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JUNE 13, 2021

ELEVENTH SUNDAY
IN
ORDINARY TIME

**I, the Lord,
bring low the high tree,
lift high the lowly tree,
wither up the green tree,
and make the
withered tree bloom.
As I, the Lord,
have spoken,
so will I do.**

Ezekiel 17:24



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MASS INTENTIONS ~ JUNE 12 - 20

Sat. 5:00 pm † Gloriana Chumo
 Sun. 10:00 am † Michael McShane

Mon. 8:30 am † Silvano Giuntoli
 Tues. 8:30 am Parish Community of St. Theresa
 Wed. 8:30 am † Marietta Blessent
 Thurs. 8:30 am Diane Marie Oliverez
 Fri. 8:30 am † Gladys Marr

Sat. 5:00 pm Fathers
 Sun. 10:00 am Fathers

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(May 31 - June 6) 14 DONORS **\$ 3,970.00**

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ONLINE: May 3 - June 6: 45 DONORS **\$ 1,696.80**

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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.

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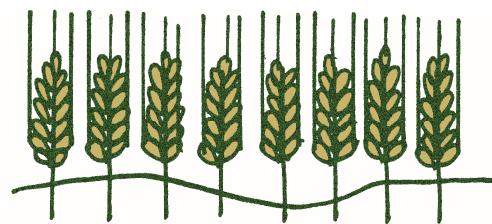
**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS
ALL THOSE WHO ARE ILL ESPECIALLY:**

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LIVING STEWARDSHIP

If you are not committed to a stewardship way of life, why not start right now? Begin small, but make your commitments and persevere with them. Give some of your free time to other people. Offer your skills to your parish or a charity. Give money to your parish regularly, and make donations to good causes you choose.

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BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINES

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

June 20 bulletin, was due by June 11 (Friday)

June 27 bulletin, is due by June 18 (Friday)

July 4 bulletin, is due by June 25 (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

In two days, all state restrictions placed on us because of the covid pandemic will be lifted. At least that is what the news has been broadcasting for the past few weeks. We are all asking what it means for us in our daily lives. We also might ask what it means for us at our parish.

Do we keep wearing masks when shopping, or going to a doctor's office? Do we have to abide when the sign outside a business or restaurant says that masks are required for entry and service? We have amazingly worked together to rid our lives of this horrible virus that has killed close to 600,000 of our fellow citizens. Friends and family members are part of this statistic for some in our parish. While we can begin to travel about more freely and try to get back to a new normal, many in the world are still suffering from this disease and the experts fear that mutant strains may bring us down again in the fall.

My overall advice is what I stated at the beginning of the pandemic. Do not ask what I can do to protect myself but ask what I can do to protect my family, friends, and the stranger. It is not about me, but about others.

The first groups that suffered inconceivable loss, were the older among us and those in care facilities. We did make a difference and can continue to make a good difference if we continue to be vigilant and not cry out that our independent rights are being violated, but that as Jesus made us all his own, we now have an obligation to care and protect one another as best we can.

So please feel free to continue to mask whenever you feel like this will protect and care for others. Continue to wash your hands often and even thought there may not be someone at the door taking your temperature, stay home if you are feeling ill or have any of the symptoms that were on the list you answered many times over the past eighteen months before you could enter a space.

Several have already asked if they or their group can begin to use the parish facilities for meetings as they had before the pandemic. I and the staff want to say yes and begin to establish a 'new normal' on our site, but we still have a few hurdles to pass before this can be as free as we desire. Besides state and county regulations, we also need guidance and permission from the diocese. At this point, no applications for insurance coverage are being accepted. I and many other pastors are pressuring the diocese to figure this out so we can accommodate our own groups and outside groups that wish to use our

facilities. (No late-night basketball until this is resolved as well as other gatherings.)

As I pledged in the middle of the pandemic, I still look forward to a grand celebration of us—the parish community of St. Theresa, when we are 'free to roam around the site freely. Realistically, this may happen when we celebrate our parish festival around the fest of St. Theresa in the fall. Watch the bulletin and flocknote for details.



