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WE ARE A WELCOMING,
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GROWING SPIRITUALLY AND REACHING OUT
TO LOVE AND TO SERVE OTHERS
AS JESUS TAUGHT US.

JANUARY 2, 2022

THE EPIPHANY
OF
THE LORD

Magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying,

"Where is the newborn king of the Jews?

We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."

~ Matthew 2:1-2

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MASS INTENTIONS - JANUARY 1 - 9

Sat. 10:00 am Parish Community of St. Theresa
 Sun. 10:00 am Parish Community of St. Theresa

Mon. 8:30 am
 Tues. 8:30 am
 Wed. 8:30 am ✚ Jenny Cocores
 Thurs. 8:30 am
 Fri. 8:30 am

Sat. 5:00 pm Parish Community of St. Theresa
 Sun. 10:00 am ✚ Cathy Fisher

KEEP IN TOUCH WITH US**Via email or text message:**

- ♦ Receive parish updates and notices of special events
- ♦ Choose to receive updates from groups you're interested in
- ♦ Unsubscribe anytime

Sign-up at
flocknote.com/StTheresa30
OR
 Text: STT To: 84579

SUNDAY OFFERING

ONLINE GIVING :
(December 13 - 19) 59 DONORS **\$ 2,455.20**
MASS/DROP-OFF/MAILED DONATIONS:
(December 13 - 19) 42 DONORS **\$ 3,330.00**

DUE TO AN EARLY PUBLISHING DATE THE DONATION INFORMATION FOR DECEMBER 26 WILL BE IN THE JANUARY 9TH BULLETIN.

SUPPORT ST. THERESA CHURCH

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Bishop's Appeal 2021
St. Theresa Parish Goal - \$35,800
<https://www.oakdiocese.org/bishops-appeal-donation-page>
 Percentage Achieved **83.99%**
\$30,070.00 as of December 15, 2021

SEMINARY COLLECTION, JANUARY 8 & 9

The Diocese of Oakland is blessed to have many seminarians preparing for priesthood. The formation program for a seminarian can be up to nine years long, depending on the seminarian's prior education. The cost to the diocese of educating our future priests is substantial. Please make a personal investment in your future priests by generously contributing to the Seminary Collection. You may also use Online Giving to make a donation.

DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers, those who have died especially Takako Smith, the grandmother of Jenny Bruni.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS ALL THOSE WHO ARE ILL ESPECIALLY:

Matt Mercier, Heidi Parmelee, Aiden Farinella, Dolores Gomez, Alegria Hipolito, Betty Wharton, Hazel Villata, Juanita Estrella, Leslie Fischer, Mike Reilly, Dorothy Donnelly, Olga Lamberti, Matt White, Mark Dreier, Tom Sanford, Wendy Parmelee, Roger Baylocq, Ida Scodella, Sigrid Castaldo, Alicia Gonzalez, Denise Moore, Mirella Baldo, Karis Chodzko, Diana Martinez, Susan Springer, Margie Sullivan, Maddie Heitkemper, Lennox Peerson, Joan Simmons, Badri Nakhjavani, Eddie Bradford, Wendy Jones, Bob Rogers, Orlanda Gonzalez, Kevin Chapman, Diane Cerille, Ruth McCabe, Tom Wilberding, Shirley Roberts, Karen Milliman, Richard Nivens, Anita Perricelli, Danny Ramos, Mark Leonard, Christopher Rodriguez, Maryanne Walsh, Johannes & Lilyanti Sugiarto, Rhonda Santeen, Ricardo Sepulveda, Doris Fiumano, John Whatley, Bishop John Cummins, Fr. Bob McCann, Ellen Corbett, Nancy Coyne, Kevin Stallone, baby Vai Mesui, Herman Carmassi, Paulette Tuckner, Msgr. Dan Cardelli, Della Spinelli and all who have the corona virus throughout the world.

LIVING STEWARDSHIP**Kingly gifts . . .**

- .. for God: Love God, receive the sacraments, pray, study God's word.
- .. for the Church: Serve in a parish ministry, contribute to the offertory, support the missions.
- .. for your community: Recycle, conserve natural resources, vote.
- .. for family and friends: Make time for children, keep an open door, relax together.
- .. for yourself: Eat good food, exercise, develop your abilities, and be thankful!

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BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINES

January 2 bulletin was due by December 20 (Monday)
 January 9 bulletin was due by December 31 (Friday)
 January 16 bulletin is due by January 7 (Friday)
 January 23 bulletin is due by January 14 (Friday)
 Items must be received by 4:00 pm on the due date.
 Email to cathy_b@sttheresaokland.org.



