



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

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Closed July to Mid-August

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July 13 and 14, 2019

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus!

Memorial to Our Lady of Carmel Tuesday, July 16

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope! To you do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to you do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn, then, most gracious advocate, your eyes of mercy toward us; and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary! Pray for us, O holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.



"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

Acknowledgment: Painting by Monica Weistling

Icon Writer Meets MetroEast Media Director and Host!



Fr. Jon Buffington, Icon Writer, met with MetroEast Media's Director of Community Relations Monica Weitzel to tape a segment for the Community Hotline Show that Monica also hosts. MetroEast Media is a non-profit media organization that actively supports different community organizations through their media services and opportunities to be featured in Community Hotline. To know more about this excellent community resource go to metroeast.org/schedule/ for your local cable TV schedule for Fr. Jon's interview. Look for the show Community Hotline: 7-3-19. Fr. Jon is the second guest featured in the show.



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, Bernadine West, Fr. Dave Wilkins, Joe Van Buren, Rose Zenger

Important Updates: We have new office hours! See the Bulletin for details.



WHAT: Icon Consecration Mass

WHEN: August 18th at the 11:30 AM Mass

WHERE: At our Church, St. Therese of the Child Jesus

Let's All Be There!

"Happy the man whose words issue from the Holy Spirit and not from himself." - St. Anthony of Padua.

Advertiser of the Week

William Keller, CPA and Parishioner
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Who is a Sacristan?



S - sets up for Mass. That means preparing the hosts and wine that will be concentrated; laying out the sacred vessels for the Mass and then making sure that they are properly stored.

A - assists the Priest and Liturgy Coordinator in preparing for liturgical celebrations like Ash Wednesday and Palm Sunday.

C - carefully manages supplies needed like hosts, wine, candles and oils.

R - recommends to the Priest when training or review is needed for the various ministers of the Mass.

I - inspires respect and reverence for the Mass by being an excellent role model.

S - sees to it that there are Extraordinary Ministers, Lectors and altar servers who will assist the Priest in each Mass.

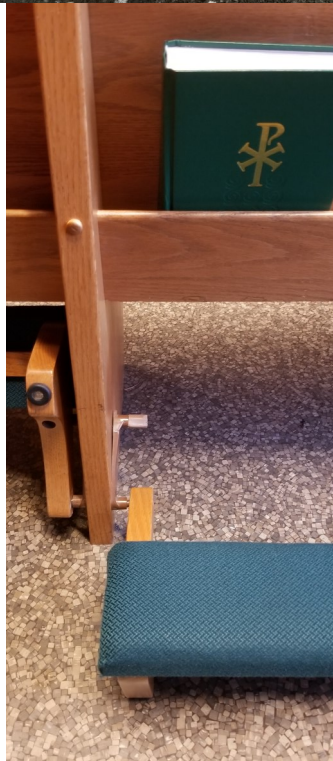
T - takes care of unlocking and locking up the Church..

A - assists ushers and ministers in welcoming parishioners attending Mass.

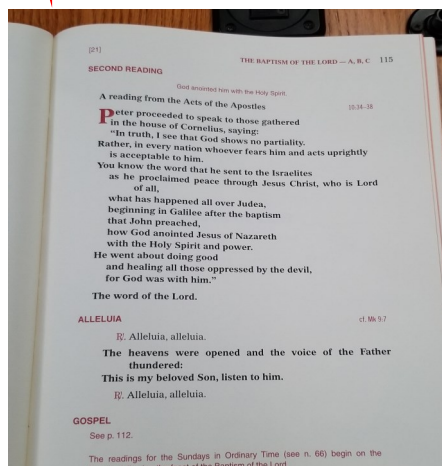
N - notes things to be done to make sure that our Church remains a reverent, safe and welcoming place for us as we come for the Eucharist.

How Many Sacristans do We Have?

We have two in the Saturday Vigil Mass, three in the Sunday 9:00 AM Mass, and two in the Sunday 11:30 AM Mass. And yes, we have a **Head Sacristan**, Matthew Lee (left). He keeps our Worship Space in order!