Last week, we celebrated the feast of Corpus Christi. Jesus chose a meal to reveal to us the gift of the most precious sacrament we celebrate and come together for each week. For Jesus, the meals he shared with others were a prophetic sign of God's coming reign of inclusivity, justice, and peace. Jesus violates many of the protocols of his culture. He ate with saint and sinner, rich and poor. He did not chase away the woman who anointed his feet with precious oil. Jesus showed us something new and a pattern for our ongoing gatherings.

At the table with Jesus, people experience welcome and healing. At table with Jesus all know God's mercy and forgiveness. At table with Jesus, people have solidarity and communion with each other and with God. At table with Jesus, people are nourished with food and hope of a world transformed. At the table with Jesus, people receive food that will sustain them through eternity.

So important to his ministry were meals that Jesus makes a meal the last thing he celebrates with his closest followers. The last meal will seal his relationship with them. And Jesus will transform eating bread and drinking wine into himself and the rescue he will accomplish by the wood of the cross. The disciples did not fully comprehend what Jesus was doing until after the resurrection. Acts informs us that when they are gifted with the Holy Spirit, they would continue to break the bread and break open the scriptures each week. We like the disciples prepare the meal to which the whole world is invited.

Even though we have been restricted by the pandemic from being physically present at Mass, with restrictions ending, I invite all to come back to Mass on the weekend, and I encourage you to bring a friend whether they are a saint or sinner. Jesus shows us the way: 'Come to the feast!'

MEMORY BEARS

Memory Bears—Don't Forget Us!

We just want to remind everyone that we're still here! The past year has been a trying one for all and our thoughts and prayers have been with you. We want you to know that, although we've been hibernating like everyone else, we're still in the bear biz! So, if you, or someone you know, are mourning the loss of a loved one and would like a special remembrance of that person, we would be happy to make a small bear(s) out of a favorite article of their clothing at no cost to you. You'll have a lovely (or handsome) little bear filled with your memories and made with our love.



If you have questions, need additional information, or would like a bear made, please get in touch with Marlene McShane at 510-653-2688 or Cecile Cuttitta at cecile.cuttitta@att.net.

Oh, and we also make masks (for people, not bears), if you are in need of a new one!

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.

SCAM ALERT

A number of people have received phony emails from Fr. Bob asking for gifts cards. If you receive an email from him requesting help with gifts, gift cards, money PLEASE IGNORE and DELETE. It's a scam! He will never request help from any of you in this manner.

VOLUNTEER TO HELP AT MASS

A thank you to all who 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
- † Eucharistic Minister
- † Videographer
(for live-stream at the 10:00 am Sunday Mass)
- † Check-in / Greeter
- † Usher
- † Walk-Up Holy Communion
(for 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>

There will be a mandatory training session for Eucharistic Ministers to go over the current protocols for the distribution of the Eucharist.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

To request a Mass Intention contact Melody Marr at melody@sttheresaokland.org
or
510.547.2777, ext. 120
(Tuesday - Thursday)

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE (SJC) CORNER***Prayer inspiration:***

"One book, one pen, one child, and one teacher can change the world".

Malala Yousafzai

**SERVICE OPPORTUNITY!**

The SJC joins 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. SVdP will be collecting supplies for 200 children to be distributed at their *Back to School for Your Kids* program scheduled early August. The Primary Care Clinic of Children's Hospital will be collecting school supplies for their large population of children seen throughout the year who live in neighborhoods impacted by poverty, gun violence, substandard housing, and other conditions that affect their health and well-being.

Details of our service project are continuing to be worked out, but if you're interested in participating, please see the lists on the Parish website at <https://sttheresaokland.org/ministries/outreach-0> to begin acquiring much-needed school supplies. Drop-off instructions and important dates to be announced soon, but please, **Mark your Calendars** for our Parish community event scheduled the weekend of July 17th and 18th when we will assemble the backpacks. If you have any questions, please contact Nina Green at 510/541-7188, or by email to nngreen177@att.net.

The next Social Justice Committee meeting is scheduled on **Thursday, June 17th**, at 7:00 pm 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 eviction moratoriums in response to the COVID-19 pandemic are generally set to expire at the end of June, at which time St Vincent de Paul expects an increase in requests for help as neighbors whose income sources declined as a result of the economic fallout.

