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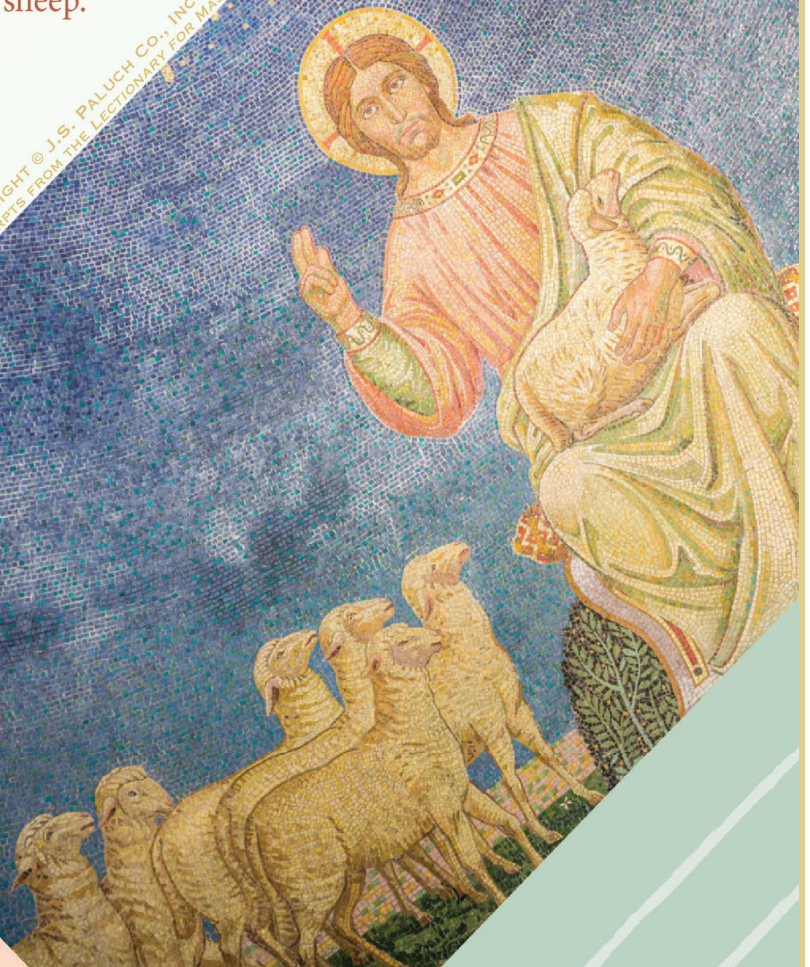
FOURTH SUNDAY
OF
EASTER

I am the
good shepherd.

A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

~ John 10:11

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MASS INTENTIONS - APRIL 25 - MAY 2

Sun. 10:00 am † Bridget & Mary

Mon. 8:30 am † Jerry McCabe

Tues. 8:30 am † Jerry McCabe

Wed. 8:30 am Parish Community of St. Theresa

Thurs. 8:30 am † John McCole

Fri. 8:30 am Parish Community of St. Theresa

Sat. 5:00 pm Parish Community of St. Theresa

Sun. 10:00 am † Fredi May

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- ♦ Receive parish updates and notices of special events
- ♦ Choose to receive updates from groups you're interested in
- ♦ Unsubscribe anytime



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SUNDAY OFFERING**ONLINE GIVING :***(April 12 - 18)* 69 DONORS **\$ 3,250.60****DROP-OFF/MAILED DONATIONS:***(April 12 - 18)* 24 DONORS **\$ 2,561.00**

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.

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By using smile.amazon.com and  choosing St. Theresa Catholic Church, location: Oakland, CA as your charity when you shop, Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the parish.

**Bishop's Appeal 2021****St. Theresa Parish Goal - \$35,800**
<https://www.oakdiocese.org/bishops-appeal-donation-page>
Saturday 5:00 pm Mass
Starting May 1, no reservation needed
SCAM ALERT

A number of people have received phony emails from Fr. Bob asking for gifts cards. Please do not respond to these emails. He will never request help from any of you in this manner.

PARISH MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENT

The 2nd collection for the Parish Maintenance & Improvement Fund will be on May 1 & 2.

You may use Online Giving for this collection, or place your offering in the offering basket at Mass, use the mail slot in the rectory, or the offering basket at Walk-Up Communion.

