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JANUARY 10, 2021

THE BAPTISM
OF THE
LORD

A VOICE CAME
FROM THE
HEAVENS,
"YOU ARE MY
BELOVED SON;
WITH YOU
I AM
WELL PLEASED."

Mark 1:11



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MASS INTENTIONS - JANUARY 10 - 17

Sun. 10:00 am † Doug Patton

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday † Petrina Imbraguglio

Friday † Andrew Lee

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

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MARY MOTHER OF GOD, JANUARY 1:

ONLINE: 5 DONORS	\$ 125.00
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You can help us
 during the COVID-19 pandemic.

During this challenging time, we depend on online donations to continue our ministry. Use eGiving from your computer, smartphone or tablet to set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift.

Use the link on the parish website to donate.

SEMINARY COLLECTION, JANUARY 10

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 using Online Giving. You may also drop off your offering using the mail slot in the rectory, or offering basket at Walk-Up Communion.

DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers, those who have died especially Pasquale Fusillo.

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

Matt Mercier, Irene Clark, Daniel Sullivan, Dave DeMonte, Sven Cooper Little, Nadine McMillan, Heidi Parmelee, Denise Bridges, Kristine Berman, Helen Buty, Aiden Farinella, Liza Mitra, Guido M., Jim Testa, Kevin Stallone, Dolores Gomez, Alegria Hipolito, Betty Wharton, Patricia Green, Hazel Villata, Juanita Estrella, Diane Longfield, Leslie Fischer, Mike Reilly, Dorothy Donnelly, Pat Tynan, Olga Lamberti, Matt White, Mark Dreier, Tom Sanford, Fr. Alex Snyder, Wendy Parmelee, Roger Bayloq, Ida Scodella, Tom Jones, Sigrid Castaldo, Alicia Gonzalez, Denise Moore, Barbara Krummer, John Bouey, Mirella Baldo, Karis Chodzko, Diana Martinez, Susan Springer, Rachel Cecchetti, Br. Michael Gillette, Takako Smith, Jeanne Cuttitta, Melinda Parker, Margie Sullivan Maddie Heitkemper, Lennox Peerson, Joan Simmons, and all who have the corona virus throughout the world.

LIVING STEWARDSHIP

“Remember that when you leave this earth, you can take with you nothing that you have received—only what you have given.”

—Saint Francis of Assisi (1181–1226), religious founder, mystic

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BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINES

January 10 bulletin, was due by January 1 (Friday)
 January 17 bulletin, was due by January 8 (Friday)
 January 24 bulletin, is due by January 15 (Friday)
 January 31 bulletin, is due by January 22 (Friday)

Items must be received by 4:00 pm on the due date.
 Email to cathy_b@sttheresaokland.org.

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Today we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. This feast transitions the liturgical year from the stories of Jesus' birth and early childhood to the beginning of his public ministry of proclaiming the 'Kingdom of God.' This Kingdom reveals God's unconditional love, compassion, forgiveness, and mercy for all.

It is a great time to think about our own Baptism and the personal commitment we have to the God who loves us. When I meet with parents who wish to have their children baptized, I usually begin with questions.

I first ask them what is a sacrament? They are presenting and asking the Church to confer a sacrament on their child. They have already spent many hours worrying and caring about what their beautiful baby eats, where their child can play and be safe, what schools (for some plans that go even through college!) and how they will receive the wealth and riches of the family in which they belong.

Sometimes the response is as clear as the other plans mentioned above. I am old and remember the Baltimore catechism answer: a sacrament is an outward sign, instituted by Christ to give grace. Outward sign: we can see it, taste it, feel it: water flowing, oil anointing, bread, and wine that we taste but are consecrated...Instituted by Christ: Jesus said: go and baptize the nations, whose sins you forgive; take this and eat it....

To give grace. Who and what are grace, I ask. A simple answer: grace is an encounter between ourselves personally and God. Just as Moses' face glowed as he met God and received the ten commandments, so we are transformed every time we encounter God in our lives. The purpose is that one day and with the sacraments to help, we will be fully transformed and be with God.

Are the sacraments the only way we can meet God. We dare not limit to how God works or wishes to encounter us, but the Church assures us that we can be sure of God being with us at these sacred moments.

For almost a year most of us have not been able to attend Mass and receive Jesus in Holy Communion or hear his Word in the readings. Baptisms, Confirmation and First Communion did happen over the year in limited and sometimes small and outdoor gatherings. At first all priests were barred from hospitals to console

the sick. That has become more open but still with limited access and precautions. Confessions have occurred in the open, six feet apart with louder voices and a plastic guard between the priest and penitent.



