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JANUARY 17, 2021

SECOND SUNDAY  
IN  
ORDINARY TIME



YOUR BODY  
IS A TEMPLE  
OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
WITHIN YOU.

~1 CORINTHIANS 6:19A

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**MASS INTENTIONS - JANUARY 17 - 24**

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

Monday

Tuesday † Doug Patton

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Sun. 10:00 am † Francis Ree

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(January 4-10) 74 DONORS **\$ 4,960.60**

**DROP-OFF/MAILED DONATIONS:**

(January 4-10) 31 DONORS **\$ 7,705.00**

**SEMINARY COLLECTION:**

ONLINE: 7 DONORS **\$ 350.00**

DROP-OFF/MAILED: 14DONORS **\$ 535.00**

*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.

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**SECOND COLLECTION - JANUARY 31**

The collection for St. Vincent de Paul will be on January 31. This collection benefits the St. Vincent de Paul Society conference in our parish, 100% of your donation benefits people in our community. Your donations will help families avoid evictions or utilities being turned off, Food for Christmas meals, and other forms of aid to the needy. You may use Online Giving for this collection, drop off your offering using the mail slot in the rectory, or the offering basket at Walk-Up Communion.

**DECEASED**

Please remember in your prayers, those who have died especially Colleen Berlin-Timmons, the mother of Cherie Baldo; Marion Boyle-Jenkins, the mother of Maureen Querio.

**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 Baylocq, 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, Badri Nakhjavani and all who have the corona virus throughout the world.

**LIVING STEWARDSHIP**

Jesus sees you, accepts you, and welcomes you for who you are. Show your gratitude in

**WORSHIP** of God, who loves and saves you;

**SERVICE** to others in the parish and the community;

**GIFTS** to the church and to good causes of your choice.

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**BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINES**

January 17 bulletin, was due by January 8 (Friday)  
 January 24 bulletin, was due by January 15 (Friday)  
 January 31 bulletin, is due by January 22 (Friday)  
 February 7 bulletin, is due by January 29 (Friday)

Items must be received by 4:00 pm on the due date.  
 Email to [cathy\\_b@sttheresaokland.org](mailto:cathy_b@sttheresaokland.org).

## A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

The Catholic Youth Organization (commonly known as CYO) was founded in part to provide good, safe sports (from track, volleyball, basketball, and many other sports) for our Catholic children. You don't have to go to a Catholic school to participate but any child in most any parish was eligible to join a team. Moms and Dads have stepped forward to coach and keep the programs on track.

One major component besides providing fun, the teaching of sport skills and learning how to be part of a team was the lessons that everyone is to be respected and you don't always win. Thank God for the skill to win and accept the defeat and know there will be a next time.

We called it *Christian sportsmanship*. Winning is not everything and one wins when you follow the rules and accept defeat when the competition does better in a race or game. This is not the ethic practiced in some other sports programs, but it is part of our overall Catholic way of life.

Teaching the children during good exercise and fun these core values is a stated mission of CYO.

I mention this considering the recent horrible situation we saw at the U. S. Capitol and I pray that by the time you read this, no other disturbances or acts of terrorists have occurred.

I affirm this as part of my teaching authority as pastor and say it even the Catholic priests or a so-called Catholic TV station say something different. They are wrong if they teach anything less and I would be happy to demonstrate the error with the teachings of Jesus, affirmed by Church teaching through the ages and most recently in the Catechism. In the week that is past by the time you read this; I have written to several bishops to make this claim when they are in error.

Pope Francis reacting to what happened at the weekly Sunday Angelus blessing said the following to the American people:

*"I send an affectionate greeting to the people of the United States of America, shaken by the recent assault on the Congress. I pray for all those who've*

*lost their lives – five – lost in those dramatic moments. Let me reiterate that violence is always self-destructive. Nothing is healed by violence and so much is lost. I exhort the civil authorities and the entire population to keep a high sense of responsibility, to the end of calming spirits, promoting national reconciliation, and promoting democratic values rooted in American society. May the Immaculate Virgin, Patroness of the United States, help keep alive the culture of encounter, the culture of care, as the guiding path to building the common good together, and may it be done with all those who live in that land."*



I pray with the Holy Father for peace in our country and for reconciliation so we can better work for promoting democratic values for all in our nation. I am keenly aware that several executions may have taken place during the past week by the current administration which is now fully illuminated as not being pro-life.

