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MARCH 29, 2020

FIFTH SUNDAY
OF
LENT



PRAYER TO OUR LADY, HEALTH OF THE SICK, DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

O Mary,

You shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the Cross, united with Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm.

You, Salvation of the Roman people, know what we need, and we trust that you will provide for those needs so that, as at Cana of Galilee, joy and celebration may return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the will of the Father and to do what Jesus tells us. He who took our suffering upon Himself, and burdened Himself with our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas — we who are put to the test — and deliver us from every danger. O glorious and blessed Virgin.

—Pope Francis, March 11, 2020

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MASS INTENTIONS - MARCH 30 - APRIL 5

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

Mon. 8:30 am † Dorothy G. Mulholand
 Tues. 8:30 am
 Wed. 8:30 am † Michael McShane
 Thurs. 8:30 am † Peter Cuttitta
 Fri. 8:30 am Edna Porter

Sat. 5:00 pm † Afaf Bader
 Sun. 9:00 am † Carl King
 11:00 am Parish Community of St. Theresa

*MASS INTENTIONS FOR MASSES THAT ARE NOT CELEBRATED
 WILL BE RESCHEDULED.*

KEEP IN TOUCH WITH US

Via email or text message:

- ♦ 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 **OR**
 Text: STT To: 84579

SUNDAY OFFERING

ONLINE GIVING (March 16 - 22): **\$ 3,121.22**
 58 FAMILIES DONATED

ONLINE GIVING

Online Giving is available for anyone who prefers to donate through automatic draft for their Sunday Offering, Building Maintenance and Second Collections.

Go to: <https://giving.parishsoft.com/sttheresaokland> to sign up. Contact Cathy Brady with any questions. cathy_b@sttheresaokland.org, 547.2777, ext. 126.

BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINES

March 29 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)
 April 19 bulletin is due by April 10 (Friday)

Items must be received by 4:00 pm on the due date.
 Email to 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 phone and email.

**CONTINUE TO CHECK THE PARISH WEBSITE,
 FACEBOOK, AND SIGN-UP FOR FLOCKNOTE
 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 Bayloq, Ida Scodella, Tom Jones, Sigrid Castaldo, Markos Addam.

LIVING STEWARDSHIP

FOR YOURSELF: Make a will. Plan your own funeral.

FOR SOMEONE YOU KNOW: Call a dying or grieving person. Listen to them, pray with them, be a simple comforting presence.

FOR YOUR PARISH COMMUNITY: Volunteer for the parish Consolation Ministry or volunteer to contact someone who has requested assistance.

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A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Do you miss us yet? We certainly are missing all of you!

This past Sunday, I sat in the church through what would have been the normal time for the 9am Mass and only one other person was in the church to pray. Congratulations on listening and adhering to the guidelines that have been issued to try to keep the deadly virus among us from spreading, but it is unlike any other time.

At this point we are hearing rumblings that all services for Holy Week (just two weeks away) will not be open to all and school closures will continue.

Please keep opening the Flocknote we send out with the latest updates. We are already discussing whether we will have to move First Communion dates and Confirmation. They will happen, but maybe not in the way we have planned.

Many are finding comfort in watching Mass on TV. Our next parish over in Berkeley, Holy Spirit is livestreaming Mass every day. Calnewman.org is the place to find them as well as many other possibilities that are mentioned on our parish website. We are behind in our technology. We have not been able to successfully get Wi-Fi in the church building proper. The well-built, thick floor and walls prevent signals from coming up from STEP. If anyone can help us with this and livestreaming, the whole parish will be appreciative. My goal is to be able to livestream our Holy Week services to any of you who wish to view it.

A few of our parishioners were identified over Christmas time who might need someone to check on their welfare or just let them know that someone is thinking about them and can help if a need arises. Several of the volunteers who did this over Christmas have again checked on those same individuals over the past few days. If you know of anyone else, we should be contacting, please leave a message at the parish office.

As I wrote in the recent Flocknote, be in touch with each other by phone, email and text. It will help all get through this time. And be loving, constructive and caring. This is not the time to tear someone or something apart. Not many were prepared for this and yes there is always a better way to do something, but I hope some of the criticisms that seem to flow in our parking lot sometimes could also be quarantined for the duration of this exceptional time.

There are also needs in the fuller community. Very quickly, school parents suggested that the masks that are in our disaster bin and were purchased at the time when smoke from the fires north of us were pouring into our air, be donated to those who are running short. 1500 masks were donated to Children's Hospital.

This past week, representatives of the American Red Cross looked at our event center in order to find a local space for a Blood Drive. When they decide, it is here for their use.

Do you know of any other way we can be of help, please email or call me or any staff member. We are available for you, mostly at home, but I know when there is a need, this community is always generous with a response.

Unfortunately, our parish may have the need soon. The parish Finance Council is eager to meet so we can plan for the shortfalls that are happening without a weekly collection. To those who have been using online giving, a million thanks! You are now carrying the rest of us for a while. Some individuals have still been dropping off their weekly offering realizing like all of us the bills are not in quarantine. I know some have lost their income because they have been laid off or your business

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Please join us for our monthly *RISE & SHINE MASS* at 9am on Sunday, April 26th. *(May be cancelled, check parish website.)*
This is a youth-friendly and youth-participatory Mass.

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

CONTINUED

has come to a grinding halt until the all clear message is sent out. I know the Finance Council will be contacting all of us soon and I know we will get through this, but this might be the perfect time to think about online giving so your parish can continue to serve this community in times like the present.

As you see on the website, there are many opportunities to pray for a fast recovery for all. Pope Francis invites us to pause each night, light a candle and pray at 6pm for a halt to the spread, recovery for those afflicted, safety to the nurses, doctors, first responders who are helping and for those who are simply afraid. The Psalmist assures us that God hears our prayers!

