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MAY 23, 2021

PENTECOST SUNDAY

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



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

Acts 1:8

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MASS INTENTIONS ~ MAY 22 - 30

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

Mon. 8:30 am † Bob Bos
 Tues. 8:30 am † Peter Phillips
 Wed. 8:30 am † Marietta Blessent
 Thurs. 8:30 am Parish Community of St. Theresa
 Fri. 8:30 am † Lena Torres

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

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(May 10 - 16) 32 DONORS \$ 4,150.00

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF THE EAST BAY:

ONLINE: 7 DONORS \$ 405.00

MASS/DROP-OFF/MAILED: 24 DONORS \$ 475.00

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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By using smile.amazon.com and **amazon smile** choosing St. Theresa Catholic Church, location: Oakland, CA as your charity when you shop, Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the parish.

SECOND COLLECTION - MAY 29 & 30

The collection for St. Vincent de Paul will be on May 29 & 30. This collection benefits the St. Vincent de Paul Society conference in our parish, 100% of your donation benefits people in our community. Your donations will help families avoid evictions or utilities being turned off, Food for Christmas meals, and other forms of aid to the needy.

**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, Margie Sullivan, Maddie Heitkemper, Lennox Peerson, Joan Simmons, Badri Nakhjavani, Richard Rauscher, Eddie Bradford, Wendy Jones, Bob Rogers, Orlando Gonzalez, Kevin Chapman, Peter Chumo, Diane Cerille, Ruth McCabe, Tom Wilberding, Suzette Logan, Shirley Roberts, Karen Milliman, Richard Nivens, John Delphey, Anita Perricelli, and all who have the corona virus throughout the world.

LIVING STEWARDSHIP

The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit are as follows: wisdom, understanding, counsel (*meaning right judgment*), fortitude (*meaning courage*), knowledge, piety (*meaning reverence*), fear of the Lord (*meaning wonder and awe in God's presence*). Without these we cannot be true followers of Christ. Pray for an increase of whichever you need most.

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BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINES

May 23 bulletin, was due by May 14 (Friday)

May 30 bulletin, was due by May 21 (Friday)

June 6 bulletin, is due by May 28 (Friday)

June 13 bulletin, is due by June 4 (Friday)

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

**Bishop's Appeal 2021****St. Theresa Parish Goal - \$35,800**

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

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Congratulations this weekend to our First Communicants! We are happy that we were able to celebrate their reception of the Eucharist in the church building with family members close to them. Sadly, we could not celebrate in the midst of the Sunday community as we have for the past nine years. Congratulation to the boys and girls who join us now every weekend in sharing the Bread from Heaven. As I have mentioned earlier, I hope when you see them at Mass you will encourage them and congratulate them and pray, they are never far from the closeness we achieve when we receive and carry Jesus in our own person.

The celebration of Confirmation last Sunday was also a great celebration. Bishop Barber commented on how peaceful the celebration was with good music, participation and reading. I am grateful that the lectors and cantor are all young people who were Confirmed in previous years. I also give my gratitude to the entire Confirmation team especially Jenny Bruni who coordinates it all. These past months have been most challenging to complete and run any program. Yet, the team found ways to keep both year groups together, active and working on the path of their faith getting them ready to ask for the Holy Spirit as they make an adult commitment to Jesus and the Church. I can verify having interviewed all seventeen of the newly confirmed that this process has worked. Our prayer is that the good things the Lord has now started in each of them may one day be brought to fulfillment.

We celebrate Pentecost this weekend which highlights the gift of the Holy Spirit on the Church and each of us. Deacon Greg Kandra has some wonderful reflections on Pentecost:

"On Pentecost the disciples could not contain themselves any longer. They needed to spread the Word, they needed to tell what they knew. And let the Word go out.

It is astonishing to where that Word has gone and how far and wide it has been preached. What began with a few frightened people in a darkened room in Jerusalem has spilled out and touched every corner of the world. You will find it in great stained-glass cathedrals...in thatched huts in Asia and the Pacific Islands...in hotel ballrooms....and hospital chapels from Bangkok. to

Brooklyn. It is spread in store front churches and tiny chapels and brought alive in the daily actions of believers everywhere.



Our challenge today is to keep the Word going, to remind ourselves of its rugged beginnings and to carry it on to follow the mandate of those first believers. To throw open the windows of our fear and uncertainty—to let in the light—and let the Word go forth.

It is a daunting prospect, but there are many ways large and small that we can keep the flame of that first Pentecost aglow.

We do it every time we whisper a prayer. We do it when we volunteer at a soup kitchen or contribute to a clothing drive or donate to missionaries overseas. We do it when we support the work being done in our parish. We do it every time we choose to spend our Sunday mornings praising God, instead of watching or participating in sports games. We do it when we hold the hand of a friend who is hurting or bring a smile to someone who is lonely. We do it when we strive to love, to give to hope. We keep the flame of Pentecost burning when our ambition is simply to be like Christ.

Two thousand years ago women and men who had followed Jesus asked themselves that first question: what can we do for God who has done so much for us. We are the beneficiaries of their answer. All of us who gather to pray are part of their legacy. They cleared the path and some even died trying so we could walk in their footsteps today.

Where will those footsteps take us? Who will be beneficiaries of our choices? Who will carry the flame, the torch of faith as it is passed? It is up to each of us."

We pray that the Holy Spirit will guide our every step and can be assured of that if we simply invoke the ancient prayer: Come Holy Spirit. Happy Pentecost to all! I am glad I am with you on this part of the journey!



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!

