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TO LOVE AND TO SERVE OTHERS
AS JESUS TAUGHT US.

FEBRUARY 6, 2022

FIFTH SUNDAY
IN
ORDINARY TIME

JESUS SAID TO SIMON,
“PUT OUT INTO
DEEP WATER AND
LOWER YOUR NETS
FOR A CATCH.”

Luke 5:4

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MASS INTENTIONS - FEBRUARY 5 - 13

Sat. 5:00 pm 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
 Thurs. 8:30 am
 Fri. 8:30 am † Ida & Nick Monti

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

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

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- ♦ Choose to receive updates from groups you're interested in
- ♦ Unsubscribe anytime

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OR

Text: STT To: 84579

SUNDAY OFFERING

ONLINE GIVING :
(January 24 - 30) 62 DONORS **\$ 2,780.40**

MASS/DROP-OFF/MAILED DONATIONS:
(January 24 - 30) 35 DONORS **\$ 2,661.00**

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:
ONLINE: 6 DONORS **\$ 236.00**
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**Bishop's Appeal 2021**

St. Theresa Parish Goal - \$35,800

<https://www.oakdiocese.org/bishops-appeal-donation-page>

Percentage Achieved **104.66%**

\$37,470.00 as of January 15, 2022

**PARISH LENTEN RETREAT**

March 9, 16, 23, 30
 7:00 pm

Two ways to participate
 In person in the church
 or on Zoom

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.

DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers, those who have died especially Aurora Rodriguez, the grandmother of Keri & Vince Nims.

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, Tom Sanford, Wendy Parmelee, Roger Baylocq, Ida Scodella, Alicia Gonzalez, Denise Moore, Mirella Baldo, 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, Rhonda Santeen, Ricardo Sepulveda, Doris Fiumano, John Whatley, Bishop John Cummins, Fr. Bob McCann, Nancy Coyne, Kevin Stallone, Herman Carmassi, Paulette Tuckner, Della Spinelli, Patrick Nichols, Britni White, Jennifer Taylor, Kelly Aeich, Jeanne Cuttitta and all who have the corona virus throughout the world.

LIVING STEWARDSHIP

Living the Christian faith is the exact opposite of the modern preoccupation with "looking out for number one."

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MASS INTENTIONS

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

BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINES

February 6 bulletin was due by January 28 (Friday)
 February 13 bulletin was due by February 4 (Friday)
 February 20 bulletin is due by February 11 (Friday)
 February 27 bulletin is due by February 18 (Friday)
 Items must be received by 4:00 pm on the due date.
 Email to cathy_b@sttheresaokland.org.

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

This past week education and training for the upcoming Synod process took place online. The parish staff and several parishioners attended these meetings, and the diocese has given us a truly short (February 1-March 15) timeline to hold listening sessions within the parish. Staff will figure out how it might best work here at St. Theresa, but I encourage everyone to keep saying the Synod prayer daily for the success of this worldwide undertaking (*page 4*).

Our diocesan staff has reduced thirty questions that have been sent from Rome to four questions we are to use at our gatherings. You will note on the parish website access to the direct Synod office in Rome and the documents that guide the process. My hope is that if the Holy Spirit guides us beyond the four questions we are being asked to reflect on and speak about, we will do so.

Each session at the local level is to begin with prayer. It is to be much more than a short invocation that we have at most of our parish meetings. Some parishes will invite attendees to spend an hour in the quiet Church before the speaking meeting begins. However, we do it, we are asked to listen to the Holy Spirit that prompts us to speak and act for the good of the whole Church.

The upcoming Synod's goal is unlike any other. It hopes to hear the voices of as many Catholics as possible.

Cardinal Mario Grech, the Secretary General of the Synod of Bishops writes: "The synod is an experience. It is an exercise of listening to the Holy Spirit by listening to one another. It is about having a true and authentic conversion."

The Synod will look for ways to incorporate synodality throughout the Church. The process officially began on October 10 and the final assembly will take place two years later in Rome.

Throughout the next six weeks in Oakland, our bishop asks all to respond to some thirty questions such as:



Who are we referring to when we say 'our' Church? What groups or individuals are directly or indirectly left on the margins of the Church? What helps or prevents people from speaking up courageously, candidly, and responsibly in our local Church? How are we listening to the laity, especially women and young people?

