS 61:1-2A, 10-11  
RESP. PSALM LK 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54  
READING 2 1 THES 5:16-24  
GOSPEL JN 1:6-8, 19-28

8:30am Fr. Woody McCallister  
*Spirit Choir*

Noon Fr. Woody McCallister  
*Shades of Praise Choir*

*Mass at Park Shore December 22 11am*

*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/>

## SOCIAL JUSTICE

### Tiny Home Project 2024

We have a January 29, 2024 date to volunteer in building another Tiny Home, and helping hands are welcome. Contact Sam Lawrence [sam.lawrence@cytoviva.com](mailto:sam.lawrence@cytoviva.com) or Rosemary Adamski [radamski22@gmail.com](mailto:radamski22@gmail.com) if you are interested in participating.

Barb Oliver, Director of Operations with Sound Foundations NW, will visit our community to speak about the Tiny Homes that are being built and shared in our City.



**Please plan to join us between the Masses on Sunday, January 7, 2024.**

The Parish Office will be closed  
December 22, 25, 26 and 27.

## Liturgical Ministry Schedule Third Sunday in Advent

### Deacon or Lay Presider

8:30am Deacon Greg McNabb  
Noon Deacon Greg McNabb

### Eucharistic Ministers

8:30am Amy Postel, Felix Koontz  
Noon Robert Beers, Martha O'Fallon

### Lectors

8:30am Lucelia Thompson,  
Meredith Thompson  
Noon Vicky Garner, Sharon Spence-Wilcox

### Greeters

8:30am Gary Edwards, Margaret Carter  
Noon Ashley Tracey, VOLUNTEER NEEDED

### Hospitality

8:30am Mike & Melinda Sechrist  
Noon Gloria Okada  
Livestream Host Noon Mass Nicole St. Hilaire  
Bread Baker Matt Barber

Announcements for the combined Bulletin of Dec. 24 & 31 must be submitted to the Bulletin at [bulletin@st-therese.cc](mailto:bulletin@st-therese.cc) by Dec. 20. The next Bulletin will be Jan. 7, 2024.

### Institute for Catholic Thought and Culture

"There are two ways of spreading light: to be the candle, or the mirror that reflects it."\*

In our troubled world, there is much darkness: poverty, loneliness, war, violence, greed and selfishness. But in that darkness, God is alive and active! Our faith calls us to venture into the dark corners of our world with the light of truth, compassion, and love, and to reach out to the forgotten and rejected, to be hope for each other, to dream God's kingdom into being "on Earth as it is in heaven." May your Christmas be filled with the magic of love, the warmth of family and friends, and the joy of giving.

Wishing you and your loved ones a beautiful holiday season, and thank you for your continued support and partnership with ICTC,

Dr. Jeanette Rodriguez, ICTC Executive Director

\*Edith Wharton, "Vesalius in Zante," 1902.



### Simbang Gabi at St. Therese!

Come one, come all! The joint committees of St. Therese and St. Joseph Parishes are excited to announce that we are celebrating the Simbang Gabi this **Saturday, December 16, at 4:00pm**. This Mass will be livestreamed. Please go to the link on the St. Therese web page to view the event. We hope you can join us for this significant and cherished Filipino tradition in anticipation of the birth of Jesus! We welcome our sisters and brothers from St. Mary, St. Joseph and St. Patrick parishes to this joint Advent celebration!

Simbang Gabi is a Filipino Early Christmas tradition. It is a series of nine dawn Masses on the days leading up to Christmas. It begins on December 16th and ends at midnight on the 24th of December, when a Midnight Mass is held.

There will be a *salosalo* (Tagalog for reception) in the Social Hall at St. Therese following the Mass. Please bring a dessert to share.

