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MASS INTENTIONS ~ APRIL 3 - 11

Sat. 8:00 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 † Peter Cuttitta
 Tues. 8:30 am † Quinn McDonnell Boyer
 Wed. 8:30 am † Henry Gilbert
 Thurs. 8:30 am Ruth McCabe
 Fri. 8:30 am † Jerry McCabe

Sun. 10:00 am Carol Colby

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DUE TO AN EARLY PUBLISHING DATE THE DONATION INFORMATION FOR MARCH 28TH WILL BE IN THE APRIL 11TH BULLETIN.

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 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.

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DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers, those who have died especially Jan Galbraith, sister of Nina Green.

**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, 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, Matt White, Mark Dreier, Tom Sanford, Fr. Alex Snyder, Wendy Parmelee, Roger Baylocq, Ida Scodella, Tom Jones, Sigrid Castaldo, Alicia Gonzalez, Denise Moore, Mirella Baldo, Karis Chodzko, Diana Martínez, Susan Springer, Rachel Cecchetti, Br. Michael Gillette, Takako Smith, Jeanne Cuttitta, Melinda Parker, Margie Sullivan, Maddie Heitkemper, Lennox Peerson, Joan Simmons, Badri Nakhjavani, Greg Govan, Richard Rauscher, Eddie Bradford, Wendy Jones, Bob Rogers, Orlando Gonzalez, Kevin Chapman, Peter Chumo, Diane Cerille, Dee McDonough, Melinda Parker, Ruth McCabe, Tom Wilberding, Suzette Logan, Carol Colby, Shirley Roberts and all who have the corona virus throughout the world.

LIVING STEWARDSHIP

Read the Easter story together on Easter Sunday before dinner, and enjoy the cookies for dessert.

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MASS INTENTIONS

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

BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINES

April 4 bulletin, was due by March 24 (Wednesday)
 April 11 bulletin, was due by April 1 (Thursday)
 April 18 bulletin, is due by April 9 (Friday)
 April 25 bulletin, is due by April 16 (Friday)

Items must be received by 4:00 pm on the due date.
 Email to cathy_b@sttheresaoakland.org.



Bishop's Appeal 2021

St. Theresa Parish Goal - \$35,800

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

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

Happy Easter to one and all. Our Christian journey has once again travelled through Lent and Holy Week, the Lord's washing of feet and the institution for us of the Eucharist, his suffering and brutal death on the cross to this great feast. Jesus has conquered death. We celebrate that where he has gone, we too may be with him in glory in God's Kingdom.

Like Lent which passed through forty days, Easter is so important to us as Christians that we celebrate it every Sunday again, but at this time over a special fifty days.

I want to thank all who made our Lent under confinement a special and uniting experience. I am especially grateful to Paul Canales who made six soups that warmed our hearts and souls. A million thanks to Fr. Ngema and Deacon Zach who preached the scriptures as a study time and retreat experience. I again thank Cathy Brady, Jenny Bruni and so many volunteers who have made sure a live stream of Sunday Mass and Holy Week could come into our homes and made sure we took care of each other with the Covid precautions in place for walk up Communion or when we began to come back into the church for Mass.

This Easter brings brighter times than a year ago. Let us thank the Lord and ask that we never have to go back to such restrictions again!

A good priest friend wrote words about today that I think are worth sharing.:

"I was so happy when the president announced that there will be enough Covid vaccines for every adult in the United States by the end of May. I wanted to dance for joy. Earlier it was predicted that that would not happen until the end of July.

New life is beginning for us all. I say 'new life' because we will not be going back to things as they were before Covid. There is no way we can go through a world-wide pandemic with millions infected, two and half million dead, and half a million of those who died in the United States (the most deaths in the world). This crisis has forever changed us. However, the pandemic is an opportunity for us.

Pope Francis in his book *Let Us Dream Together* says this crisis moment is a time to rethink our priorities and dream big. How would we like the world to look? For Christians, the answer is we want the world to look

more like Jesus and his Kingdom of Peace. Francis writes, "God asks us to dare to create something new. We cannot return to the false securities of the political and economic systems we had before the crisis... We need to slow down, take stock, and design better ways of living together on this earth."



Francis' view is rooted in our Easter faith—the mystery of Christ's dying and transformation in the resurrection. The resurrection is not the equivalent to resuscitating a dead Jesus back to life. The historical person who wandered first century Palestine, the Jesus of history, died. But he is raised up, anointed as the universal Christ. Christ's dying and transformation is the pattern for all creation. We die to the way things are, so that we can rise to the life of what shall be. We as Christians know we must die so we can assume our new identity as other Christs.

That is the meaning of our Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist—the Easter Sacraments. We and the earth are not finished being created. The earth was not given to us complete like a package, or something to be locked away. No, we are co-creators with God in furthering creation. The transformation of resurrection is the next stage in our development. We cannot look backward but always look to the future. Until we and all creation come to look like the mercy of Christ, we are not finished. Our destiny is Christ!

