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MASS INTENTIONS - APRIL 18 - 26

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

Mon. 8:30 am †

Tues. 8:30 am Zeina Bader

Wed. 8:30 am † Sebastian Nelson

Thurs. 8:30 am Refad Bader

Fri. 8:30 am Sheri Wakcher

Sun. 10:00 am Parish Community of St. Theresa

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

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SUNDAY OFFERING

ONLINE GIVING (March 30 - April 5): \$ 9,306.51
95 FAMILIES DONATED

DROP-OFF/MAILED DONATIONS: \$ 13,020.00
(March 29 - April 5)
104 FAMILIES DONATED

PARISH MAINTENANCE ONLINE GIVING: \$ 1,692.80
(MARCH 2 - APRIL 5)
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EASTER SUNDAY
ONLINE GIVING (April 6 - 12): \$ 14,259.01
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BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINES

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)

May 10 bulletin is due by May 1(Friday)

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

Email to cathy_b@sttheresaokland.org.

SUNDAY LIVE-STREAM MASS

Our Sunday Mass is Live-streamed at 10:00 am every Sunday on the parish Facebook page. Click on the Facebook link  in the upper left corner of the parish website to connect to our Facebook page. You do not need a Facebook account to view the Mass. Make sure the volume on your device is turned up so you may hear the broadcast.

COVID-19 UPDATE

While the parish offices are closed, the parish staff is available by phone and email. The staff has new phone extensions which are listed on the back page of the bulletin and on the parish website 'About Us'.

**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 Baylocq, 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. 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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A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!

It was odd but still wonderful to hear the Easter Exsultet, the Vigil Readings that trace our salvation history through the scriptures and to receive so many ‘views’ on our live stream coverage of the Triduum, Vigil and Easter Sunday. Special thanks to Jenny Bruni who keeps learning better ways of using her iPhone to stream things, Cathy Brady who kept and adapted every service, Rob Cakebread for the gift of music and song with the beautiful voice of Ronnie McInerney, lectors, and Fr. Tegha and Fr. Abraham for their assistance.

It is still most odd to celebrate without all of you in the Church. You are missed! One parish asked everyone to send us a picture and they were taped into the pews where you usually sit. I am happy to do this if anyone is interested.

Many thanks to all who are responding in kind to my appeal letter and Flocknote asking for your ongoing financial support. We have tried to tighten our belts, janitorial services have been stopped for the event center, meeting rooms, parish offices. Waste management commercial pick-up has been suspended until August when we hope the school children will return and some adjustments have been made to our staff. As I stated, I will give back half of my monthly stipend as a donation to be part of the solution.

At first, we were told we could not apply for ‘small business financial aid’ from the government. We are incorporated as a corporation, as a diocese including all 80 plus parishes and schools and then makes the corporation larger than the under 500-person definition of a small business. Tuesday, the diocesan office contacted us, and it may be possible. Please pray we get a path to this government relief!

With parks closed, Hillcrest secured with chains around every entryway and yellow tape on their playground equipment, our parish site has seen an influx of people with bicycles, skateboards, dogs, picnics, etc. Alameda county has asked that we post that the site (including parking lot, green field are closed. People can walk through, but to beat Convid-19 we have to stay away from each other. Another parish in the diocese received four visits from the sheriff’s department and individuals were cited and fined \$1000. Each for violating the county order. I know this is difficult to maintain especially with the warm weather back, but please abide by this so we all can get back to normal soon. Because of this posting, you will find gates closed earlier and hopefully the neighbors will also honor this order from the county.



Here is a poem written long ago, but maybe for now:

“History repeats itself. This poem was written in 1869, reprinted during the 1918 ‘Spanish Flu’ Pandemic. This is ‘Timeless’.... written in 1869 by Kathleen O’Mara:

And people stayed at home
And read books
And listened
And they rested
And did exercises
And made art and played
And learned new ways of being
And stopped and listened more deeply
Someone meditated, someone prayed
Someone met their shadow
And people began to think differently
And people healed
And in the absence of people who
Lived in ignorant ways

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A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR**CONTINUED**

Dangerous, meaningless and heartless,
 The earth also began to heal
 And when the danger ended and
 People found themselves
 They grieved for the dead
 And made new choices
 And dreamed of new visions
 And created new ways of living
 And completely healed the earth
 Just as they were healed.

Reprinted during Spanish flu Pandemic, 1919

Stay well! We miss all of you! If you need a particular intention remembered, please let us know. This Easter seems more like a continuance of Lent, but we will have a great joyful reunion soon!



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THANK YOU and WELL DONE *Confirmation Families, Year I and Year II!!*

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!

