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MAY 31, 2020  
PENTECOST SUNDAY

Pentecost  
SUNDAY

MAY 31, 2020

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Jesus breathed on them and said to them,  
“Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them,  
and whose sins you retain are retained.”

John 20:22-23

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**MASS INTENTIONS ~ MAY 31 - JUNE 7**

Sun. 10:00 am † Peter Cuttitta  
 Mon. 8:30 am †  
 Tues. 8:30 am Diane Marie Oliverez  
 Wed. 8:30 am Reed Bader  
 Thurs. 8:30 am † Nick Monti  
 Fri. 8:30 am † Justin Ray Aycock  
 Sun. 10:00 am † Herman & Evelyn Wakcher  
     † Carlo Pernecco

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

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**Bishop's Appeal 2020**

St. Theresa Parish Goal - \$35,800

**BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINES**

May 31 bulletin was due by May 22 (Friday)

June 7 bulletin was due by May 29 (Friday)

June 14 bulletin is due by June 5 (Friday)

June 21 bulletin is due by June 12 (Friday)

Items must be received by 4:00 pm on the due date.

Email to [cathy\\_b@sttheresaoakland.org](mailto:cathy_b@sttheresaoakland.org).

## A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

I hope you all had some relaxing time with the Memorial Day weekend. I worked most of it with a short school faculty meeting last Monday morning. Happy Pentecost! We celebrate the birth of the Church and we hope we will soon celebrate our coming together physically to be the Church.

As I mentioned at Mass last week and you have in one form or another received a Flocknote or school note, our good principal, Judy KoneffKlatt was diagnosed with cancer after some symptoms appeared and surgery was performed. Please continue to keep her and her family in your prayers!

I also mentioned that the rumblings are that we will have some limited re-opening of our churches for Mass soon. I am putting after my words a letter from Archbishop Gomez of Los Angeles and current president of the US Bishops conference. I would emphasize what he does several times: We want to be back together, but we need to wait a while longer and do it right “because we care for one another.”

After Mass last week, the parish staff met in the church (the first time we have met in person for almost two months) to discuss plans, guidelines, and rules that we will implement when all are welcomed back. An overriding rule must be: IF YOU HAVE ANY ILLNESS OR SYMPTOM, STAY AT HOME! Bishop Barber has extended the dispensation from attending Mass probably through January. If you have a respiratory or other condition that would make you more susceptible, you can decide to stay home. We are planning to keep live streaming the Sunday morning Mass through January even when some will be able to come to the church.

Many more things will be sent to you before we have that joyful reunion. For now, I hope you will find some comfort in Archbishop Gomez’s words (put in Oakland and St. Theresa in your mind as you read it.)

*“Dear brother and sisters,*

*As we all are going through these challenging times, I just wanted to spend some time with you sharing what is the current situation regarding the celebration of Sacraments in our parishes. It has been very challenging for me, personally, and for my brother bishops and priests not to be able to have the celebration of Mass in a normal way.*

*And, it has been very challenging to have to postpone the celebration of celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation during this time. And not be able to be present for the entire Church in the celebration of Sacraments like Baptism and Confession, especially the*

*celebration of funerals where we have the sadness and passing of one of our loved ones.*

*And I know that this has also been extremely difficult for all of you. We all want to be together, I shared with you several times how difficult it is for me to celebrate Mass at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels just by myself and two or three people that are with me. When it is a beautiful Cathedral and what makes the Cathedral even more beautiful is the presence of so many faithful that want to come and celebrate with us — Holy Mass and the other liturgical celebrations that we have here.*

*But I think we all must understand that the reason that we must do that is because we care for one another. The reality of this coronavirus pandemic is that it is an extremely dangerous illness and the virus is easy to be passed to one another. We didn’t know exactly what the reality and we was started seeing the consequences of so many people dying and so many people getting sick, so that’s why we had to be extremely careful in taking care of one another.*

*The situation is not over yet. As we can see, even this week the number of cases of people infected in Los Angeles County, and sadly the people who have died this week — the number are still extremely high. It is still a very contagious illness.*

*That’s why my brother bishops and myself together with a counsel of priests, we decided to follow the indications of the city and county health officials in Los Angeles and in Ventura and Santa Barbara counties, with the reality of having to close the churches.*

*But, as we are saying every day, the building is closed but our parishes are open. We had the celebration of Mass for all of you through the internet in many parishes of the Archdiocese and we are trying to be present to all of you sacramentally in that virtual world in which we are able to celebrate Mass.*

*We hope that that reality is going to change soon.*

*I think it is clear to all of us that it might be possible in the coming future to be able to open physically the churches and receive parishioners to come. It is not going to be the same in the beginning because there is the reality of the social distance and making sure that the churches are sanitized, and people are protected when they come to church.*



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**A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR****CONTINUED**

*And I insist that that is the most important thing — that we protect one another. We know that God is with us but at the same time we must be careful and make sure that we protect each other in this challenging time.*

*So, at the same time, I've been working really hard with the city officials, the county officials, and the state officials to help them to understand what is the importance of the presence of God in our lives and how beautiful it is for us to come to church. And especially for us Catholics to have the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.*

