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FEBRUARY 12, 2023

SIXTH SUNDAY
IN
ORDINARY TIME

If you
TRUST IN GOD
you too shall live;
God has set before you fire and water;
to whichever you choose, stretch forth your hand.

~ Sirach 15:15-16



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Sat. 5:00 pm † Ida & Nick Monti
 Sun. 9:00 am Parish Community of St. Theresa


Mon. 8:30 am
 Tues. 8:30 am
 Wed. 8:30 am
 Thurs. 8:30 am † Joseph & Clementina Brignole
 Fri. 8:30 am

Sat. 5:00 pm Parish Community of St. Theresa
 Sun. 9:00 am Parish Community of St. Theresa

MASS INTENTIONS

To request a Mass Intention contact Melody Marr at melody@sttheresaokland.org or 510.547.2777, ext. 120

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Low Gluten hosts are available at all weekend Masses. They are less than 20 parts per million gluten, under .002%
 Please use the presider's communion station to receive a low gluten host.

DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers, those who have died especially Dorothy Donnelly.

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

Matt Mercier, Heidi Parmelee, Aiden Farinella, Dolores Gomez, Alegria Hipolito, Betty Wharton, Juanita Estrella, Leslie Fischer, Olga Lamberti, Wendy Parmelee, Roger Baylocq, Ida Scodella, Alicia Gonzalez, Denise Moore, Diana Martínez, Susan Springer, Margie Sullivan, Joan Simmons, Badri Nakhjavani, Wendy Jones, Orlanda Gonzalez, Kevin Chapman, Diane Cerille, Ruth McCabe, Tom Wilberding, Shirley Roberts, Karen Milliman, Danny Ramos, Mark Leonard, Christopher Rodriguez, Maryanne Walsh, Rhonda Santeen, John Whatley, Bishop John Cummins, Nancy Coyne, Kevin Stallone, Della Spinelli, Jeanne Cuttitta, Susan Buller, Amy Kantowitz, Ann Springer, Guy Wallace, Ray Bertolotti, William McCarthy, Cindy Crimmins, Fred & Lidia Loupy, Rebecca Rogers, Kathleen Guevara, Clarence Robinson, Armando Diaz de Leon, Fr. Ron Schmidt, Patty Estopinal, Laura Jones, Jeff Mills, Mary Pat Power, Bonnie & John Bouey, Susan Rubio, Martin Tierney, Denise Baylocq, Fr. Paul Schmidt, Marley Malone, John Lynch, Isabella Guillot Williams, Violet Chancey, Ann Kirkman.

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The biblical ideal of giving money back to God is the tithe (10 percent), of which we now suggest that half go to your parish and local diocese and the rest to your favorite charities. If this amount seems impossible because, for example, you are unemployed or on a small fixed income, set an amount that works for you and try to give it regularly.

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BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINES

February 12 bulletin was due by February 3 (Friday)
 February 19 bulletin was due by February 10 (Friday)
 February 26 bulletin is due by February 17 (Friday)
 March 5 bulletin is due by February 24 (Friday)
 Items must be received by 4:00 pm on the due date.
 Email to cathy_b@sttheresaokland.org.

SCAM ALERT

A number of people have received phony emails from Fr. Bob and/or our principal Alicia Ortegon asking for gifts cards. If you receive an email from either of them requesting help with gifts, gift cards, money PLEASE IGNORE and DELETE. It's a scam! They will never request help from you in this manner.

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

What happened the Synod process we had meetings about a year ago? Several have asked me this question and I present a fast summary of the 'Continental Stage (3) that is now happening. If you want to read all forty four pages simply go to synod.va but here is a brief summary that the process with your good comments is continuing:

1. The Synod is on: one year after the opening of the synodal journey, we can enthusiastically affirm this! During this first part of the consultative phase, millions of people all over the world have been involved in the Synod's activities: some by participating in the meetings at the local level, some by collaborating in the animation and coordination of the activities at the different levels, and some by offering the support of their prayers: "We also express our gratitude to the contemplative nuns who accompanied their people in prayer and continue to pray for the fruits of the Synod of Synodality" (EC Peru). All of these people who got involved are the real protagonists of the Synod!

