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MAY 9, 2021

SIXTH SUNDAY
OF
EASTER



No one has greater love than this,
to lay down one's life for one's friends.

John 15:13

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MASS INTENTIONS - MAY 9 - 16

Sat. 5:00 pm † Virginia Cuttitta
 Sun. 10:00 am Mothers

Mon. 8:30 am † Tina Bruno
 Tues. 8:30 am † Bob Bos
 Wed. 8:30 am † Jerry McCabe
 Thurs. 8:30 am † Parish Community of St. Theresa
 Fri. 8:30 am

Sat. 5:00 pm † Gloriana Chumo
 Sun. 10:00 am † Lena Torres

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- ♦ Receive parish updates and notices of special events
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ONLINE GIVING :	
<i>(April 26 - May 2)</i> 72 DONORS	\$ 4,310.80
DROP-OFF/MAILED DONATIONS:	
<i>(April 26 - May 2)</i> 37 DONORS	\$ 3,504.00
PARISH MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENT:	
ONLINE: April 5 - May 2: 32 DONORS	\$ 1,116.60
DROP-OFF/MAILED: 32 DONORS	\$ 1,907.00

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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LIVING STEWARDSHIP

Parishes are full of opportunities for you to offer service to fellow parishioners. Local charities have many openings for volunteers. Give some of your time and ability to serve people in the community. Financial donations are welcome everywhere!

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DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers, those who have died especially Jenny Cocores, wife of John Cocores; Karen Miller.

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 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, John Dempsey, and all who have the corona virus throughout the world.

BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINES

May 9 bulletin, was due by April 30 (Friday)
 May 16 bulletin, was due by May 7 (Friday)
 May 23 bulletin, is due by May 14 (Friday)
 May 30 bulletin, is due by May 21 (Friday)

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



Bishop's Appeal 2021

St. Theresa Parish Goal - \$35,800

<https://www.oakdiocese.org/bishops-appeal-donation-page>

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

The joy of Easter continues, and we are reminded in last Sunday's readings that if we stay connected to Jesus who is the vine, we will produce much fruit as we have been commissioned at Baptism. We are all called to follow Jesus' example and love one another, bring compassion to our world, and help build God's Kingdom in our midst. We do this always with God's grace which comes to us through the scriptures, prayer, and the sacraments.

On May 16 at a special noon Mass, the bishop will confirm seventeen young adults who are ready to assume their positions along the way with us as fully initiated adult members of the Church. We pray the gift of the Holy Spirit they receive through the anointing with Holy Chrism and through our welcome, support and example will carry them throughout this life and one day to heaven.

Recently, I have met with each candidate so I am sure I can recommend them to the bishop for Confirmation as pastor. I have been very edified by the depth and maturity of their faith, the good questions that have which sound like questions most of us have and their commitment to Christ and the Church. They are fully aware the Church has challenges, but with their commitment we are all the stronger as the Body of Christ.

I always ask at the end of the interview without signing them up on the spot what ministry they would like to serve in for the sake of the parish. When you soon see them reading the scripture reading at Mass, helping with the distribution of Holy Communion, joining groups like the pastoral council, sport's board, or parish finance council, please offer a word of gratitude and encouragement.

On May 22 due to covid restrictions we celebrate First Communion separate from our tradition of celebrating it at Sunday Masses. I hope you saw each of these girls and boys last Sunday at Mass,

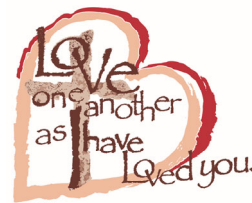
who have had a different kind of preparation this year as all school children have had a different learning experience. When they came up at Communion time with their arms folded over their chest, I told them after I blessed them that the next time, they would receive Jesus in the Eucharist. I could see the smiles even though they were all masked. Like my request above, when you see them, please welcome them to join the ranks of many through the ages and in this parish Church who are nourished with the Bread of Heaven. Congratulate them and encourage them to receive throughout their lives.



Congratulations to all who worked to make the St. Theresa Sunday Supper and online auction a great event. Thanks to all who donated auction items, all who bid often and to all who had a wonderful time last Sunday. Many hours of planning and creativity went into this effort. We already have a date set for next year's in person event, but thanks to every family and parishioner that continues to support our parochial school. It would not be as great without your generosity!

I am hearing rumblings that finally a settlement is near being signed off that will fix many things in our parish Event Center and complex of meeting rooms. When it does, I have asked diocesan officials to come and hold a meeting for any interested parishioner to present the scope of the problems and how they will hopefully be fixed over the summer. As soon as I have a firm date and time, I will pass it on to you and hope as many have asked during the past few years that you will be able to come for this meeting.

May the Risen Christ guide and us and always give us hope!



ST. THERESA SCHOOL

Sunday Suppers Cookbooks

The cookbook is going to print this week.

