



St. Therese Catholic Church

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Dear St. Therese Parishioners,

Like the other apostles (except for Judas Iscariot), Thomas was from Galilee, and – in spite of his weakness – was committed to being a follower of Christ. Thomas is best known for his initial unwillingness to believe in Jesus' Resurrection; instead of accepting the testimony of others, he demanded to see the Risen Lord for himself. (Jn. 21:24-29). His statement of doubt, however, was later replaced by an expression of faith ("my Lord and my God!"). According to legend, St. Thomas died for Christ, being martyred in southern India after spending some years there as a missionary. Spiritual growth is not always a steady progression; it, too, often has ups and downs. There are times when we, like St. Thomas, can have doubts. It is not necessarily a bad thing. "The man of faith who has never experienced doubt is not a man of faith." – Thomas Merton

Jesus said, "Take this and eat. This is my body." **On Sunday, April 25th, we will celebrate our First Communion Mass** (which fulfills the Sunday obligation) at 2:00 pm. A reception will follow. Congratulations to the second graders! Many thanks to parents and teachers for preparing them!

On Sunday, May 2nd, we will congratulate our graduating seniors at the **10:45 am Baccalaureate Mass**. A lunch will be prepared and served by the Parish Activity Leaders (PAL). We salute our seniors and wish them well as they continue life's journey!

On that same day and at the same Mass we will celebrate the **May crowning of Mary**. Students from our First Communion class will be invited to participate. **This day marks the last Sunday Faith Formation class for grades K-12th. May 5th will be the last class for our Wednesday K-5th graders.** We greatly appreciate families, teachers and helpers for their involvement and assistance!

On the **evening of May 2nd**, we will be having a **Confirmation parent/student meeting** in the Church from 7:15-8:30 pm. This meeting is mandatory for all 9th grade students (entering 10th grade - Fall, 2010) wishing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation during their sophomore year of high school. One parent and their 9th grade student should plan to attend for an overview of the program.



May 27th and 28th will be great days in our diocese when Bishop Paul Swain will ordain five men to the diaconate and three men to the priesthood. We are especially happy for (Fr.) Dan Smith, one of the three, whom we claim as our parishioner. I will be attending these ordinations, which will take place at Sacred Heart Church in Aberdeen. (Fr.) Dan will celebrate a **Mass of Thanksgiving here at St. Therese on Sunday, June 6th at 10:45am**. A reception will follow Mass.

Mark your calendars for our summer programs!

July 18th – 23rd Summer Day Camp – Totus Tuus

Letter and Registration form enclosed

Registration forms are also available on the Youth Table & at www.st-therese.ws

Aug 2nd – 5th Vacation Bible School

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The office staff and I wish you pleasant spring days, good health and good cheer!

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