

Saint Therese Parish

October 25, 2020

30th 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 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading 1 EX 22:20-26

Thus says the LORD: "You shall not molest or oppress an alien, for you were once aliens yourselves in the land of Egypt. You shall not wrong any widow or orphan. If ever you wrong them and they cry out to me, I will surely hear their cry. My wrath will flare up, and I will kill you with the sword; then your own wives will be widows, and your children orphans.

"If you lend money to one of your poor neighbors among my people, you shall not act like an extortioner toward him by demanding interest from him. If you take your neighbor's cloak as a pledge, you shall return it to him before sunset; for this cloak of his is the only covering he has for his body. What else has he to sleep in? If he cries out to me, I will hear him; for I am compassionate."

Reading 2 1 THES 1:5C-10

Brothers and sisters: You know what sort of people we were among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, receiving the word in great affliction, with joy from the Holy Spirit, so that you became a model for all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth not only in Macedonia and in Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has gone forth, so that we have no need to say anything. For they themselves openly declare about us what sort of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God and to await his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus, who delivers us from the coming wrath.

Gospel MT 22:34-40

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a scholar of the law, tested him by asking, "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments."

October 22 -- World Missions

This week we combine other U.S. mandated collections with World Mission Sunday, sharing gifts on a percentage basis with: Church in Latin America; Central and Eastern Europe; Catholic Near East Welfare Association and Pastoral Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa.

You can give online at www.seattlearchdiocese.org/wms or mail contributions to: CCAS (insert in check memo line: World Mission Sunday (Parish #032), 710 9th Ave., Seattle, WA 98104

Live Streaming of 11:30 Mass

Sun Oct. 25 Every Sunday the church is open to all from 8:30 to 11:30 am for private prayer. **Mass** with Fr. Mamba and the Shades Choir **11:30am** Reserved seating only. To attend, you must register ahead of time using your smart phone at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040549A9AE29A0FA7-sttherese>, or click on [Register now](#). Sign up also available on Parish website st-therese.cc. Please arrive 10 - 15 minutes early on Sunday. Ushers will seat you. Details below.

Mass link <https://www.facebook.com/StThereseParishSeattle/>

What You Need to Do & Changes at Mass to Keep Each Other Safe:

You must register ahead of time - BUT stay home if you are sick (temp over 100.4° F, diarrhea, vomiting, runny nose/congestion, or fatigue)

Wear a mask - Wear gloves

Check in at entrance on the west side of church

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

6-ft. physical distancing at all times & 12-ft. from priest while he celebrates Mass

Communion in the hand during the Mass

Dismissal from back to front.

Please dress warmly because all windows and doors must remain open due to Mass protocols.

Are You Registered to Vote?

Do you know the deadline to be registered and to turn in your ballot?

Do you need to update your voter information?

Go to www.usa.gov to register and find more information, including eligibility, voter status, deadlines, requirements and ability to vote for immigrants, people experiencing homelessness, and those with previous felony convictions in Washington or other states.

Upcoming Parish Events

Sat Oct 24 Leadership Meeting 9-11am

Sun Oct 25 **30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Tue Oct 27 Spirit Choir Rehearsal 7pm

Sat Oct 31 **Parish Halloween Party 7pm**

Sun Nov 1 **All Saints Day**

Tue Nov 5 Spirit Choir Rehearsal 7pm

Sun Nov 8 **32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Tue Nov 10 Spirit Choir Rehearsal 7pm

Thu Nov 12 **Adult Religious Education Series**
Learning to Be Anti-Racist:
Strategies & Actions 7-8:30pm

Sat Nov 14 **Caring for Our Common Home**
Work Party 9:30am

Note: All Events except Masses and Common Home are virtual

DROP OFF HOURS FOR SVdP FOOD DONATIONS:



The pickup of nonperishable food every Sunday now 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. Our St. Vincent de Paul Conference continues to support St. Mary's Food Bank every week with donations from Leschi Market and whatever parishioners are able to share. Thank you!



