

# ST. THERESA

# PARISH COMMUNITY

## ST. THERESA MISSION STATEMENT

WE ARE A WELCOMING,  
ACTIVE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY  
UNITED BY OUR FAITH, OPEN TO TRANSFORMATION,  
GROWING SPIRITUALLY AND REACHING OUT  
TO LOVE AND TO SERVE OTHERS  
AS JESUS TAUGHT US.

FEBRUARY 27, 2022

EIGHTH SUNDAY  
IN  
ORDINARY TIME



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As the test of what the potter  
molds is in the furnace,  
so in tribulation is the test of the just.

Sirach 27:5

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**MASS INTENTIONS - FEBRUARY 26 - MARCH 6**

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

Mon. 8:30 am † Marinella Beretta  
 Tues. 8:30 am Marilyn McCabe  
 Wed. 8:30 am Parish Community of St. Theresa  
 7:30 pm Parish Community of St. Theresa  
 Thurs. 8:30 am  
 Fri. 8:30 am † Tina Bruno

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

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

- ◆ Receive the weekly Friday Flocknote
- ◆ Receive parish updates and notices of special events
- ◆ Choose to receive updates from groups you're interested in
- ◆ Unsubscribe anytime

**Sign-up at**  
[flocknote.com/StTheresa30](https://flocknote.com/StTheresa30)  
**OR**  
 Text: STT To: 84579

**SUNDAY OFFERING**

**ONLINE GIVING :**  
*(February 14 - 20)* 56 DONORS **\$ 2,249.70**

**MASS/DROP-OFF/MAILED DONATIONS:**  
*(February 14 - 20)* 35 DONORS **\$ 2,426.00**

**SUPPORT ST. THERESA CHURCH**

By using [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and choosing St. Theresa Catholic Church, location: Oakland, CA as your charity when you shop, Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the parish.

**BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINES**

February 27 bulletin was due by February 18 (Friday)  
 March 6 bulletin was due by February 25 (Friday)  
 March 13 bulletin is due by March 4 (Friday)  
 March 20 bulletin is due by March 11 (Friday)  
 Items must be received by 4:00 pm on the due date.  
 Email to [cathy\\_b@sttheresaokland.org](mailto:cathy_b@sttheresaokland.org).

**MASK MANDATE UPDATE**

If you are not fully vaccinated for Covid-19 you are required to wear a mask in the church and any building on the parish property. For the safety of all, we encourage all to continue wearing masks. The school policy has not changed, all people, regardless vaccination status must wear masks.

Thank you for keeping our parish community safe.

**PARISH MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENT**

The second collection for the Parish Maintenance & Improvement Fund will be on March 5 & 6.

You may also use Online Giving for this collection.

**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 Donald Dickson.

**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 Martínez, 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, Susan Buller, Felipa Luviano, Amy Kantowitz, Shelley Faro, and all who have the corona virus throughout the world.

**LIVING STEWARDSHIP**

Ask the Lord to flood your heart with loving-kindness and mercy that you may never bear grudges and only have room for charity, kindness, and patience toward your neighbor.

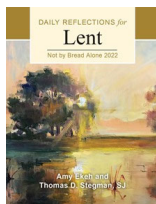
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**March 2, 2020**

8:30 am Mass  
7:30 pm Mass, will be live-streamed.

There will be a collection at all Masses.



**LENTEN REFLECTION BOOKLETS** are available in the church vestibule.

This is a prayerful journey through lent with day by day reflections on the Mass readings.



**Fast & Abstinence**

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence.

The law of fasting allows one full meal and two smaller ones.

The law of abstinence prohibits the eating of meat. The Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence in the United States.

The obligation of abstinence begins at age 14. The norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59.

**Water, Light, and Life: A Lenten Parish Mission**

Lent is 1 week away, and we are preparing to offer a parish retreat. During the Lenten season, the parish community, along with the whole Church, focuses its attention on the paschal mystery of Christ in a special way. It is a season of conversion and renewal. During these forty days, all members of the community, through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, ready themselves to renew their baptismal promises at the Easter Vigil.



As a way to enter more deeply into Lent and prepare for Easter, our parish will be offering a four-session Lenten retreat called *Water, Light, and Life*. During this parish retreat, we will explore Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman and the man born blind, as well as the miracle of raising his friend Lazarus from the dead.

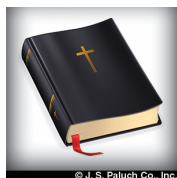
This gathering is an opportunity for conversion, prayer, reflection, and faith-sharing for you. Mark your calendars and come join us! Please contact the parish office if you have questions.

