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# PARISH COMMUNITY

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MARCH 22, 2020

FOURTH SUNDAY  
OF  
LENT

THE POOL  
OF SILOAM  
JERUSALEM

I was blind and now I see.

JOHN 9:25



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**MASS INTENTIONS ~ MARCH 21 - 29**

Sat. 5:00 pm † Angelo & Beatrice Allegrotti  
 Sun. 9:00 am Parish Community of St. Theresa  
 11:00 am † Elsie Giuntoli

Mon. 8:30 am Parish Community of St. Theresa  
 Tues. 8:30 am Parish Community of St. Theresa  
 Wed. 8:30 am Parish Community of St. Theresa  
 Thurs. 8:30 am † Thomas H. Jones  
 Fri. 8:30 am Parish Community of St. Theresa

Sat. 5:00 pm Parish Community of St. Theresa  
 Sun. 9:00 am Parish Community of St. Theresa  
 11:00 am Parish Community of St. Theresa

ALL MASS INTENTIONS WILL BE RESCHEDULED AT A FUTURE DATE.

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**BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINES**

March 22 bulletin was due by March 13 (Friday)  
 March 30 bulletin is due by March 20 (Friday)  
 April 5 bulletin is due by March 25 (Wednesday)  
 April 12 bulletin is due by April 1 (Wednesday)

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

**COVID-19 UPDATE**

All public Masses have been suspended per the directive from Bishop Barber.

All other events at parishes and schools are to be postponed, rescheduled or cancelled until further notice.

Liturgy During Coronavirus Outbreak - Update #5

While the parish offices are closed, the parish staff is available by email and will be checking their voice mail.

**CONTINUE TO CHECK THE PARISH WEBSITE  
 FOR THE LATEST UPDATES.**

**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, Fredrika May, 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, Michael Bamrick, Matt White, Mark Dreier, Tom Sanford, Maria Gabriel Decker, Fr. Alex Snyder, Wendy Parmelee, Roger Baylocq, Ida Scodella, Tom Jones, Sigrid Castaldo, Markos Addam.

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**BISHOP'S APPEAL 2020**

**Bishop's Appeal 2020**  
**St. Theresa Parish Goal - \$35,800**

## A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Happy St. Patrick's Day and Happy St. Joseph's Day! I hope you didn't miss them.

This past week during Lent and a pandemic, two great feasts were celebrated during the past week. I hope you had your corned beef and pasta on each feast, but it is probably unlike any we have celebrated. It is very quiet out there except as people continue to deplete the grocery shelves.

May St. Joseph and all the saints intercede for us that we may quickly get through this health crises. St. Joseph protected the Holy Family and is the patron of the entire Church. May he and St. Patrick who brought the faith to Ireland, help us. Let us also pray for all the health care workers for their good efforts.

I'm not sure how many new or revised directives we will have received from the bishop's office by the time you read this, but I hope no matter what, your prayer may be constant and trusting in a compassionate and loving God. Without our Lenten retreat, stations, communal reconciliation and anointing services, Seder dinner and other devotions, your prayer will have to go on its own.

We are exploring producing a podcast of our services for those who are staying home. We do not have wi-fi in the church building and if anyone can help, please contact me. Please watch our webpage for now for updates and open the Flocknotes that are sent.

The school began a 10 day for now closure on Tuesday. We take our directions from the diocese as we are not an independent school that can act on its own. (Yes, Corpus Christi closed on Monday, but the pastor there is trying to get the bishop to let him retire!) Although they have not given us the rationale of keeping the school open this past Monday, I speculate that it is to give time to teach the children how to connect with the remote lessons that will continue. We also have several hourly paid workers and no guidance has been given on how to care for them. (If someone would like to cover their wages like individuals are doing in the NBA and baseball leagues, the problem would be solved!)

This is new territory for all of us and everyone has an opinion. I ask that we try to take care of each other, support one another and know someone will always be unhappy with what is decided. But let's do the best we can and not rip anyone down for a decision that is made. I begin to understand what Moses felt like at times when the Jews kept complaining in the desert. Bishop Robert McElroy wrote to his diocese exactly on that theme last week in San Diego and I think some of his words are worth hearing and praying over.:

"In last week's first reading, from the book of Exodus, we witness the people of Israel as they struggled with the challenges and the graces, the suffering and the triumphs, the moments of hope and the utter frustration that marked their arduous forty year journey through the desert and into the Promised Land.

For every Lent, this historic journey of the Israelites is the symbol of the People of God in our own day attempting to

follow the pathway of the Lord amidst the uncertainty and obstacles that lie all around us in the modern world. But in this Lent, in this moment, our Lenten journey has taken on new dimensions as we confront the global pandemic that will, for a time, upend our normal way of life and call us to a deeper sense of sacrifice and faith. In these forty days we will bear Lenten penances not of our choosing, the necessity of which we will not fully understand.