Still reeling from the murder of her son two years ago, Tina is slowly getting her life together. She was a vibrant member of her community before, participating in the urban VISTA program as well as campaigns to improve the lives of prisoners. Then came her son's death and she was left her without the energy for day to day tasks. Tina admits that she saw the EBMUD bill on her coffee table, 'But I couldn't bring myself to open it.' (NOTE: She has filled out an application for the CAP program so this won't happen again.)

Even with diabetes and a bad back Tina still cares for her severely autistic grandson every day after school until his mother gets home. She is grateful that St. Vincent de Paul can help her get through this rough time so she can get back to her life.

Please help us continue to help our neighbors in need, like Tina, and consider donating to our parish SVdP Conference through the Flocknote link.

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

June 14 - 20

Monday:

2 Cor 6:1-10
Ps 98
Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday:

2 Cor 8:1-9
Ps 146
Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday:

2 Cor 9:6-11
Ps 112
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday:

2 Cor 11:1-11
Ps 111
Mt 6:7-15

Friday:

2 Cor 11:18, 21-30
Ps 34
Mt 6:19-23

Saturday:

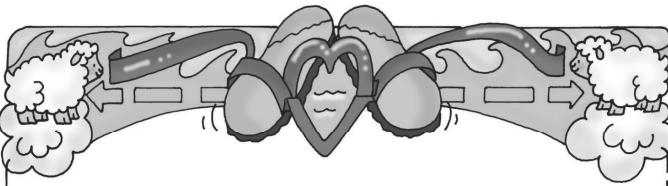
2 Cor 12:1-10
Ps 34
Mt 6:24-34

Sunday:

Jb 38:1, 8-11
Ps 107
2 Cor 5:14-17
Mk 4:35-41

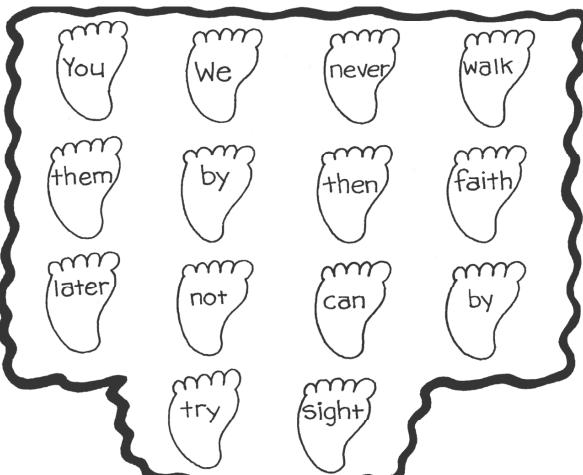


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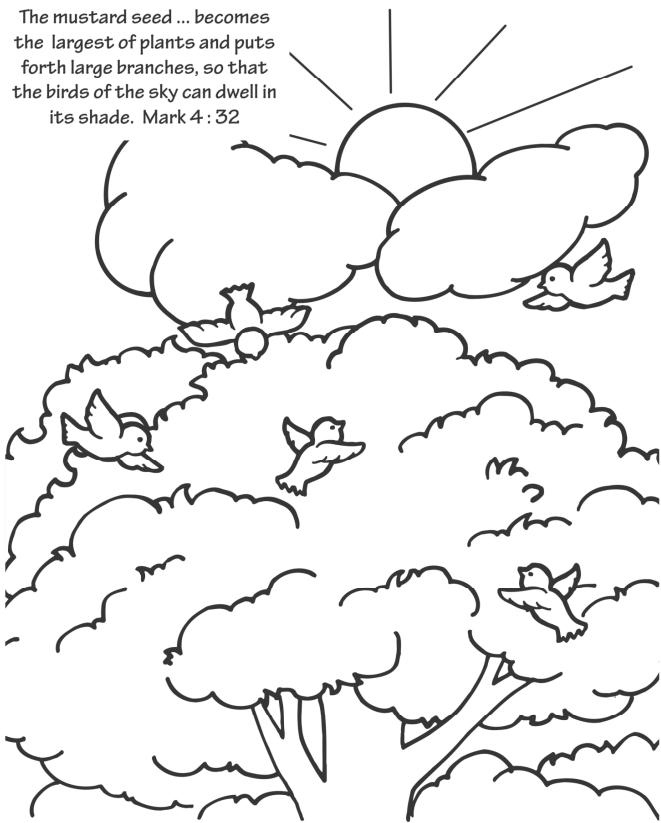


Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

In his Second Letter to the Corinthians (5:7),
Paul writes about walking in a certain way.
To find what that is, color the second footprint,
then every other one after that.
The remaining footprints will tell how we should all walk.