*This makes a huge difference. I think the officials are, little by little, understanding better what is that urgent reality.*

*So, let us keep praying. Let us keep working together. I am hopeful that things are going to change soon. I need your support and your prayers because, obviously, we need to come to that moment where we can safely open our churches to continue the celebration of the Sacraments that are so essential for us.*

*We have talked many times how important it is — daily Mass. How important it is — Sunday Mass. How beautiful it is to be able to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, where we receive the forgiveness of our sins and new grace to continue our Christian life in the middle of the world.*

*So, as I said, I am totally committed to keep working together with my auxiliary bishops and the counsel of priests of the Archdiocese and all the priests and all of you — that if we work together, we pray together, and we give priority to protecting one another in this challenging situation, we can see that the churches are going to be open very soon.*

*So, let us keep praying for that. You are in my prayers in a special way and I ask your prayers for my ministry here in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. And let you allow me to give you a special blessing today:*

*May Almighty God bless each one of you, your families, during this challenging time and especially as we, this Sunday, celebrate the Ascension of Our Lord and next Sunday the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost day.*

*May Mary our Blessed Mother intercede for all of those in this special moment."*

*Be assured I pray the same blessing prayer above for all of you and I look forward to welcoming you back face to face, mask to mask, very soon!*

**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](mailto: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 [f](#) 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 RECOURCES**

About Us/Parish Updates & Information  
Prayer/Mass & Confession Times  
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**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://sttheresaoakland.org/about-us/parish-updates-and-information>

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

### 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](mailto:caralee_schaefer@yahoo.com).

### LIVING GOD'S WORD

During this week, pray the Sequence used at Mass for Pentecost before the Gospel, "Come, Holy Spirit, come!" Notice especially the request for healing, refreshment, and cleansing.

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### QUESTION OF THE WEEK

**Adult:** What important work does Jesus ask of you at this time in your life?

**Child:** How would Jesus want you to treat your friends and family this week?

### MEMORY BEARS



Helloooooooo St Theresa's from the Memory Bears group! It seems like we've been hibernating and away from you forever! We miss you! We're checking in to let you know that we're still here, still working on bears while social distancing, and still available to make a memory bear or bears for you if the need arises. Although we miss getting together, our cutters and sewers are busying themselves with comfort bears for those in hospice so we'll have lots to stuff and decorate when we do meet again, and we stand ready as always to make memory bears for our parishioners, their families, and friends after the loss of someone near and dear to them. Like everyone else, we don't know when we'll be meeting again as a group in our lair in the hall, but we will keep you informed. If you would like a bear made, please get in touch with Marlene McShane at 510-653-2688 or Cecile Cuttitta at [Cecile.cuttitta@att.net](mailto:Cecile.cuttitta@att.net). So, keep washing those paws, keep the faith, and know that we'll be keeping you and yours in our thoughts and prayers!

### WEEKLY READINGS

June 1 - 7

Monday:

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

Tuesday

2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18  
Ps 90  
Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday

2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12  
Ps 123  
Mk 12:18-27

Thursday:

2 Tm 2:8-15  
Ps 25  
Mk 12:28-34

Friday

2 Tm 3:10-17  
Ps 119  
Mk 12:35-37

Saturday

2 Tm 4:1-8  
Ps 71  
Mk 12:38-44

Sunday:

Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9  
Ps Dn 3  
2 Cor 13:11-13  
Jn 3:16-18



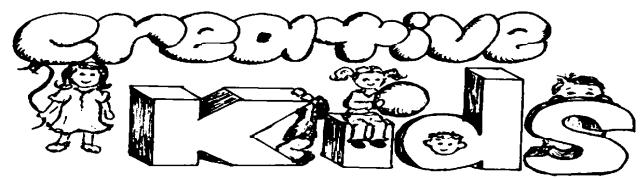
# GOD'S WORD FOR CHILDREN!

Pentecost Sunday Year A

*Jesus appeared to the disciples, despite the locked doors, and said, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."*

Acts 2:1-11    Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34  
1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13    Jn 20:19-23

Directions: Draw a picture of Jesus appearing to the disciples on Pentecost



## Glory Be

As you say the following prayer, think of the impact of the words.

Glory be  
To the Father,  
And to the Son,  
And to the Holy Spirit.  
As it was in the beginning,  
Is now, and ever shall be,  
World without end.  
Amen



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### Pentecost

It's fun to receive a gift on a holiday or for your birthday. The Holy Spirit gives us different spiritual gifts. Score one point for every new word you make using the letters in the word **spiritual**. One is already done for you.

Spiritual	
salt	

All of our body parts are important to us. We are all important parts of the Body of Christ (see Corinthians 12:12-13).

See how fast you can find and circle the names of these body parts. Look up, down, across, and diagonally.

toe	finger	head
leg	eye	ear
hand	foot	arm
neck	mouth	

d	w	a	r	s	x	n	+	l
k	r	k	g	m	h	m	k	e
l	i	m	m	t	o	e	o	z
b	c	r	r	+	a	u	b	a
n	q	h	a	n	d	+	f	j
e	y	y	e	e	i	o	h	r
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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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## 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

## 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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