To help bishops reach as many Catholics as possible, the Vatican has released a document explaining and how to implement the synod in each diocese of the world. It is the task of each bishop to adopt those guidelines in the document in their local context.

The text warns Catholics against treating the Synod as a form of parliamentary debate or reducing it to the assembly of bishops. The findings gathered in each diocese will be discussed by the bishops at the national level, and then by each continent and then by the final assembly of the Synod of Bishops in Rome in 2023.

I was a young boy when the Second Vatican Council convened. How the Holy Spirit worked in ways that no one expected at the start when good Pope John XXIII surprisingly called it to

gather. My prayer is with your help that this process in spite of local limitations and a herculean task for each nation and continent will be guided by the Holy Spirit in our day.





2022 WINTER AUCTION

MARCH 13TH
SEQUOYAH COUNTRY CLUB

Join Us!
Sunday, March 13th
Sequoyah Country Club, 5:00 p.m.

New this week:
Super Bowl Squares!

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>

SYNOD PRAYER

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.
With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.
We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.
Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth
and what is right.
All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever. Amen.



Vatican Synod page: <https://www.synod.va/en.html>

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.



"Led by the Spirit"

FEBRUARY 9TH

CHAD EVANS, M.A.

**ASST. PRINCIPAL OF FORMATION,
ST. IGNATIUS COLLEGE PREP**

The Gospel of the Holy Spirit: Luke-Acts

VOLUNTEER TO HELP AT MASS

A dedicated group of 25 people have volunteered at our services for the two years, some serving weekly with no break. We thank all of them who have helped to make our celebration of the liturgy safe, dignified and reverent. Their commitment to the parish has been a blessing.

We would like to increase the number of volunteers so people are schedule monthly for either the 5:00 pm Saturday or 10:00 am Sunday Masses.

- ✠ **Lector**
- ✠ **Eucharistic Minister** (must be fully vaccinated)
- ✠ **Sacristan**
- ✠ **Projectionist**
- ✠ **Videographer**
(for live-stream at the 10:00 am Sunday Mass)
- ✠ **Greeter**
- ✠ **Usher**

Contact Cathy Brady to volunteer, cathy_b@sttheresaoakland.org

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE (SJC) CORNER

"I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plain, and the crooked places will be made straight, and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together."



Dr. Martin Luther King

African American Speaker Series –St. Columba Church
<https://stcolumba-oak.com/african-american-celebration-series>

Resources for talking about Race

From the National Museum of African American History and Culture: <https://nmaahc.si.edu/learn/talking-about-race/topics/being-antiracist>

From the Ignatian Solidarity Network

<https://ignatiansolidarity.net/resources/faith-in-action-responding-to-racial-injustice/>
 Check out the 21 day- Ignatian Racial Equity Challenge

Books

The Spiritual Work of Racial Justice – a month of meditations with Ignatius Loyola by Patrick Saint- Jean, SJ.

Racial Justice and the Catholic Church by Rev Bryan Massingale

Join us for our first meeting of the year **February 10th at 7pm.** Please send an email to Lydia Deck at ltdeck@me.com to RSVP and to get the zoom link.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

CURRENT NEEDS

A big 'thank you' to our parishioners for their generous response to donating children's and infant clothes. Our SVDP Women's center is now sufficiently stocked with these items. We have a continued need for men's pant's (casual, work, denim, and work) and shoes in good condition, and women's hygiene articles. These donations are distributed through SVDP Clothes Closet in our Downtown Community Center.

We are still collecting nonperishable food in the basket next to the "Giving Tree" in the vestibule. This food is distributed to needy throughout Oakland.

Because of the Omicron surge in Covid cases, SVDP has temporarily shut down its downtown campus operations except for its lunch program serving 400 to 500 hot bag lunches from its big doorway. Volunteers are needed to prepare and distribute the lunches. Thus far, our food service volunteers have remained Covid free. You may contact the volunteer coordinator, Kristin Bernal, at 510-277-6435 for further information and for other volunteer opportunities that will open up after the shutdown.

Donations should be dropped off in the Church vestibule following the weekend Masses.

Our Parish SVDP Conference meets every other month on the third Saturday at 9:30 AM via Zoom. Please call Greg Govan at 510-547-0911 or Judy Bojorquez at jtsbojorques@yahoo.com to learn about our mission of serving the needy and to be added to our email distribution.

