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MAY 2, 2021

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OF
EASTER



By this is my Father glorified,
that you bear much fruit
and become my disciples.

John 15:8

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MASS INTENTIONS - MAY 2 - 9

Sat. 5:00 pm Parish Community of St. Theresa
 Sun. 10:00 am † Fredi May

Mon. 8:30 am † Ida & Nick Monti
 Tues. 8:30 am † Lena Torres
 Wed. 8:30 am
 Thurs. 8:30 am † Henry Gilbert
 Fri. 8:30 am Parish Community of St. Theresa

Sat. 5:00 pm † Virginia Cuttitta
 Sun. 10:00 am Parish Community of St. Theresa

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 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.

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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.

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 Baylocq, Ida Scodella, Tom Jones, Sigrid Castaldo, Alicia Gonzalez, Denise Moore, Mirella Baldo, Karis Chodzko, Diana Martínez, 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, Richard Nivens, Zach Barbieri, John Dempsey, and all who have the corona virus throughout the world.

LIVING STEWARDSHIP

Make a consistent effort to listening attentively — to God in prayer and during Mass, to people in conversations.

Consider carefully what response is being asked of you; then put it into action.

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BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINES

May 2 bulletin, was due by April 23 (Friday)
 May 9 bulletin, was due by April 30 (Friday)
 May 16 bulletin, is due by May 7 (Friday)
 May 23 bulletin, is due by May 14 (Friday)

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

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Welcome to the month of May! In the past I think a poem or sonnet called it the merry month of May. With the pandemic still making life different for us, my prayer is that it will indeed be merry for all of us!

One way to insure that is if we have not already done so, to get vaccinated against Covid. I have met some who say that this vaccine was processed so fast. While it may be true that the specific target for covid is recent, the technology of using this different type of vaccine from the vaccines we received for the measles, chicken pox, etc. is different and has been worked and studied for many, many years. So, the fast time to market should not be used as an excuse.

Pope Francis and our bishop have encouraged all and I do the same to say that we get the vaccine not just to protect ourselves, but to protect our neighbor from this deadly virus. I urge you if you have not or have not planned to get vaccinated, please consider it now. We can only finally rid our nation and hopefully our world by defeating it together. I am happy to discuss this with anyone or put you in contact with medical experts in our parish if you still have hesitations.

Today at 4 pm the Spring Event is being hosted on behalf of our school and on behalf of all of us. When surveyed about what is important to look for in a school principal, most school parents who responded made the sense of community the top value. I hope we will all join in this fun today to reach some of that community as the circumstances continue.

This weekend we also welcome back the 5 pm Mass on Saturdays. Thanks to all who will be there to help facilitate making it happen. We have certainly learned from this past year that it takes cooperation and help from all of us to make some things work for the sake of all!

We also welcome and bless our First Communion students. They have certainly had a different year of preparation to get to May 22nd when First

Communion will be celebrated. It will not be at a Sunday Mass as we have celebrated past First Communions in the midst of the whole community due to the still in place attendance restrictions. Nevertheless, I ask all in the parish to say an extra prayer for these children and when you do see them at upcoming Sunday Masses, please congratulate them and encourage them to always seek this gift of our God to nourish and transform them along the way.



On Sunday, May 16, the bishop will celebrate a 12 noon Mass conferring the Sacrament of Confirmation on seventeen young women and men in our parish. They too have had a unique time of preparation over the past two years. Most in person classes were conducted outside. Their retreat did not take them away to a retreat site but was conducted safely distanced on our own parish site on a recent Saturday rather than over a weekend. I have been in the process of interviewing each of them personally so I can recommend them to the bishop and with great joy tell all of you that we welcome young women and men who have grown in the faith on their own. Again, I ask you to congratulate them and encourage them when you see them at regular Mass. I always ask now that they will be fully initiated members of the Church, what ministry they would like to be involved in. They will continue to succeed with our prayers and encouragement.

So, the above indicates that despite things still being different, we have many things that can make May merry! I am keenly aware that we also have some profoundly serious and troubling issues that surround us when any person is not treated as an equal and made in God's image and likeness. Let us keep these things in prayer and I and the staff are talking and working on ways we as a parish can address and hopefully make real change when facing these issues.

