



# St. Therese of the Child Jesus Catholic Church and School

1260 N.E. 132nd Ave., Portland, OR 97230  
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## Sacraments of the Eucharist and Reconciliation

Vigil of the Lord's Day ..... 5:00 pm Saturday  
Masses of the Lord's Day ..... 9:00 am and 11:30 am Sunday  
Reconciliation ..... Sunday 30 minutes before each Mass or by Appointment  
Daily Mass at 8:30 am ..... Tues., Wed., Thurs., Sat.

Note: Please consult Bulletin Insert for Daily Mass Schedule, especially during the School Year.

## Parish Office Information

Office Hours ..... Monday to Friday 9:00 am to 1:00 pm  
Address ..... 1260 N.E. 132nd Ave. Portland, OR 97230  
Phone ..... (503) 256-5850  
Website ..... www.stthereseor.org

## Staff Members

Pastor ..... Rev. Stephen Michael Geer  
Business Manager ..... Mrs. Penny Montani  
School Principal ..... Mrs. Joy Hunt  
Faith Formation and Liturgy Mrs. Stella Armstrong  
Facilities Manager ..... Mr. Matthew Shelton  
Receptionist ..... Mrs. Angie Barnett  
Office Assistant ..... Ms. Jenn Kirkpatrick

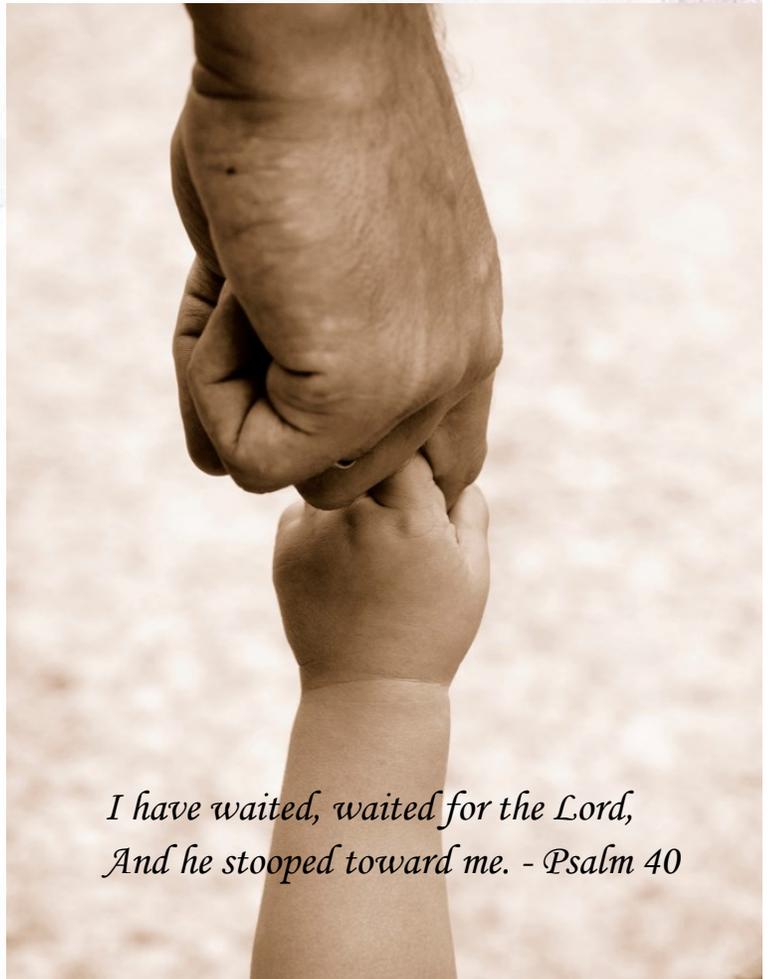
## School Office Information

*Closed July to Mid-August*

Office Hours ... Monday to Friday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm  
Phone ..... 503) 253-9400  
Website ..... www.stthereseschool.org



**August 17 and 18, 2019**  
*20th Sunday in Ordinary Time*



*I have waited, waited for the Lord,  
And he stooped toward me. - Psalm 40*



The Lord heard my cry.  
He drew me out of the pit of destruction,  
out of the mud of the swamp;  
he set my feet upon a crag;  
he made firm my steps.  
And he put a new song into my mouth,  
a hymn to our God.  
Many shall look on in awe  
and trust in the Lord.  
Though I am afflicted and poor,  
yet the Lord thinks of me.  
You are my help and my deliverer;  
O my God, hold not back!



*"Seeing these innocent souls at close quarters, I realized what a mistake it is not to train them from the very start when they are like wax to receive impressions for better or for worse. There are so many souls which would attain sanctity if only they were well directed." - St. Therese of Lisieux*



The school is having a rummage sale on September 14<sup>th</sup> to raise funds for the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Washington DC trip. The school is accepting donations until September 6<sup>th</sup>. Please call the School Office for more details at 503-253-9400. Donations AND shoppers are welcomed!

