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PARISH COMMUNITY

ST. THERESA MISSION STATEMENT

WE ARE A WELCOMING,
ACTIVE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
UNITED BY OUR FAITH, OPEN TO TRANSFORMATION,
GROWING SPIRITUALLY AND REACHING OUT
TO LOVE AND TO SERVE OTHERS
AS JESUS TAUGHT US.

JULY 26, 2020

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY
IN
ORDINARY TIME

THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS LIKE A TREASURE
BURIED IN A FIELD, WHICH A PERSON FINDS
AND HIDES AGAIN,
AND OUT OF JOY GOES AND SELLS ALL HE HAS
AND BUYS THAT FIELD.

~ Matthew 13:44



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MASS INTENTIONS - JULY 26 - AUGUST 2

Sun. 10:00 am Mary McCormick
✠ Ralph & Ida Duncan

Mon. 8:30 am

Tues. 8:30 am

Wed. 8:30 am St. Theresa Parish Community

Thurs. 8:30 am

Fri. 8:30 am ✠ Ed Solorzano

Sun. 10:00 am ✠ Afaf & Rafael Bader

KEEP IN TOUCH WITH US**Via email or text message:**

- ♦ Receive parish updates and notices of special events
- ♦ Choose to receive updates from groups you're interested in
- ♦ Unsubscribe anytime



Sign-up at
flocknote.com/StTheresa30
OR
Text: STT To: 84579

SUNDAY OFFERING

ONLINE GIVING (July 13 - 19): **\$ 3,010.60**
67 FAMILIES DONATED

DROP-OFF/MAILED DONATIONS: **\$ 3,335.00**
(July 13 - 19) 23 FAMILIES DONATED

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.

BISHOP'S APPEAL 2020

Bishop's Appeal 2020
St. Theresa Parish Goal - \$35,800

Percentage Achieved **85.42%**
\$30,579.00 as of June 30, 2020

PARISH MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENT

The 2nd collection for the Parish Maintenance & Improvement Fund will be on August 2. Parishioners using Online Giving can sign on to their account and select the Parish Maintenance fund option.

DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers, those who have died especially Carmel Mahoney, the mother of Rob Mahoney; John Montgomery; Fr. Brian Costello.

**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, Fredrika May, 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, Michael Bamrick, Matt White, Mark Dreier, Tom Sanford, Maria Gabriel Decker, Fr. Alex Snyder, Wendy Parmelee, Roger Baylocq, Ida Scodella, Tom Jones, Sigrid Castaldo, Alicia Gonzalez, Denise Moore, Barbara Krummer, John Bouey, Mirella Baldo, Kevin Mariolle, Karis Chodzko, Diana Martínez, Susan Springer, Edwardo Albrició, Zandra Diaz de León Castelazo, Rachel Cecchetti, Sherrie Cotter, Br. Michael Gillette and all who have the corona virus throughout the world.

LIVING STEWARDSHIP

"Cure yourself of the affliction of caring how you appear before others. Concern yourself only with how you appear before God."

—Miguel de Unamuno (1864–1936), Spanish man of letters

BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINES

July 26 bulletin was due by July 17 (Friday)
August 2 bulletin was due by July 24 (Friday)
August 9, bulletin is due by July 31 (Friday)
August 16, bulletin is due by August 7 (Friday)

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

SUNDAY LIVE-STREAM MASS

Our Sunday 10:00 am Mass is Live-Streamed every Sunday on the parish Facebook page. We have upgraded our audio equipment for a clearer sound when streaming.

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.

ALL PUBLIC MASSES SUSPENDED

Once again all public Masses have been suspended effective July 15, 2020. We will continue to Live-Stream the Sunday 10:00 am Mass.

The church is open for private prayer Monday - Friday, 8:00 am - 3:00 pm. Please wear a face mask in the church, use hand sanitizer when entering and leave a post-it-note on the pew you use so we know which pews to clean.

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.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES ~OPERATION RICE BOWL

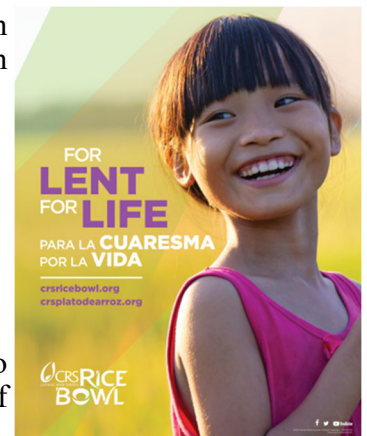
As Jesus' disciples, we have a responsibility to care for our brothers and sisters in all nations. Our community will participate in Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl this Lent as a sign of solidarity with our global family.

