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MAY 3, 2020

FOURTH SUNDAY
OF
EASTER



THE SHEPHERD CALLS HIS
OWN SHEEP BY NAME AND LEADS THEM.

~ John 10:3

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MASS INTENTIONS - MAY 3 - MAY 10

Sun. 10:00 am † Paul Duncan
 Mon. 8:30 am
 Tues. 8:30 am † Nick Monti
 Wed. 8:30 am Rami Bader
 Thurs. 8:30 am † Jeff Alden
 Fri. 8:30 am † Virginia Cuttitta
 Sun. 10:00 am Mothers

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

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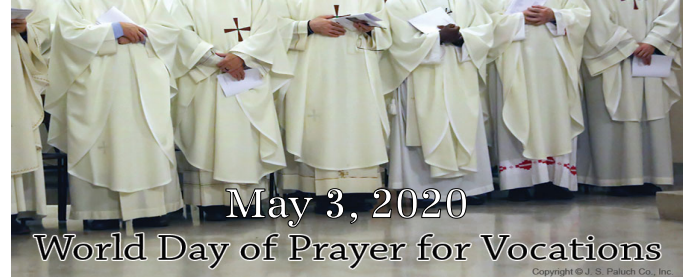
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 during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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.

Use the link on the parish website to donate.



**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 Bayloq, Ida Scodella, Tom Jones, Sigrid Castaldo, Markos Addam, Alicia Gonzalez, Denise Moore, Barbara Krummer, John Bouey, all who have the corona virus throughout the world.

DEATHS

Please remember in your prayers, those who have died especially, Vincent Petrites, the father of Alissa, Shane & Karen; Jacqueline Beeman Harper the grandmother of Margie Penaranda; Eugenia Gillis, the mother of Adele Gillis and grandmother of Peter & Christopher Wong.

LIVING STEWARDSHIP

Write short notes to parish clergy and diocesan bishops thanking them for all that they do in service to God's people. Speak up on matters of importance to your parish or diocese. Pray for vocations to the priesthood and permanent diaconate. Contribute to the support of a seminarian. Join a Serra Club.

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BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINES

May 3 bulletin was due by April 24(Friday)
 May 10 bulletin was due by May 1(Friday)
 May 17 bulletin is due by May 8 (Friday)
 May 24 bulletin is due by May 15 (Friday)

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

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Happy May! We continue to revel in the joy of Easter, but as you know each day this is still a vastly different time for all of us!

Congratulations to all of you learning to wear masks, keeping social distance and staying at home more than you ever expected. It is good science, is working and keeping many safe and even alive!

Continued thanks to all who continue to support our parish and the outreach we are still able to do with our offices closed and visits curtailed to very few emergencies. More people than often come on a weekend have been tuning into the live cast of the Mass each week and even though you can attend and participate while still in your sweats or pajamas, it is not the same as being there. It is still very odd celebrating Mass with only ten or less people counting the priests in the church.

We miss all your faces and your presence that makes St. Theresa have the reputation of a welcoming and caring parish community. I and the staff miss hearing about your lives and the intentions you want us to pray for. Again, send them in and they will be remembered.

We still long for the day when we can be together again. Some are already talking of how that might gradually happen when more can attend services. Stay tuned and pray this transition begins as soon as it is safe to do so. I praise the example of some of our bishops who are in states that are making access to things more available but are keeping public Mass closed until we are sure with science that starting too soon will not start a new wave of deadly infections.

May is the month when the parish witnesses First Communions, Confirmation and graduations. Very sadly, last week and this week were supposed to be the First Communion weekends. The girls and boys who are prepared and ready to finally receive are not able because open public Mass is not allowed at this time. I ask all of you to say an extra prayer and remember these boys and girls especially as you make your spiritual communion each week.

The parish staff has discussed this, and we have conferred with other parishes to see what they are doing for First Communion. When we can have more open Masses and weekday celebrations again, I invite each family with a First Communicant to notify the priest presiding so we can welcome your child to receive Holy Communion at that Mass. When things are even better, we will have a communal celebration. Our point is that we know your children are prepared and ready to receive, we do not have to wait for the ceremony with extended family, friends and photo opportunities. So, let them come to Jesus as I know he would say, and we will supply the memory and photos as soon as we can.



We also just received word that all Confirmation ceremonies are cancelled for the month of May. Our fine young women and men have continued their preparation with zoom meetings on Sunday nights. The attendance has been stellar. We are all disappointed, but it will happen, and we will let you know as soon as we get official word from the chancery office. Again, I ask all parishioners to pray for our Confirmation candidates. You may have taken an individual card with a picture and name of one or more of them. I ask that you pray for all of them especially on May 23 the day we were supposed to celebrate this sacrament in our parish church.

I am enormously proud of our parochial school staff. They have had an unexpected and fast learning curve of how to teach remotely. Technology is amazing when it works! Several who have children in other schools are commenting how good and how much our school personnel are producing and doing. I know it is a challenge for everyone, but like all these matters, we are better and stronger when we support one another and do it together. Let us pray for all the parents who are tasked with their own work and keeping their children on track for learning. One parent commented that we could

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

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raise tuition much higher and they would pay it appreciating what they now must do for two children versus thirty. As I said, we do it together.

There has been a lot said and a lot of confusion about the PPP government program and whether parishes and schools fit into a qualifying category. We learned late that it is possible and now the challenge has been to find a bank that will accept our applications. Many parishes and parochial schools have succeeded in other dioceses and states. We did get the applications done and approved by the diocese (we are not independent) and did find a credit union that accepted our applications. Pray we get funding. Pray for many around us that are still trying to get onto the queue. Getting online does not guarantee anything but does give us a chance.