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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MAY 5TH

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ST. THERESA SCHOOL

The first graders have been busy little bees learning about Easter, insects, and time. They have learned that Easter lasts for 50 days! The children did a research project on an insect of their choice, created the insect, and presented it to the class. The children are also learning how to tell time using an analog clock. We have welcomed back the entire first grade class (along with the rest of the school) for in-person learning for four days per week.

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.

There is a need for 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.

The silent auction is open. 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](https://paybee.io/quickpay.html?handle=sttheresa#campaignList)

**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](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.

MASS INTENTIONS

To request a Mass Intention contact Melody Marr at melody@sttheresaokland.org

or
510.547.2777, ext. 120
(Tuesday - Thursday)

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE CORNER**PRAYER:**

We pray for all individuals and communities throughout history who have experienced the consequences of environmental injustices, particularly communities of color and low-income communities, where pollution and environmental hazards are disproportionately located. Give us the wisdom to learn from and the courage to follow in the footsteps of the leaders on the frontlines of environmental injustices.

- ✦ Join us in taking the 21 day challenge :
<https://ignatiansolidarity.net/21-day-catholic-enviro-justice-challenge>
- ✦ Check out new opportunities for service with St. Vincent de Paul conference. (see their bulletin corner)
- ✦ Give your input as we continue to form our mission statement for the Social Justice Committee.

Next meetings May 6th Thursday and May 18th Tuesday at 7pm via zoom. RSVP and I will send you a zoom link.

Peace Lydia. ltdeck@me.com

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COMMUNITY CENTER
2272 San Pablo Ave, Oakland, CA 94612

Meal prep in SVdP's kitchen and dining room involves helping to prep, cook and serve take-away lunches. Shifts are Tuesdays - Saturdays 8:30 am - 12:30 pm.

Volunteers in SVdP's Women and Children's Center provide assistance for laundry, showers, hygiene products and children's clothes and diapers. Shifts are Tuesdays - Saturdays 9:00 am - 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm.

SVdP's Community Center offers volunteers an opportunity to assist checking in their guests and providing help in the clothing closet, along with mail distribution and referrals to other agencies. Shifts are Tuesdays - Saturdays 9:00 am - 12:00 pm and 1:00pm - 3:30 pm.

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. A gated and secure parking lot is available for volunteers' cars.

St Theresa's Conference of St Vincent de Paul continues to collect clothes, especially men's casual clothing, for the Community Center Clothes closet.

Our Parish Conference meets bimonthly, every third Saturday at 9:30am via Zoom (pre and post pandemic meetings held in the Church Hall). Please contact Judy Bojorquez at jtsbojorquez@yahoo.com to be added to email distribution list if you are interested in attending our next meeting on May 15th and with any questions you might have.

WEEKLY READINGS

May 3 - 9

Monday:

1 Cor 15:1-8
Ps 19
Jn 14:6-14

Tuesday:

Acts 14:19-28
Ps 145
Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday:

Acts 15:1-6
Ps 122
Jn 15:1-8

Thursday:

Acts 15:7-21
Ps 96
Jn 15:9-11

Friday:

Acts 15:22-31
Ps 57
Jn 15:12-17

Saturday:

Acts 16:1-10
Ps 100
Jn 15:18-21

Sunday:

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48
Ps 98
1 Jn 4:7-10
Jn 15:9-17

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.