## Monthly Financial Statement for St. Therese Parish

	July thru November '23	July thru November '22
Collections and Gifts Income	\$154,983	\$154,589
Net Income	(\$ 49,590)	(\$ 36,664)
Savings Reserve	\$ 81,297	\$ 85,483

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

#### ARE YOU GIVING GIFTS FOR CHRISTMAS THIS YEAR? MANY YOUNG MOMS ARE ASKING US.

YES, FOR SURE DURING THIS WONDERFUL SEASON OF ADVENT AS WE PREPARE FOR THE BIRTH OF JESUS. Many of these moms have several young children including infants. They really appreciate our help with gift cards and vouchers that can be used for food, clothes, toys and other items as their children look forward to receiving gifts during the magical season of Christmas.

We just had another outstanding week of donations for the Food Bank at St. Mary's. And the Food Bank mentioned a couple of items they could use: Diapers sizes 4, 5 and 6. And also something most of us have - empty egg cartons. They receive eggs in bulk and need these to distribute the eggs to the visitors.

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 Food Bank.



### Food Bank Delivery Volunteers Needed

The Food Bank at St. Mary's is always in need of volunteers to help deliver groceries to people who are not mobile enough to come to the Food Bank themselves. St. Therese delivers bags of groceries to about 30 people at 4 locations each Thursday morning from 9-11 a.m. If you are seeking an opportunity to help those in need and are available during our delivery window, please contact Rose Hesselbrock at [rose.hesselbrock@gmail.com](mailto:rose.hesselbrock@gmail.com) to sign up for training and to be added to the schedule. Most volunteers are only scheduled once a month so the time commitment is very manageable. We look forward to having you join our delivery team!



# PARISH STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE.



Stewardship asks that we help each other recognize the gifts God has blessed us with and the ways in which we have been blessed through the gifts of others. And then return those gifts with increase to further the mission of our Church.

## How to Make Your Electronic Pledge

Updating Your Pledge for 2024: (Due by Jan. 1).

Please go to the PushPay app on your mobile device and choose St. Therese. Click on "recurring" and "edit." Also please update your "payment method" if needed.

## Become a New Giver Online

The quickest method is to use the PushPay app on your mobile device. Go to the app and choose St. Therese. Click on "recurring," "edit," and enter your "payment method."

You should have received a letter from Fr. Woody and a pledge card. Please return it in the mail or pledge on line. Thank you for your support of St. Therese!



## TAKE A STEP IN YOUR PLEDGE PARISH STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE.

### Stewardship Campaign 2024 Pledge Update:

Our goal is 103 participating households. As of 12/13/2023, we have received 99 pledges (97%). We have a goal of \$300,000. Pledges so far are at \$269,578 received (90%).

Thank you for your support of the 2024 Stewardship of Treasure campaign. Even if you are making a recurring gift, we ask you to please submit your pledge for next year. If you have not done so already, please send in your pledge card, by clicking on this [link](#) to open the Stewardship of Treasure form.

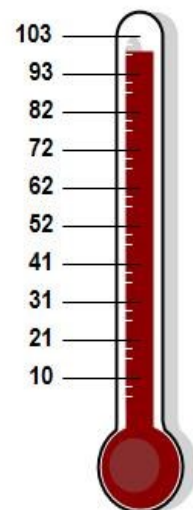
#### **List of those who have pledged through 12/13/23**

Marilyn Adams  
Tim & Marie Allen  
Julie Barber  
Robert Beers  
Yvonne Brandon  
Mary Brannan  
Patrick & Julie Callahan  
Bevis & Vicky Chappell  
Ernest Chatters  
Pat Cleary  
David Coffey  
Mary Lou Colasurdo  
Patricia & Melvin Coleman  
Ayanna Colman  
Troy Courage  
Mary Curiel  
Delores Davis  
Cheri Daviscourt  
Caitlin Day  
Eleana Del Rio  
Sharon Dobie  
Veronica Doyle  
Steve & Mary Elayne Dunphy  
Gary & Dinah Edwards  
Michele Edwards  
Molly Elberier  
Jai-Anana Elliott  
Tyra Elliott  
Bryan Fiedorczyk  
Margaret Gaffney  
Terry Gallagher  
Cedra Garcia  
Vicky Ann Garner  
Jim & Janea Harrison  
Elise Hebert  
Tom & Rose Hesselbrock  
Liana Hill  
Melva Hill