May is one of the months we especially implore and honor Holy Mary. I invite you to join fellow parishioners in the rosary each night at 7pm (details on the website). I also ask Holy Mary to intercede for all of us that this terrible virus will find an end and those who are fighting will be safe and those who have contracted it will be healed.

So, like the disciples who met the Lord on the road to Emmaus, I pray you will meet the Lord in these ongoing challenging times. Be assured of my prayers for you and know one day this will all be a memory that they will make a movie about, and you should be one of the stars in it!

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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

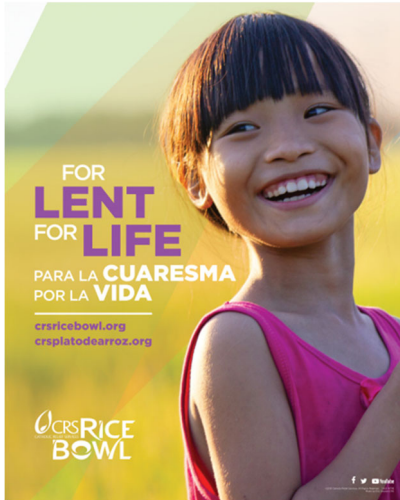
**My Jesus,
 I believe that you are present in the Most Holy
 Sacrament.
 I love you above all things and I desire to receive you
 in my soul.
 Since I cannot at this moment receive you
 sacramentally,
 Come at least spiritually into my heart.
 I embrace you as if you were already there
 And unite myself 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.**



Rice Bowls

People have been asking what should they do with their Lenten Rice Bowls.

CRS, Catholic Relief Services has asked that you hold on to them. Once we know when the parish will be fully operational again, they will provide us with instructions on how to send in your donations.

If you give to CRS Rice Bowl, 25% stays locally, most of which goes to feed those in need in our diocese.

LIVING GOD'S WORD

Jesus not only searches us out, but he “bore our sins in his body upon the cross so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness” (1 Peter 2:24). We praise the Father for giving us Jesus as “the shepherd and guardian of our souls” and we pray for all who minister to God’s people (2:25).

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Adult: How are you a shepherd to those in your care?

Child: What will you do this week to show you love those around you?

PRAYER TO OUR LADY, HEALTH OF THE SICK DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

O Mary,
You shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who, at the Cross, united with Jesus’ pain, keeping your faith firm.

You, Salvation of the Roman people, know what we need,
and we trust that you will provide for those needs so that,
as at Cana of Galilee, joy and celebration may return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform ourselves to the will of the Father and to do what Jesus tells us.

He who took our suffering upon Himself, and burdened Himself with our sorrows
to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.
Do not despise our pleas — we who are put to the test —
and deliver us from every danger. O glorious and blessed Virgin.

—Pope Francis, March 11, 2020
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WEEKLY READINGS

May 4 - 10

Monday:

Acts 11:1-18
Ps 42
Jn 10:11-18

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

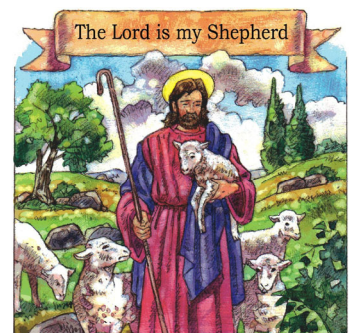
Acts 13:26-33
Ps 2
Jn 14:1-6

Saturday:

Acts 13:44-52
Ps 98
Jn 14:7-14

Sunday:

Acts 6:1-7
Ps 33
1 Pt 2:4-9
Jn 14:1-12



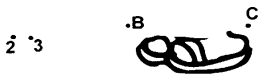
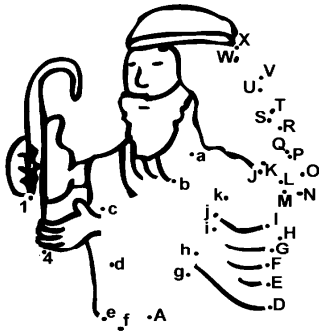
GOD'S WORD FOR CHILDREN!

Fourth Sunday of Easter Year A

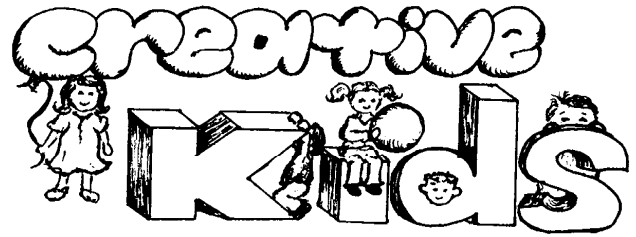
Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."

Acts 2:14, 36-41 Ps 23:1-6
1 Pt 2:20-25 Jn 10:1-10

Directions: Complete the dot to dot.



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Prayer For Vocations

Today has been designated by the Holy Father as "World Day of Prayer for Vocations."

Please say an extra prayer for more vocations to the priesthood or religious life.

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Today's readings compare us to sheep that have returned to the shepherd. Complete this dot-to-dot and color it. Then write your name on the blank below.

Jesus is _____'s shepherd!

Jesus said the sheep follow the shepherd because they know his voice. Are you following Jesus' voice? Which of the sheep below matches the shadow?

a. b. c. d. e.

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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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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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