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MAY 24, 2020

THE ASCENSION  
OF THE LORD



*He was lifted up,  
and a cloud took him from their sight.*

*— Acts 1:9*

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**MASS INTENTIONS - MAY 24 - MAY 31**

Sun. 10:00 am Raphael Bader  
 Mon. 8:30 am †  
 Tues. 8:30 am †  
 Wed. 8:30 am †  
 Thurs. 8:30 am †  
 Fri. 8:30 am Peter Ernest Oliverez  
 Sun. 10:00 am † Peter Cuttitta

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

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**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS  
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**Bishop's Appeal 2020**  
 St. Theresa Parish Goal - \$35,800

**BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINES**

May 24 bulletin was due by May 15 (Friday)  
 May 31 bulletin was due by May 22 (Friday)  
 June 7 bulletin is due by May 29 (Friday)  
 June 14 bulletin is due by June 5 (Friday)

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

## A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Happy Memorial Day Weekend! New memories will be made during this one!

I was grateful to have a break and have a guest writing this column for last week's bulletin. It was exceptionally beautiful, but only one thing was wrong with it: the author did not mention herself!

Jenny Bruni has been an amazing Confirmation program coordinator! Even during the pandemic, she has convened both first- and second-year students via google hangout, and very few have missed these Sunday opportunities. Jenny is always ready to keep the door open to anyone who wishes to be part of this preparation even if you are late or a year or two off. Know that she is already checking who in the parish is eligible to participate and you should be hearing from her soon.

Jenny has been the 'camera person' with her iPhone behind the Sunday lives-stream Masses and we are grateful to her for the example of her faith, the steadfastness in encouraging each and every young person in the parish and many other tasks no one is aware of. Thank you, Jenny. We are blessed to have you on our parish staff!

As I noted last week at Mass, Fr. Tegha graduated this past Saturday even if it was from the comfort of his room. Congratulations Fr. Tegha. We are proud of your accomplishment with highest honors! Unfortunately for us but fortunate for him, he will continue his studies for the doctorate at Notre Dame University. You know the one, where the 'fighting Irish' reign. They have offered him a full and complete scholarship including a place to stay and food to eat. He has been challenged here at times to pay for part of the tuition and we have been happy to host him at the parish in exchange for his ministry among us.

He is not scheduled to leave for Indiana until the first week of August. I told him that if classes will all be remote for the coming semester, he should avoid the winter and stay with us. I will keep you informed.

Last week we were supposed to celebrate Confirmation in the parish. In a couple of weeks, we are supposed to hold the graduation ceremony from our parochial school. Confirmation will be

rescheduled when they can. We are working on more than a virtual graduation ceremony that you will hear about. As I said last week, all these challenges to our lives before March 16 are getting tiring and wearing, but I pray for your perseverance and patience. We are discussing how to welcome people back to the church for Mass when that is permitted, hopefully in a couple of weeks. We have already decided that the live streaming of a Mass each Sunday will continue at least through January of 2021. Even if we were to open tomorrow, seats will be limited and some of you will still be apprehensive about gathering with many people for a while.



The readings last week assure us that the Lord "walks with us along the path of life" to quote one of the Eucharistic prayers. When we ask where God is in all this mess, the answer is that He promised and is always with us. Deacon Greg Kandra has some convincing words on this theme:

A colleague emailed me, "I know God is everywhere, but it seems sometimes that he is nowhere." His unspoken question seemed to ask: "Where is God?"

It is a question that has been asked again and again throughout history—many asked it, I remember, after the tragedy of 9/11. When things seem most bleak, when the world is wracked by despair, where is hope? Where is faith?

### Where is God?

I think we find one answer in last Sunday's Gospel. Just before he ascends to the Father, Jesus tells his disciples: you will not be alone. "The Father will give you another Advocate to be with you always," he says, "the Spirit of truth, you know him, because he remains with you, and will be in you. I will not leave you orphans...I will come to you."

The Advocate, of course, is the Holy Spirit. The Spirit will be with you, Jesus says. You will not be abandoned or alone. And he was right.



## A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

CONTINUED

To those who ask, “Where is God?,” the answer is: “Look around you.” God the Holy Spirit is vibrantly, wondrously, beautifully alive. In , many places especially in this time of pandemic, he lives in the hearts of those who are caring for the sick, the elderly, the poor, the helpless. He is in the hands that reach out to bathe the old or feed the hungry. He is in the eyes that look into the faces of those who are alone. He is in the arms that embrace children who have been pushed aside. God is there. Jesus is there.

**The Good News is that Jesus has not left us orphans.** God lives on around us and within us. Love prevails. Hope endures.

The letter from Peter last week exhorts us: “Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope.”

Here is my explanation, my reason for hope: It is Jesus Christ! It is God’s son showing us, with open arms on the cross, just how wide is the breadth of his love.

My reason for hope? It is The Word made flesh keeping his word. It is the joy and certainty of a two-thousand-year-old promise that has been kept. It is the continuing presence of the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, doing his advocacy work in the world in astonishing and exuberant and surprising ways. I have seen it in my life and ministry.