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 Bayloq, Ida Scodella, Tom Jones, Sigrid Castaldo, Alicia Gonzalez, Denise Moore, Mirella Baldo, Karis Chodzko, Diana Martinez, Susan Springer, Rachel Cecchetti, Br. Michael Gillette, Takako Smith, Jeanne Cuttitta, Margie Sullivan, Maddie Heitkemper, Lennox Peerson, Joan Simmons, Badri Nakhjavani, Richard Rauscher, Eddie Bradford, Wendy Jones, Bob Rogers, Orlanda Gonzalez, Kevin Chapman, Peter Chumo, Diane Cerille, Ruth McCabe, Tom Wilberding, Suzette Logan, Shirley Roberts, Barbara Wallach, Karen Milliman, Marilyn McCabe and all who have the corona virus throughout the world.

LIVING STEWARDSHIP

Are you living by the rules, but have no peace of heart? Are you looking at others — especially within the church community — and seeing them as misguided, incorrect, or deficient? Are you standing in judgment of others for their sinfulness? What would Jesus like you to do about this?

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BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINES

April 25 bulletin, was due by April 16 (Friday)

May 2 bulletin, was due by April 23 (Friday)

May 9 bulletin, is due by April 30 (Friday)

May 16 bulletin, is due by May 7 (Friday)

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

Email to cathy_b@sttheresaokland.org.

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Christ is Risen! We continue to sing Alleluia and proclaim this great event for all ages. Christ rising now gives us hope to live our lives that nothing can separate us from God's love, not even death!

We hear in several of the scripture accounts of Jesus appearing amid his disciples after his passion, death, and resurrection. His message is always the same: "Do not be afraid" "be at peace" and "you are my witnesses to the world."

Jesus wants to assure us throughout our life journey, that he is with us and he gently whispers, peace into our ears and hearts. Notice that when Jesus appeared to his disciples behind locked doors, he did not rail them about abandoning him, fighting for him, denying that they even knew him. He says 'Peace', gives them the ability to forgive sin and opens the scriptures for them so they will understand who he really is and what he has done for each of us.

The Church makes us celebrate these six Sundays of Easter and in fact every Sunday this transforming and redeeming moment so that we will have courage and believe. And with that courage and belief, Jesus exhorts us to proclaim this good news to all the world. We do this by what we say and do in our daily lives.

I am so happy that we can again support one another more in person by attending Mass and for some small gatherings that bring more support and intimacy than a zoom meeting.

As we all get vaccinated, this will become easier each week. Special thanks to all who have made the 10 am Mass possible now with some in attendance and to all who will allow us to return to a Saturday 5 pm Mass. We continue to do this together and we are strong when we are together with Jesus in our midst!

I know it was disappointing to him and all of us when Deacon Zach Presutti had to follow orders and return to New York as he awaits his ordination to the priesthood on June 12. Zach was one of the good things that happened

because of the confinement and pandemic. If we were not in the pandemic, we would never have met him as he would have continued his assignment working as a chaplain at San Quentin.



Zach's zeal for the Gospel, his preaching, and his presence for a short while has touched many in our parish and we are grateful to say the least for that. Normally, we would have had some kind of farewell to send him forth. He has promised that he will come and be with us for a couple of weeks as a priest during the summer months. At that time, a proper farewell will take place.

So far, the response has been wonderful in supporting the school's online auction like event that opened on April 19. We missed the fall event at the Greek Orthodox hall where deals and fellowship abounded. This event will not be the same, but it will bring some of that excitement and for some great bargains that will all support our school and all school families. I hope you will participate on May 2 with the communal meal online that especially supports our eight graders. Better details can be found on the school website. Thanks in advance for joining a long line of parishioners who have supported the parochial school since 1958.

I am also grateful for your prayers and happy to announce if you have not heard that we have hired a new principal. Her name is Alicia Ortegon, and she comes to St. Theresa with many gifts and talents that will continue the outstanding mission of our school to educate the whole child. Please pray for her. As a new principal there are always new challenges, but her success is success for every child in our school. Please look forward to meeting Alicia in person at the back-to-school Mass and parish concert in late August.

May God bless us with Easter hope and bring everything good in us to fulfillment.

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 send your email address to Nancy Midlin midlin.nancy@gmail.com. She will send you the Zoom link



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APRIL 28TH

FR. ROBERT McCANN
PASTOR, ST. THERESA PARISH

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VOLUNTEER TO HELP AT MASS

A thank you to all who have over the past year have helped to make our celebration of the liturgy safe, dignified and reverent. Your commitment to the parish has been a blessing.

As we prepare to have the **5:00 pm Saturday Mass, starting May 1**, there is a need for additional volunteers for the following ministries for both the 5:00 pm Saturday and 10:00 am Sunday Masses.