The great temptation of the Jewish people in the wilderness was that of fear and panic, a loss of confidence, community and trust. And in these days of spreading illness and economic losses, fear seems all around us – fear of becoming ill, fear for the health and safety of those whom we love, fear for economic security for ourselves and our families, and the fear that comes from the recognition that for some of the most vulnerable among us, this pandemic will claim their lives.

It is important for us to distinguish between giving in to fear and the steps that we need to take in prudence to protect the health and the common good of the whole of society. Each of us will have obligations in these days to protect ourselves, our families and the entire community.

The strongest antidote to fear in this moment lies in our understanding that the core issue for us as people of faith lies in confronting the question that the Israelites posed in last week's reading from Exodus: "Is the Lord in our midst?"

It is the experiences which upend our lives that most powerfully reveal our ultimate dependence on the God who created every blessing which we know in this life and who sustains us in a tender personal love that knows no bounds.

It is our bond with the suffering Jesus Christ that consoles us with a special strength as we approach Good Friday amidst coming hardships that may weigh us down.

And it is the transformative recognition that Christ has risen from the dead that reveals the overwhelming power of hope for us and for our world.

"Is the Lord in our midst?" Our emphatic yes to this question, revealed not merely in an intellectual assent, but in a living conviction that surrounds our personal response to the challenges that lie ahead, is the greatest Lenten observance that we can undertake in these days to reflect the core value of our faith and witness to our world.

It was the hardships and the faith of the Jewish people during their journey in the desert that formed them into a people. And in these days of challenge for our society and our world, we have a chance and the opportunity to ennoble both our nation and our world by testifying constantly to generosity over selfishness, compassion over callousness, idealism over cynicism, and hope over fear."

Let us pray for one another and a swift end to the pandemic that we are experiencing.





Please join us for our monthly *RISE & SHINE MASS*  
at 9am on Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>.  
This is a youth-friendly and youth-participatory Mass.

#### PARISH LENTEN RETREAT

### *Where Do You Find God in the Everyday?*

#### A DIP INTO IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY

**The Parish Retreat has been postponed and will be rescheduled.**

Weekday sessions will be held in the Meeting Rooms each morning after the 8:30am Mass and repeated in the evening from 7:00-8:30pm. Sessions will include a presentation, testimonial, time for personal reflection, faith sharing, and will end with a prayer ritual.

Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> \*

*It's All About God's Love*

\* Lenten Soup at 6:15pm followed by the program

Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>

*How Do You Nurture God's Love?*

Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>

*How Do You Mess Up?*

Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup> \*

*How Do You Manifest God's Love?*

\* Lenten Soup at 6:15pm followed by the program

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#### TELEVISED MASSES

##### ENGLISH MASSES

##### Holy Mass at Casa Marta

Daily Mass celebrated by Pope Francis

##### Word on Fire

Mass from Bishop Barron's chapel, celebrated by Bishop Barron or by Fr. Steve Grunow

##### Catholic TV

Live Mass from the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at Notre Dame's campus, 10:00 am ET every Sunday

##### St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York

Live Mass 10:15 ET every Sunday

##### SPANISH MASSES

##### Catholic TV

Sunday, 8:00 am, 5:30 pm, 10:00 pm ET

##### San Fernando Cathedral, San Antonio, TX

Sunday 8:00 am, 12 pm CT

**The links for the Masses are available on the parish website on the Mass & Confession Times page.**

#### WINGS ~ WOMEN IN GOD'S SPIRIT

Dear All,

Over the past week, since right after our last meeting, several of us, including the Core Team and some of our medical background members, have been very closely monitoring the question of protocols and whether WINGS should continue to meet through the Coronavirus crisis. We have received direct input from a wide range of medical experts, both locally and elsewhere.

I am very sad to say that we have decided that WINGS needs to take a hiatus until at least after the Easter Break. And we who are leading the WINGS ship right now, feel that we need to err on the side of caution rather than erring on the side of risk.

We will be in touch with ideas about how we might continue to communicate and support each other.

Please give phone calls to any of your WINGS sisters who might not get or look at email frequently.

With love and gratitude for all that you are to all of us,

Sharon and Laurie



# GOD'S WORD FOR CHILDREN!

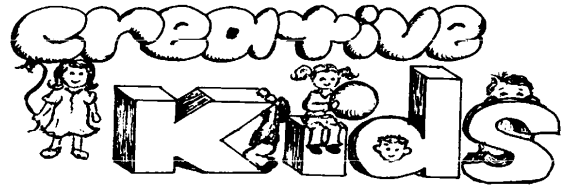
Fourth Sunday of Lent Year A

*Jesus saw a man who was born blind. He spat on the ground and made clay, put the clay on the man's eyes and told him to wash it off.*

1 Sm 16:1, 6-7, 10-13  
Eph 5:8-14

Ps 23:1-6  
Jn 9:1-41

Directions: Put these pictures in order of how they happened.



## Seeing The Colors In Your World

There are so many beautiful colors to light up our lives. Look around and find things that are the colors listed below. Write what you find on the lines below.