**When:** March 9, 16, 23, 30

**Time:** 7:00 pm

**Where:** Church and on Zoom (the zoom link will be in the Friday Flocknote)

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**LENTEN BIBLE JOURNEY 2022**  
**BIBLICAL LESSONS ON PRAYER**

Do you want to understand how the Holy Spirit is implicated in your prayer life? Are you aware of the need to respect the cardinal laws on prayer for a fruitful prayer experience? Have you really experienced the power of praise in your personal prayer journey? Well, Lent is the time to rearrange your spiritual furniture for a new encounter with God using the Bible. The above questions and much more are the issues we shall be tackling in this pastorally oriented 2022 Lenten Bible Journey that means to demonstrate how the Bible is the ultimate prayer manual.

Saying that the Bible is the ultimate manual on Christian prayer is certainly stating the obvious. But this fact may not be that evident for many Christians who earnestly want to pray and who seek guides to improve their prayer life. Manuals on prayer abound that Christians have profitably used down the ages. These manuals on Christian prayer are effective as guides for individuals and groups precisely because they are themselves guided by the sacred scriptures of the Christian faith. Of course, you do know that the Bible guides the Christian life. Now is your opportunity to understand the compelling and stimulating guide that the Bible offers in a specific area of the Christian life: prayer. Here is your chance to excavate monumental clues from the Bible to improve your prayer life. This Lent 2022, add a delicious item to your spiritual lunch tray by plunging into the ultimate manual on Christian Prayer in this year's Lenten Bible Journey with me, your priest friend, Ngema.

**When:** Tuesday, March 8, 15, 22, 29, April 5, 12

**Time:** 7:00 pm

**Where:** Zoom, link in Friday Flocknote

**SYNOD**

Our Holy Father Pope Francis has invited the Catholic Church to embark on a journey together. Through listening and discernment rooted in the Holy Spirit, the entire people of God will be called to contribute to a process by which the Church deepens in understanding of Her mission and looks toward the future.

**THE PARISH WILL HOLD TWO LISTENING SESSIONS**  
**Tuesday, March 1 at 7:00 pm in the church**  
**Thursday, March 3 at 7:00 pm on Zoom**

Our Synod process will gather groups from our parishes, schools and Catholic organizations to prayerfully discern and explore our relationship with our church and our Lord Jesus Christ. After these listening sessions, responses will be collected, presented to Bishop Barber and sent to the Vatican. The final process will culminate in a gathering of bishops from throughout the world in 2023.

**In responding to this question, we are invited to:**

- Recall our experiences: What experiences of our local Church does this question call to mind?
- Re-read these experiences in greater depth: What joys did they bring? What difficulties and obstacles have they encountered? What wounds did they reveal? What insights have they elicited?
- Gather the fruits to share: Where in these experiences does the voice of the Holy Spirit resound? What is the Spirit asking of us? What are the points to be confirmed, the prospects for change, the steps to be taken? Where do we register a consensus? What paths are opening up for our local Church?

**Listening Session Questions**

- How is “journeying together” happening in your local church or group, in carrying out the Church’s mission?
- What are the joys in carrying out journeying together? What helps or hinders us in this?
- What new paths is the Holy Spirit leading us to discern to grow in our journey together?
- How is the Holy Spirit inviting us to proclaim the message of Jesus Christ in today’s world?

In responding to these questions, it is helpful to remember that “journeying together” occurs in two deeply interconnected ways. First, we journey together with one another as the People of God. Next, we journey together as the People of God with the entire human family. These two perspectives enrich one another and are helpful for our common discernment towards deeper communion and more fruitful mission.

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

**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.

communion | participation | mission



**2022 WINTER AUCTION**  
 MARCH 13TH  
 SEQUOYAH COUNTRY CLUB

**Join Us!**

**Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>**

Sequoyah Country Club, 5:00 p.m.

**THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES**

**Standard ticket pricing ends Monday!**

**Ticket sales end March 3rd!**

**Get your Class of '22 Meal Kit today!**

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**Read all about the latest auction info via the links below!**

Auction Website:

<https://www.sttheresaschool.org/fundraiser2022>

Purchase Tickets:

<https://paybee.io/@sttheresa@25>

**FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION**

March 4<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am to 4:30 pm

Benediction at 4:30 pm.

**ONLINE PRAYER REQUEST FOR THE SICK OR RECENTLY DECEASED**

You can submit names for the Prayers of the Faithful for our Weekend Masses and the bulletin prayer list (*Prayers for the Sick or Recently Deceased*) online.

Please complete the form on the parish website page <https://sttheresaokland.org/pray/mass-and-confession-times> their name will be included in the weekly bulletin and Weekend Masses.