Operation Rice Bowl invites us to:

- ✙ **Pray** together.
- ✙ **Fast** in solidarity with those who hunger.
- ✙ **Learn** about the joys and challenges in the lives of our brothers and sisters around the world.
- ✙ **Give** sacrificial contributions to support those in need.

Once a week we ask that you eat a simple meal and give the money you saved to your Rice Bowl. This is an opportunity to become evermore aware of the needs of others through your participation in this program.

Visit orb.crs.org to watch videos and learn more about the difference your prayers, fasting and almsgiving make in the lives of our brothers and sisters in need.



The above was the information in our Lenten/Triduum Parish Booklet. With the shelter-in-place that went into effect in March we were not able to complete the program and have you drop off your Rice Bowl on Palm Sunday as we normally do.

We would like to send CRS the money that was collected through the Rice Bowl program. If you still have your Rice Bowl at home we are asking you to open it, count the money and mail a check to the parish or drop through the rectory mail slot. Make the check payable to St. Theresa, with a note on the memo line, CRS - Rice Bowl.

R.C.I.A. ~~~ Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults



ARE YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW INTERESTED IN JOINING THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?

ARE YOU UNBAPTIZED, SEEKING A FAITH COMMUNITY?

OR

ARE YOU BAPTIZED IN ANOTHER FAITH?

OR

ARE YOU A BAPTIZED CATHOLIC SEEKING TO COMPLETE THE SACRAMENTS OF FIRST EUCHARIST AND/OR CONFIRMATION?

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RCIA MIGHT BE JUST WHAT YOU ARE LOOKING FOR.

A NEW VIRTUAL ZOOM INQUIRY SESSION WILL BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER.

Contact Cathy Brady at 510.547.2777, ext. 26 or cathy_b@sttheresaoakland.org for more information, or to register for our sessions beginning in September.

WHAT IS ALPHA?

Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith, typically run over fifteen weeks. During each session, participants will watch video talk and engage in group discussion where they can freely share opinions and thoughts. Each talk looks at a different aspect of the Christian faith and is designed to create conversation.

We believe everyone should have the chance to explore the Christian faith, ask questions and share their point of view.

St. Theresa will be offering Alpha via Zoom beginning in September and you are invited to participate and invite a friend to join us!

Check out the Alpha page on the parish website:

<https://sttheresaoakland.org/formation/adult-enrichment/alpha>.

Contact Cathy Brady at cathy_b@sttheresaoakland.org with any questions you may have or to register to participate in Alpha this fall.



Alpha

LIVING GOD'S WORD

There is little in life that we can control, and certainly not faith or a sense of God's presence or wisdom or any such things. They all require patience, and they are all discovered with a sense of pure gift. It's almost as if God plans it that way.

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Adult: What would you be willing to "sell," or do without, in order to achieve your dreams for yourself or your family?

Child: What good thing do you want so much that you would give up something else to get it?



Safe Environment Training for Parish and School Volunteers

FOR MANY PARISH AND SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS IT IS TIME FOR YOU TO RENEW YOUR TRAINING. YOU WILL RECEIVE AN EMAIL REMINDER WITH A LINK FOR YOU TO COMPLETE THE ONLINE TRAINING. PLEASE COMPLETE THE TRAINING BY THE RENEWAL DATE IN THE EMAIL. EVEN THOUGH MANY PROGRAMS AND MINISTRIES ARE SUSPENDED AT THIS TIME WE ASK THAT YOU KEEP YOUR TRAINING UP-TO-DATE.

IF YOU HAVE ANY PROBLEMS OR QUESTIONS CONTACT CATHY BRADY AT CATHY_B@STTHERESAOKLAND.ORG.

To renew click on the link in your email or go to <https://www.virtusonline.org> or click on the link in the upper right corner of the parish website sttheresaokland.org.

As a community of faith, we believe that the prevention of child sexual abuse begins with each person. Increased awareness and a willingness to take action are steps for every person to take to eradicate abuse in our society, in the community, in the neighborhood, and in the family.

All those who minister (volunteers, employees and clergy) in the Diocese of Oakland are to be educated about the nature of child sexual abuse, how it is perpetrated, how to report it and strategies for prevention. Training is mandatory for all who minister, before starting work or volunteering and then every 3 years thereafter.

