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MASS INTENTIONS - MAY 29 - JUNE 6

Sat. 5:00 pm † Peter Cuttitta
 Sun. 10:00 am Peter Ernest Oliverez

Mon. 8:30 am † All who have died in service to their
 country

Tues. 8:30 am †
 Wed. 8:30 am † Diane Marie Oliverez
 Thurs. 8:30 am Ida & Nick Monti Fri.
 8:30 am

Sat. 5:00 pm † Justin Ray Aycock
 Sun. 10:00 am Fr. Paul Vassar

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 (May 17 - 23) 53 DONORS **\$ 3,626.00**

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS:
ONLINE GIVING: 4 DONORS \$ 115.00
MASS/DROP-OFF/MAILED: 14 DONORS \$ 479.00

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 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.

PARISH MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENT

The 2nd collection for the Parish Maintenance & Improvement Fund will be on June 5 & 6.

You may use Online Giving for this collection, 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.

DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers, those who have died especially Lovisa Swallingson and Elizabeth Carroll.

**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, 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, Takako Smith, 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, Richard Nivens, John Delphey, Anita Perricelli, Danny Ramos, and all who have the corona virus throughout the world.

LIVING STEWARDSHIP

How much time do you devote to your community of faith in worship, prayer, and deeds of love? How do you express your thanks for what the community gives to you?

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BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINES

May 30 bulletin, was due by May 21 (Friday)
 June 6 bulletin, was due by May 28 (Friday)
 June 13 bulletin, is due by June 4 (Friday)
 June 20 bulletin, is due by June 11 (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

Happy Memorial Day weekend and happy Ordinary Time in the Church's calendar.

We celebrate two liturgical feasts this weekend and next weekend that bring a full close to the Easter season: Holy Trinity and Corpus Christi. Both celebrations give us another opportunity to reflect on the amazing gift of the Lord, the gift of his body, mind, and spirit to sustain, nourish and lead us on the Way to Him. The feast of the Trinity gives us again to pause and reflect on our understanding or better yet our relationship with God.

The Feast of the Holy Trinity celebrates the mystery of God. Deacon Greg Kandra gives a wonderful short reflection on this as I paraphrase some of his reflections.: "The great truth we celebrate on this feast is that God does not and never will abandon us. God is with us until the end of the age. God is not detached from us. The God who created us —is the same God who suffered and redeemed us—and is the same God who dwells with us now in the Spirit of wisdom, wonder and hope.

Through it all, across the ages God is with us. The Trinity is a mystery but what isn't a mystery is the reality of God's love. It is constant and it goes on just as the Gospel goes on. This is what Jesus wanted us to know.

In popular terms what is called the 'Great Commission' as Jesus gives to the disciples before ascending into Heaven. "Go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.

There are two things that strike me about this, "teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." Teaching the world to clothe the naked, feed the hungry, shelter the homeless. Teach those 'disciples of all the world' to love one another as we have been loved by God.

And the second part, reminding us how we have been branded by our Baptism. We have been branded for the Trinity, and we acclaim the Father, Son and Holy Spirit again and again. Every time we make the sign of the cross or begin a prayer, we relive our Baptism and mark ourselves as for the one God in three persons. And this always reminds us that we have God's help,

we are not alone. Christ's concluding statement assures us that He will be with us always." For this we offer great thanks and praise on this feast.



The Feast of Corpus Christi: *Dies Sanctissimi Corporis et Sanguinis Domini Iesu Christi*, 'Day of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus

Christ the Lord'), also known as the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, is a Roman Catholic, liturgical solemnity celebrating the Real Presence of the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ in the elements of the Eucharist. Two months earlier, the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper is observed on Holy Thursday in a somber atmosphere leading to Good Friday. The liturgy on that day also commemorates Christ's washing of the disciples' feet, the institution of the priesthood and the agony in the Garden of Gethsemane. This celebration at the end of the Easter season is much more festive and celebrates Jesus' presence with us always and the invitation to carry Him and transform our world into God's Kingdom.

The feast of Corpus Christi was proposed by Saint Thomas Aquinas, Doctor of the Church, to Pope Urban IV, in order to create a feast focused solely on the Holy Eucharist, emphasizing the joy of the Eucharist being the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ. Pope Urban established this as a universal feast of the Church in 1264.