WHAT: Light Luncheon After the Icon Blessing Mass

WHEN: August 18th

WHERE: At the PSC

Let's All Be There!



### So That's What it Means!

**XYZ** stands for **EX**tra **Y**ears of **Z**est. It's a group of retired parishioners who get together once a month for lunch and usually Bingo. Several times a year there's a bus trip to a casino for anyone who wants to go.

Our group has been getting smaller because of aging, health reasons, etc., but many of us are still active in parish activities. If we had some new members who are newly retired, that would be great - and that's what we are trying to encourage. Please visit the Parish Office if you are interested to join us. You are always welcome!



### Please Pray For

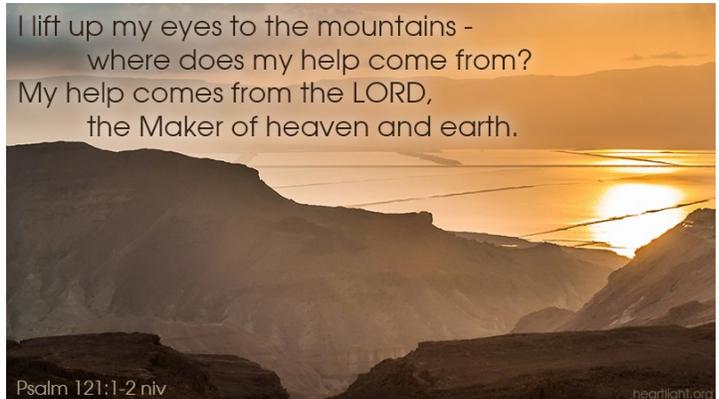
Living: Vilma Anker, Antoinette Barker, Bobbi Brown, Patty Burtner, Fr. Rob Bustamante, Arlene Caballero, Marie Carter, Jenni Clark, Mary Cox, Melanie Davantes, Eric Drozdov, Joanne Gargano, Julie Ho, John Keller, William Keller, Kathy Lierle, Gregorio Manalo, Arden Manning, Margie Nelson, Edna Orello, Fred Pelzer, Jim and Ava Riopelle, Margaret Routledge, Frances Ryland, Rosa Santos, Karen Saso, Joanne Scabery, Vera Saxton, Anne Schmidt, Kiersten and Elsa Schneider, Marcie Farlow Taylor, Joe Van Buren, Bernadine West, Fr. Dave Wilkins, Lynn Young, Rose Zenger

### Advertiser of the Week

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
COUNCIL 7828  
19TH ANNUAL K OF C CHARITY  
GOLF TOURNAMENT**

*Sunday, September 8, 2019*

**Please call KEN OLIPHANT for  
tournament registration or  
sponsorship  
503-701-4780**



## Mary Says 'Hi!'

Say hi to Mary as well! Mary is not only an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion - she serves during the Saturday Vigil Mass - Mary is also a volunteer for the St. Vincent de Paul Ministry. If you want to know more about Mary's ministry, say hi to her and see if volunteering for St. Vincent de Paul is something that calls to your heart.

### *Do We Want to Kneel When We Pray?*

When we pray on our knees, the body prostrates itself and the heart surrenders itself. This attitude of prayer, particularly appropriate in this time of Lent, expresses submission to God, obedience to his will, adoration, humility and penance. It reflects an attitude of faith, par excellence.

How much the saints have been taught on their knees before the Blessed Sacrament!

To place ourselves on our knees is to "speak" adoration and penance, which requires a certain humility. Humility is a fundamental attitude for prayer; in humility we accept our condition as creatures, placing ourselves before him, awaiting him, aware of our complete dependence upon him for our very existence.

This attitude makes us more free, because it situates us in the truth of our human finiteness.

We recognize that God is everything for us and that without his merciful love, we are, literally, nothing.

To be on our knees, near the floor, somehow nourishes this attitude of humility (*humus*) and of interior stillness, so essential for adoration. Adoration, *proskynein* in Greek, calls for a posture of kneeling and prostrating oneself. To bend our knees before God is to recognize humbly that everything comes from him.

It communicates the prayer of the Prophet Daniel (6:11): "Even after Daniel heard that this law [against praying to God] had been signed, he continued his custom of going home to kneel in prayer and give thanks to his God in the upper chamber three times a day, with the windows open toward Jerusalem."



**Gently, Gently . . . . .** Using your hand, gently lift the kneeler down, or to put them up. A kneeler with damaged joints cannot be repaired - it has to be replaced with a new one. A helpful hint: we don't have to put the kneeler up as we get up for the "Our Father," because we will kneel soon after "Lamb of God." And, when we lift the kneeler as quietly as we can, we help each other prepare for that Life-giving mystery about to unfold - when Jesus transforms simple bread and wine into His Precious Body and Blood. It is true, it is real!