The mustard seed ... becomes
the largest of plants and puts
forth large branches, so that
the birds of the sky can dwell in
its shade. Mark 4:32



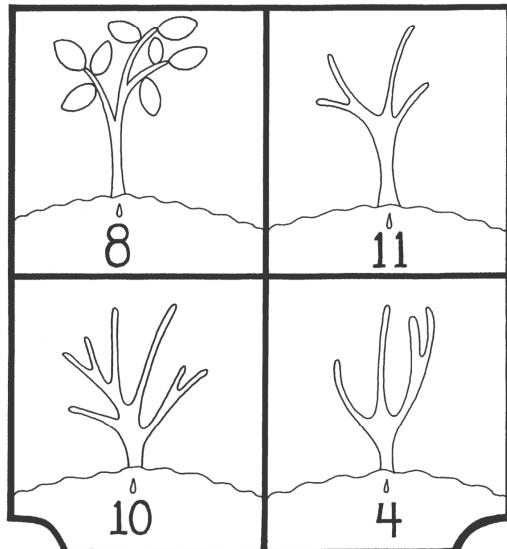
Jesus compared the kingdom of God to a mustard seed
(see Mark 4:30-34 in your Bible).

Even though it is the smallest seed, it grows to be the largest plant.
Let's remember to be good "gardeners" and help God's kingdom grow.

Read the number under each seed.

Then draw that many leaves on the plant stem above it.

The first one is done for you.



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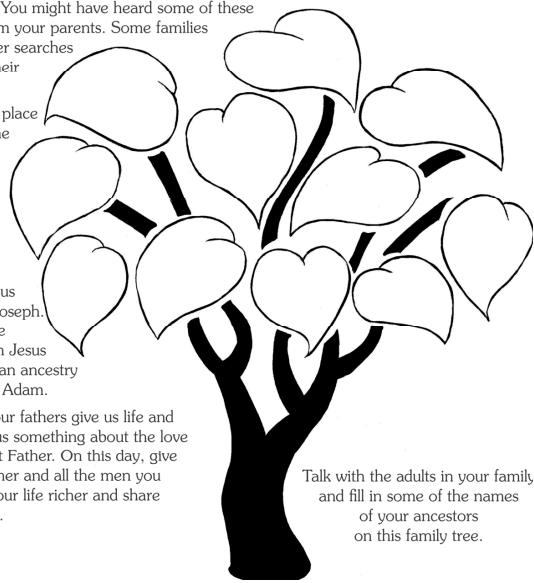
FAMILY TREES

Today's first reading (Ezekiel 17:22-24) and psalm response (Psalm 92:2-3, 13-16) contain images of trees. On this day when we remember and celebrate our fathers, we can connect these images with our own family tree.

We can discover our ancestors, our grandfathers and grandmothers, in several ways. We can learn where they came from, how they lived, and any words of wisdom they might have shared with their families. You might have heard some of these kinds of stories from your parents. Some families use online computer searches to find out about their ancestors.

There is even a place to find out about the ancestors of Jesus. The beginning of the Gospel of Matthew (1:1-16) names all the grandfathers and great-great-great grandfathers of Jesus from Abraham to Joseph. Another list in Luke 3:23-38 starts with Jesus and traces his human ancestry all the way back to Adam.

We know that our fathers give us life and their love teaches us something about the love of God, our perfect Father. On this day, give thanks for your father and all the men you know who make your life richer and share their faith with you.



Talk with the adults in your family
and fill in some of the names
of your ancestors
on this family tree.

PARISH INFORMATION



Mass Schedule:

Weekday: 8:30 am (Mon.-Fri.)

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 10:00 am

Also 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

Please ring doorbell for entrance to parish offices.

Phone: 510.547.2777

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