1. Red \_\_\_\_\_
2. Orange \_\_\_\_\_
3. Yellow \_\_\_\_\_
4. Green \_\_\_\_\_
5. Blue \_\_\_\_\_
6. Purple \_\_\_\_\_
7. Pink \_\_\_\_\_
8. Black \_\_\_\_\_
9. Brown \_\_\_\_\_
10. White \_\_\_\_\_

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**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

God sent the prophet Samuel to Jesse of Bethlehem, for God had chosen Jesse's youngest son, David, to be king of Israel. After being instructed by the Lord, do you know what Samuel did?

Read 1 Samuel 16:10-13 to find out.

Write the letters on the oil drops onto the blanks inside the horn according to their numbers.

T  
5

P  
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V  
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3 4 10 9 4 5 2 6    6 3 14 9 6

9 4    5 8 2    1 12 2 7 2 4 11 2

10 13    8 9 7

15 12 10 5 8 2 12 7

Jesus went up on a mountain to teach his disciples important things. Find your way up the mountain by coloring the numbers that count from one to twenty.

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## LENTEN RESOURCES



## WEEKLY REFLECTION

### Fourth Week of Lent Year A Living Water

**Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a**

**Psalm 23:1-6**

*The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want..*

**Ephesians 5:8-14**

**John 9:1-41**

We do not see as God sees, for God sees a person's heart. Samuel originally thought, judging by appearances, that David's older brother was the one he was called to anoint. The blind man believed in Jesus, but the Pharisees, who could see, were not able to recognize Jesus for who he was.

Where am I blind? Is there someone I have judged quickly, looking only at appearances? This week I will take another look and try to get to know and understand the person. I will ask the Lord to give me the gift of his sight so that I may see people for who they truly are. I will avoid rash judgments.

## CONSOLATION MINISTRY (NEW)

At the suggestion of parishioners, a new Consolation Ministry is being formed, and we would like to invite interested parishioners to sign up to participate. When a family is planning a funeral or memorial service at St. Theresa's, they are offered the use of the meeting rooms or the Event Center for a reception following the church service. As you know this can be a very confusing and stressful time. In order to relieve the grieving family of one less detail, our Consolation Ministry members will provide homemade baked goods and coffee for any reception and will assist by setting up the meeting rooms or Event Center, and ensuring that during the reception, everything runs smoothly and as effortlessly as possible. If a professional caterer is used, Consolation Ministry members will also assist the caterer as needed with set-up, food service, etc. You can volunteer to bake, to assist with the set-up and reception, or both. When needed, an email will be sent asking for volunteers and you may choose to participate or not, as your schedule allows. We welcome any and all to this new ministry. It is a great honor to assist our fellow parishioners in their time of need, and we hope you will decide to join us. If you have any questions or would like to participate, please email Cecile Cuttitta at [cecile.cuttitta@att.net](mailto:cecile.cuttitta@att.net).

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

**Adult:** What are you doing in your life right now to move toward light rather than darkness?

**Child:** How can you let the light of your faith in Jesus shine for others to see?

## LIVING GOD'S WORD

We pray to God as the ineffable light, calling forth from the darkness of fear and prejudice and hatred men and women who choose to live in the light of Christ. We pray God to remove our attraction to the darkness, replacing it with a love for the Light.

## WEEKLY READINGS

*March 23 - 29*

**Monday:**

Is 65:17-21

Ps 30

Jn 4:43-54

**Tuesday**

Ez 47:1-9, 12

Ps 46

Jn 5:1-16

**Wednesday**

Is 7:10-14; 8:10

Ps 40

Heb 10:4-10

Lk 1:26-38

**Thursday:**

Ex 32:7-14

Ps 106

Jn 5:31-47

**Friday**

Wis 2:1a, 12-22

Ps 34

Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

**Saturday:**

Jer 11:18-20

Ps 7

Jn 7:40-53

**Sunday:**

Ez 37:12-14

Ps 130

Rom 8:8-11

Jn 11:1-45

# PARISH INFORMATION



## Mass Schedules:

Monday – Friday: 8:30 am

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am & 11:00 am  
*unless otherwise noted in bulletin*

## Reconciliation:

~~Saturdays 4:00 – 4:30 pm~~  
*or by appointment*

## Parish Center Office Hours:


~~Monday – Thursday: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm~~

*THE PARISH OFFICES ARE CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.*

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## Baptisms and Marriages

by appointment

## Confirmation (High School)

Sunday Sessions

Year 1: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Year 2: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

## R.C.I.A.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, Contact  
Cathy Brady ~ [cathy\\_b@sttheresaoakland.org](mailto:cathy_b@sttheresaoakland.org)

## Kinderchurch

Preschoolers and Kindergarteners

9:00 am Sunday Mass

## Family Faith Formation (Grades 1-5)

Sunday, 10:00 am (twice a month)

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

Sunday 6:30 pm (once a month)

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

First Friday of the month (September - May)

## Parish Organizations

### Pastoral Council:

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