Please remember that in order to volunteer at the parish in any capacity (Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Catechist, Choir Member, St. Vincent de Paul, Legion of Mary etc.), you must complete the training.

To renew or register go to: <https://www.virtusonline.org> or click on the link in the upper right corner of the parish website sttheresaokland.org.

If this is your first time using Virtus you must register as a First-Time Registrant.

- ♦ Click on First-Time Registrant
- ♦ Select your organization: Oakland, CA (Diocese)
- ♦ Create a User Id and Password
- ♦ Provide all the information requested on the screen
- ♦ Select the PRIMARY location where you volunteer
- ♦ Select the role(s) that you serve within the parish
- ♦ Continue the registration process. Once completed you may continue with the online training or sign-up for an on-site training.

MASS INTENTIONS

We are accepting Mass Intention requests.

To request a Mass Intention contact Melody Marr at melody@sttheresaokland.org or 510.547.2777, ext. 120.

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.

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.

WEEKLY READINGS

July 27 - August 2

Monday:

Jer 13:1-11
Ps Dt 32
Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday

Jer 14:17-22
Ps 79
Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday

Jer 15:10, 16-21
Ps 59
Jn 11:19-27

Thursday:

Jer 18:1-6
Ps 146
Mt 13:47-53

Friday

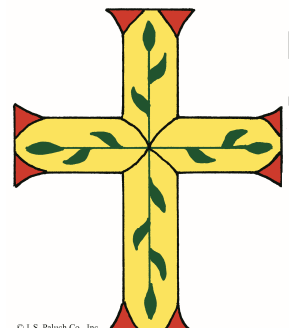
Jer 26:1-9
Ps 69
Mt 13:54-58

Saturday

Jer 26:11-16
Ps 69
Mt 14:1-12

Sunday:

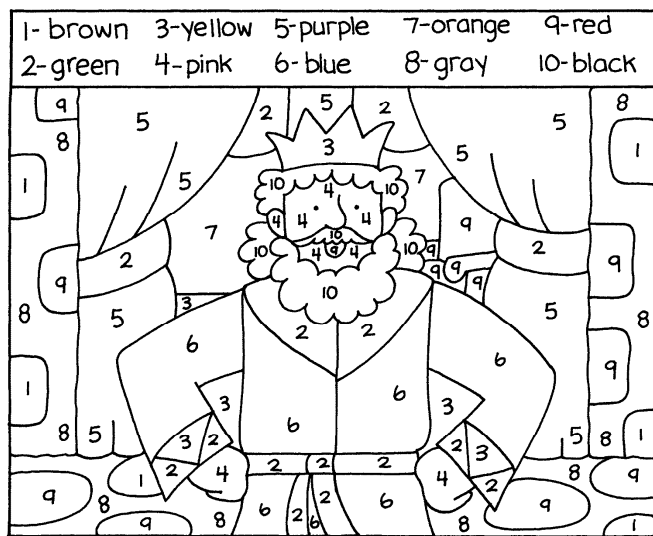
Is 55:1-3
Ps 145
Rom 8:35, 37-39
Mt 14:13-21



GOD'S WORD FOR CHILDREN!

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

King Solomon asked God to help him understand and know how to lead the people in his kingdom. God was pleased with his request and made him wiser than anyone. Color this picture using the number code. Remember to pray for the gift of wisdom, too.