*This form is not for Mass Intentions.*

**MASS INTENTIONS**

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

**SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE (SJC) CORNER**

*"...we recall that the purpose of the Synod, and therefore of this consultation, is not to produce documents, but "to plant dreams, draw forth prophecies and visions, allow hope to flourish, inspire trust, bind up wounds, weave together relationships, awaken a dawn of hope, learn from one another, and create a bright resourcefulness that will enlighten minds, warm hearts, give strength to our hands." Synodus Episcoporum*

*"Disparity" is not part of the Kingdom of God.*

*"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 one of the consultation sessions for the Synod at St. Theresa. Listen to the Spirit and raise your voice in your church. What do you want to tell Pope Francis? This is your invitation!!

When: 3/1 at 7pm in person and 3/3 at 7pm by zoom. Look for information on the parish website, the Friday Flocknote and the bulletin.

Our next meeting is March 10th at 7pm via zoom. Join us as we plan our calendar year of speakers and faith in action projects. Please send an email to Lydia Deck at [ltdeck@me.com](mailto:ltdeck@me.com) for questions.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

Thank you, St. Theresa Parish, for your continued generous support through the 5th Sunday second collection for our St Vincent de Paul Conference's work.

**CURRENT NEEDS**

Volunteers Needed for the Dining Room at the Direct Services Campus in West Oakland: 8:30am to 1pm Tuesday through Saturday

Volunteers to help prepare, and bag warm meals for our guests and serve the meals at the gated entrance to the courtyard. These excellent hot takeaway meals are being provided while the dining room is closed due to COVID. Contact Volunteer Coordinator, Kristen Bernal: Email [kbernal@svdp-alameda.org](mailto:kbernal@svdp-alameda.org) (510)229 0793

**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** can be left in the basket next to the "Giving Tree" in the vestibule, preferably by the 3rd Sunday of the month, when low-income recipients on a fixed income run out of funds/food. This food is brought to Sacred Heart Parish where it is distributed to those in need.

**Bay Area Rent Relief**

CA COVID-19 Rent Relief is still available. It covers 100% of rent and utilities. There is no deadline, but renters and landlords impacted by COVID-19 who need help with rent should apply immediately, before funding runs out.

Our Parish Conference of St Vincent de Paul is here to help our neighbors in need, including assisting those who qualify for California's rent relief program to apply for and receive these State funds.

If you know of anyone in need requiring assistance, please refer them to our Conference.

Our Parish SVdP Conference meets bimonthly, every third Saturday at 9:30am. Our next meeting is March 19. If interested in learning more about our Conference's work, contact Judy Bojorquez at [jtsbojorquez@yahoo.com](mailto:jtsbojorquez@yahoo.com) to be added to email distribution and with any questions you might have.

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 28 - March 6****Monday:**

1 Pt 1:3-9  
Ps 111  
Mk 10:17-27

**Tuesday:**

1 Pt 1:10-16  
Ps 98  
Mk 10:28-31

**Wednesday:**

Jl 2:12-18  
Ps 51  
2 Cor 5:20-6:2  
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

**Thursday:**

Dt 30:15-20  
Ps 1  
Lk 9:22-25

**Friday:**

Is 58:1-0a  
Ps 51  
Mt 9:14-15

**Saturday:**


Is 58:9b-14  
Ps 86  
Lk 5:27-32

**Sunday:**

Dt 26:4-10  
Ps 91  
Rom 10:8-13  
Lk 4:1-13



# God's Word for Children

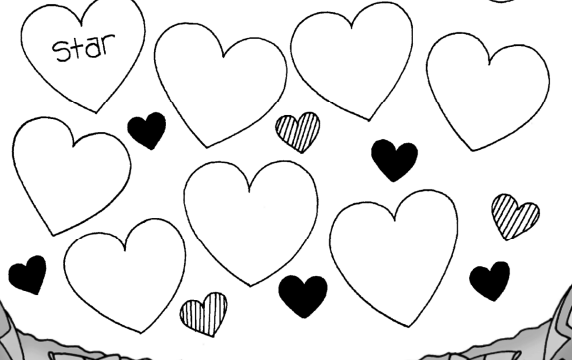


**Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

In his second letter to the Corinthians, Paul told people they were like a letter that was "written on our hearts." See how many new words you can spell inside the heart shapes using the letters in that phrase.

One has been written in to give you a start.