Donald Hopps & Pam Piering  
Susan & Charles Jackels  
Martin & Patricia James  
Drucilla Keenan  
Patrick & Christine King  
Marty & Susan Koenigs  
Bernard Koontz & Amy Postel  
Louise LaDay  
Timothy & Susan Lavin  
Sam & Terri Lawrence  
Leo & Esperanza Lazo  
Mercy Lazo  
John Lewis  
Ernie & Jenny Lobo  
Omar Lopez  
Meg Lucia  
Bob Mackin  
Charles Manca  
Kathleen Manca  
Joe Martin  
Loretta McIver  
Deacon Greg & Joan McNabb  
David Mead  
Gary Melonson  
B J & Jen Montoya  
Roger & Josie Morales  
Marian Mullally  
Evan Oakes & Jinna Kim  
Donovan & Carol O'Brien  
Robert Penhale  
Kit & Gina Purdy  
Chuck Ralston  
Kathleen Randall  
Victoria Ries  
Susan Roberts  
Matt & Amy Rudolf  
John Russell & Ann Kuder  
Sarah Sausner

John Searce & Nancy Buckland  
Michael & Melinda Sechrist  
Gail Scott  
Jerry & Darlene Stanton  
Alec & Helena Stephens  
Tina Stewart  
P. James Sullivan  
Dave & Jen Tawatao  
Jesse Thompson  
& Nicole St. Hilaire  
Joel & Regina Thornton  
Jim & Lucita Valiere  
Eric & Sharon Wilcox  
Jim Willis  
Randall Winter &  
Rosemary Adamski  
Sheila Wyckoff-Dickey  
Jim Yearby

#### **Parish Participation**





# ST. THERESE CATHOLIC ACADEMY

*IGNITING FAITH, MINDS & DREAMS SINCE 1927*

## Reflection from the Principal

## Welcoming Advent December 8th

Week 1 of Advent is about Hope. There is so much to be hopeful for and these past few weeks post-Thanksgiving have continued to be a reminder for us all. Last night, our community celebrated our Christmas Concert after a few years of virtual celebrations. It was very joyful in the church and the smiles on everyone's faces is a reminder of the hope for a better tomorrow.

This week, our community began our annual Advent morning prayer service, where we highlight the story of Jesus' arrival. We break open the Word of God and dive into the stories of those chosen by God to help usher in the Lord's arrival. Today, we began with Anne, the mother of Mary, as we celebrate the Immaculate Conception. We then turn to Mary and Joseph, who are chosen by God to be the parents of the Savior of the world.

As we combine our preparation for the Lord with all of those chosen by God to assist in our salvation, I couldn't help but root our students in what their own calling will be. Our theme this year is centered around each one of us being chosen by God. The hairs on our head are numbered and none of us are forgotten. I believe as we journey through the Advent story, we are reminded that God has plans for all of us, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

God chose Mary and Joseph, and they said "yes." I like to imagine their uncertainty at the first sight of the Angel Gabriel. To be told God has shown favor upon you, and that you are chosen to raise the savior of the world. I believe our call is to recognize when God has called us. Over our lifetime, we will be given many opportunities to say "yes" to make this world a better place. The Bible is filled with stories of people answering God's call, and we hope to emulate those people in our lives.

As we center ourselves in the first week of Advent, let us keep Hope at the center of our hearts. Hope for the future that God has for us; Hope for those struggling in the world for their basic needs; Hope for the St. Therese community that we can be agents of change for the Kingdom of God.

-Madeleine E. Tomich, Vice Principal

-Mr. Malcolm X. Nelson, Principal of St. Therese Catholic Academy