We are in the process of unprecedented change. For the Christian 'Resurrection' is another word for 'positive change' and moving more and more to the potential and perfection God has planted in us. We only tend to see that in the long run. In the short run it looks like death. But as one of our prayers for a funeral proclaims, "Lord, for your faithful people life is not ended, it is merely changed." May we eagerly go forward to welcome our ongoing transformation into the Risen Christ!"

Christ is risen! Alleluia! Blessings to you and yours in this Holy Season! Thank you for your continuing support! Thank you for being part of the Body of Christ that longs for a world where no one will be homeless or hungry, where racism in every form will be banished, where we will be with one another in Christ's glory!

Join us for our Easter Services in person or live-streamed on Facebook!

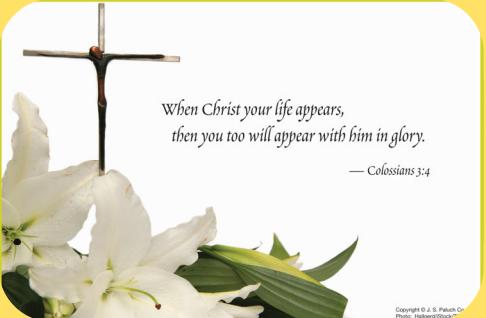
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Walk-Up Holy Communion will be available after all Masses for 15 minutes.



Easter Vigil
Mass
April 3rd
8:00 pm

A reservation is not needed to attend the Easter Vigil.



Easter
Sunday
Mass
April 4th
9:00 am
&
11:00 am

Reservations are required for both Easter Sunday Masses.

We will make every effort to seat all that come for Mass. Those who show up without a seat reservation will be placed in a standby line and will be seated if the church capacity has not been met.

The 11:00 am Mass will not be live-streamed.



Thank you to all the volunteers who assisted with all the Holy Week services. Lectors, Cantors, Ushers, Check-In teams, Set-Up teams, Walk-Up Holy

Communion teams, Videographer. Your ongoing support of the parish is greatly appreciated.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Oakland's Society of St. Vincent de Paul's Community Center is in need of donations of men's clothing for their Clothing Closet, especially men's casual pants. The Community Center provides for those struggling with homelessness, addiction, joblessness and mental health challenges with free meals, showers, clean clothing and a place to rest and learn about available resources for their specific needs.



If you are cleaning out closets and have gently worn clothes to donate, especially men's casual pants, please call or text us to arrange a pick up:

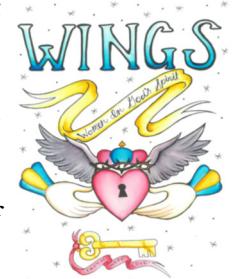
Greg Govan 510-547-0911

Monique Baylocq 510-206-6598

The St. Theresa Conference of St. Vincent de Paul thanks you for your continued generosity and compassion for our brothers and sisters in need.

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.



"Strength for the Journey"

APRIL 7TH

EASTER BREAK

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE CORNER*“I have seen the Lord.”*

St. Mary Magdalene on Easter morning

Where have you seen the Lord? Where do you see Him daily?

We recently celebrated the Feast day of St. Oscar Romero who said “ We know that every effort to improve society, above all when society is so full of injustice and sin, is an effort that God blesses.”

May God bless us as we go forward to meet God and to find Him in others.

Consider not only what is happening in Oakland but also around the world. The CRS rice bowl project gave us a small picture of what that looks like. I encourage you to look closely at Catholic Relief Services website and also organizations like Doctors without Borders to get a small glimpse of those suffering around the world. There are so many displaced people in Syria, Venezuela, S.Sudan, Yemen, Central America, Mexico and the list goes on.

Think about how the CRS rice bowl calls us to think about our global family not just during Lent but through the year. During this Easter time let us pray for what our baptism really calls us to...”feed my sheep.”

Our next Social Justice Committee meeting will be April 8th at 7pm. Join us as we think about new projects. RSVP to Lydia Deck at ltdeck@me.com and I will send you a link.

ST. T'S SUNDAY SUPPER

MAY 2ND ~~~~~ 4:00-5:00 PM

ST. T'S SUNDAY SUPPER A VIRTUAL COMMUNITY FUNDRAISING EVENT

Please mark your calendars and plan to join our St. Theresa Community for an online event celebrating the extraordinary accomplishments of the past year and looking ahead to brighter days when we are all back together on campus.



The event will be hosted by Emily Quinn, Emcee and auctioneer, Oakland-based mom, and all-around fun personality. Our virtual program will feature appearances by St. Theresa School and Diocese leadership and will recognize the tremendous work our teachers, administration and families have done to educate our children despite this year's challenges. We will honor our upcoming eighth grade graduates and finally, raise money to support our school through a virtual paddle raise appeal and limited live virtual auction (pending donations). You are invited to register for this live virtual program beginning March 31st on our website, <https://paybee.io/@sttheresa>

April 19th – May 10th - Online Giving Opportunities Are Live!

