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THIRD SUNDAY
OF
EASTER



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MASS INTENTIONS - APRIL 26 - MAY 3

Sun. 10:00 am Parish Community
 Mon. 8:30 am
 Tues. 8:30 am
 Wed. 8:30 am
 Thurs. 8:30 am † Michael Sean Donovan
 Fri. 8:30 am † Ida Monti & Tina Bruno
 Sun. 10:00 am † Paul Duncan

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

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SUNDAY OFFERING

ONLINE GIVING (April 13 - 19): 74 FAMILIES DONATED	\$ 5,012.01
DROP-OFF/MAILED DONATIONS: (April 13 - 19) 22 FAMILIES DONATED	\$ 3,078.00
ONLINE GIVING (Easter, April 13 - 19): 4 FAMILIES DONATED	\$ 850.00
DROP-OFF/MAILED DONATIONS: (Easter, April 13 - 19) 9 FAMILIES DONATED	\$ 2,140.00

PARISH MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENT

The next collection for the Parish Maintenance & Improvement Fund would normally take place on May 2 & 3. Please consider using Online Giving to continue supporting the maintenance of the Parish.

Parishioners using Online Giving can sign on to their account and select the Parish Maintenance fund option.

If you are new to Online Giving go to the parish website and click on the Donate link at the top of the website. Thank you for your continued support of the parish.

**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, Alicia Gonzalez, all who have the corona virus throughout the world.

LIVING STEWARDSHIP

Make a promise to yourself to notice the goodness and presence of God in the everyday miracles of your life, however small or great.

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BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINES

April 26 bulletin was due by April 17 (Friday)
 May 3 bulletin is due by April 24(Friday)
 May 10 bulletin is due by May 1(Friday)
 May 17 bulletin is due by May 8 (Friday)

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

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.

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

We continue to maintain our separation and distance. I don't think we will ever get used to this way of life, but maybe a few will feel called to live in a monastery after all of this is over. I actually thought about a monastic vocation early on in my discernment about where God was calling me. These days confirm that I listened to God's voice and did not go that route.

Sincere appreciation continues to all who are maintaining support of the parish! Our staff has been working with great diligence and at our weekly staff meeting (via google hangout) we continue to work on ways to stay in touch with you and how we will welcome you back when the stay at home orders are lifted.

The Monday after Easter, I was asked with all pastors to submit a plan for how we will maintain staff, pay bills, and provide services, to the diocesan controller, human resources department, and insurance and benefits department. I and each member of our staff are grateful that your ongoing generosity has made that easier than most parishes. Looking at the long-range possibilities, the leadership at the diocese wants us to work on 'plan b' by May 15 in case this situation continues for a long time. Besides your financial support, please keep our parish and staff in your prayers!

We appreciate the many good comments we have received from the live streamed Mass each Sunday. Sometimes, more people have tuned in than on occasion attend on Sundays! That clearly identifies that we are all in need spiritually and psychologically during this crisis. Please check out the parish website for other devotional and educational links that can further feed these basic needs.

Easter continues for 50 days and some might question if that is enough time to understand what the mercy of God means by the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. A good friend, Fr. Richard Vega, offered this reflection that I believe is worth reading and thinking about.

"In last week's first reading, Luke's description of the early Christian community, in the Acts of the Apostles, comes after presenting Peter's sermon explaining Jesus' life, death and resurrection. The people listening to Peter ask the same question, as had those who heard John the Baptist at the beginning of the Gospel: "What are we to do?" Peter's response led 3,000 people to seek baptism that day.

During the 50 days of Easter, we hear that early Christians were an intensely communal people whose life was marked by three characteristic activities: They attended to the teaching of the apostles, they lived in solidarity and they prayed together.

This meant first that they attended to their own growth in faith by reflecting together on their Scriptures, their

experience of the historical Jesus, and the signs and wonders happening in their midst. Members of the early Christian community found themselves in the unexpected position of having to thoroughly rethink their faith traditions in the light of what God had done through Jesus. Their reflections became the "source" for the narratives and teachings of what we call the Christian Scriptures. Our earliest sisters and brothers in the faith played a crucial role in our communal history. The second activity that characterized the community was life in solidarity. Their way of being a community was a response to their experience of God among them. The more deeply they were aware of God's love, mercy, and forgiveness, the more they created practices that gave concrete expressions and structures to prolong the experience of grace they felt among them. To the extent that they knew themselves to be loved without measure and called into union with God and one another, rivalry and hoarding made no sense. The thought that some of them might lack what they needed would have been a source of pain and shame.

The third dimension of their communal life was shared prayer. They prayed in their traditional way at the temple area as well in their unique way by celebrating the Eucharist, the breaking of the bread. Their celebration of the breaking of the bread gave sacramental expression to their participation in Christ's self-giving. Saying that they ate their meals with exultation illustrates their basic attitude of gratitude, their awareness of God's grace in their life together. Luke also says they shared with "sincerity" of heart, something that must have been quite special because the word he used to describe it is not found elsewhere in Christian Scriptures.

Different translations try to convey the idea of sincerity of heart as "with glad and generous hearts" or "singleness of heart." It may well be that Luke was simply warming up here for what he would say when he stated that the community was of "one heart and mind". Whether understood as transparency, generosity or unity, sincerity of heart was an attitude based in the grace of feeling that they were called together for more than themselves.

Peter's letter begins with a blessing which recognizes that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, the merciful Father. It then says that it is the Father who has given us new birth through resurrection. Peter use of the term "new birth" refers more to "bringing a child into existence" than to the act of being born. Being begotten by God implies a new creation, a change so profound that every dimension of who we are is transformed. Being begotten anew



A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

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speaks of an entirely new trajectory, a reorientation, a thoroughly transformed existence. When we read John's accounts of the community and their experience of the risen Christ, we do well to remember that John wrote for a community that was already formed, a group of disciples who met regularly and were carrying on their mission. John tells the stories of the past to remind us of who we are and what we are called to do.

