

# ST. THERESA

# PARISH COMMUNITY

## ST. THERESA MISSION STATEMENT

WE ARE A WELCOMING,  
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TO LOVE AND TO SERVE OTHERS

MAY 16, 2021

THE ASCENSION  
OF THE LORD



*Congratulations and many blessings to those who  
received the Sacrament of Confirmation*

Sheridan *Bernard* Alper

Luke *Luke* Amanquah

Samuel *Peter* Briant

Reagan *Hubertus* Bruni

Aoife *Brigid* Cain

Rhainne *Brigid* Coyle

Nneoma *Felicitas* Denchukwu

Lauren *Rose* Groff

Jonathan *Nicholas* Iglesias

Dean *Nicholas* Lopez

Andrew *Bernard* Murray

Grace *Rose* Oakley

Mary Grace *Margaret* O'Keeffe

Colin *Albert* Sweeney

Rhett *Catherine* Turner

Alexandra *Catherine* Volpe

Diego *Judas* Young

*But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes  
upon you, and you will be my witnesses*

Acts 1:8



**MASS INTENTIONS - MAY 9 - 16**

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

Mon. 8:30 am Richard Porter  
 Tues. 8:30 am † Jenny Cocores  
 Wed. 8:30 am Parish Community of St. Theresa  
 Thurs. 8:30 am  
 Fri. 8:30 am Special Intention

Sat. 5:00 pm † Jenny Cocores  
 Sun. 10:00 am † Vincenzo Dito

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- ◆ Choose to receive updates from groups you're interested in
- ◆ Unsubscribe anytime



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 OR  
 Text: STT To: 84579

**SUNDAY OFFERING**

**ONLINE GIVING :**  
 (May 3 - 9) 70 DONORS **\$ 4,245.60**


**MASS/DROP-OFF/MAILED DONATIONS:**  
 (May 3 - 9) 37 DONORS **\$ 5,745.00**

*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.*

**SUPPORT ST. THERESA CHURCH**

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**LIVING STEWARDSHIP**

Explore the opportunities in your parish for praying with others: prayer groups, Eucharistic Adoration, rosary group. Praying together can strengthen the habit of personal prayer.

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**DECEASED**

Please remember in your prayers, those who have died especially Barbara Wallach, mother of Tom Garvey.

**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, Karen Milliman, Marilyn McCabe, Richard Nivens, John Delphey, and all who have the corona virus throughout the world.

**BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINES**

May 16 bulletin, was due by May 7 (Friday)  
 May 23 bulletin, was due by May 14 (Friday)  
 May 30 bulletin, is due by May 21 (Friday)  
 June 6 bulletin, is due by May 28 (Friday)

Items must be received by 4:00 pm on the due date.  
 Email to [cathy\\_b@sttheresaokland.org](mailto:cathy_b@sttheresaokland.org).



**Bishop's Appeal 2021**

**St. Theresa Parish Goal - \$35,800**

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

## A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

This weekend we welcome our bishop, Michael Barber, S.J. who will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for seventeen young women and men in our parish. They are prepared even though most of their preparation took place during the pandemic time of confinement and other restrictions. A sign that we are on the right track to getting some things back to normal is that the bishop will celebrate the Confirmation Mass inside the church building. Last year with our Vicar General, Confirmation was celebrated outside on the playground.

Congratulations to our Confirmandi. We pray the Holy Spirit will guide the rest of your lives and we look forward to walking along your side in the parish as we navigate the way to our God in our daily lives. We welcome you to the ministries that you will hopefully soon become involved in at the parish. Thanks also to our bishop. He celebrates Confirmation in about half of the diocesan parishes each year and we are grateful for his presence with us this year.

May is traditionally the month of First Communions (May 22 this year), Confirmations and a time to focus on the Blessed Virgin Mary. As we have just celebrated a national recognition of Mothers, we honor Holy Mary as a mother of us all. By her yes to the angel, she brought the source of life into our world. By our baptism we become part of the Body of Christ and thus by extension are daughters and sons of Holy Mary.

The Blessed Mother shows us the way of saying yes to God's will in our daily lives and she becomes the prime example of what it means to be a disciple of Christ.

We are all familiar with Mary's humble beginnings, her deep faith, grace, and docile nature, and her nurturing presence during the life of our Lord, Jesus. But what are we to learn from our Spiritual mother?

In his apostolic exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium* (The Joy of the Gospel), Pope Francis called Mary, the mother of evangelization.

"With the Holy Spirit, Mary is always present in the midst of the people," he wrote. "She joined the disciples in praying for the coming of the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:14) and thus made possible the missionary outburst which took place at Pentecost. She is the mother of the Church which evangelizes, and without her, we could never understand the spirit of the new evangelization."

"As a true mother, she walks at our side, she shares our struggles and she constantly surrounds us with God's love," Pope Francis also wrote.

When it comes to discipleship, the Blessed Mother is the example Catholics are called to follow.



One author commenting on Pope Francis' exhortation wrote, "Marian devotions, the rosary, the different canticles, give us a sense of the surrendering to God in our lives, having that relationship with God which builds up who we are in relationship with Christ."

"Even the titles the Church gives her – Mother of God, Mother of the Church, Queen of Heaven, Intercessor on our behalf—shows how she leads us to her son, Jesus Christ."

Bruce Croteau, in writing about Holy Mary for the Diocese of Orlando, said we also see the human side of Mary in Scripture, especially in the Gospel of Luke 2:41-52, when the boy Jesus got lost at the Temple.

"After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety" (Luke 2:46,48).

"We see a little bit of frustration on Mary's part as a mother," Croteau said. "That helps us to understand that Mary, too, had the same pressures upon her that modern day mothers have with regards to their children."