2. They set in motion urged on by a desire to respond to the basic question guiding the entire process: "How does this 'journeying together,' which takes place today on different levels (from the local level to the universal one), allow the Church to proclaim the Gospel in accordance with the mission entrusted to Her; and what steps does the Spirit invite us to take in order to grow as a synodal Church?" (Preparatory Document, no. 2).

3. Along the way they experienced the joy of meeting as brothers and sisters in Christ, sharing what resonated within them from listening to the Word, and reflecting together on the future of the Church based on the impetus of the Preparatory Document (PD). This has nourished the desire for an increasingly synodal Church: synodality has ceased to be an abstract concept for them and has become a concrete experience; they have tasted its flavor and want to continue to do so. "Through this process we have discovered that synodality is a way of being Church – in fact, it is the way of being Church." 'The Holy Spirit is asking us to be more synodal'" (EC England and Wales).

4. Their experience has been translated into words, in the contributions that the different communities and groups have sent to the Dioceses. These submissions were synthesized and transmitted to the Episcopal Conferences, and in turn, from the outline contained in the PD, the Episcopal Conferences drafted a report that was sent to the General Secretariat of the Synod.

5. Globally, participation exceeded all expectations. In all, the Synod Secretariat received contributions from 112 out of 114 Episcopal Conferences and from all the 15 Oriental Catholic Churches, plus reflections from 17 out of 23 dicasteries of the Roman Curia besides those from religious superiors (USG/UISG), from institutes of consecrated life and societies of apostolic life, and from associations and lay movements of the faithful. In addition, over a thousand contributions arrived from individuals and groups as well as insights gathered through social media thanks to the initiative of the "Digital Synod." These materials were distributed to a group of experts: bishops, priests, consecrated men and women, lay men and lay women, from all continents and with very diverse disciplinary expertise. After reading the reports, these experts met for almost two weeks together with the writing group, composed of the General Relator, the Secretary General of the Synod, the Undersecretaries and various officials of the Synod Secretariat, plus members of the Coordinating Committee. This group was finally joined by the members of the General Council. Together they worked in an atmosphere of prayer and discernment to share the fruits of their reading in preparation for the drafting of this Document for the Continental Stage (DCS).

6. The quotations that punctuate the DCS try to give an idea of the richness of the materials received, letting the voices of the People of God from all parts of the world speak as much as possible on their own terms and find resonance. The quotes were chosen because they express in a particularly powerful, beautiful or precise way sentiments expressed more generally in many reports. However, it is clear that no single document could condense the depth of faith, vitality of hope and energy of charity that overflow from the contributions received. Behind them one glimpses the power and richness of the experience that the different Churches have had by setting out and opening themselves to the diversity of voices that have taken the floor. Enabling this encounter and dialogue is the meaning of the synodal journey, **whose ultimate purpose is not to produce documents but to open horizons.** of hope for the fulfilment of the Church's mission.



7. It is within this journey, which is far from reaching its conclusion, that this DCS is situated and finds its meaning. In view of the Continental Stage of the synodal journey, the Document organizes around a small number of nuclei the hopes and concerns of the People of God from across the globe. In this way, it provides an opportunity for the local Churches to listen to each other's voices in "Enlarge the space of your tent" (Is 54:2) the Working Document for the Continental Stage.

The task (of the Continental Stage) will be to draw up a list of priorities, upon which the First Session of the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, which will be held from 4 to 29 October 2023, will carry out their discernment.

This tent is a space of communion, a place of participation, and a foundation for mission. In turn, the third chapter articulates the key words of the synodal journey connecting them with the fruits of listening to the People of God. It does so by gathering them around five generative tensions that are intertwined with one another:

1) listening as openness to welcome: this starts from a desire for radical inclusion – no one is excluded – to be understood in a perspective of communion with sisters and brothers and with our common Father; listening appears here not as an instrumental action, but as the assumption of the basic attitude of a God who listens to his People, as the following of a Lord whom the Gospels constantly present to us in the act of listening to the people who come to him along the roads of the Holy Land; in this sense listening is already mission and proclamation;

2) our outgoing drive toward mission. This is a mission that Catholics recognize as needing to be carried out with brothers and sisters of other confessions and in dialogue with believers of other religions, transforming human actions of care into authentically spiritual experiences that proclaim the face of a God who cares to the point of giving his own life so that we may have it in abundance;