God's love and ability to encounter and transform us cannot be curtailed even in the current circumstances. Remember 'Baptism of desire?' Remember: Make a perfect act of contrition; Remember the prayer of spiritual communion many recite together in many different places each week at our live stream Mass.

I hope the above comments will help you this week spend some time on what your Baptism started. Look for evidence of God's mercy and love in your lives. Be assured like the popular poem 'Footprints', God is always with us on this journey that started on the day of our Baptism.

As I mentioned last week on the Feast of the Epiphany, it is normally a moment that we try to thank everyone who participates and keeps our parish going. Choir members and cantors, lectors and sacristans, Eucharistic ministers at Mass and to the sick, pastoral council, school board, finance committee members to list a few of the many advisory boards in our parish and may others make a difference. Since March special new ministries have emerged: parishioners who have called on other parishioners to check in, special cleaners who work fast after any service, ushers and greeters who guide us into the spaced-out seating when we are able to be in the church, Confirmation, religious ed coordinators and group coordinators who have figured out a new way to proceed, the many hours spent on trying to get the live stream better and better each week.

A special thanks to all who have faithfully and generously continued to support the weekly collection so we can continue to pay staff and pay the bills.

We do this together and it is very appropriate to say thank you now and again. When we are free to roam more freely and gather on site without restrictions, we will have a late 'Epiphany party' as a small way of acknowledging all that many do that helps us live our mission of knowing Christ and bringing Christ to others.

ONLINE PRAYER REQUEST FOR THE SICK OR DECEASED

You can now submit names for the Prayers of the Faithful (*Prayers for the Sick or Recently Deceased*) online.

Please complete the form on the parish website page Prayer/Mass & Confession Time, their name will be included in the weekly bulletin and our Sunday live-stream Mass.

This form is not for Mass Intentions.

MASS INTENTIONS

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

WALK-UP HOLY COMMUNION



FOLLOWING SUNDAY 10:00 AM LIVE-STREAM MASS

Communion will be distributed in the church vestibule following the live-stream Mass. We ask that you line up using the social distancing markers on the steps and blacktop. **You will be ushered one person at a time into the vestibule for communion.** Volunteers will be there to assist you.

Masks **MUST** be worn at all times. Please use a hand sanitizer before receiving communion. If you are wearing gloves, you must remove them before receiving Eucharist. It is preferred that you receive the Host in your hands for the time being.

After receiving Holy Communion, there will be a table where you may pick up a bulletin and a basket for your Sunday offering, and then please return to your car and depart. The church will not be open for individual prayer during this time.

PRAYER FOR A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus,
I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love you above all things
and I desire to receive you in my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,
Come spiritually into my heart.
I embrace you as if you were already there
And unite myself wholly to you.
Never permit me to be separated from you.
Amen.

WINGS ~ WOMEN IN GOD'S SPIRIT

WINGS is a faith enhancement group for women that encourages spiritual growth through prayer, Scripture study, life sharing and community. We meet on Wednesdays on the Zoom platform from 9:15-11:15am for the rest of this year. Our engaging speakers will uplift you and keep you informed. You'll experience a welcoming community as we support each other in our spiritual growth. Invite a friend! Women from local parishes and other denominations are welcome! If you were a member last year you will automatically receive a Zoom invitation. If you're new to WINGS or wish to sample a meeting, send your email address to Nancy Midlin midlin.nancy@gmail.com. She will send you the link to Zoom.



"Strength for the Journey"

JANUARY 13TH

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Synagogue at Nazareth***

LIVING GOD'S WORD

At baptism, the Spirit came upon you in the presence of the Christian community, claiming you in Jesus' name, and God said, "You are my beloved son/daughter." Spend some time praying over these words. What do you say to God in return? How does it affect what you do in life?

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Adult: Do you ever feel that you are a beloved child of God and God is well-pleased with you?

Child: When do you feel most loved?

Key Passage: "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." (Mk 1:11)



THEME FOR THIS YEAR:

“Abide in my love... You shall bear much fruit.”

John 15:1-17

For more information go to the US Catholic Bishops Website.

<https://www.usccb.org/committees/ecumenical-interreligious-affairs/international-week-prayer-christian-unity>

SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER

Now the Work of Christmas Begins

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 flocks,
 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 the people
 To make music in the heart.