We also celebrate Memorial Day over this weekend which commemorates the men and women who died while in the military service of their country, particularly those who died in battle or because of wounds sustained in battle. In other words, the purpose of Memorial Day is to memorialize the veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country. Let us honor them again with our prayer and belief that Christ in the Trinity will unite us all one day in the Heavenly Kingdom.

With the governor's statement that many restrictions will be lifted on June 15th, the parish staff is working now to implement what the state, county and diocese put out as the new rules. As soon as there is clarity, it will be communicated and implemented in the parish. Stay tuned!



50TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION

On Sunday, June 6 at the 10:00 am Mass we will celebrate with Fr. Paul Vassar the 50th Anniversary of his ordination.

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>

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.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER - VOLUNTEER

With the addition of the 5:00 pm Saturday Mass to the schedule there is a need for one Eucharistic 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.



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: Pope Francis on a cease fire in the Hold Land – “In the name of God who has created all human beings equal in rights, duties and dignity and has called them to live together as brothers and sisters, I appeal for calm.....”. We give thanks for the answer to his prayer, and continue our prayers for a lasting peace in the region and healing to all who have suffered greatly during the recent conflict.

Highlight on a humanitarian effort: Doctors without Borders
<https://www.doctorswithoutborders.org/>

Médecins Sans Frontières/Doctors Without Borders (MSF) is a private international association founded in 1971. The association is made up mainly of doctors and the health sector, and their mission is to provide lifesaving medical care to those most in need in over 70 countries. One of several guiding principles – *Our fierce independence allows us to go where many other organizations can't or won't.*

Service opportunity coming soon!

- The SJC is joining with St. Vincent de Paul's longstanding service project and UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital project launched last Fall to collect new backpacks and school supplies for Oakland children in need. Look for details of the program in next week's Bulletin.
- Remember to check out St. Vincent de Paul's corner in the Bulletin for volunteer opportunities.

Our Committee continues to meet every two weeks on Thursday evenings while we finalize our Mission Statement and program goals that will include both a service component and an education component (e.g., last week, Deacon Zach gave an informative and moving presentation on his prison ministry). Our next meeting is scheduled on **Thursday, June 3rd**, at **7:00pm** via Zoom. If you haven't had a chance, please join us to share in the dialogue around social justice learning and service for our Parish. RSVP to Lydia Deck, ltdeck@me.com, for a link to the Zoom meeting.


ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The second collection of every 5th Sunday supports our Parish Conference of St. Vincent de Paul.

Thank you for your continued generosity during these unusually difficult times for so many in Oakland.

Selena is a neighbor helped by the generosity of the parishioners of St. Theresa. She has lived in her Oakland neighborhood for twenty years and is clearly a respected elder for the local youth with a small studio filled with her many life souvenirs and cherished belongings. Selena has worked her entire life and although retired from a job with the Warriors in the concessions stands, she continues to work part time when she can to bring in extra income. She suffers from fibromyalgia and lupus and needs to soak in the bathtub several times a day which ran up her utility costs. Our St. Vincent de Paul conference paid her entire EBMUD bill and helped with her PG&E bill as well.

This year our Conference is collaborating with our parish's new Social Justice Committee to collect supplies for St. Vincent de Paul's annual backpack/school supplies drive, as well as for other children in need. Please stay tuned for details shared on the Social Justice Committee corner.

Our Parish Conference meets bimonthly, every third Saturday at 9:30am. Our next meeting is July 17. If interested in learning more about our Conference's work, contact Judy Bojorquez at jtsbojorquez@yahoo.com to be added to email distribution and with any questions you might have.

To volunteer at the St. Vincent de Paul Center in Oakland contact the Volunteer Coordinator: Kellie Foster - 510-277-6435 or kfoster@svdp-alameda.org.