3) carrying out the mission requires assuming a style based on participation, this corresponds to the full assumption of co-responsibility of all the baptized for the one mission of the Church arising from the common baptismal dignity;

4) the construction of concrete possibilities for living communion, participation and mission through structures and institutions inhabited by people properly formed and sustained by a living spirituality;

5) the liturgy, especially the Eucharistic liturgy, the source and summit of Christian life, which brings the community together, making communion tangible, enables the exercise of participation, and nourishes the momentum toward mission with the Word and the Sacraments.



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Follow the links below for auction tickets and information.

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WINGS ~ WOMEN IN GOD'S SPIRIT

WINGS meetings, take place on a Zoom platform from 9:15-11:15am, on Wednesdays. If you need the zoom link contact Denise Mollen at molland@aol.com. She will send you the link to Zoom. Our theme for the 2022/2023 year is: *"Abide in God's Love"*



FEBRUARY 15TH

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God Loves Us As We Are



February 22, 2023

8:30 am Mass

10:00 am School Mass

7:30 pm Mass, will be live-streamed.

There will be a collection at all Masses.



Please join us for our monthly
RISE & SHINE /CYO Mass
at 9am on Sunday, February 12th.
This is a youth-friendly and youth-participatory Mass.



"SOUPER" BOWL SUNDAY FEBRUARY 12TH

**BRING IN SOUP DONATIONS FOR OUR
LOCAL ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**



What do I do with my old Blessed PALMS
from past Palm Sundays?



The Confirmation students will be burning last year's palms in preparation for this year's Ash Wednesday.

Please bring any PALMS from past Palm Sundays to be added to a collection that will be burned to make ashes for this year.

A collection basket will be available in the vestibule
Saturday, January 28th – Sunday, February 12th.

Thank you!



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 Jr.

The next part of the Synod phase calls us to

“Enlarge the space of your tent.” (Is 54.2)

Read about the resulting document from Catholics all over the world. This is what we all contributed to with our meetings last year. The Spirit is moving!

<https://www.synod.va/content/dam/synod/common/phases/continental-stage/dcs/Documento-Tappa-Continentale-EN.pdf>

February is Black History Month- many celebrations in Oakland!!!

Oakland interfaith Gospel Choir-

<https://www.oigc.org/calendar/all/black-history-month-celebration>

St. Columba Celebration series-

<https://files.ecatholic.com/5559/bulletins/20230129.pdf?t=1674763961000>

Oakland Museum of California and Children’s Fairyland are hosting special celebrations honoring Black History as well.

Stay tuned! At our January meeting we talked about ways we can do small works of mercy for those in the community. Join our next meeting on , March 8th Wednesday at 7pm. Please reach out for a zoom link. Send questions to Lydia Deck. ltdeck@me.com

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**CURRENT NEEDS**

Volunteers Needed for the Dining Room at the Direct Services Campus in West Oakland: 8:30am to 1pm Tuesday through Saturday. Volunteers help prepare, and bag warm meals for our guests and serve the meals at the gated entrance to the courtyard. Contact Volunteer Coordinator, Kristen Bernal: Email kbernal@svdp-alameda.org 510-277-6435.

Men’s Clothing (casual, work, denim, and work pants, and shoes in good condition) and women’s hygiene articles can be dropped off in the Church vestibule. These donations are distributed through SVDP Clothes Closet in our Downtown Community Center.

Nonperishable, non-expired food donations: Our on-going food collections for the needy people in the Sacred Heart Parish have been graciously acknowledged by those who have been served. This is becoming a regular opportunity for us to feed the hungry, especially during these difficult economic times. We bring the food to Sacred Heart around the third Sunday of the month. Food donations may be left in the back of the vestibule in various baskets next to the “Giving Tree at any time.

Our Parish SVdP Conference meets bimonthly, every third Saturday at 9:30am. If interested in learning more about our Conference’s work, contact Judy Bojorquez at jtsbojorquez@yahoo.com to be added to email distribution or with any questions.