## Why are Our Sacristans in Green?



Christmas Time and Easter Time highlight the central mysteries of the Paschal Mystery, namely, the incarnation, death on the cross, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ, and the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The Sundays and weeks of Ordinary Time, on the other hand, take us through the life of Christ. This is the time of conversion. This is living the life of Christ.

**Ordinary Time** is a time for growth and maturation, a time in which the mystery of Christ is called to penetrate ever more deeply into history until all things are finally caught up in Christ. The goal, toward which all of history is directed, is represented by the final Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

Most of the time, you will see our Saturday Vigil Mass Sacristans Matthew and Sue (pictured above), “wear” the color of the time. Which is **green** in Ordinary Time.

Let your  
**Light So Shine**  
before men, that  
they may see your **GOOD WORKS,**  
AND *Glorify* your **FATHER**  
which is in **Heaven.**

The **liturgical year** is made up of **six** seasons:

**Advent** - four weeks of preparation before the celebration of Jesus' birth

**Christmas** - recalling the Nativity of Jesus Christ and his manifestation to the peoples of the world

**Lent** - a six-week period of penance before Easter

**Sacred Paschal Triduum** - the holiest "Three Days" of the Church's year, where the Christian people recall the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus

**Easter** - 50 days of joyful celebration of the Lord's resurrection from the dead and his sending forth of the Holy Spirit

**Ordinary Time** - divided into two sections (one span of 4-8 weeks after Christmas Time and another lasting about six months after Easter Time), wherein the faithful consider the fullness of Jesus' teachings and works among his people

Submission Deadline for news or announcements to be included in the Parish Bulletin is every Monday, not later than 1:00 PM. Email [angie@stthereseor.org](mailto:angie@stthereseor.org)

## Meet Our Saturday Morning Ministers!



Hazel and Titay (above) are two of our Saturday Daily Morning Mass Sacristans. No matter what the weather is, their smile brightens up the early morning! Sue and Ellen (below) are Daily Mass goers and are also extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion.



First Saturday of every month is Our Blessed Mother Mary's day. Spend an hour with our mother whose love for us is for eternity.



*Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.*

## *A Family Resource: Plating Grace*



[WWW.FATHERLEOFEEDS.COM](http://WWW.FATHERLEOFEEDS.COM)

“Plating Grace” is a ministry founded by Fr. Leo Patalinhug, a priest chef whose ministry is to bring back families to the dining table and, prayerfully, back to the Eucharistic banquet as well, as a family. Some of his thoughts:

“The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary that we celebrated last Thursday, August 15th, is a perfect reminder that the salvation Jesus promised to those who believe is not only the assumption of the soul to eternal life, but also of our glorified bodies. Our soul and our body should not live separately. As we nourish our bodies with foods that perish, let us pray and reflect on each part of our bodies, and make sure that each part is holy.”

*They went to our First Saturday Mass because we have the Holy Hour!*



### *“A Joyful Table”*



- 1. Be thankful.**
- 2. Share good news!**
- 3. Encourage one another.**
- 4. Ask how you can help.**
- 5. Listen - and relish the laughter. Make them memories.**
- 6. Reminisce about happy memories.**
- 7. Share stories how the family overcame tough times.**
- 8. Make a commitment to share a meal again.**
- 9. If what you are planning to say is not found in numbers 1 to 8, do **NOT** bring it to the table. There is another time for that.**



## From Fr. Jon Buffington, our icon writer, as we celebrate the Blessing of our icons:



"I am so grateful to Fr. Steve and the wonderful people of St. Therese for giving me the opportunity and time to write your icons. They have been an experience of opening to the Lord and deepening my faith in His love and gifts. As I tried to explain in my art the amazing generosity of God towards His people over the millennia, I found so many blessings were given to me as well. It has been a humbling and joy-filled time to spend among you all. I have come to appreciate the wisdom and caring that is at the heart of your community. Thank you for this special time in my life among you all.

Keep praying for this priest and Iconography's and I will keep you all close to my heart as well. Blessings, Fr. Jon"



### *From Some of Us:*

It has been such a wonderful experience every bit of the way working with you Fr Jon in your Iconography writing; learning many invaluable things from you as an Iconographer yes, but also, as one at the feet of their Master experiencing patience, kindness, and the love for God and His Creation!

Thank you so very much, and I thank God for letting me be a part of this most beautiful work! - Carmel

Dear Father Jon,  
Thank you so much for writing the magnificent icons for St. Therese Parish. You are such an extraordinary artist. I'm so happy, honored, and blessed that you have included a Vietnamese saint on the second icon as one of the ethnic saints. Thank you again for your dedication and commitment to these beautiful sacred artwork. May God bless you with good health, happiness and peace,  
Thang's Family