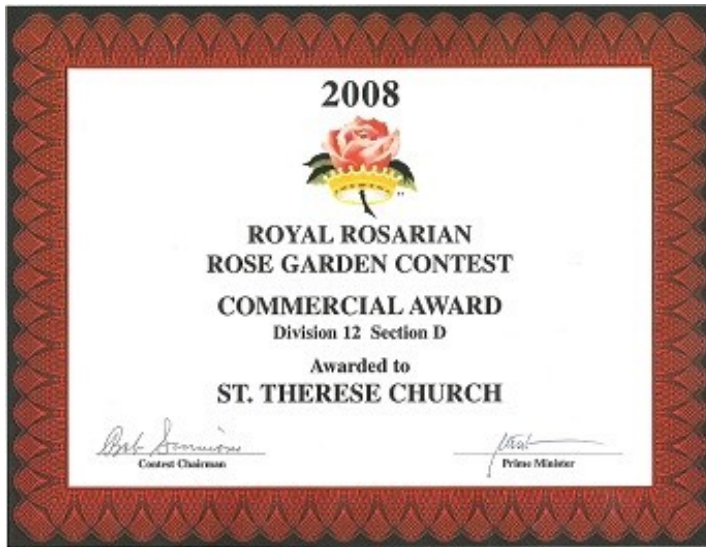
Gently, Gently Using your hand, gently lift the kneeler down, or to put them up. A kneeler with damaged joints cannot be repaired - it has to be replaced with a new one. A helpful hint: we don't have to put the kneeler up as we get up for the "Our Father," because we will kneel soon after "Lamb of God." 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!



What is the Difference Between the Bible and a Lectionary?

When Lectors go to the ambo to "read," they are reading from the Lectionary. The Lectionary is not a Bible, although most of the readings are taken from the Bible. A lectionary contains all the readings and responsorial psalms for each Mass of the year. The readings are divided according to day or by theme, rather than following the order in the Bible. In a lectionary, we hear only sections (called periscopes) of a book or chapter in the Bible.

The Roses in Our Midst Have History



Gene Mosbrucker and Henry Ngan started the Rose Garden in 2005 to celebrate the 50th year anniversary of St. Therese Parish. They took care of it and won the 2008 Rose Award from the Rose festival. After Henry left Gene took over maintaining it. He built the black wrought iron fence surrounding the rose garden and the two arbors.



And Now - Meet "St. Cecilia and Rock and Roll"!

Two new additions in our Rose Garden have been planted in honor of Virginia Weiner, our organist, on her retirement and one in memory of Jack Greco, a previous choir director who passed away few years ago. Jack's rose is called "Rock and Roll" because he was quite a character and could play most any instrument. Virginia's rose is named "St. Cecilia" in honor of one of her favorite saints.

Create Your Own Saints Garden

Dedicating a space in your home where you can grow flowers would also be a good space for praying and meditation. Many flowers and plants are also associated with saints and our Blessed Virgin Mother Mary. Knowing which flowers are these can be helpful reminders that we are very much in communion with saints - they are always encouraging us and praying for us to grow in Holy Faith. Roses are very prominent in our Catholic Iconography. The Virgin Mary is called the "Mystical Rose." Other saints associated with the rose are St. Rose of Lima, St. Cecilia and St. Elizabeth of Hungary. Our Patron Saint, St. Therese of the Child Jesus is very much associated with roses. The rose is also a symbol for martyrdom. A blue iris signifies clarity, truth and heaven. As such, a blue iris is also associated with the Blessed Virgin Mary. Lilies signifies chastity and purity. Images of St. Dominic are often depicted with lilies. All virgin saints are identified with lilies, among them St. Catherine of Siena.

From St. Therese, "May Today"

"May today there be peace within. May you trust that you are exactly where you are meant to be. May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith in yourself and others. May you use the gifts that you have received, and pass on the love that has been given to you. May you be content with yourself just the way you are. Let this knowledge settle into your bones, and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise and love. It is there for each and every one of us."



Submission Deadline for news or announcements to be included in the Parish Bulletin is every Monday, not later than 1:00 PM.

Meet Our Sunday 11:30 AM Mass Ushers!