- Buy your **free dress passes** for the 2021-2022 school year
- Purchase a **Black and White portrait** of your student(s)
- Sign up for **Virtual Pay to Play** parties
- Sign your kiddos up for **Virtual Teacher Treats**
- Bid on one or more fabulous **Gift Baskets** provided by each class
- **A Great Escape!** Bid on a fantastic silent auction escape item, donated by St. Theresa families
- Put your order in for our **St. Theresa Community Cookbook**
- Just in the giving mood? Submit a **tax-deductible donation** via our event website.

You can purchase your **Sweepstakes (aka Raffle)** tickets **NOW!**

For general program questions, please contact the event chairs and check out our website for more info.

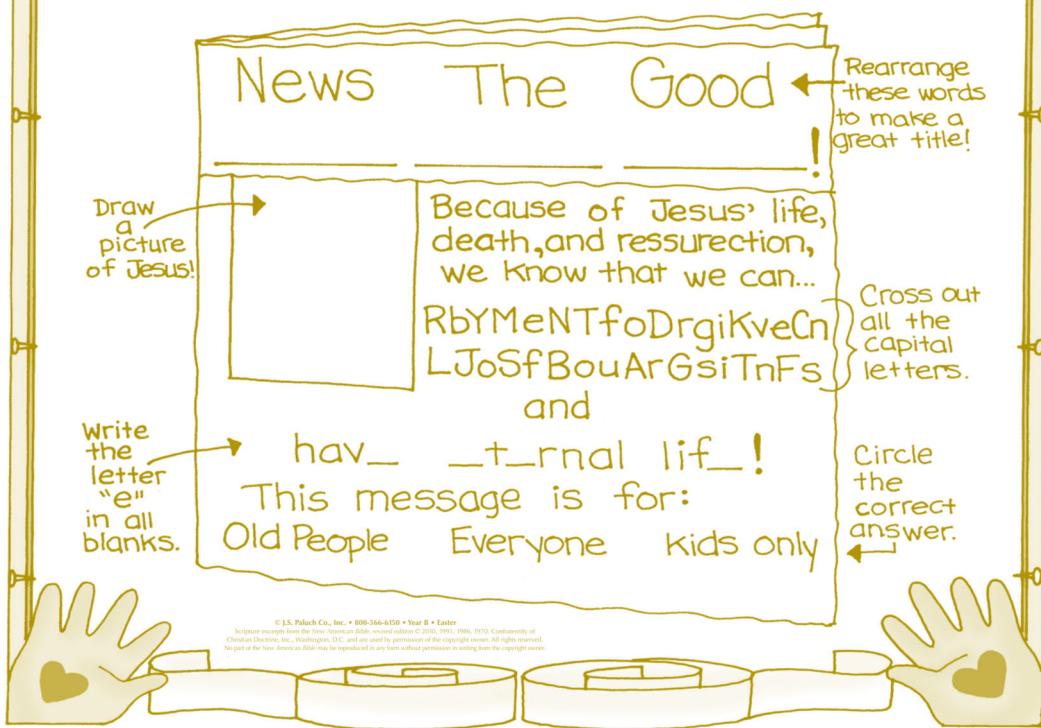
Sophia Kassab, Co-Chair, so.campodonico@gmail.com & Jennie Coyle, Co-Chair, jenniecoyle@comcast.net

God's Word for Children



Easter Jesus is risen!

The Resurrection means many things for us.
Follow the instructions to make a newspaper that explains some of what this holy day is all about.



ONLINE PRAYER REQUEST FOR THE SICK OR DECEASED

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

Please complete the form on the parish website page Prayer/Mass & Confession Time, their name will be included in the weekly bulletin and our Sunday live-stream Mass.

This form is not for Mass Intentions.

VOLUNTEER TO HELP AT PUBLIC MASSES

Your assistance is needed at our weekend Mass. All the information on how to volunteer and the various options can be found on the parish website at: <https://sttheresaokland.org/reopening>

PRAYER FOR A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,

Come spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you as if you were already there And unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

WEEKLY READINGS

April 5 - 11

Monday:

Acts 2:14, 22-23
Ps 16
Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday:

Acts 2:36-41
Ps 33
Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday:

Acts 3:1-10
Ps 105
Lk 24:13-35

Thursday:

Acts 3:11-26
Ps 8
Lk 24:35-48

Friday:

Acts 4:1-12
Ps 118
Jn 21:1-14

Saturday:

Acts 4:13-21
Ps 118
Mk 16:9-15

Sunday:

Acts 4:32-35
Ps 118
1 Jn 5:1-6
Jn 20:19-3

PARISH INFORMATION



Mass Schedules:

Weekday: 8:30 am

Sunday: 10:00 am

[reservation required for Sunday public Mass]

Live-Streamed on Facebook

**Walk-Up Holy Communion
following Mass**

Reconciliation: *(call for an appointment)*

Parish Center Office Hours:

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

THE PARISH OFFICES ARE CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

**THE PARISH STAFF IS AVAILABLE BY PHONE AND EMAIL
DURING OFFICE HOURS.**

Phone: 510.547.2777

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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

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