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MASS INTENTIONS - APRIL 11 - 19

Sat. 8:00 pm Parish Community of St. Theresa
 Sun. 10:00 am Parish Community of St. Theresa

Mon. 8:30 am † Ida Monti & Tina Bruno
 Tues. 8:30 am †
 Wed. 8:30 am †
 Thurs. 8:30 am †
 Fri. 8:30 am Special Intention

Sun. 10:00 am † Bridget Connoll7 and Mary Faherty

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

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Via email or text message:

- ♦ Receive parish updates and notices of special events
- ♦ Choose to receive updates from groups you're interested in
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Sign-up at flocknote.com/StTheresa30 **OR**
 Text: STT To: 84579

SUNDAY OFFERING

**DUE TO AN EARLY PUBLISHING DATE THE DONATION
 INFORMATION FOR APRIL 5TH WILL BE IN THE APRIL
 19TH BULLETIN.**

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.*

BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINES

April 12 bulletin is due by April 3 (Friday)
 April 19 bulletin is due by April 10 (Friday)
 April 26 bulletin is due by April 17 (Friday)
 May 3 bulletin is due by April 24(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 have been postponed, 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, all who have the corona virus throughout the world.

LIVING STEWARDSHIP

Take time to serve someone with physical, emotional, or learning challenges. When Shelter-In-Place is at an end; teach an adult to read, take someone wheelchair-bound out for a ride, record books for the blind, give parents of a disabled child a "time-out."

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LIVING GOD'S WORD

It's been said that it takes a village to raise a child. I'd rather say it takes a community of faith to raise a believer. It's how we come to faith and stay in faith .

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A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

CHRIST IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!

It has been the oddest Holy Week and Easter that you and I have ever experienced and hopefully will ever experience. But the joy and promise of Easter is that one day soon, it will be alright.

“Everything will be all right in the end. If it’s not all right, it is not yet the end.” This is a quote from the film *The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel*. The words are spoken by the narrator at the end of the story. The film is about elderly British subjects who go to live in India because it is more affordable. There they develop into a community that transcends their various backgrounds, religion, or no religion and even extends to their host Indian culture. It is a marvelous film. “Everything will be alright” is a lyric in many songs, a line in many plays and movies, a word of comfort to parents to an upset child. I pray it is the reality we all will soon experience!

The sentiment “that in the end everything will be all right” embodies the Easter message. The Resurrection is more than a one-time event that happened to Jesus to prove that he is the Son of God. Rather the Resurrection of Jesus Christ is a pattern that is part of creation.

God is embedded in creation, so creation is the first incarnation (enfleshment) of God. In the person of Jesus, Christians profess that God was united through another incarnation with a human person. That person, Jesus, died on the cross but was raised up as Christ and Lord. The Spirit which united Jesus with God is always with us. God never dies. So if God is embedded in creation nothing can die forever. And nothing good can really die!

St Paul presents the Resurrection as a general principle of all reality. It is the pattern of our cosmos. We see it reflected when spring follows winter. Resurrection is another word for transformation that is a positive change. Anyone

who holds on to unexplainable hope believes in resurrection whether they are formally Christians or not.



In the creed we say that we believe in “the resurrection of the body.” That means our bodies too, not just the body of Jesus. As in him so it is in all of us! If matter is inhabited by God, then somehow matter is also eternal. St Gregory Palamas put it specifically, “God revealed the Christ [in Jesus] so that humanity could never be separated from the pattern that he portrayed.” That pattern is the undying hope that love is stronger than death. In the end it is going to be all right.

We write to you during the time of this pandemic. We do not know how long it will last. But we trust that in the end it is going to be all right. In the meantime, even if we have to maintain social distance, wear protective gear when we go out, self-quarantine ourselves if we feel ill, let us renew the bonds of affection that unite us as members of the risen body of Christ. Let us hold each other up in prayer and let us look after one another’s needs. Let us call, Facetime, or Facebook each other. May we always be united in love!

We realize that this time may be financially difficult for many. Please do not forget to support our St Theresa Parish so we can continue our mission to serve. You can go online to our parish website to sign-up for online giving or make a one-time donation. We cannot do this without your ongoing support.

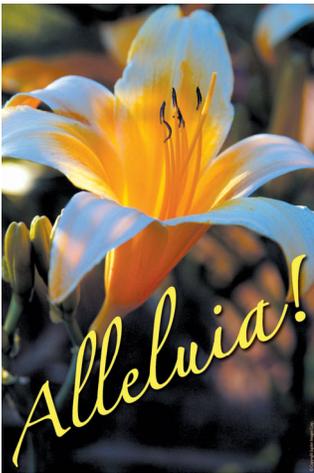
Christ is risen! Joy and peace to you and yours in Holy Season! You know in honor of my grandmother who came a long time ago to the United States from Lithuania that I shout, ‘Christ is risen!’ in Church each Easter. I keep shouting until I think you as a

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A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR*CONTINUED*

congregation have shouted it back with belief and enthusiasm. I long for the Sunday when you all will return and will wait to shout until that occurs.

In the meantime, be assured I remember you at each Mass I celebrate and I invite you to join me in prayer for all who are infected, for all who are afraid, for all who are near death or will die, for all who grieve, for all who respond especially the first responders, nurses, doctors, researchers and volunteers who step up to try a medicine or vaccine. Let us pray for these and all our other needs in union with each other as a parish though separated for now. Even though we celebrate Easter, Lent seems to continue this year. Let's plan a big party when we can again be together and proclaim Christ is risen! Alleluia!