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

WEEKLY READINGS

February 7 - 13

Monday:

1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13
 Ps 132
 Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday:

1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30
 Ps 84
 Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday:

1 Kgs 10:1-10
 Ps 37
 Mk 7:14-23

Thursday:

1 Kgs 11:4-13
 Ps 106
 Mk 7:24-30

Friday:

1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19
 Ps 81
 Mk 7:31-37

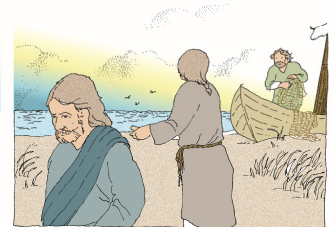
Saturday:

1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34
 Ps 106
 Mk8:1-10

Sunday:


Jer 17:5-8
 Ps 1
 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20
 Lk 6:17, 20-26

They left everything and followed him.

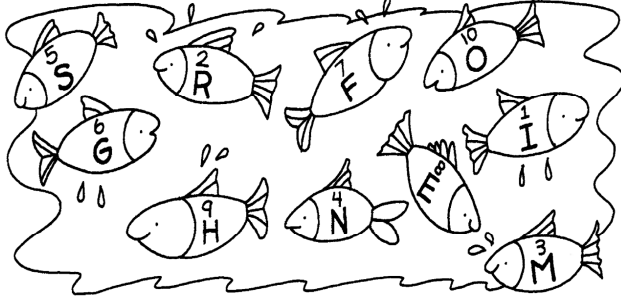


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God's Word for Children



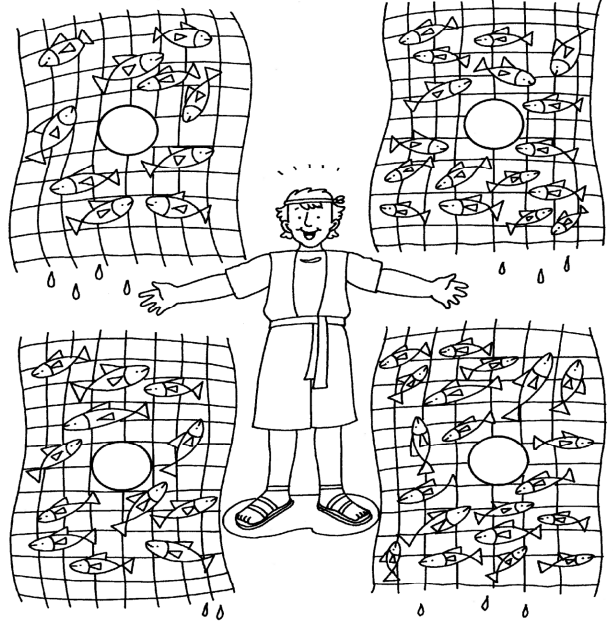
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 What did Jesus tell Simon, James, and John they would be doing as his followers?
 Write the letter that appears on each fish in the blank that matches its number.
 You can read the story in your Bible at Luke 5:1-11.




7 1 5 9 1 4 6 7 10 2

3 8 4

After Simon did what Jesus said, he caught lots of fish!
 Count the fish in each net and write the number inside the circle.



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**HOLY
 HOLY
 HOLY**

Isaiah 6 : 3

CATHOLIC CORNER

THE SIGN OF THE FISH

The apostles Peter, Andrew, James, and John were all fishermen. Many of the other followers of Jesus were fishermen, too. The early Christians sometimes used the symbol of a fish to represent Jesus. But not because Jesus was a fisherman; the sign of the fish had a much broader meaning.

The followers of Jesus called him by many different names. Some of the titles included Jesus Christ, Son of God, and Savior. The initial letters of those five words form the Greek word *ichthys*, which means "fish." People began to draw this sign when they wrote about Jesus. Today we still see the *ichthys* symbol in a wide variety of places, from bumper stickers to jewelry to holy cards. Whenever we see it we can think of Jesus and say a prayer.

A prayer called the Jesus Prayer contains some of these titles: "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me." You can say this prayer several times each day. Before you get out of bed in the morning, you might say the prayer three times, very slowly, breathing in and out as you say the words. Say the same prayer before you go to bed at night. Soon you will find that it has become an important way to begin and end your day.

Color this *ichthys* shape and fill in the Greek letters. Cut it out and tape it to the window in your bedroom or someplace where you will see it every day. You might want to make several copies and give them to friends and family and share its meaning.



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-Coordinator

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