2022 VALENTINE'S WINTER AUCTION

FEBRUARY 12TH
SEQUOYAH COUNTRY CLUB

2022 Valentine's Winter Auction

February 12th, 6:00 p.m.

Sequoyah Country Club

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**Early bird tickets are
now on sale!**

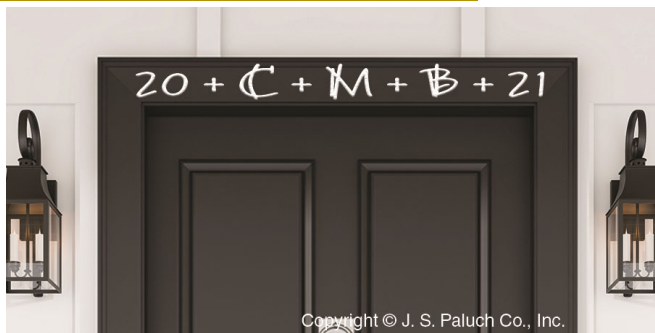
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See the links below for more
auction information and to
purchase your tickets.

Auction Website: <https://www.sttheresaschool.org/fundraiser2022>

Purchase Tickets: <https://paybee.io/@sttheresa@25>

EPIPHANY HOUSE BLESSING



In the Middle Ages houses were blessed on Epiphany, reflecting how the magi found Christ “on entering the house.” Try reviving this ancient tradition. Incense the house, sprinkle holy water, and write in chalk over every outside doorway “20 + C + M + B + 22” (or whatever the year is). The letters honor the three kings and also stand for *Christus mansionem benedicat*, “May Christ bless this home,” and symbolize welcoming everyone into the home as Christ.

The parish youth ministry has put together Epiphany House Blessing kits for you to bless your homes. Pick up a kit as you leave church.

GREAT NEWS!

ST.THERESA SCHOOL IS NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR GRADES TK-8

WE ARE ALSO HOSTING IN-PERSON CAMPUS TOURS IN JANUARY!

AND

WE'RE INVITING YOU ALL TO OUR PROSPECTIVE PARENT OPEN HOUSE EVENT!*

As you can tell, we are thrilled to have the opportunity to move forward with our admissions process in person.

Contact our Director of Admissions for more information.

M_HALLIGAN@STTHERESASCHOOL.ORG

*proof of vaccination required



LOW GLUTEN HOSTS

Low Gluten hosts are available at all weekend Masses. Please use the presider's communion station to receive a low gluten host.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION



January 7th
9:00 am to 4:30 pm
Benediction at 4:30 pm.

MASS INTENTIONS

To request a Mass Intention contact Melody Marr at
melody@sttheresaokland.org
or 510.547.2777, ext. 120 (Tuesday - Thursday).

MEMORY BEARS

Buon Natale, Joyeux Noel, Nollaig Shona Duhuit, Feliz Navidad, Mele Kalikimaka—in any language, a very merry and blessed Christmas to all from the St. Theresa's Memory Bear makers! We want you to assure you that we are still around and are beavering away (socially distanced, of course) making memory bears, as well as comfort bears (for those in hospice care). If you or someone you know are mourning the loss of a cherished family member or dear friend and would like a special remembrance of that person, we would be more than happy to make a little bear(s) out of a favorite article of their clothing at no charge to you. You'll have a lovely (or handsome) handmade little bear filled with memories and made with our love. If you would like a bear made, or would like more information about our ministry, please get in touch with either Marlene McShane (510-653-2688) or Cecile Cuttitta (cecile.cuttitta@att.net)



ONLINE PRAYER REQUEST FOR THE SICK OR RECENTLY DECEASED

You can submit names for the Prayers of the Faithful for our Weekend Masses and the bulletin prayer list (*Prayers for the Sick or Recently Deceased*) online.

Please complete the form on the parish website page <https://sttheresaokland.org/pray/mass-and-confession-times> their name will be included in the weekly bulletin and Weekend Masses.

This form is not for Mass Intentions.

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE (SJC) CORNER

Dear Fr. Bob, Staff and St. Theresa Parishioners,

With great gratitude for all the support you have given to our social justice committee projects this year. Also special thank you to our wonderful and truly giving committee members. May God bless you...each and every one!!

The Work of Christmas, By Howard Thurman

When the song of the angels is stilled,
 When the star in the sky is gone,
 When the kings and princes are home,
 When the shepherds are back with their flock,
 The work of Christmas begins:
 To find the lost,
 To heal the broken,
 To feed the hungry,
 To release the prisoner,
 To rebuild the nations,
 To bring peace among others,
 To make music in the heart.

SJC service projects this year:

Supporting the good works of St. Vincent de Paul conference with Easter baskets, Angel tree and school back packs for the most children in Oakland.