Fall Leadership Meeting

Saturday, October 24th, 2020 9:00am-11:00am
Held virtually

Attendees usually include (but are not limited to):

- Commission and committee chairs and members
- Parishioners that have attended past leadership meetings or have served in past leadership roles
- Pastoral Council and Finance Council members
- Parishioners who are interested in stepping into leadership to impact the St. Therese community

Please contact Trisha as soon as possible to register.
Trisha N Tinsley at citizencoach@gmail.com



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Adult Religious Education Series 2020-2021 Theme: THE SIN & TRAGEDY OF RACISM: RENEWING OUR COMMITMENT FOR JUSTICE & ACTION

SESSION 3: "LEARNING TO BE ANTI-RACIST: STRATEGIES & ACTIONS"

PLEASE NOTE NEW DATE!! Thursday, November 12, 7:00pm – 8:30pm (via Zoom)

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

Included topics/themes:

- The hidden forms of racism: micro-aggression, insensitivity, indifference
- Anti-racism: not just a concern or movement, but a new way of life
- Finding our voices: how can we be prophets of hope?!

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!**

“The Pharisees gathered together, and one of them, a scholar of the law, tested him.” Matthew 22:34

Jesus is a Jew. A devout Jew. A teacher. So when he is asked by this lawyer, “Which commandment in the law is the greatest?” he replies with the basic acclamation of faith of Judaism, the Shema (Deuteronomy 6:4-5): “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.” He then adds Leviticus 19:18: “Love your neighbor as yourself,” and notes that “The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments.”

Indeed, the first reading, from Exodus 22, is an example of the law being based on love of God and neighbor. There are three commandments there: Do not molest or oppress aliens, do not wrong widows or orphans, and lend to the poor without interest or collateral. All of these boil down to not taking advantage of people with less power than you have.

In the second reading, Paul lauds the Thessalonians for turning away from idols to serve God, which lines up pretty well with Exodus. When we make idols of wealth, or our favorite sports team, or any other hobby that keeps us from loving neighbor, we have moved away from loving God.

Institutional racism came to the fore this past summer. It is the modern American version of violating Exodus 22 and all the commandments that underlie it. Let us work for the Kingdom and support those who are working to dismantle the exclusionary disadvantages built into our society.

We made our Annual Catholic Appeal Goal! Yea!!! Thank you to all who supported the work of the Church of Western Washington! As I have mentioned many times, much of your contribution comes back to the parish in the form of central office services, such as facilities and personnel consultations, payroll servicing, and management of employee health insurance and retirement funds.

Recently you received in the mail a list of ministries through which you can help build the Kingdom. Some of these ministries just require you to show up and do a task (remember, Laudato Si' second Saturdays, 9:30!) Or getting out a mailing. Some require volunteer coordination; others, such as Social Justice, are very process-oriented. Almost all the commissions need someone to take minutes. Some need people to keep track of money. If you're really not sure how you might fit in, take the Strength Finders assessment on the website. The commitment form is at st-therese.cc on the right sidebar on a computer or near the bottom of the scroll on a phone.

The Adult Religious Education program is presenting a virtual series: ***The Sin and Tragedy of Racism***. The first and second sessions are available as a video on our website. The last session will be Nov. 12 at 7:00 p.m. See page 4 for more details.

Let us be generous with our financial resources:

- Give to the St. Vincent de Paul Society by going to our website at st-therese.cc. Scroll down to the St. Vincent de Paul button near the bottom of the home page. If you prefer to write checks, please send them to Sr. Kathleen - SVdP, 3514 E. Marion St., Seattle, WA 98122. *The St. Therese conference has been overwhelmed by requests in the St. Edward's area, which our conference is now serving. When the ban on evictions is lifted, the amount of accumulated delinquent rent will be crippling to many families. Please be generous!*
- You can make a gift to the parish online at st-therese.cc and clicking on the “Donate Now” button or use the Push-Pay app on your phone.

Collections Fiscal Year - July 1, 2020, through October 22, 2020.	\$91,575
Previous Fiscal Year - July 1 - October 21, 2019.	\$88,167
Where we need to be to meet projected expenses this fiscal year.	\$122,112



Every year at this time, we are asked to think about our stewardship of all the gifts that God has placed in our trust. Not just how we are taking care of those gifts, but how we are sharing those gifts with our parish and our community as well. In the coming weeks we will be asked to consider if we are returning a proper portion of those gifts to our Church for the Lord to build up His Kingdom. For more information on our Stewardship of Treasure renewal, please see pages 8 & 9.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL

THANK YOU PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS



The dear Lord and our patron St. Vincent de Paul blessed us. Thanks to you parishioners and a few special friends. In addition, we received timely help from our great King County SVdP Council celebrating its Centennial year.

During our fiscal year October 2019 through September 2020, we provided the following benefits to our neighbors:

\$72,887 in rental assistance

\$15,515 in aid to neighbors in the form of utilities, food, household goods, etc.

