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GROWING SPIRITUALLY AND REACHING OUT
TO LOVE AND TO SERVE OTHERS
AS JESUS TAUGHT US.

APRIL 17, 2022

EASTER SUNDAY
OF THE RESURRECTION
OF THE LORD

On the first day of the week,
Mary of Magdala came to the tomb
early in the morning, while it was still dark,
and saw the stone removed from the tomb.

John 20:1



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MASS INTENTIONS - APRIL 16 - 24

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	
Tues.	8:30 am	Dennis Boegel
Wed.	8:30 am	
Thurs.	8:30 am	
Fri.	8:30 am	
Sat.	5:00 pm	Parish Community of St. Theresa
Sun.	10:00 am	Parish Community of St. Theresa

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ONLINE: March 7 - April 3: 33 DONORS \$ 1,551.00

MASS/DROP-OFF/MAILED: 26 DONORS \$ 1,245.00

DUE TO AN EARLY PUBLISHING DATE THE DONATION INFORMATION FOR APRIL 9 & 10 WILL BE IN THE APRIL 24TH BULLETIN.

ONLINE GIVING

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

Scan the QR code to sign-up or make changes to your online giving.

**ST. THERESA SCHOOL**

The students at St. Theresa School wrote letters to children who have fled Ukraine and are living in refugee camps. They are writing to children of a similar age to let them know that we stand with them, we care, and that we are praying for them. The idea started in the 7th grade class and quickly spread to the rest of the school. All students, from grades TK -8, participated! ABC7 News came to the school to do a report about this special project. Link to watch the report: <https://abc7news.com/st-theresa-school-oakland-letters-ukraine/11694350/>

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS
ALL THOSE WHO ARE ILL ESPECIALLY:**

Matt Mercier, Heidi Parmelee, Aiden Farinella, Dolores Gomez, Alegría 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, Joan Simmons, Badri Nakhjavani, Eddie Bradford, Wendy Jones, Bob Rogers, Orlando 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, Della Spinelli, Jennifer Taylor, Kelly Keith, Jeanne Cuttitta, Susan Buller, Felipa Luviano, Amy Kantowitz, Shelley Faro, Ann Springer, Guy Wallace, Enriqueta Robles, Steven Robles, and all who have the corona virus throughout the world.

LIVING STEWARDSHIP

We can only put our skills and time to work for God if we are nourished by Jesus himself, who will sustain us in our efforts. Decide to receive the Eucharist on another day of the week in addition to Sundays.

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BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINES

April 17 bulletin was due by April 6 (Wednesday)

April 24 bulletin was due by April 15 (Friday)

May 1 bulletin is due by April 22 (Friday)

May 8 bulletin is due by April 29 (Friday)

Items must be received by 4:00 pm on the due date.

Email to cathy_b@sttheresaoakland.org.

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"Feed my lambs,
feed my sheep"
2022 BISHOP'S
MINISTRIES
APPEAL

Bishop's Ministries Appeal 2022

St. Theresa Parish Goal - \$35,800

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

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Happy Easter! Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

I love tulips they are heralds of spring and the Paschal (Easter) celebration. A friend of mine once told me that tulips reminded her of chalices. The cup on old chalices and many wine glasses are tulip shaped. Remembering this got me to think about two things that I am missing again this Easter time.

The first is our annual parish Passover Seder celebration which we held the week before Holy Week. The second is our being able to receive the Blood of Christ by sharing in the communion cup.

The Gospel of Luke portrays the Last Supper as a Jewish celebration of Passover (Pesach). Passover celebrates the liberation of God's people from slavery. Four cups of wine are drunk during the Passover meal. Each cup celebrates a phrase used by God to describe the liberation of the Children of Israel: 1. "*I will take you out...*" 2. "*I will save you...*" 3. "*I will redeem you...*" 4. "*I will take you as a nation...*" Each cup is a toast to the God who leads us from harsh enslavement to the freedom of God's children. Each cup reminds us to stand with those who seek freedom. As Christians, this reminds us of what God has done for us in Jesus' passion death and resurrection.

These days are thoughts are with the Ukrainian people, the Ethiopian people, people in Cameroon and Sudan and all other places where oppression and injustice continue to dominate. It may also remind us of what enslaves us. The Covid confinement definitely has changed life for all of us over the past two years.

Wine is considered a royal drink that symbolizes the promise of freedom. It is an appropriate beverage to celebrate human liberation. At every Passover celebration there is a fifth ceremonial cup of wine that is poured. It is left untouched waiting for the prophet Elijah who will arrive one day to herald the glorious coming of the Messiah.

