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JANUARY 24, 2021

THIRD SUNDAY
IN
ORDINARY TIME

Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God:
“This is the time of fulfillment.
The kingdom of God is at hand.
Repent, and believe in the gospel.”

MARK 1:14-15



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MASS INTENTIONS - JANUARY 17 - 24

Sun. 10:00 am † Francis Ree

Monday

Tuesday † Timothy Cutler

Wednesday † Marilyn Larkin

Thursday † Matthew H. Mullholand

Friday † Peter & Virginia Cuttitta

Sun. 10:00 am † Michael McShane

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(January 11 - 17) 69 DONORS **\$ 3,270.60**

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(January 11 - 17) 30 DONORS **\$ 3,140.00**

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.

Use the link on the parish website to donate.

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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 Archbishop Phillip Tartaglia.

**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, Greg Govan and all who have the corona virus throughout the world.

LIVING STEWARDSHIP

God does not demand moral perfection before you can be of worthy service. God asks for a loving heart and a willingness to stick with your commitment.

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BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINES

January 24 bulletin, was due by January 15 (Friday)

January 31 bulletin, was due by January 22 (Friday)

February 7 bulletin, is due by January 29 (Friday)

February 14 bulletin, is due by February 5 (Friday)

Items must be received by 4:00 pm on the due date.

Email to cathy_b@sttheresaokland.org.

BISHOP'S APPEAL 2020**Bishop's Appeal 2020**

St. Theresa Parish Goal - \$35,800

Percentage Achieved **103.64%**

\$37,104.00 as of January 8, 2021

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

As I write this on Sunday afternoon the 17th, I pray we have all had a peaceful week and there was a smooth transfer of power to a new president. I firmly believe in the power of prayer and even though it seems the Lord is taking a long time to answer our prayers for rain, and an end to the pandemic and peace, perseverance is a key to remember.

Remember how St. Monica prayed for over forty years that her son Augustine would heed God's call and choose to be baptized. He did and St. Augustine became one of the most influential saints by his writings and example that we still point to centuries after his life.

We live in a society that wants it all our way and now. This attitude is confirmed in most of the fast-food places we might frequent. But not so with God's ways. My advice is the God who loves us, the God who spared nothing not even the beloved Son and Jesus who spared nothing for us not even his own life to save us does hear our prayers and will answer them. Most times in not exactly the way we would want but persevere. God will not disappoint!

With that perseverance as I was complimenting the many who have worked to make the live stream Mass each week get to your homes; I was not aware of the interruptions and poor signal at times last weekend. Before Mass had concluded, the technician had been contacted by the parish office and we will again try to figure it out. Several have been very generous in donations to make this better. We are following the advice of the experts and are using your generous donations to achieve that. This past week we blame it on the wi-fi. The carrier will be contacted as they claim we have the best. Stay tuned if you can.

Today after the Mass and walk-up Communion, we will have the annual 'listening' session via zoom at 11:30. Even with the limitations of the

current time, I hope you will join us and tell me, the parish staff, and your fellow parishioners what you are happy with and how we can improve things in the parish. These sessions have had a great impact in our parish with you good and kind comments. Whether it has been to change the Mass times or form a Social Justice committee in the parish, these sessions do guide the staff and the parish. You do make a difference and that makes a difference for the good of all of us! The Zoom link was in the January 22nd Friday Flocknote.



Several instantly asked for the prayer I prayed at the end of last week's Mass for our president. The source is from the founding days of our nation. Let us pray for guidance, good judgment and safety for our new president and vice-president. As they have stated since their election, may they lead us to healing, unity and peace. Here is the prayer:

We pray to you, O God of might, wisdom, and justice! Through whom authority is rightly administered, laws are enacted, and judgment decreed, assist with Your Holy Spirit of counsel and fortitude the President (and Vice-President) of these United States, that their administration may be conducted in righteousness, and be eminently useful to Your people over whom they preside; by encouraging due respect for virtue and religion; by faithful execution of the laws in justice and mercy; and by restraining vice and immorality. We ask this in Jesus name. Amen.

God bless them and God bless our whole nation!

ST. THERESA SCHOOL**St Theresa Sunday Dinners Cookbook**

What are your family's Sunday dinner traditions? What is a favorite recipe or menu? Have you been honing your culinary skills? Is your go to a tried and true family recipe or your own creation?

The St Theresa Parents' Club invites you to share your family's favorite Sunday dinner recipes and menus. We will be compiling all the submissions into a community cookbook. Please share your Sunday dinner traditions, why this is your go to menu or recipe, a photo of your family, etc. Cookbooks will be printed and available to purchase, with a target delivery date in early May. All proceeds from this fundraiser will go to benefit the school.

Please make your submissions by March 15th to allow time for collating and printing. Use the link below to make your submissions.