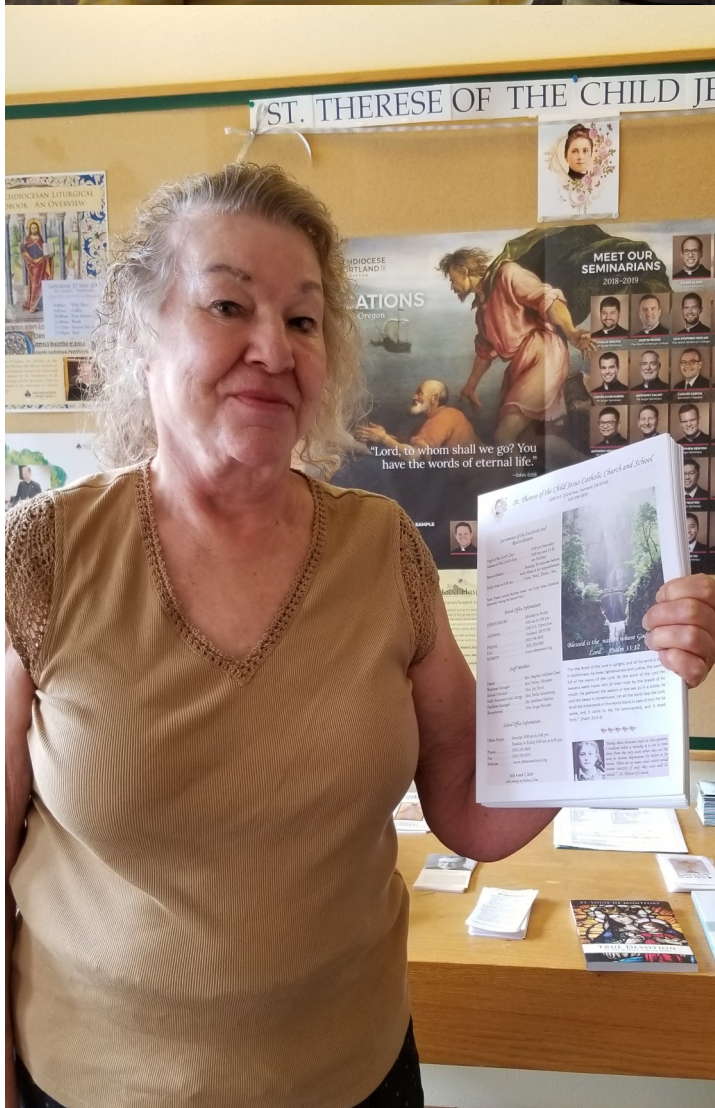


Say hi to Steve, Bob, Fred and Nancy when you see them at the Sunday 11:30 AM Mass. Ushers welcome us as we enter church, helps us with information, supervises collections and hands out bulletins after Mass. We see them hovering at the back of the church, making sure that everything is in order and ready for Mass. Please let them know if you would like to train as an usher!



**ST. THERESE LITTLE FLOWER PRESCHOOL
NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS!**

St. Therese Little Flower School is taking applications for Full-day and Half-day preschool students. Start your child out with a Catholic education at St. Therese. Students attend weekly Mass, get instruction in Math, Reading, Writing and Religion as well as PE and Music. For questions or tours please call the Parish Office 503-256-5850.



July 9th, 2019. We Gather For Leo and Marge Zach

Last Tuesday, family, friends and loved ones gathered and attended the Funeral Mass for Leo Zach. The night before on July 8th, many attended the Rosary led by the Knights of Columbus. Early morning on Tuesday Rev. Charles Zach, who was Leo's cousin, was already in Church, welcoming the early guests and coordinating with ministers and musicians as he prepared to preside in the Funeral Mass. It was a poignant moment blessed with many joyful reunions. Fr. Louie Urbanski came to concelebrate the Mass and had the opportunity to meet long-time friends and associates. Picture below shows Fr. Louie with his former Sacristan, Matthew Lee. The Knights of Columbus and their spouses were also present and provided the honor detail for Leo. It is always a Blessing to our Parish to have a Mass concelebrated by three priests and that happened in the Mass for Leo: with Fr. Charles presiding, the concelebrants were Fr. Steve and Fr. Louie. Tony Belatti was the altar server, with Laura Anderson as Cantor and Virginia Weiner, Organist. The Funeral Ministry prepared an excellent luncheon for everyone after the Mass. Most of the dishes served in the luncheon were Leo's favorites, and were prepared by his wife, Marge. Love, always.