To the significance of Passover, Jesus will add the meaning of his own Passover from death to new life. Like Moses, Christ liberates us from all forms of enslavement, but especially to sin and the fear of death. The drinking of the cup at the celebration of the Eucharist has many layers of meaning that speak to our liberation which we proclaim and celebrate each Easter and each Sunday and every time we celebrate Mass.

In the gospels, drinking from the cup is a sign of courageous discipleship. "Can you drink the cup I will drink?" Jesus challenges. In the garden Jesus himself uses the term "cup" to refer to the ordeal he is about to face. Jesus prays to the Father: 'take this cup from me, but your will be done..."

Communion from the cup implies our willingness to be a martyr (literally "witness") to sacrifice one's life like Jesus for the Kingdom. Easter proclaims our freedom from the penances of Lent and the ultimate freedom one day from death itself.



The Eucharistic Cup is also a renewal of our covenant-relationship in Christ. In the meal that Jesus asked us to celebrate, he commands us to both eat and drink. Bread, broken and shared reminds us of our unity. Blood, as the Letter to the Hebrews reminds us of, is the central sign of the New Covenant and our unity in the Lord. Our sacramental sharing in the one cup expresses this.

Paul writes as we share in his death through baptism, so one day we will share eternal resurrected life with all the saints and angels for eternity!

I have been asked by parishioners when will we return to sharing the cup and holding a seder meal again. I said we will have to get through all this Covid stuff first. In the meantime, we must forego the common cup but not forget its significance. We are called to transform the world with Christ's love.

Now we are called to pray for and help as we can our sisters and brothers in the Ukraine and all other places of oppression. It is a sacrifice we make out of love as we await the day when we can share the "cup of eternal redemption" again.

Christ is risen! Blessings to you and yours in this Holy Season! Like Christmas, we do not celebrate Easter on one day alone. It is so amazing and wonderful what God has done for us because God loves us that we celebrate for several weeks.

Thanks to all of you who join us this weekend! Your presence enriches each of us! Thank you for your continuing support. May the Easter season bring joy and hope to you and your families! May it bring peace to a war-torn world still waiting for the fullness of redemption!



EASTER Vigil

APRIL 16TH ~~ 8:00 PM

The Easter Vigil is the high point of the Easter Triduum celebrating the passion and resurrection of Jesus.

The four parts of the Easter Vigil move us through a gradual unfolding of its mystery.

THE LITURGY OF LIGHT, where the fire is blessed and we are led through the darkness by the light of the Paschal Candle.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD, where through the scripture we listen to the stories of God's interaction with the human race from creation to the resurrection.

THE LITURGY OF THE RITES OF INITIATIONS, where water is blessed, and we baptize Behzad, Jack and Cruz and receive Greg who desires to be Catholic and confirmed.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST, where we gather around our table to give thanks, and are strengthened with the spiritual food of Christ's body and blood and the newly confirmed receive the final Sacrament of Initiation, the Body and Blood of Jesus.



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Thank you to all the volunteers who assisted with all the Holy Week services.

Lectors, Cantors, Choirs, Ushers, Greeters,
Eucharistic Ministers, Videographers,
Musicians, Environment team.

Your ongoing support of the parish is greatly appreciated.

Easter Schedule

**HOLY SATURDAY ~ April 16
8:00 PM Easter Vigil**

**EASTER SUNDAY ~ April 17
Masses: 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM**

There will not be a 10:00 am Mass on Easter Sunday.

THE EASTER VIGIL AND EASTER SUNDAY 9:00 AM MASS WILL BE LIVE-STREAMED.

There is no Reconciliation or 5:00 pm Mass on Holy Saturday.

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.

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.



"Led by the Spirit "

APRIL 20TH

EASTER BREAK

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE (SJC) CORNER

This Lent please consider:

Mercy Meatless Mondays- Consider going meatless on Mondays and Fridays during Lent.

"Eat food. Not too much. Mostly plants"—Michael Pollan

Donate savings to Rice Bowl or St. Vincent de Paul Food Kitchen or World Central Kitchen which is feeding people affected by the war in the Ukraine.