People who want to submit recipes can do so via the following link:

<https://bonapp.typeform.com/to/Gihi5dNt>

or via email by sending their submissions to the Parents Club email:

sttheresaparentsclub@gmail.com

MASS INTENTIONS

To request a Mass Intention contact Melody Marr at

melody@sttheresaoakland.org

or 510.547.2777, ext. 120 (Tuesday - Thursday).

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.

PARISH LISTENING SESSION
JANUARY 24TH
AT 11:30 AM

Please join fellow parishioners and parish staff on Zoom for the Annual Parish Listening Session following the 10:00 am Mass on Sunday, January 24.



You will have the opportunity to comment about our parish with the Pastor, Parish Staff, Pastoral Council members and parishioners. These listening sessions have been very helpful and insightful in the past years.

The Zoom link will be provided in the January 22nd Friday Flocknote.

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 27TH

LYN FINE

JEWISH-BUDDHIST DHARMA TEACHER

***"The Tears I Shed Yesterday
Have Become Rain," Thich Nhat Hanh***

SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER

Please join us for our first meeting on Thursday, January 28th via Zoom at 7pm.

Let's get together and pray and plan for how we can work together to serve those in need.

Please RSVP so I can send you the zoom link or if you have Questions my email is Lydia Deck: ltdeck@me.com

Prayer by Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr.

Lord...

We thank you for your church, founded upon your Word, that challenges us to do more than sing and pray, but go out and work as though the very answer to our prayers depended on us and not upon you.

Help us to realize that humanity was created to shine like the stars and live on through all eternity. Keep us, we pray, in perfect peace. Help us to walk together, pray together, sing together, and live together until that day when all God's children — Black, White, Red, Brown and Yellow — will rejoice in one common band of humanity in the reign of our Lord and of our God, we pray.

Amen.

By Howard Thurman

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.

WEEKLY READINGS

January 25 - 31

Monday:

Acts 22:3-16
Ps 117
Mk 16:15-18

Tuesday

2 Tm 1:1-8
Ps 96
Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday

Heb 10:11-18
Ps 110
Mk 4:1-20

Thursday:

Heb 10:19-25
Ps 25
Mk 4:21-25

Friday

Heb 10:32-39
Ps 37
Mk 4:26-34

Saturday

Heb 11:1-2, 8-19
Ps Lk 1
Mk 4:35-41

Sunday:

Dt 18:15-20
Ps 95
1 Cor 7:32-35
Mk 1:21-28



They abandoned their nets and followed him

God's Word for Children



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

God had a message for Jonah to tell.

Read the sentences.

Then unscramble the last word in each to find out what happened.
(If you need help, read Jonah 3:1-5, 10.)

God sent Jonah to the city of vnheiNe.

The people there were very ewcikd.

To show they were sorry they wore tccaokhsl.

God forgave them and showed them ecmyr.



THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE LIFE

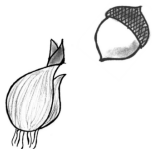
This week the Church reminds us of our duty to respect life. We must recognize that God created all life and that life is a precious gift. We are called to protect it and care for it from the moment any life begins until the moment it ends. It is our responsibility, our share in the work of creation, to help all life grow. We must try to provide everything necessary for life to continue to become what God created it to be.

All life on earth begins very small—an egg, a seed, an acorn, a bulb, a baby.

Look at each of these pictures. Think about what each one might grow into and then draw a picture of it. Beside each picture, write one way in which you can care for and help that life to grow.











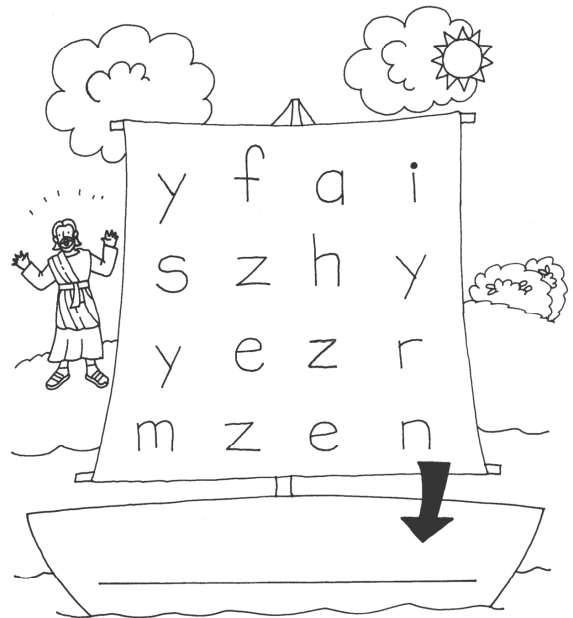
Jesus wanted Simon, Andrew, James, and John to follow him.

And they did!

Cross out all the letters **a**, **y**, and **z** below.

Then write the letters that are left in order into the line on the boat.

This will spell what these four men were.



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Come after me. Mark 1:17

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

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

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Baptisms and Marriages

by appointment (call parish office 510.547.2777)

To arrange a Funeral

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