MUSIC CORNER 1.0

When we were studying harmony in my classes, we looked at two terms. The first is *monophony*, which is a Greek term (of which we have many in music, in fact, the term "music" is itself a Greek word and comes from the Muses, who were Greek deities responsible for inspiring artistic creativity) and is a combination of two words, *mono*, which means one, and *phony*, which means sound. Monophony occurs when everyone is singing the same melody at the same time and is what happens when we sing chant. We have used monophony all during Lent (well, until just a few weeks ago, that is) when we chanted the Kyrie and Agnus Dei at Mass. The second term we looked at is *polyphony*. Poly means many and, again, phony, means sound. This is a distinctive feature of music today, regardless of style or genre and we will discuss it in further detail next time. Px.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

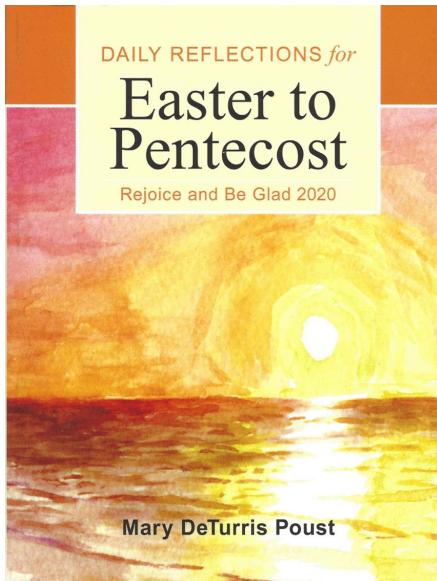
Adult: We show our faith when we demonstrate courage in the face of difficulty. What could you do this week to help strengthen someone?

Child: What could you do this week to encourage someone who is sad or discouraged?



CHRIST IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!

JOY AND PEACE TO YOU AND YOURS THROUGHOUT
THIS HOLY SEASON!



Since we are unable to come together as a parish community during this Easter season, the publisher of the Daily Reflection Easter Season booklet has provided a PDF version for you.

May this be a part of your daily prayer and reflection time.

The PDF file is available on the 'Prayer and Reflection Resources' page on the parish website.

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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FOUR SIMPLE WAYS TO CELEBRATE HOLY WEEK AT HOME

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

Families continue to spend more time together at home. One good use of this time is 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.

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 20 - 26

Monday:

Acts 4:23-31
Ps 2
Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday

Acts 4:32-37
Ps 93
Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday

Acts 5:17-26
Ps 34
Jn 3:16-21

Thursday:

Acts 5:27-33
Ps 34
Jn 3:31-36

Friday

Acts 5:34-42
Ps 27
Jn 6:1-15

Saturday:

1 Pt 5:5b-14
Ps 89
Mk 16:15-20

Sunday:

Acts 2:14, 22-33
Ps 16
1 Pt 1:17-21
Lk 24:13-35

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.

GOD'S WORD FOR CHILDREN!

Second Sunday of Easter

Jesus appeared to His disciples and said, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." Then Jesus breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

Acts 2:42-47 Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24
1 Pt 1:3-9 Jn 20:19-31

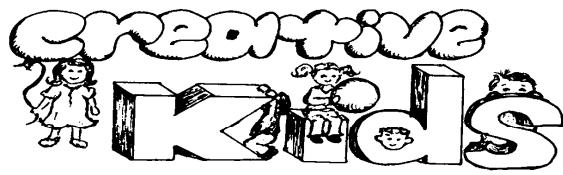
Directions: Put the following words in alphabetical order.

PEACE	DISCIPLES	FATHER
JESUS	HOLY	SPIRIT

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

1. DISCIPLES 2 FATHER
3. HOLY 4 JESUS
5. PEACE 6 SPIRIT

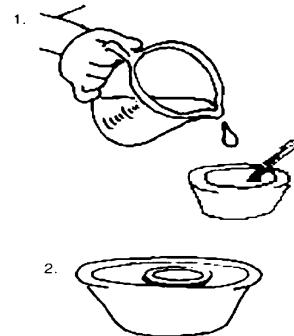
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"I Can't Believe It!"

Directions:

1. In a small bowl, mix $\frac{1}{4}$ cup water with 1 tablespoon of baking soda.
2. Place the bowl inside a larger bowl.
3. What do you think will happen if you add $\frac{1}{4}$ cup vinegar to the mixture. Why do you think that?
4. Add the vinegar.
*What happened?
*Were you right?
*Why do you think it happened?



Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

After his resurrection Jesus appeared twice to his disciples in a locked room. Cross out the speech bubbles that do not tell what he said during these visits. You can read the story in your Bible at John 20:19-31.

Acts 2:42-47 tells us how the believers lived. They took care of each other. Decide which of the letters will complete this sentence about them. Write that letter in the blanks.

T_ey sold w_at
t_ey _ad,
t_en s_ared
w_at was
made.

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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:

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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@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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