Our moral imperative to act on climate change and 3 steps we can take **responding to the call of the poor and cry of the earth**:

- 1) Promote an education geared to our common home
- 2) Promote access to food and water all over the world, beginning in our community
- 3) Gradually work toward clean energy sources

Reuse, Recycle, Reduce

Walk, cycle, carpool

Take the St. Francis/ Laudate Si Climate pledge

https://catholicclimatecovenant.org/files/resource/attachment/Climate_Action_Pledges.pdf

Praying for Peace in our World

Praying for people in Ukraine

Praying for people in Cameroon and Ethiopia

Praying for people in Afghanistan and Syria

Praying of all places where there is war and conflict.

A PRAYER FOR PEACE

Lord Jesus Christ, You are the true King of peace.
In You alone is found freedom.

Please free our world from conflict. Bring unity to troubled nations. Let Your glorious peace reign in every heart.

Dispel all darkness and evil. Protect the dignity of every human life. Replace hatred with Your love.

Give wisdom to world leaders. Free them from selfish ambition. Eliminate all violence and war.

Glorious Virgin Mary, Saint Michael the Archangel,
Every angel and saint: Please pray for peace.

Pray for unity amongst nations. Pray for unity amongst all people. Pray for the most vulnerable. Pray for those suffering. Pray for the fearful. Pray for those most in need.
Pray for us all.

Jesus, Son of the Living God, have mercy on us. Jesus, hear our prayers. Jesus, I trust in You! Amen.

Donations to Ukraine and other areas suffering from the effects of war:

CRS- Catholic Relief Services

Save the Children

Mercy Corp

UNICEF

Doctors without Borders (*must make sure to direct your funds*)

Next Social Justice Meeting – April 7th at 7pm. All are welcome! RSVP to Lydia Deck at ltdeck@me.com



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

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 kernal@svdp-alameda.org 510-277-6435.

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: There are many needy people in Oakland who are on various forms of public assistance: Social Security, Unemployment, Food Stamps. Toward the end of the month, they are short on funds to buy food. The pastor at Sacred Heart has asked us to deliver our food donations by the third Sunday of each month to accommodate this end-of-month situation.

Nonperishable, non-expired food donations may be left in the back of the vestibule in the basket(s) next to the "Giving Tree" at any time.

Furniture: If you have twin bed frames, a dressing table, or a breakfast room table to donate, please contact Greg at 510-547-0911 for arrangements. There are specific needs for such furniture, primarily for senior homeless people who are moving into housing.

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.

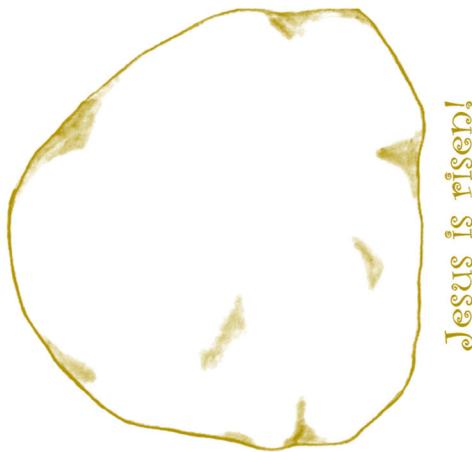
Our Parish SVdP Conference meets bimonthly, every third Saturday at 9:30am. If interested in learning more about our Conference's work, contact Judy Bojorquez at jtsbojorquez@yahoo.com to be added to email distribution and with any questions you might have.

You may use online giving to make a donation to the St. Theresa St. Vincent de Paul conference. <https://sttheresaoakland.org/donate>.



Our Lenten journey ends today in a great song of Alleluia! But Easter is not the end of our journey; it is the beginning! Our goal was to become closer to God. Did you? When you are close to God you are called by name to continue the journey by doing something important. Our companion for today is Mary Magdalene. We walk to the tomb with her and see the large stone rolled away. Many run to tell the apostles the good news and we run with her. We share our news not with the apostles but with the people we meet today. Listen carefully to the Easter hymns we sing for some of the words of Good News. Can you name some Easter hymns? Which one do you enjoy singing the most?

On this stone write the Good News you have to share.
Remember that the word gospel means 'good news'!



PASTORAL COUNCIL

Are you interested in serving your parish on the St. Theresa Pastoral Council? The Pastoral Council is a body of active parishioners that supports the goals and vision of our parish community and staff. This is a 3 year commitment and we meet monthly. For more details, please contact Paulette Tuckner at pmtuckner@comcast.net.

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.

WEEKLY READINGS

April 18 - 24

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 5:12-16
Ps 118
Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19
Jn 20:19-31



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

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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.

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Jenny Bruni and Keri Nims: Co-Coordinators

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