Supporting Oakland International school and many new immigrant teenagers with Thanksgiving lunch and blankets for the holidays.

Supporting Oakland Catholic Worker by teaming up with St. Theresa School and Parish to give gifts cards to many new immigrant families this Christmas season.

Supporting Azami's and their extended family in their vis applications.

Thanks to our SJC speakers for all the wonderful teachings:

Blasé Bova, St. Vincent de Paul

Fr. Zach, Prison ministry

Madison Vorva, Ethical Consumption

Sr. Maureen Duignan, East Bay Sanctuary Covenant

Clare Deck, Kids In Need of Defense (KIND)

Dr. Christine Ma, Kerry's Kids (serving our homeless population)

Genevieve Leslie, Oakland International School

Fr. Jim Martin, Building Bridges, LGBTQ ministry

Dr. Phyllis Zagano, Synodality and Women

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL****Current Need:**

SVdP Community Center is restocking their Children/ Baby Room and are in desperate in of clothing sizes newborn to 5 years for girls and boys

Donations of children's clothing can also be dropped off in the Church vestibule following the weekend Masses. Please do not leave items in the vestibule during the week.

Our Parish SVdP Conference meets bimonthly, every third Saturday at 9:30am. Our next meeting is January 15. If interested in learning more about our Conference's work, contact Judy Bojorquez at jtsbojorquez@yahoo.com to be added to email distribution and with any questions you might have.

You may use online giving to make a donation to the St, Theresa St. Vincent de Paul conference. <https://sttheresaokland.org/donate>

To volunteer at the St. Vincent de Paul Center in Oakland contact the Volunteer Coordinator: Kellie Foster - 510-277-6435 or kfoster@svdp-alameda.org.

WEEKLY READINGS***January 3 - 9*****Monday:**

1 Jn 3:22-4:6
 Ps 2
 Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday:

1 Jn 4:7-10
 Ps 72
 Mk 9:34-44

Wednesday:

1 Jn 4:11-18
 Ps 72
 Mk 6:45-52

Thursday:

1 Jn 4:19-5:4
 Ps 72
 Lk 4:14-22a

Friday:

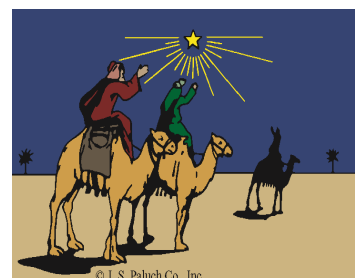
1 Jn 5:5-13
 Ps 147
 Lk 5:12-16

Saturday:

1 Jn 5:14-21
 Ps 149
 Jn 3:22-30

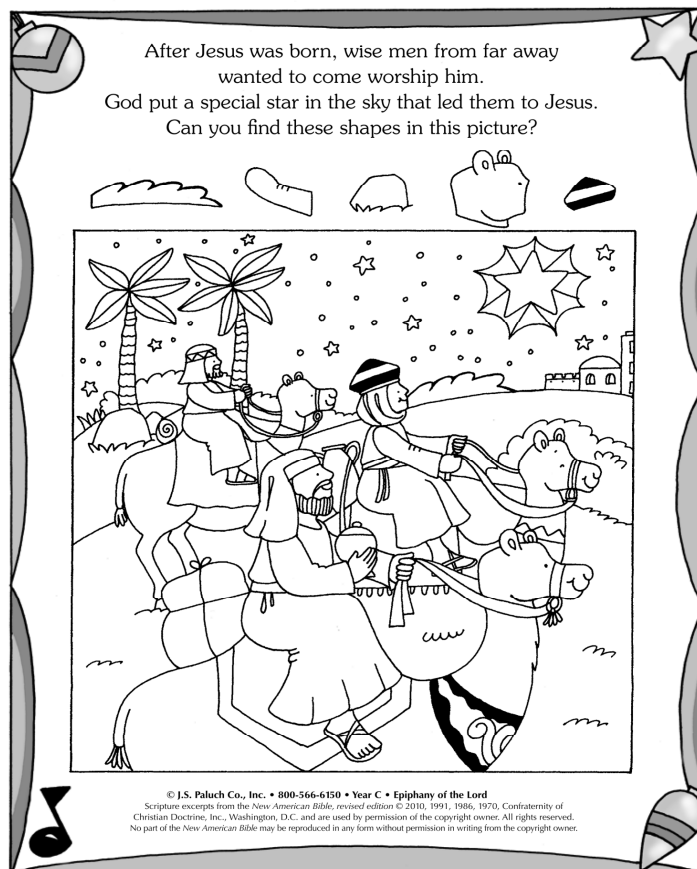
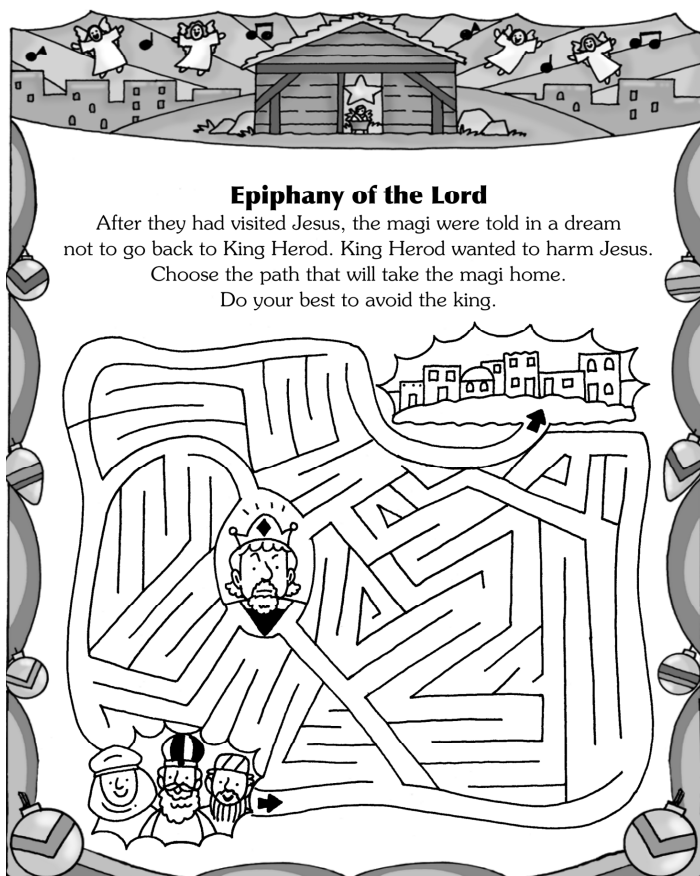
Sunday:

Is 40:1-5, 9-11
 Ps 104
 Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7
 Lk 3:15-16, 21-22



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God's Word for Children



The magi opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.
Matthew 2:11



THEY OPENED THEIR TREASURES

Today is the feast of the Epiphany. The word *epiphany* means "a sudden realization" or "a revelation." What was revealed that we celebrate on this feast? What did the magi suddenly realize? Matthew is the only Gospel writer who tells us the story of the magi (also sometimes called the Three Kings or Three Wise Men), and he simply writes that magi from the East came searching for the "newborn king of the Jews" (Matthew 2:1-12).

They were probably astrologers, astronomers, or philosophers rather than kings. So how did we come to sing a Christmas carol about three kings? Why do we think that there were three? Some people say it was because of the number of gifts—one for each of the magi. Legend tells us that their names were Melchior, Caspar, and Balthazar. Where did we learn this?

A Latin work called *Excerpta et Collectanea* ("Excerpts and Collection"), attributed to the eighth-century historian St. Bede, offers some interesting details. The carol "We Three Kings of Orient Are" includes parts of Bede's story. Together the men represented the continents of Europe, Asia, and Africa. Today pilgrims honor the Three Kings at the famous shrine in Cologne, Germany, known as the City of the Three Kings. You can see pictures of this shrine on the Internet. This is how St. Bede named and described them.

Melchior was an old man, with white hair and long beard.

He offered gold to Jesus as a sign that Jesus was a king.

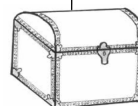
Caspar was a young, beardless man with a ruddy complexion.

He offered Jesus a gift of incense, a sign that Jesus was divine.

Balthazar was a heavy-bearded man of black complexion.

His offering of myrrh prefigured the death of Jesus, the "Son of Man."

Draw a picture of each king
next to the gift he brought
by following the descriptions of St. Bede.



PARISH INFORMATION



MASS SCHEDULE:

Face Masks are required for all people attending Mass, regardless of vaccination status.

Weekday: 8:30 am (Mon.-Fri.)

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 10:00 am

RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Reconciliation is outside, not in the confessional

PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday - Thursday: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Please ring doorbell for entrance to parish offices.

Phone: 510.547.2777

After Hours Medical Emergency Line: 510.610.7715

Parish Website: www.sttheresaoakland.org

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Baptisms and Marriages

by appointment (call parish office 510.547.2777)

To arrange a Funeral

call parish office 510.547.2777, ext. 120

Family Faith Formation (Grades TK-5) & R.C.I.C.

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Jenny Bruni and Keri Nims: Co-Coordination

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