- ✦ **Lector**
- ✦ **Videographer**
(for live-stream 10:00 am Sunday Mass)
- ✦ **Check-in**
- ✦ **Usher**
- ✦ **Walk-Up Holy Communion**
(for live-stream 10:00 am Sunday Mass)

All the information on how to volunteer and the various options can be found on the parish website at:

<https://sttheresaokland.org/reopening>

ST. THERESA SCHOOL**A VIRTUAL EVENT TO SUPPORT ST. THERESA SCHOOL**

The St Theresa School Fundraiser will look a little different from prior years, but it will still be a community event to support and celebrate our wonderful school.

The event begins with Sweepstakes ticket sales (formerly known as the Raffle). All ticket sales can be made online through the sweepstakes website. The winner will be announced during the live virtual event.

Registration for the virtual, St T's Sunday Supper on Sunday, May 2, 2021 is open now. Please join us in celebrating our students, teachers, and staff and the tremendous accomplishments they have achieved this year.

In support of our eighth grade class, a supper meal kit to enjoy during the event provided by The Village Market can be purchased from the event website.

The Class of 2021 appreciates your support!

On Monday, April 19th the silent auction opens. There are some great experiences, getaways, and items that are available for bidding.

The silent auction will be open through May 9.

Please Join us on Sunday, May 2, 2021

Doors open at 3:45, virtual event 4:00 - 5:00 PM

Links to all the Event websites including sweepstakes, registration, and More can be found by going to

<https://paybee.io/quickpay.html?handle=sttheresa#campaignList>

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 (call)

Monique Baylocq 510-206-6598 (call or text)



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? In the poor, visible on the streets but also invisible just trying to get by? In the sick? In the dying? In the beautiful diversity that is Oakland? In the beauty of nature that surrounds the Bay Area? Above the covering of masks, in the eyes of those around you?

Consider what is happening in Oakland and around the world. Read about the Kino Border Project and its good works along the southern border. Look at the support that KIND (Kids in Need of Defense) offers in terms of legal support to unaccompanied minors.

Take a look at the International Rescue Committee, Catholic Relief Services and Doctors without Borders and their work in Yemen and Syria.

And in our own city of Oakland look at St. Vincent de Paul, Catholic Charities and the Alameda County Community Food Bank.

Remember to donate to our own St. Vincent de Paul food basket in the church vestibule and contact them for much needed men's clothing for the downtown shelter. During this Easter time let us pray for what our baptism really calls us to... "feed my sheep."

Stay tuned for our next social justice committee projects.

For more zoom invite please email Lydia Deck at ltdeck@me.com

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.

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 26 - May 2

Monday:

Acts 11:1-18

Ps 42

Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday:

Acts 11:19-26

Ps 87

Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday:

Acts 12:24-13:5a

Ps 67

Jn 12:44-50

Thursday:

Acts 13:13-25

Ps 89

Jn 13:16-20

Friday:

Acts 13:26-33

Ps 2

Jn 14:1-6

Saturday:

Acts 13:44-52

Ps 98

Jn 14:7-14

Sunday:

Acts 9:26-31

Ps 22

1 Jn 3:18-24

Jn 15:1-8

MASS INTENTIONS

To request a Mass Intention contact Melody Marr at

melody@sttheresaokland.org

or

510.547.2777, ext. 120

(Tuesday - Thursday)

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Jesus, our good shepherd,
wants to gather all his sheep (people everywhere) to himself.
He wants us to come to know and follow him!
Lead Jesus to all the sheep and then to the pasture below

While Jesus was alive people didn't realize
that he would be the one to save them.
Peter told them that Jesus was like a stone rejected by builders.
But in the end, Jesus became the cornerstone!
Look at this stone wall.
Draw a line from each black hole to the stone that will fit in that space.

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"Beloved, we are God's children now." I John 3 : 2

CATHOLIC CORNER

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

The scriptures of the Fourth Sunday of Easter present images of Jesus as the Good Shepherd. Many people think the most beautiful psalm in the entire Bible is Psalm 23, the psalm about God as a loving shepherd.

The words comfort us and remind us that God takes care of us, gives us courage, and promises us joy.

Inside this sheep are some verses from Psalm 23 (23:1, 3b, 4b, 6ab).

Choose from the list below to fill in the missing words. Each line stands for a letter, so you can use that as a clue.

Which words comfort you most?

Try to learn some of the verses of this psalm by heart so you can pray them when you need them.

The LORD is my _____ ;
there is _____ I lack.
You _____ me along the _____ path.
I fear no _____ for you are at my _____ .
Only _____ and _____ will pursue me
all the _____ of my life.

PARISH INFORMATION



Mass Schedule:

Weekday: 8:30 am (Mon.-Fri.)

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm (starting May 1)

Sunday: 10:00 am

Live-Streamed on Facebook
Walk-Up Holy Communion after 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

After Hours Medical Emergency Line: 510.610.7715

Parish Website: www.sttheresaoakland.org

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ST. THERESA SCHOOL
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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 1-5)

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