Look around you, in this parish. Look within you, to the fire that still burns, the flame that will not die. Trust and believe here is our hope.

**We are not orphans.**

God—Father, Son and Spirit—is with us.

### PASTORAL COUNCIL

Are you interested in serving your parish on the St. Theresa Pastoral Council? The Pastoral Council is a body of active parishioners that supports the goals and vision of our parish community and staff. This is a 3 year commitment with monthly meetings September - June. For more details, please contact Carrie Schaefer at caralee\_schaefer@yahoo.com.




### 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 Recently 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

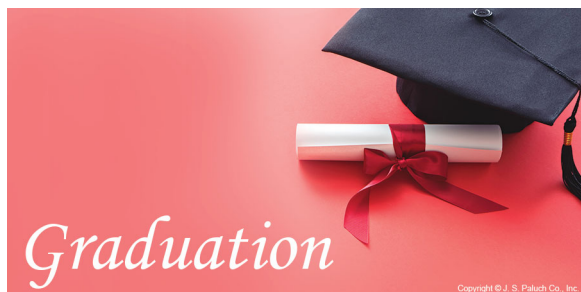
**My Jesus,  
I believe that you are present in the Most Holy  
Sacrament.  
I love you above all things and I desire to receive you  
in my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment receive you  
sacramentally,  
Come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace you as if you were already there  
And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

### WEBSITE RESOURCES

About Us/Parish Updates & Information  
Prayer/Mass & Confession Times  
Live-stream Mass Videos  
Prayer/Prayer & Reflection Resources  
Prayer/Sunday Liturgy Resources

**CONTINUE TO CHECK THE PARISH WEBSITE, FACEBOOK,  
AND SIGN-UP FOR FLOCKNOTE FOR THE LATEST UPDATES.**



## Acknowledging All Our GRADUATES!

We would like to acknowledge all the graduates in the parish (middle school, high school, College/Universities, trade-schools) at our Sunday 10:00 am live-stream Mass on June 7. There will be a slideshow of the graduates before and after the Mass.

Please submit a picture of the graduate using this link:

**<https://sttheresaokland.org/about-us/parish-updates-and-information>**

Only pictures received using the above link will be used, please do not email a picture.

### LIVING GOD'S WORD

We pray: Loving Father, give us your Spirit of wisdom and revelation to enlighten the eyes of our hearts, so we may have the hope that accompanies your call and come to the glory that is our inheritance. May your great power be at work in us, raising us to new life as it did your Son Jesus. Amen.

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### QUESTION OF THE WEEK

**Adult:** Jesus promises to be with us always. How do you experience his presence most?

**Child:** What good news about Jesus could you share with someone?

### 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 25 - 31

#### Monday:

Acts 19:1-8

Ps 68

Jn 16:59-33

#### 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

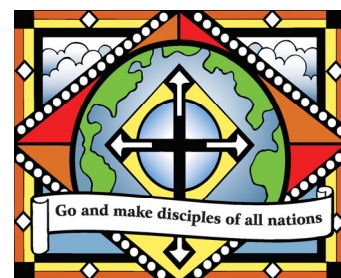
#### Sunday:

Acts 2:1-11

Ps 104

1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13

Jn 20:19-23



# GOD'S WORD FOR CHILDREN!

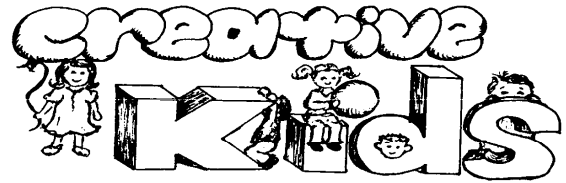
The Ascension of the Lord Year A

*Jesus ascended to his Father amid cries of gladness.*

Acts 1:1-11  
Eph 1:17-23

Ps 47:2-3, 6-9  
Mt 28:16-20

Draw a picture of Jesus ascending to his Father in heaven.



### Awaiting the Holy Spirit

Directions: After Jesus ascended to heaven, His disciples fled to an upper room. On the lines below list 7 things that you will do this week that will spread the love of the Lord and prepare for the coming for the Holy Spirit.

- On Sunday I will \_\_\_\_\_
- On Monday I will \_\_\_\_\_
- On Tuesday I will \_\_\_\_\_
- On Wednesday I will \_\_\_\_\_
- On Thursday I will \_\_\_\_\_
- On Friday I will \_\_\_\_\_
- On Saturday I will \_\_\_\_\_

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**The Ascension of the Lord**  
Number these sentences in the right order so they tell the story of Jesus' ascension.

No. → All of a sudden, two men dressed in white stood by the disciples. ?

? → The disciples came together and talked with Jesus. No. →

No. → The men said Jesus would return to earth in the same way he left. ?

? → They watched as Jesus was lifted up in a cloud. No. →

The apostles watched as Jesus was taken up to heaven in a cloud. Use the number code to color the picture.

1 - brown      2 - white      3 - pink  
4 - blue      5 - red

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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.***

Phone: 510.547.2777

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**ALL ACTIVITIES ARE SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

## 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](mailto: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)

## Parish Organizations

### Pastoral Council:

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