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://sttheresaoakland.org/reopening>

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"

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER - VOLUNTEER

With the addition of the 5:00 pm Saturday Mass to the schedule there is a need for one minister at the 5:00 pm Saturday Mass and occasionally at the 9:00 am Sunday Mass. If you would like to volunteer send an email to Cathy Brady, cathy_b@sttheresaoakland.org. There will be a mandatory training session to go over the current protocols for the distribution of the Eucharist.

SCAM ALERT

A number of people have received phony emails from Fr. Bob asking for gift cards. Please do not respond to these emails. He will never request help from any of you in this manner.



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ST. THERESA CATHOLIC SCHOOL
Baccalaureate Mass - June 3, 10:00 am
Graduation - June 4, 2:00 am

All services will be live-streamed on the school Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/StTheresaSchoolOakland>

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://sttheresaoakland.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@sttheresaoakland.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 Guapinol Water Crisis in Honduras, Flint Michigan Water Crisis and Access To Safe Drinking Water in the US : <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)

♦ Stay tuned for June meeting dates and our summer service project. 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 24 - 30

Monday:

Gn 3:9-15, 20
Ps 87
Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday:

Sir 1-12
Ps 50
Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday:

Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17
Ps 79
Mk 10:32-45

Thursday:

Sir: 42:15-25
Ps 3
Mk 10:46-52

Friday:

Sir 44:1, 9-13
Ps 149
Mk 11:11-26

Saturday:

Sir 51:12cd-20
Ps 19
Mk 11:27-33

Sunday:

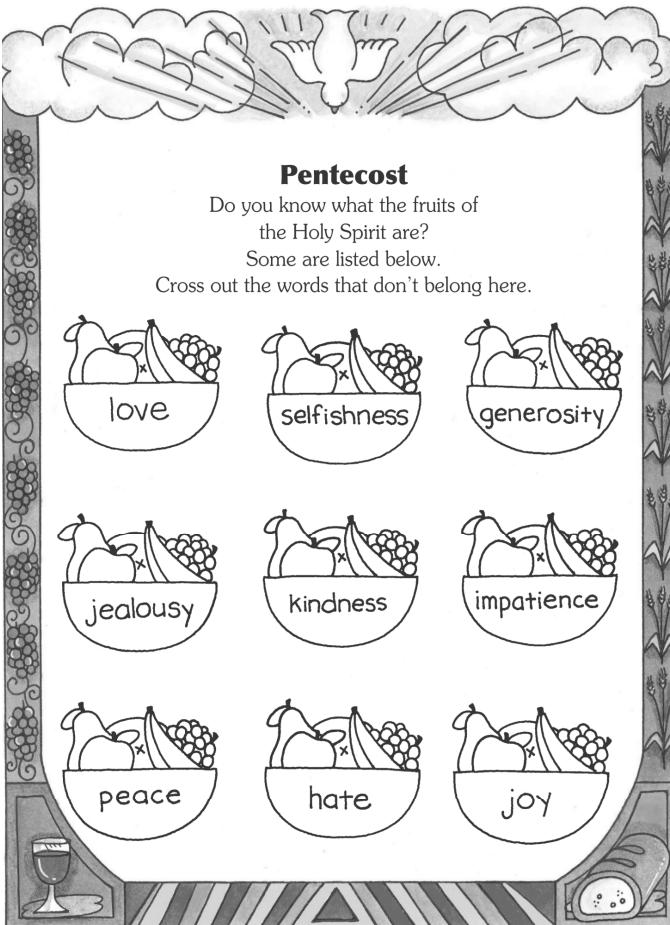
Dt 4:32-34, 39-40
Ps 33
Rom 8:14-17
Mt 28:16-20

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.



While the disciples were together they heard a strong wind and saw fire. When the flames came close to them, they were filled with God's Holy Spirit! Read the story in your Bible in Acts 2:1-11. Use the code to color the picture below. Then cut it out and cut on the dashed lines. Blow on the tabs so that they look like moving flames.

1=orange 2=red 3= yellow 4=purple

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THE WORK OF THE SPIRIT

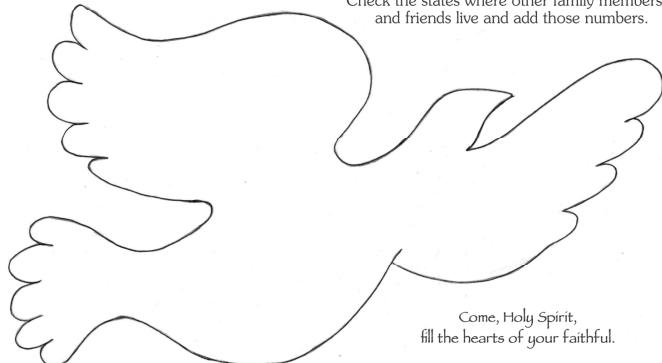
In today's first reading from the Acts of the Apostles we hear about people gathered from all around the world who heard the apostles speaking in their own language. Acts goes on to tell us that three thousand people were baptized that day.

The followers of Jesus grew in increasing numbers. We belong to the group of Christians known as Roman Catholics. Today there are 1.2 billion Catholics around the world. That is a very large number. If you were to write it out it would look like this: 1,200,000,000.

There are about sixty-six million, eight hundred forty-five thousand (66,845,000) Catholics in the United States. Brazil has the largest population of Catholics, about one hundred twenty-four million, five hundred ninety-eight thousand (124,598,000). You can discover the number of Catholics in other countries by checking the statistics on the Internet. You can even find how many Catholics live in your state.

The work of the Holy Spirit has helped people spread God's word around the world for everyone to hear, understand, and try to live. The Holy Spirit is often pictured as a dove. We find that image in the Gospels (Matthew 3:16, Mark 1:10, Luke 3:22, and John 1:32) when Jesus is baptized by John.

In this dove write the number of Catholics in your state.
Check the states where other family members and friends live and add those numbers.



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.**

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