You can also join fellow parishioners saying the rosary each night together via the phone. Details on how to do this are on the website.

Pope Francis has also encouraged us to ask the Blessed Mother to intercede for us. The prayer is on the cover of the bulletin.

Stay well, be well, be assured we are praying for each other and let's start planning the first Summer Concert to be a great party celebrating that we will have gotten through all the current challenges.

BISHOP'S APPEAL 2020



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

TELEVISED MASSES

ENGLISH MASSES

Holy Spirit/Newman Hall, Berkeley
Daily Mass

Catholic Community of Pleasanton
Sunday Mass at 10:00 am (You may see Fr. Luke)

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.

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.

LENTEN RESOURCES



WEEKLY REFLECTION

Fifth Week of Lent Year A
Sight

Ezekiel 37:12-14

Psalm 130:1-8

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Romans 8:8-11

John 11:1-45

God promised through Ezekiel that God would put God's spirit in us so we could live. We are promised life through Jesus. This should make a difference in the way we live. Jesus wants us to live life to the fullest of our humanity.

Do I have the courage to live fully in the Spirit of Jesus? This week I will try to understand what that means for me. Maybe it means having the courage to truly love someone. Maybe it means stepping out of my comfort zone to help someone. I will remain open to opportunities this week and follow through when they come.

PARISH MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENT

The next collection for the Parish Maintenance & Improvement Fund would normally take place on April 4 & 5. Please consider using Online Giving to continue supporting the maintenance of the Parish. Parishioners using Online Giving can sign on to their account and select the Parish Maintenance fund option. If you are new to Online Giving go to the parish website and click on the Donate link at the top of the website. Thank you for your continued support of the parish.

CREATE A FAMILY PRAYER SPACE AT HOME

In the coming weeks, families will be spending more time together at home. One good use of this time would be to pray together on a regular basis. This prayer time together can be enhanced by creating a place in your home dedicated to prayer.

Making a place for prayer in our home can help us do what the Gospel tells us, to go into an "inner room" to pray (Matthew 6:6). Make your prayer place as quiet, uncluttered, and "desert-like" as possible. It can be the corner of a room or any unused space. Furnish your prayer place with a Bible, prayer books, cross, rosary, icons, and a candle. Encourage family members to use the prayer place for personal as well as family prayer. You can bless your place of prayer, saying:

***Come, Holy God. Dwell in this place of prayer,
and bless it with your peace and presence.
Bless all who seek you here.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.***

If you are unable to go to Mass, one idea for prayer together is to find a resource with the prayers and reading for Sunday Mass and pray those together. Check out the Sunday Liturgy Resource page on the parish website. You can find the readings online at www.usccb.org.

WEEKLY READINGS

March 30 - April 5

Monday:

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30,
33-62

Ps 23

Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday

Nm 21:4-9

Ps 102

Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95

Ps Dn 3: 52-55

Jn 8:31-42

Thursday:

Gn 17:3-9

Ps 105

Jn 8:51-59

Friday

Jer 20:10-13

Ps 18

Jn 10:31-42

Saturday:

Ez 37:21-28

Ps Jer 31:10, 11-13

Jn 11:45-56

Sunday:

Mt 21:1-11

Is 50:4-7

Ps 22

Phil 2:6-11

Mt 26:14-27

GOD'S WORD FOR CHILDREN!

Fifth Sunday of Lent Year A

Jesus' friend, Lazarus, was sick and died. When Jesus arrived, Lazarus' sister said, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

Ez 37:12-14
Rom 8:8-11

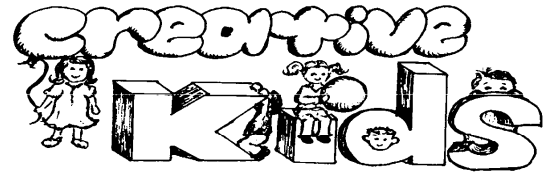
Ps 130:1-8
Jn 11:1-45

Directions: Circle the words below that contain two of the same letter.

JESUS
FRIEND
LAZARUS
DIED
ARRIVED
BROTHER
LORD

JESUS - S LAZARUS - A DIED - D
ARRIVED - R BROTHER - R

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Raising Their Spirits

You cannot raise someone from the dead, but you do have the power to raise someone's spirits.

Do you know someone who might need some cheering up?

You can help!

Think of something nice you could do for that person to put a smile on his/her face.

- Examples:
Give a hug
Read a story
Bake cookies
Share a toy
Draw a picture
Make a card

Anything you do to put a smile on someone's face will do.

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Two sisters, Martha and Mary, sent word to Jesus that their brother, Lazarus, was sick. After a few days, Jesus and the disciples began to travel to Bethany, the village where the family lived. Begin at Jesus and follow the road to meet Martha. Along the way, circle only shapes with four sides. They will tell you what Jesus said upon hearing that Lazarus had died. You can read this story in your Bible at John 11:1-45.

Jesus' friend Lazarus was dead. But at Jesus' command, he became alive again. "Dead" is the opposite of "alive." Match the other words on the left to their opposites on the right with arrows as shown.

Dead	↔	Outside
Sick	↔	Alive
Up		Hot
Cold		Well
Inside		Night
Day		Down

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PARISH INFORMATION



Mass Schedules:

ALL PUBLIC MASS ARE SUSPENDED

Monday - Friday: 8:30 am

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm

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

Reconciliation: SUSPENDED

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.

THE PARISH STAFF IS AVAILABLE BY PHONE AND EMAIL.

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ALL ACTIVITIES ARE SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

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@sttheresaokland.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)

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