These involved: 74 Food Requests given; 226 Rent Requests given; 37 Utility Requests given and a total of 470 requests responded to if we include beds, furniture, gas, baby items, education and other items.

This did not include the weekly benefits of food from the parish and Leschi Market given to The Food Bank at St. Mary's.

We received \$48,919 from our parish family and a few friends which includes our savings account (Kristine Cares)

\$34,000 from our King County SVdP Council

\$5,000 from St. Joseph parish conference

We are contacting our neighbors encouraging them to apply for benefits from the King County \$41 million Eviction and Rental Assistance program. We are also working on a Block Grant program through our King County SVdP Council which will provide some rental relief for some of our neighbors.

If you would like to assist us, you can donate by sending your gift to Sr. Kathleen - SVdP, 3514 E. Marion St., Seattle, WA 98122 or by donating online by accessing the parish website www.st-therese.cc where you will find specific information about donating to the conference.

Our collections on Sundays for the Food Bank at St. Mary's continue (see pg. 3).

Thank you, Parish!

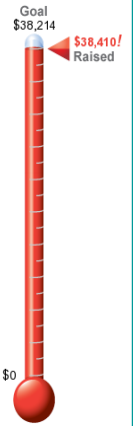
God Bless. Thanks for Being There with us.

Robert Mackin rmackinatty@yahoo.com

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL: A Future Full of Hope

Thanks to your great response this week, we have raised more than the goal on the ACA. Raised to date (10/20/20) **\$38,410.09**. That's 101 percent of our goal, with 31percent of parishioners responding! Your gift can still help the Annual Catholic Appeal by its support of more than 60 ministries and services that are offered to thousands of individuals across Western Washington. This year, a 10% 'tithe' from ACA 2020 donations (excluding rebates) will be placed in a Parish Solidarity Fund for those parishes severely financially impacted as a result of the suspension of public Masses due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

If you haven't already made your gift, won't you please consider making a gift this year. Go online to <https://donate.seattlearchdiocese.org/aca> or use a pledge envelope. If you'd rather call in your gift to the Appeal Office, they can be reached at 800-809-4921. Thank you!




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GOD SO LOVED HE GAVE



Give, and it will be given to you.
They will pour into your lap a good
measure – pressed down, shaken
together, and running over. For by
your standard of measure it will be
measured to you in return.

– Luke 6:38



FROM A HEART OF GRATITUDE WE GIVE OUR TREASURE

If you haven't already decided on your parish stewardship commitment, please prayerfully consider God's promises and make your pledge. You may return it in the collection basket, to the parish office, or through the mail.

What is the right amount to give? When you are at peace about the size of your gift – when you do not find yourself making excuses for its size (either too big or too small) and you know in your heart that you have been completely honest with yourself and God – then your gift is the proper size.

Please return your parish stewardship commitment card today.

GOD SO LOVED, HE GAVE



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STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE RENEWAL IS STARTING

How can I repay the Lord for all the great good done for me?" (Psalm 116:12). The answer to that question is rooted in the way we respond to the gifts with which we have all have been blessed. It starts with recognizing that 'everything is indeed a gift from God' and then using these God-given gifts in service of others to further the mission of Jesus Christ here on earth. Your financial pledge to St. Therese Parish is one of the ways we can participate in and further this mission.

Every year, we ask our parishioners to make a pledge to our parish. Would you like to participate in discipleship and fill out a pledge form online at <https://www.st-therese.cc/stewardship-commitment-form>? Or you may mail in the pledge card you will receive in the mail or bring it with you to Mass. Please prayerfully reflect on your many blessings with a heart full of gratitude. If you pledged last year, please prayerfully consider making a small increase in your pledge. Could you increase your current pledge by 5% or 10%?

As you are well aware, 2020 was a most difficult and challenging year for our parishioners, our parish, and our community due to the pandemic. In keeping with our message of practicing good stewardship, which encourages us to look at how God has blessed us so abundantly, we hope those who are more fortunate or who have not experienced economic hardship will pledge more generously.

What does the Stewardship of Treasure go to?

- the activities of St. Therese live and online
- children's faith formation
- junior high and high school faith formation
- adult faith formation programs, Workshops
- music ministry, Shades, Spirit Choir
- liturgy and Mass celebrations
- general operations, utilities, maintenance, supplies, postage, IT
- livestreaming, website, and online communication tools like Zoom, sound system
- parish salaries and benefits
- shelter funds for the future and social justice activities

What does the Annual Catholic Appeal go to?