At the end of the first day of the new creation Jesus returned to his assembled disciples. They are depicted as a fearful group and Thomas' absence tells us that while some had gathered, the group was still scattered. John doesn't tell us exactly where they were hiding out, but he does mention that the doors were securely locked. Jesus had promised that they would see him again and now he appears, returning to them and giving them the peace, he promised.

The appearance of Christ, his gift of peace and his Spirit, and the mission to forgive are all intimately bound together. We see God's initiative, the divine outreach, and the commission he gives. The disciples' experience begins with receiving Christ's peace, a peace so dynamic that they are impelled to share it with others through the mission of forgiveness.

In between Christ's two appearances John simply indicates that the disciples had gathered again, and this time, Thomas was there, symbolizing that the group was complete. The previously dispersed disciples had heard enough to come together and for John it is significant that it was on another first day, the day when the community traditionally celebrated the Lord's Supper. Jesus appeared in the midst of his disciples to give them peace, a peace that would impel them to mission, a peace that would underpin a community of solidarity and mission. We know Christ's peace only when we get caught up in the dynamic of his ever-expanding forgiving love. That's the journey we are called to deepen in the 50 days of Easter."

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Bishop's Appeal 2020

St. Theresa Parish Goal - \$35,800


ST. THERESA PARISH ONLINE PRAYER REQUEST FOR THE SICK OR DECEASED

You can now submit names for the Prayers of the Faithful (Prayers for the Sick or Deceased) online.

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

This form is not for Mass Intentions. For Mass Intentions contact Melody at melody@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.

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 at least 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.**

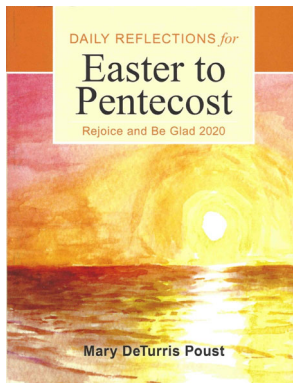
We hope you will use this prayer for Spiritual Communion when you are watching our Sunday live-stream Mass at 10:00 am or any Mass on TV or a taped Mass.

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.**

EASTER TO PENTECOST ~~~~ DAILY REFLECTIONS



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

As many have said, life is a journey. Faith, too. And journeys take us to all sorts of unexpected places, or else they're not really journeys. Faith can be one of those unexpected turns in the road that make the journey new.

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Adult: In what way have you come to know Jesus better through the breaking of the bread at Eucharist?

Child: When you join Jesus at the table of the Eucharist next Sunday, what would you like to thank him for?

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.

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WEEKLY READINGS

April 25 - May 3

Monday:

Acts 6:8-15
Ps 119
Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday

Acts 7:51-8:1a
Ps 31
Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday

Acts 8:1b-8
Ps 66
Jn 6:35-40

Thursday:

Acts 8:26-40
Ps 66
Jn 6:44-51

Friday

Acts 9:1-20
Ps 117
Jn 6:52-59

Saturday:

Acts 9:31-42
Ps 116
Jn 6:60-69

Sunday:

Acts 2:14a, 36-41
Ps 23
1 Pt 2:20b-25
Jn 10:1-10



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GOD'S WORD FOR CHILDREN!

Third Sunday of Easter Year A

Jesus walked and talked with two disciples who did not recognize Him. They invited Him to supper.

Acts 2:14, 22-33 Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11
1 Pt 1:17-21 Lk 24:13-35

Directions: Can you recognize the words below?
Draw a line to the words that match each other.

JESUS

EDAD

DEAD

ROVEREF

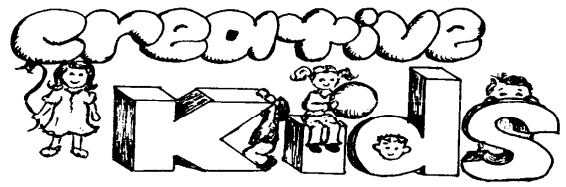
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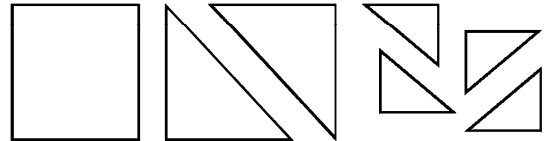
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Recognizing Shapes

1. Make your favorite sandwich.
2. Decide how it should be cut to make two triangles.
3. Now move the triangles around so they create one big triangle instead of one big square cut in two.
4. Now figure out how to cut your sandwich so you end up with four small triangles.
5. Use the triangles to make different shapes.
 - Can you make a large triangle?
 - Can you make a large square?
 - Can you make 2 medium triangles?
 - Can you make 2 medium squares?
 - Can you make 1 medium triangle and 1 medium square?
 - What else can you create?
6. Enjoy eating your creations!



Third Sunday of Easter
Follow the directions that will get the disciples and Jesus to the town of Emmaus.
Look at the arrows for help.

A. Go 3 dots down. E. Go 3 dots down.
B. Go 4 dots right. F. Go 2 dots left.
C. Go 2 dots up. G. Go 3 dots down.
D. Go 4 dots right.

Start

up down left right

When Jesus broke a piece of bread, the disciples who were with him recognized him!
Count the loaves of bread on each tabletop.
Then draw a line from each group to the same number of shapes.

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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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ALL ACTIVITIES ARE SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

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@sttheresaoakland.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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