WEEKLY READINGS

May 31 - June 6

Monday:

Zep 3:14-18a
 Ps 1s 12
 Lk 1:39-56

Tuesday:

Tb 2:9-14
 Ps 112
 Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday:

Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a
 Ps 25
 Mk 12:18-27

Thursday:

Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a
 Ps 128
 Mk 12:28-34

Friday:

Tb 11:5-17
 Ps 146
 Mk 12:35-37

Saturday:


Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20
 Ps Tbt 13
 Mk 12:38-44

Sunday:

Ex 24:3-8
 Ps 116
 Heb 9:11-15
 Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

PRAYER FOR A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

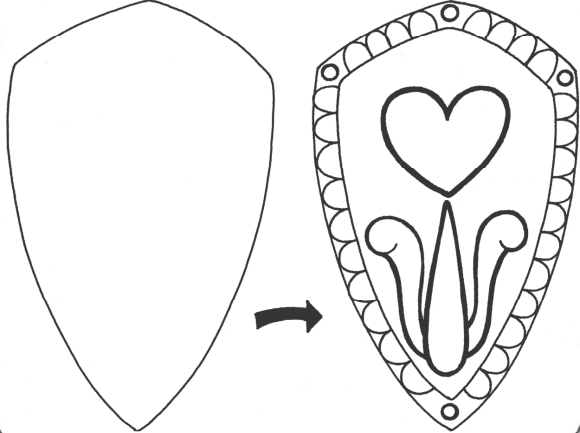
My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, Come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there And unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.




The Most Holy Trinity

The psalmist says that the Lord
"is our help and our shield"
(Psalm 33:20b).

Think of the times God has helped and protected your family.
Decorate the shield at the left so it looks like the one on the right.
Or make up your own design!

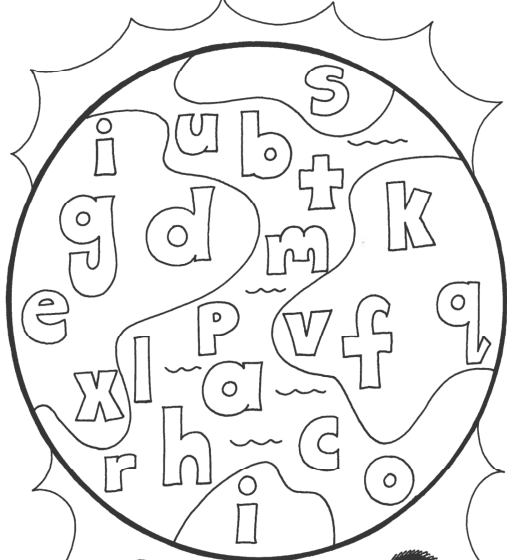



Color them both!



Jesus told his followers to
"make disciples of all nations"
(Matthew 28:19b).

He wanted the whole world to know that
he had died and risen to save them.
Find and color the letters that spell **disciple**.

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"Go therefore, and make disciples of all nations."
Matthew 28 : 19

CATHOLIC CORNER

"I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS"

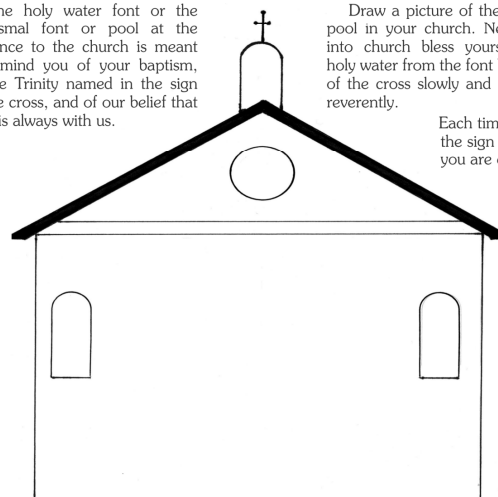
An interesting theme is contained in Matthew's Gospel. At the beginning, when Matthew writes about the birth of Jesus, he quotes the prophet Isaiah: "and they shall name him Emmanuel/ which means, 'God is with us' " (Matthew 1:23). Today we hear the last words of Matthew's Gospel: "And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20).

Matthew's message, from beginning to end, is that God is always with us. And the God that we know, profess, and believe in is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—the Trinity. When you were baptized the priest or deacon poured water over you three times, saying, "I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit," pouring water with each name of the Trinity.

The holy water font or the baptismal font or pool at the entrance to the church is meant to remind you of your baptism, of the Trinity named in the sign of the cross, and of our belief that God is always with us.

Draw a picture of the baptismal font or pool in your church. Next time you walk into church bless yourself carefully with holy water from the font by making the sign of the cross slowly and saying every word reverently.

Each time you make the sign of the cross you are expressing your belief in the Trinity.



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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