Croteau also noted that Mary was contemplative, pondered things in her heart. Still, she did not question. She said God's will be done.

"When you think about her steadfast witness, that is one of the first prerequisites of evangelization," Croteau said. "She was solid in her faith and knew God would do what God had said. She was a trusting servant."

"Scriptures have taught us a lot about Mary and her relationship with Christ, being the mother of Christ, being a disciple, a true follower," We are all called to follow her path."

## 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 COMMUNICATIONS CAMPAIGN

Next week our special collection supports the Catholic Communication Campaign. This campaign connects people with Christ and builds Catholic communities in the United States and developing countries using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half of the money collected remains here in the Oakland Diocese to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the Gospel message! To learn more, visit [www.usccb.org/ccc](http://www.usccb.org/ccc).



### 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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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 17 - 23*

**Monday:**

Acts 19:1-8  
Ps 68  
Jn 16:29-33

**Tuesday:**

Acts 20:17-27  
Ps 68  
Jn 17:1-11a

**Wednesday:**

Acts 20:28-38  
Ps 68  
Jn 17:11b-19

**Thursday:**

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11  
Ps 16  
Jn 17:20-26

**Friday:**

Acts 25:13b-21  
Ps 103  
Jn 21:15-19

**Saturday:**

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31  
Ps 11  
Jn 21:20-25

**Sunday:**

Acts 2:1-11  
Ps 104  
1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13  
Veni, Sancte Spiritus  
Jn 20:19-23

**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.

**The Ascension of the Lord**

Before ascending into heaven, Jesus instructed his disciples, "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15).

Look at all the letters in this house. Search in all directions, including forward and backward, to discover and circle ten places you can spread the gospel in your corner of the world!

restaurants gm  
mcofpachurchu  
y rarbilr wthxs  
neighborhood e  
playgroundoju  
qebkrapvdklim  
lnstorehs

Paul uses a certain number several times in his letter to the Ephesians (4:4-6). That number is hidden in each picture that goes with the word below it. When you find each number, color it a dark color. Then read the phrases that tell what Paul says we all have.

 Body	 Spirit
 Hope	 Faith
 God	

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# CATHOLIC CORNER

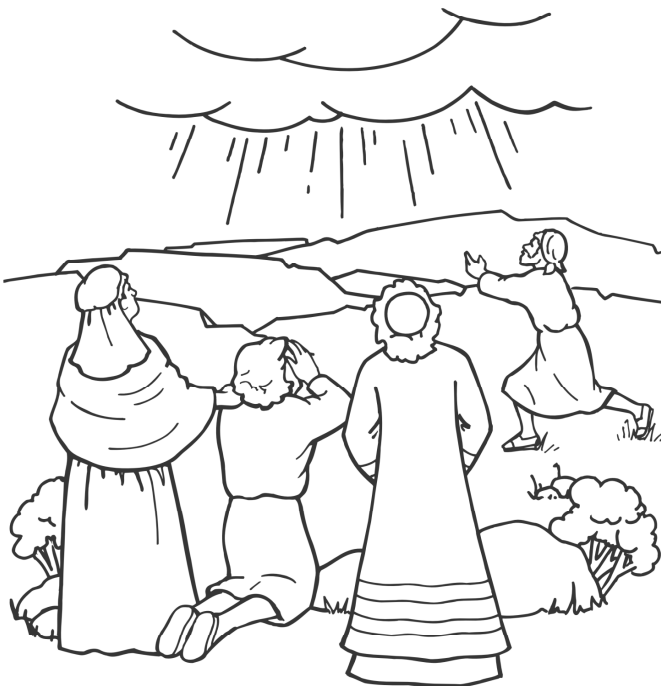
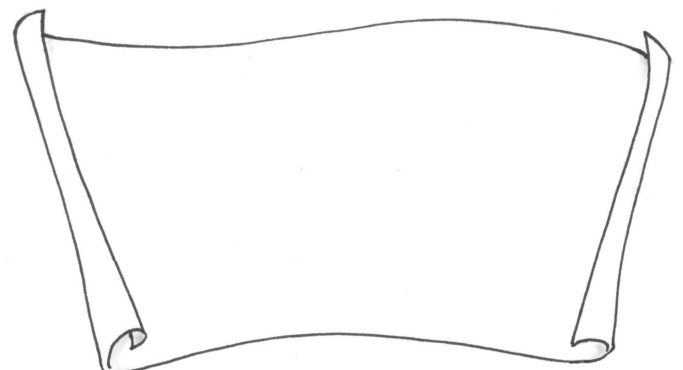
## THE BREAKING OF BREAD

Our Easter season is close to ending when we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord. The Bible contains three accounts of the Ascension of Jesus—the Gospels of Mark and Luke and the Acts of the Apostles (Acts). Today we hear the story in the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles and in Mark's Gospel. We also find one at the end of the Gospel of Luke (24:50-53). Luke wrote both a Gospel and Acts.

Luke begins his Acts by addressing it to Theophilus. Theophilus is a Greek name that means "friend of God" or "loved by God." You are a friend of God and God loves you. The stories in the book of Acts were meant for you to hear, too.

Later in the book of Acts Luke describes what the community of those who follow Jesus looked like. They listened to and followed the teaching of the apostles. They shared what they had and helped people in need. They gathered together for "the breaking of bread" and prayer, what we now call the Mass. These are actions that followers of Jesus continue to do today.

In the scroll, write a letter to Luke telling him how you are still practicing the actions he encouraged in the early Christians. Remember to be faithful to "the breaking of bread," that is, going to Mass, and to praying every day.



A cloud took him from their sight. Acts 1:9

# 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

Parish Website: [www.sttheresaoakland.org](http://www.sttheresaoakland.org)

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