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 13 - 19

Monday:

Gn 4:1-15, 25
Ps 50
Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday:

Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10
Ps 29
Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday:

Gn 8:6-13, 20-22
Ps 116
Mk 8:22-26

Thursday:

Gn 9:1-13
Ps 102
Mk 8:27-33

Friday

Gn 11:1-9
Ps 33
Mk 8:34-9:1

Saturday:

Heb 11:1-7
Ps 145
Mk 9:2-13

Sunday:

Lv 19:1-2, 17-18
Ps 103
1 Cor 3:16-23
Mt 5:38-48




God's Word for Children

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 It is good and right to do what God wants. Find what the first verse of Psalm 119 has to say about this! First, solve the subtraction problems, then use the code.

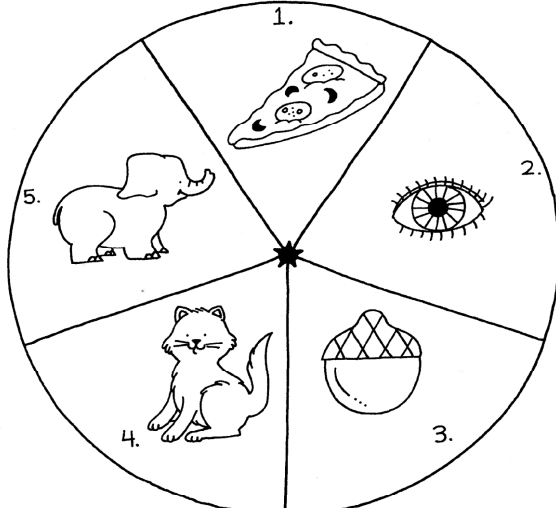
1= who **2=** Lord
3= the **4=** are
5= of

"Blessed _____ they
 11-7
 _____ follow _____
 9-8 7-4
 law _____ the
 10-5
 _____!" Psalm 119:1
 8-6



Jesus wants something to happen between people. Do you know what it is? Write the first letter of each item to find the answer!

1. 2. 3. 4. 5.



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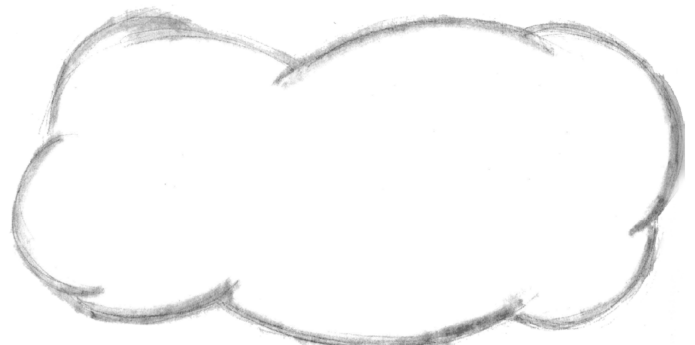
CATHOLIC CORNER

FOR THOSE WHO LOVE GOD

Have you ever wondered what heaven is like? No one really knows. In today's second reading (1 Corinthians 2:6-10) St. Paul gives us an idea of what it is not like. Read his words carefully: He says:

*Eye has not seen, and ear has not heard
 ... what God has prepared for those who love him.*

Paul is saying that heaven is something we have never seen before, something we have never heard before. It is something God has prepared for you and all people who love God. How would you imagine heaven? Can you draw what you imagine? Can you sing about it? Can you write about it? Use all your creativity to fill this cloud with your ideas about heaven. Invite your family to do the same. Ask everyone to add their own ideas.



It is impossible for us to know what heaven is really like, but it is a good thing to think about and imagine. The important thing is to be sure that we are included among those who love God so we will be with God forever. Can you name some actions or attitudes that show your love for God? Remember, God has something wonderful prepared for you if you try hard to love God by loving God's people and yourself with your whole heart.

PARISH INFORMATION



MASS SCHEDULE:

Face Masks are required for all unvaccinated people attending Mass.

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

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am

(live-streamed on our YouTube channel for the sick and homebound)

RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm

PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS:

Monday: 12:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Tuesday - Thursday: 10:00 am - 2:30 pm

Phone: 510.547.2777

After Hours Medical Emergency Line: 510.610.7715

Parish Website: www.sttheresaoakland.org

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

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