This week we will inaugurate a new president. No matter who you voted for, I exhort you like the lessons hopefully learned in CYO or other Catholic education that you had to pray for him and his success. His success is our success is what another Catholic, Arnold Schwarzenegger said in an impassioned address also last Sunday. (Google it if you haven't seen it). May God bless, protect, and guide our new president and vice-president. May they lead us to healing as a nation and may all who hate, or who would revert to violence have transformed and changed hearts by Gods power and mercy.

As we continue to live in a pandemic, I know that January 22 brings together in many places a 'March for Life'. I pray for those in our parish who will participate in the form it may take this year because of the pandemic. I am committed to life and believe as a parish we might look at again the complete meaning of our 'life' beliefs for the sake of every person from the moment of conception to a natural death after a long, full life.

**ST. THERESA SCHOOL****A Day in the Life of a Kindergartener at St. Theresa**

A day in the life of a kindergartener this year may look different than years past, but we have found creative and exciting ways to stay engaged and be happy learners. We welcomed our first group of students to in-person learning in November and our next group of students will join us this month. We are currently using a hybrid model of learning where some students are learning in the classroom while other students are learning online.

Each morning the kinders come to school wearing their masks and mermaid or animal themed shield. Once our class has arrived, we all hold a colored knot on a 50 ft rope and walk to our classroom. Each student sits down at their desk and has their own learning basket filled with their school books and supplies. While the students in-person are settling in for their day, the students at home join our class online. We have a TV monitor that shows the students learning virtually so that the students inside the classroom can see them as well. We begin each day as a whole class and join the student leadership in prayer, pledge and school announcements. Our day is filled with whole class lessons, small groups, reading groups and asynchronous activities (activities students complete independently). Each day they also have a specialty class where they participate in Spanish, Music, PE and Art. In order to break up our day, we will play music, dance and play fun videos that get us up and moving.

All of our kindergarteners have recess and lunch each day. The students who are learning virtually take a break from the computer and have their play time and lunch at home. The students who are in-person play and eat socially distanced in the designated kindergarten eating area. They bring toys from home that they can play with during recess and we have come up with some fun, safe games for them to play where they can engage each other. After lunch and recess, we gather as a class one last time before dismissal. Despite the challenges of this year, we have come together as a class and as a community and we are looking forward to hopefully being together as a whole class soon.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

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

**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 20<sup>TH</sup>

**SARA MILES**  
**AUTHOR AND FOUNDER OF THE FOOD PANTRY**  
***My Problem is the Bible***

**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.*

**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.



**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](mailto:ltdeck@me.com)

**WEEKLY READINGS**

*January 18 - 24*

**Monday:**

Heb 5:1-10  
 Ps 110  
 Mk 2:18-22

**Tuesday**

Heb 6:10-20  
 Ps 111  
 Mk 2:23-28

**Wednesday**

Heb 7:1-3, 15-17  
 Ps 110  
 Mk 3:1-6

**Thursday:**

Heb 7:25-8:6  
 Ps 40  
 Mk 3:7-12

**Friday**

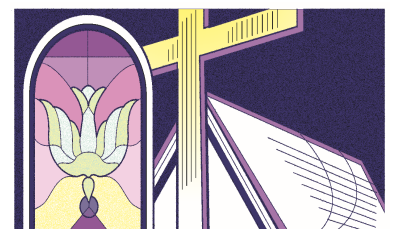
Heb 8:6-13  
 Ps 85  
 Mk 3:13-19

**Saturday**

Heb 9:2-3, 11-14  
 Ps 47  
 Mk 3:20-21

**Sunday:**

Jon 3:1-5, 10  
 Ps 25  
 1 Cor 7:29-31  
 Mk 1:14-20





# 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.*

Phone: 510.547.2777

After Hours Medical Emergency Line: 510.610.7715

Parish Website: [www.sttheresaoakland.org](http://www.sttheresaoakland.org)

 Facebook: [StTheresaChurch/Oakland](https://www.facebook.com/StTheresaChurch/Oakland)

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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 1-5)

Keri Nims ~ [keri@sttheresaoakland.org](mailto:keri@sttheresaoakland.org)

## Middle School Youth Ministry (Grades 6-8)

Joyce Holden ~ [joyce@sttheresaoakland.org](mailto:joyce@sttheresaoakland.org)

## High School Youth Ministry/Confirmation

Jenny Bruni ~ [jenny@sttheresaoakland.org](mailto:jenny@sttheresaoakland.org)

## R.C.I.A.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, Contact  
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## Parish Organizations

### Pastoral Council:

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### Finance Council:

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### CYO (Catholic Youth Organization):

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### St. Theresa Men's Club

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