- the activities of the Archdiocese
- housing
- community services, mental health services, prison ministries
- training new seminarians
- supporting parish missions in their community
- the Solidarity Fund which supports parishes struggling to recover from the economic crisis

You're invited!!! Come join us for **Halloween** fun at our virtual Halloween Party!



It's an evening packed with games, costume contests, pumpkin sharing, and more!

- When: Halloween Night! 10/31 7-8:30pm
- Where: Your place; just copy the zoom link!
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89700664813?pwd=bW50MUE0KzFHajlBcDFPblBzdTA4Zz09>

Meeting ID: 897 0066 4813

Passcode: 767427

We gather for community fun, but also to help raise seed money for the purchase of improved video streaming equipment.

A little background about St. Therese Large Event Committee: We are a new group created for the purpose of putting on fun events for the Parish to enjoy while also raising funds for special or urgent parish needs. Father Maurice requested that donations raised during the Halloween Party go towards the purchase of improved video streaming equipment. This will enable our Sunday Masses, liturgies, and celebrations to be easily recorded and shared! If you would like to donate (completely optional), we'll tell you how during the Halloween Party.

**Put on your costume, gather your witches brew,
and support improved outreach to our entire parish family!**

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Our school is competing in America Recycles Day challenge to collect gently used clothes & shoes. We need your help to win the first prize - \$2,500!

Let's get started...

1. Bag your surplus clothes & shoes.
2. Deposit bags in the green & white bin in our school parking lot.
3. Spread the word! Tell your family, friends and neighbors.

What's more! One tree is planted every time we fill the bin!



Reflection from October 16, 2020 ***We are respectful and compassionate community members who practice stewardship of God's creation with their time, talent, and treasures.***

Greetings, St. Therese Family!

As we transition more fully into the beauty of the autumn season, the beauty, grandeur, and awe-inspiring rhythms of nature are on full display. The cycle of life that occurs throughout the calendar (and liturgical) year are symbolic of our own creation, death, and eventual resurrection to eternal life. However, we likely don't think of the changing of the seasons that way. However, **we have much to learn from nature, and our faith calls us to not only be in right relationship with God and our neighbors, but also with the beautiful and bountiful Creation that God has invited us to care for.**

Our SLE for this week reminds us of our call to be stewards of God's Creation, not just by picking up litter on occasion and separating our waste, but by truly **reflecting on how we use our time, talents, and treasures (resources) to care for all of God's Creation, including our sisters and brothers.** Children often have a unique way of seeing things differently - innocently, perhaps - than adults. A few weeks ago when only a few students were left on campus, a cat wandered on to the playfield as I was supervising our after care crew. While my instincts jumped to germs, safety, and irritability, our students embraced the humble creature. Gio (Kindergarten) and Gabriel (1st Grade) approached the cat with calm voices, slow steps, and inviting gestures. The cat seemed to transition from a hostile, defensive posture to an open, affectionate state. While I insisted that our kids not touch the cat, they interacted for the better part of an hour. In observing this interaction, I was amazed. **Our students truly modeled what stewardship looks like - learning, invitation, and action.** They created a space of welcome for this cat - who eventually was named "Simba" - and seemed to reinvent themselves from high-energy elementary students to compassionate caretakers.

While this example is small, I believe it speaks to what is possible when we embrace a spiritual approach to nature, other creatures, and our fellow human beings. **We live in a time in which the fast-paced nature of life has been greatly interrupted, but what will we learn from this?** Our lives have been turned upside down, and for me at least, this has caused a lot of awareness on my own needs (social, mostly!). However, in a week where Jesus challenges us to "give to Caesar what is Caesar's and give to God what is God's," I feel called to take a different approach to reflecting on my life and current set of circumstances.

How am I using my time? Am I considering the needs of God's Creation and my fellow human beings? How am I putting my talent to use for the betterment of our world and building the Kingdom of God? God has blessed me with a unique set of gifts and talents - am I letting my light shine? Many have been hit hard financially by this pandemic, am I mindful of this with the resources that I have been blessed with? I don't fully know what God has in store for me, for my family, or for our St. Therese community, but I do know that whatever is in store, **our call is to be attentive to God's Creation and our sisters and brothers, and as our theme for the year reminds us: to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God.**

Mr. Matt DeBoer, Principal