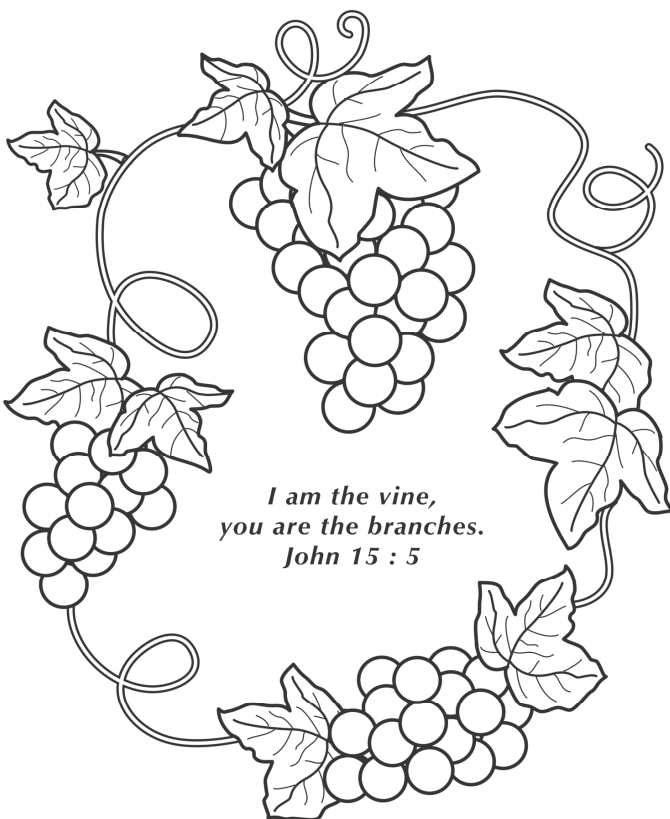
Fifth Sunday of Easter

A man named Saul changed his name to Paul when he became a follower of Jesus. Notice how the two names rhyme. To finish this story about Paul, choose three sets of rhyming words to put in the blanks.

The followers of Jesus, Saul used to _____. But Jesus appeared and set him _____. In Jerusalem it was Jesus' message Paul _____. The way he spoke was very _____. Some wanted to kill Paul, so he left _____. To build up the church of God _____!	told bold love above there everywhere hate straight late gate
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God is like a mighty vine, and we are like the branches that can grow from it and produce fruit! This means that we can serve God in wonderful ways when we rely on God's help and strength. Look at the number on each leaf. Draw that amount of fruit onto that branch. Keep this as a chart, coloring in a piece of fruit each time you do something for the Lord!

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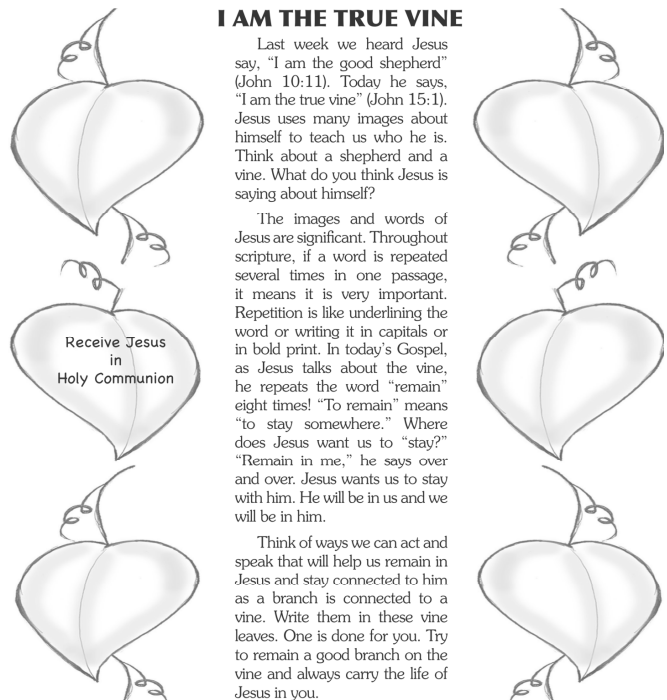
CATHOLIC CORNER

I AM THE TRUE VINE

Last week we heard Jesus say, "I am the good shepherd" (John 10:11). Today he says, "I am the true vine" (John 15:1). Jesus uses many images about himself to teach us who he is. Think about a shepherd and a vine. What do you think Jesus is saying about himself?

The images and words of Jesus are significant. Throughout scripture, if a word is repeated several times in one passage, it means it is very important. Repetition is like underlining the word or writing it in capitals or in bold print. In today's Gospel, as Jesus talks about the vine, he repeats the word "remain" eight times! "To remain" means "to stay somewhere." Where does Jesus want us to "stay?" "Remain in me," he says over and over. Jesus wants us to stay with him. He will be in us and we will be in him.

Think of ways we can act and speak that will help us remain in Jesus and stay connected to him as a branch is connected to a vine. Write them in these vine leaves. One is done for you. Try to remain a good branch on the vine and always carry the life of Jesus in you.



PARISH INFORMATION



Mass Schedule:

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

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 10:00 am

Live-Streamed on Facebook

Walk-Up Holy Communion after Mass

Reservations are not required to attend 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.

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After Hours Medical Emergency Line: 510.610.7715

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by appointment (call parish office 510.547.2777)

To arrange a Funeral

call parish office 510.547.2777, ext. 120

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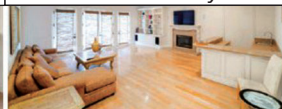
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