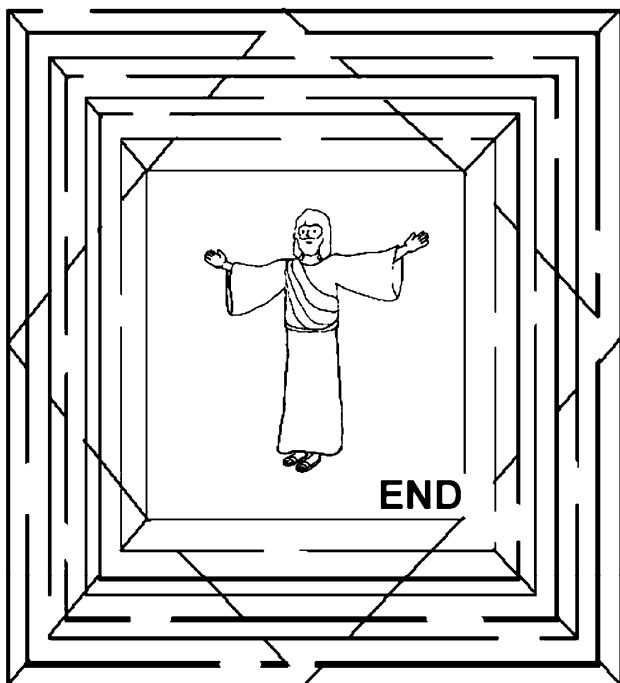


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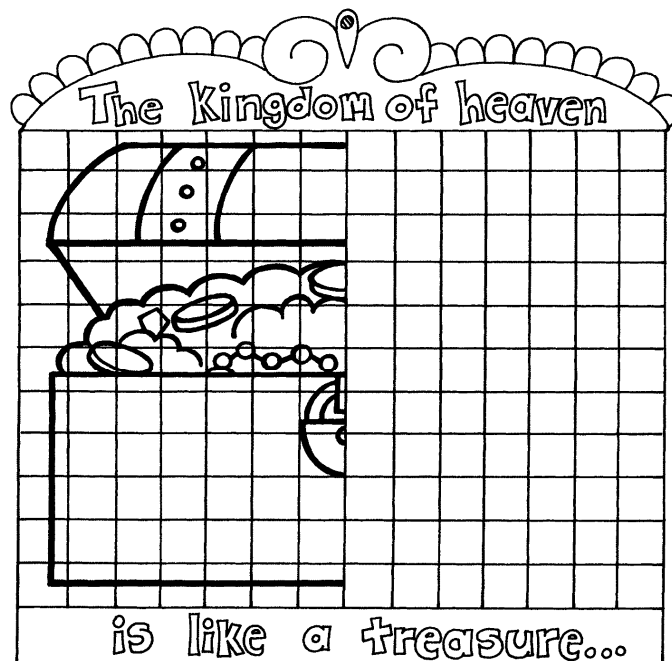


God treasures us and wants us to be with Him at the end of time. He even gave up His only Son for us.

Directions: Find your way through the maze to get to Jesus.



Jesus said the kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field. Use the grid to finish drawing the treasure chest. When you are done write your name on it. Let it remind you how precious and valuable you are to God.

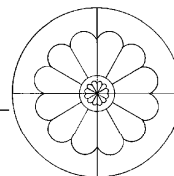


Summer is a great time to visit new places. This week, make a visit to a familiar place and look at it in a new way. Ask an adult to join you on a weekday visit to your parish church. When you are in church on the weekend it is usually filled with people. During the day it is probably empty and dark with the lights turned off. It is a good time to discover some of the beautiful holy places and things that you might not have seen before. Take this paper with you. Put a check next to everything you find. All churches are different so you might not find everything on the list. If you have questions about anything, ask the adult with you or ask your parish priest after Mass next Sunday. Remember to bless yourself when you come into the church. Before you leave, say a prayer for all the people who built this church with love.

MY PARISH CHURCH

My parish church has:

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| ☐ a statue of Mary | ☐ a baptismal font |
| ☐ a stained glass window | ☐ a banner |
| ☐ containers of sacred oils | ☐ a piano |
| ☐ holy water fonts | ☐ stations of the cross |
| ☐ a bulletin board for parish announcements | ☐ a place for the weekly bulletin |
| ☐ a container for holy water | ☐ an ambo (the place from which scripture is read) |
| ☐ a presider's chair (where the priest sits during Mass) | ☐ a sanctuary lamp near the tabernacle |
| ☐ a place to make donations for the poor | ☐ a place where young children can be cared for during Mass |
| ☐ a crucifix | ☐ an organ |
| ☐ a large candle stand | ☐ a reconciliation room |
| ☐ songbooks | ☐ small vigil lights |
| ☐ a statue of the parish's patron saint | ☐ murals (pictures painted on the walls) |



PARISH INFORMATION



Mass Schedules:

ALL PUBLIC MASS ARE SUSPENDED

Sunday: 10:00 am
Live-Stream on Facebook

Reconciliation: **SUSPENDED**

Parish Center Summer Office
Hours:

Tuesday - Thursday: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

**THE PARISH OFFICES ARE CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.
THE PARISH STAFF IS AVAILABLE BY PHONE AND EMAIL
DURING OFFICE HOURS.**

Phone: 510.547.2777

After Hours Medical Emergency Line: 510.610.7715

Parish Website: www.sttheresaokland.org

 Facebook: [StTheresaChurch/Oakland](https://www.facebook.com/StTheresaChurch/Oakland)

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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.

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Cathy Brady ~ cathy_b@sttheresaokland.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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Finance Council:

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