It will be available for purchase and/or order very soon. The cost will be \$20 and thanks to a generous donation, printing costs have been covered, so all money raised goes directly to the school's fundraising effort. A big thank you to all the parish and school families for contributing to the book!

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! The program year runs from October through mid-May and has just ended. Thanks to the volunteers, presenters and participants for a very successful year of reflection on:



"Strength for the Journey"

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>

CATHOLIC CHARITIES ANNUAL COLLECTION

The Mission

Rooted in compassion and human dignity for all, Catholic Charities of the East Bay works with youth, children, and families to promote self-sufficiency, strengthen families and pursue safety and justice.



This collection take place the weekend of May 15 & 16. You may use Online Giving, 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.

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.



Sunday, May 16
12:00 pm

Live-streamed on
Facebook



Saturday, May 22
10:00 am

Live-streamed on
Facebook

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.

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 and read about “redlining”, Oak Flats, farmworkers & pesticides and the Boreal Forest:
<https://ignatiansolidarity.net/21-day-catholic-enviro-justice-challenge>
- ◆ In 2019, participants at the Amazon Synod repeatedly affirmed that women are already doing the work of deacons in the region, and a majority of bishops were in favor of ordaining women to the diaconate. The Synod formally requested to share their “experiences and reflections” with a papal commission on women and the diaconate. Read more about the papal commission in discerningdeacons.org
- ◆ 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 10 - 16***Monday:**

Acts 16:11-15
Ps 149
Jn 15:26-16:4a

Tuesday:

Acts 16:22-34
Ps 138
John 16:5-11

Wednesday:

Acts 17:15, 22-18:1
Ps 148
Jn 16:12-15

Thursday:

Acts 18:1-8
Ps 98
Jn 16:16-20

Friday:

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26
Ps 113
Jn 15:9-17

Saturday:

Acts 18:23-28
Ps 47
Jn 16:23b-28

Sunday:

Acts 1:1-11
Ps 47
Eph 1:17-23
Mk 16:15-20

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.

Sixth Sunday of Easter

In today's Gospel (John 15:15), Jesus explains that he no longer calls the disciples "slaves" — those who don't know what the master is doing. Use this phone to find out what Jesus called them instead.

← 3 (third letter)
 ← 7 (third letter)
 ← 4 (third letter)
 ← 3 (second letter)
 ← 6 (second letter)
 ← 3 (first letter)
 ← 7 (fourth letter)

"because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father."

Jesus wants us to love one another.
 Hearts are a symbol of love. Look at the hearts below.
 Cross out the one heart in each group that is different.
 At the very bottom write the names of people you love onto the lines.
 Make sure you tell them "I love you" soon.

I Love _____ _____ _____	

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"I have called you friends."
 JOHN 15 : 15

CATHOLIC CORNER

ALL OUR MOTHERS

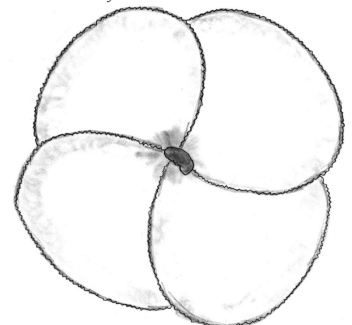
Our country celebrates Mother's Day today. A particular flower is associated with Mother's Day—the carnation.

Anna Jarvis is the woman who had the idea for a day to honor mothers. Anna's mother died in 1905 after spending her life working to improve the lives of other people. Anna loved and admired her mother, so after her mother died, Anna worked to establish a day in her honor to honor all mothers. In May of 1907, Anna gave a talk at her church in Grafton, West Virginia, and handed out five hundred carnations to the mothers in attendance. The next year that church held a special Mother's Day service. By 1909, forty-six states held special services to honor mothers. In 1914 President Woodrow Wilson officially designated the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day. For 104 years people in the United States have continued to honor mothers on that day.

Anna Jarvis never wanted this day to be one for expensive presents, flowers, or candy. She wanted it to remain simple—a day to remember our mothers and stepmothers, living or dead, with our good thoughts and prayers. Anna declared the carnation the official flower of the day and the singular, "Mother's Day," as the correct spelling. She wanted attention to be paid to each mother individually.

How appropriate to celebrate Mother's Day during the Easter season! The day is a chance to honor our mothers and other women who are like mothers to us. We should also remember Mary, our heavenly mother. A mother's love reminds us of God's love, both of which give us life and help us grow.

Make some paper carnations like this one for your mother, stepmother, or other mother figure. Fill the petals with some words of your own and share them on this special day with the women you love and who love 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

Reconciliation:

Saturday: 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Parish Center Office Hours:

Tuesday - Thursday: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

THE PARISH STAFF IS AVAILABLE BY PHONE, EMAIL AND APPOINTMENT DURING OFFICE HOURS.

Phone: 510.547.2777

After Hours Medical Emergency Line: 510.610.7715

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