*Join us for our Easter Services!*

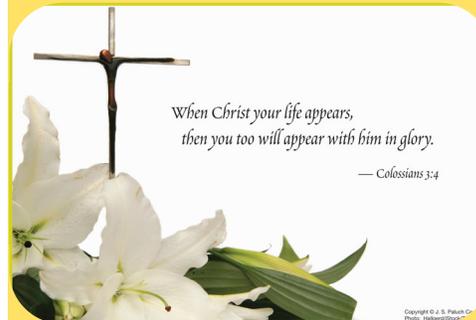
All services will be Live-streamed on our Facebook page

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once on Facebook click on Videos



**Easter Vigil
Mass
April 11th**

8:00 pm



**Easter
Sunday
Mass
April 12th**

10:00 am



THANK YOU and WELL DONE
Confirmation Families, Year I and Year III!

At the beginning of the school year, our Confirmation group had committed to preparing and serving Sunday Lunch to homeless and low-income seniors at St. Mary's Center in Oakland. Due to the shelter-in-place and social distancing, our plans needed to be altered... we were not going to back out of our service and we know that now more than ever we **NEED** and are **CALLED** to serve.

On Sunday, April 5th, Palm Sunday, the Confirmation group purchased and delivered a delicious warm lunch for 30 people at St. Mary's Center. The Confirmation families generously gave to cover the costs of this and we delivered a catered meal from Cactus Taqueria. So, not only did we feed and share love with those in need, we supported a local business that is probably also dealing with challenges.

Many thanks and sincere gratitude to all who gave, financially and through prayers, for the success of our service!



YOU ARE LOVED NO MATTER WHAT

For I am convinced that
neither arguing nor defiance,
neither sibling conflict nor disrespect,
neither bad grades nor failure,
neither whining nor lying,
neither forgetfulness nor messes,
nor any other misbehavior
will be able to separate you
from my love,
or from God's amazing love .



ROMANS 8:38-39
ADAPTED BY CONNECTED FAMILIES

FOUR SIMPLE WAYS TO CELEBRATE HOLY WEEK AT HOME

CREATE A SIMPLE PRAYER SPACE IN YOUR HOME, AND GATHER THERE TO PRAY.

- ✦ **Holy Thursday:** Bake bread for sharing at dinner; make a ritual of stripping the dinner table of all cloths and decorations after dinner.
- ✦ **Good Friday:** Pray the Stations of the Cross at 3 p.m.
- ✦ **Holy Saturday:** In the morning, read Psalm 64 and break your Good Friday fast solemnly with a simple meal.
- ✦ **Easter Sunday:** Dress up the dinner table again. Include candles and crosses, so that the candy baskets aren't the only festive items present. Sing Alleluia and read the Easter Gospel (Matthew 28:1-10) with solemnity and joy.

Look online for other suggestions for praying together as a family at home, to deepen and enrich your experience at this time of social isolation.

WEEKLY READINGS

April 13 - 19

Monday:

Acts 2:14, 22-33
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 2:42-47
Ps 118
1 Pt 1:3-9
Jn 20:19-31



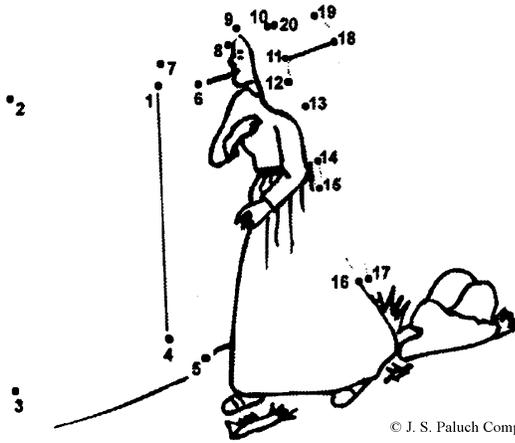
GOD'S WORD FOR CHILDREN!

Easter Sunday Year A

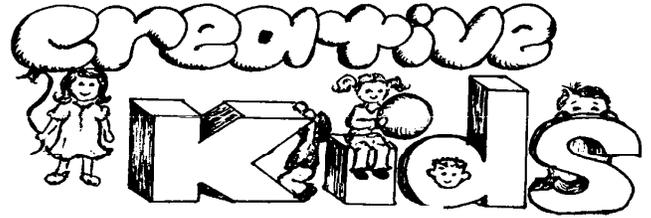
Mary of Magdala went to the tomb and saw that the stone in front was moved and ran to get the disciples.

Acts 10:34, 37-43 Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
Col 3:1-4 or Cor 5:6-8 Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 or Lk 24:13-35

Directions: Finish the dot-to-dot of the tomb.



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What is the Difference?

Write the word Easter Bunny (or draw a picture) on one side of a piece of paper and Jesus on the other side.

During your Easter celebration with family and friends today, ask each person what the difference is between the two.

Write their response under the correct word.
Is Easter about getting candy from the Easter Bunny?
What do you think?

Do most people know what Easter is really about?

Easter

We believe that God raised Jesus from the dead three days after his death.

This incredible event proved he truly was the Messiah! The scriptures promise if we believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God we'll be given something amazing, too! Use the tombstone to solve the code that reveals the answer.

3-⊖ 2-■ 3-▣ 2-⊖ 4-♥ 1-□ 3-♥ 1-△ 4-☆ 2-▲ 4-●

1-⊖ 2-★ 3-■ 1-◆ !

Mary of Magdala has gone to Jesus' tomb. But it is empty; Jesus is not there! Help Mary get to Peter to tell him the news by following the footsteps that spell **empty**.

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PARISH INFORMATION



Mass Schedule:

ALL PUBLIC MASS ARE SUSPENDED

Live-stream Mass
on Facebook
Sunday at 10:00 am

Reconciliation: **SUSPENDED**

Parish Center Office Hours:

THE PARISH OFFICES ARE CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

THE PARISH STAFF IS AVAILABLE BY PHONE AND EMAIL.

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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
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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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