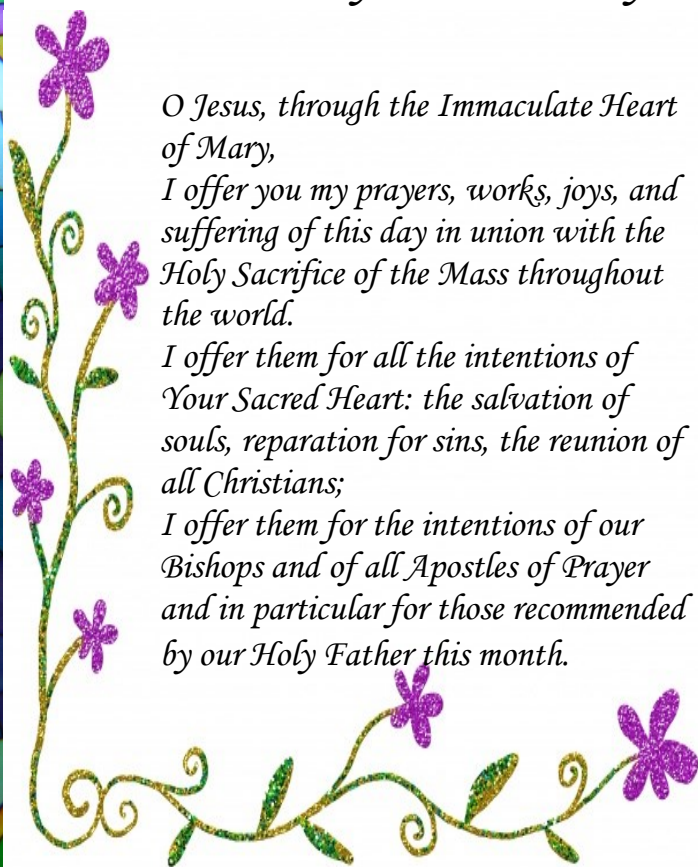


Marge and Leo were married for almost 60 years. Through the years the Parish was a witness to the love and commitment they have for each other. We are blessed.



Bless Your Day With This Prayer

*O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary,
I offer you my prayers, works, joys, and
suffering of this day in union with the
Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout
the world.
I offer them for all the intentions of
Your Sacred Heart: the salvation of
souls, reparation for sins, the reunion of
all Christians;
I offer them for the intentions of our
Bishops and of all Apostles of Prayer
and in particular for those recommended
by our Holy Father this month.*



“Our Lady of Mt. Carmel” is the title given to the Blessed Virgin Mary as patroness of the Carmelite Order. The first Carmelites were Christian hermits living on Mt. Carmel in the Holy Land during the 12th Century.



From SOLO SENIORS

Are you single and over age 50? SOLO SENIORS is a Catholic social and humanitarian organization for singles over age 50 in the greater Portland area. SOLO SENIORS provides social, recreational, spiritual, and educational programs to benefit its members. Each month SOLO SENIORS has a full calendar of events, including potlucks, dinners in restaurants and other social activities. For more information or a copy of the monthly newsletter, call Ann Buchholz at 503 235-9047.

And lastly, two questions for today:

The **first one** is, what would you like to tell Jesus today? Approach him like a child with a humble heart, and let Him know about your concerns, your joys, your sorrows. By opening up to Him, you are inviting Jesus into a friendship with you. The **second question** is, what is Jesus telling you? There is a difference between what you would like Jesus to say (your will) and what He is actually saying (His will, which is always better than what we want for ourselves). We can learn how to better listen to Jesus by getting to know His Word and teachings (through Scripture), by following the traditions left by His Apostles who received instructions directly from Jesus, and by following the teaching of the Church. When you depend on these three - Sacred Scripture, Apostolic Tradition and the Teaching Church - what Jesus wants to tell you will become clearer.