By Howard Thurman

Thanks so much for all the donations to School supplies, Adopt a Family, St. Vincent de Paul, and Oakland Catholic Worker. Thanks for all you have given to your own special charities during these times.

Stay tuned for upcoming meeting to discuss projects for the new year. Please let me know if you are interested in participating in a Social Justice Committee.

Peace, Lydia Deck. ltdeck@me.com

WEEKLY READINGS

January 11 - 17

Monday:

Heb 1:1-6
 Ps 97
 Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday

Heb 2:5-12
 Ps 8
 Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday

Heb 2:14-18
 Ps 105
 Mk 1:29-39

Thursday:

Heb 3:7-14
 Ps 95
 Mk 1:40-45

Friday

Heb 4:1-5, 11
 Ps 73
 Mk 2:1-12

Saturday

Heb 4:12-16
 Ps 19
 Mk 2:13-17

Sunday:

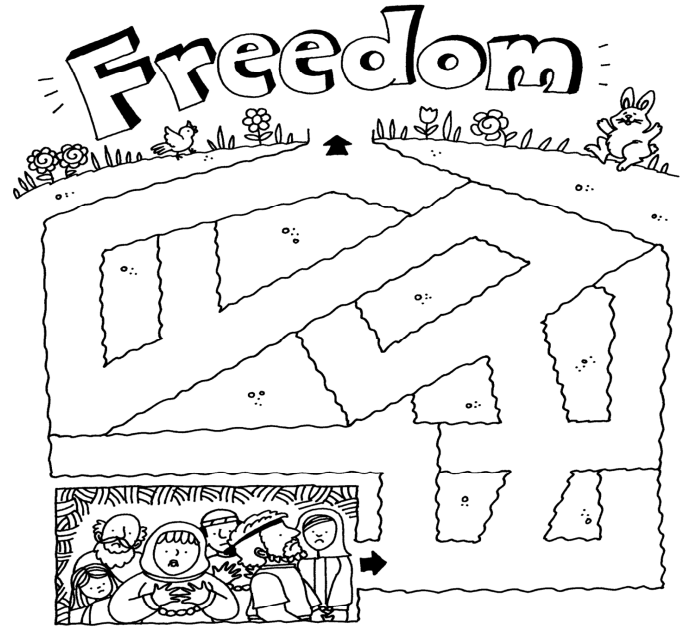
1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19
 Ps 40
 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20
 Jn 1:35-42

He will baptize
 with the
 Holy Spirit



God's Word for Children

God sent Jesus to set us free from our sins.
 Like prisoners being released from jail,
 we are joyful and grateful!
 Keep this in mind as you lead the people out of
 the dungeon and up to freedom!



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The Baptism of the Lord

John baptized Jesus!
 What an honor that must have been!
 Afterwards the heavens opened and
 the Holy Spirit came down in a special form.
 To find what that was, follow the directions.

Color all even numbers white. Color all odd numbers blue.
 Color all letters yellow.

CATHOLIC CORNER

THE LAND OF ISRAEL

Jesus was baptized in the river Jordan in the land of Israel. Find the river on this map and color it blue. The river Jordan connects two seas, the Dead Sea and the Sea of Galilee. Nothing can live in the Dead Sea because the water is very salty, six times saltier than the ocean. Color this sea green. The Sea of Galilee, however, is alive with fish and plants. Color this sea blue and draw some fish in it. Jesus called his first apostles on the shore of the Sea of Galilee. You might recognize the names of some of the many towns near this sea from the stories about Jesus. Fill in the blanks above the descriptions with the correct name of the town.



_____ :
 The city where Jesus was born.

_____ :
 Mary lived in this town before Jesus was born, and Jesus lived here until he began preaching.

_____ :
 Jesus, his mother, and his apostles attended a wedding in this town. Here Jesus performed his first miracle.

_____ :
 The city where Jesus was crucified.

Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John.

Mark 1:9



PARISH INFORMATION



Mass Schedules:

Weekday: 8:30 am (*suspended*)

Sunday: 10:00 am (*public Mass suspended*)

Live-Stream on Facebook

Walk-Up Holy Communion
following Sunday Mass

Reconciliation: (*call for an appointment*)

Parish Center Office Hours:

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

THE PARISH OFFICES ARE CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

**THE PARISH STAFF IS AVAILABLE BY PHONE AND EMAIL
DURING OFFICE HOURS.**

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by appointment (call parish office 510.547.2777)

To arrange a Funeral

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