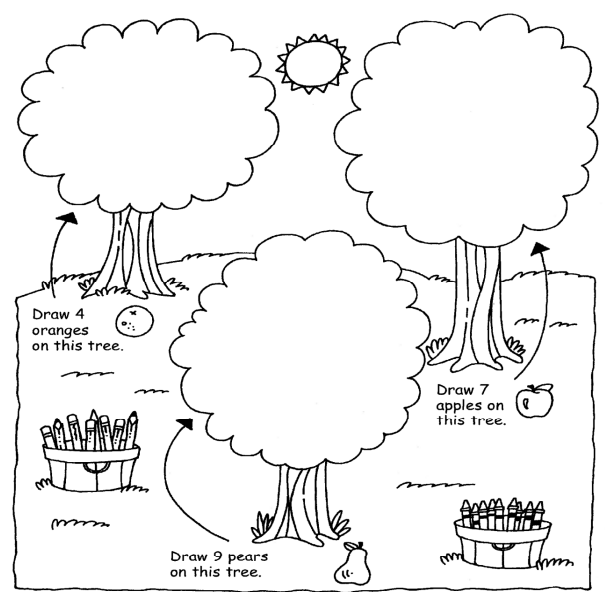
**Written on our hearts**



If we let God fill our hearts with love and good ideas, we will speak good things.

Using that same idea, Jesus talked about a good tree growing fruit.

Follow the directions under each tree.



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## CATHOLIC CORNER

### THE SANCTUARY LAMP

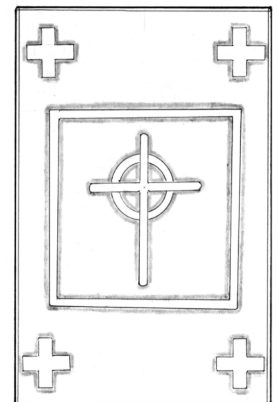
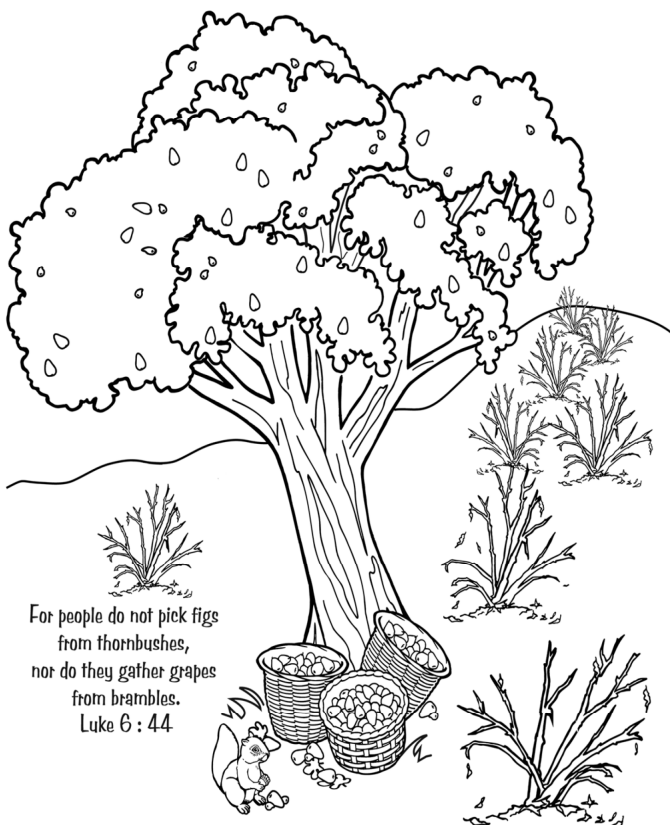
When Jesus ascended to heaven, he assured his followers, "I am with you always" (Matthew 28:20). One way that Jesus remains with us is in the sacrament of the Eucharist. We share in Christ's Body and Blood when we receive Communion. When Mass is concluded, Jesus' real presence in the consecrated host is reserved in the tabernacle. ("Reserved" means "set aside for a particular purpose or person.") Ministers of care often take Communion from the tabernacle to homebound, sick, and dying parishioners. The tabernacle is usually beautifully decorated and kept locked to show our love and respect for the Eucharist.

People also come to the tabernacle to pray and worship Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. They can do this as part of formal prayer at a Holy Hour, or they can make a visit to the church and pray silently before the tabernacle.



This real presence of Christ is indicated by a sanctuary lamp. The sanctuary is the area usually set apart from the rest of the church. It includes the altar, pulpit, and chair for the priest. The sanctuary lamp is usually placed on or hanging near the tabernacle. The candle in the lamp is always kept burning to remind us that Jesus is present.

Make a visit to your parish church and look for the tabernacle and sanctuary lamp. When you find them, kneel quietly in a pew and say a prayer thanking Jesus for being with us always. When you return home, draw a picture of the lamp and tabernacle.

For people do not pick figs from thornbushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles.  
Luke 6:44

# 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: 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](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 TK-5) & R.C.I.C.

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

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

Jenny Bruni and Keri Nims: Co-Coordinator

## High School Youth Ministry/Confirmation

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

## R.C.I.A. Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Cathy Brady ~ [cathy\\_b@sttheresaoakland.org](mailto:cathy_b@sttheresaoakland.org)

## Parish Organizations

### Pastoral Council:

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### Finance Council:

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