

# ST. THERESA

# 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.

AUGUST 2, 2020

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY  
IN  
ORDINARY TIME



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Thus says the Lord:  
All you who are thirsty,  
come to the water!  
You who have no money,  
come, receive grain and eat;  
Come, without paying  
and without cost,  
drink wine and milk!

Isaiah 55:1

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**MASS INTENTIONS - AUGUST 2 - 9**

Sun. 10:00 am † Afaf &amp; Rafael Bader

Mon. 8:30 am

Tues. 8:30 am St. Theresa Parish Community

Wed. 8:30 am † Nick Monti

Thurs. 8:30 am

Fri. 8:30 am † Silvano &amp; Elsie Giuntoli

Sun. 10:00 am † Ida Monti &amp; Tina Bruno

**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

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Text: STT To: 84579

**SUNDAY OFFERING**

**ONLINE GIVING (July 20 - 26):** **\$ 4,487.20**  
75 FAMILIES DONATED

**DROP-OFF/MAILED DONATIONS:** **\$ 3,905.00**  
(July 20 - 26) 27 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.*

**DECEASED**

Please remember in your prayers, those who have died especially Freddie May; Jose Dones Almanza, the grandfather of Elizabeth Munoz Moreno; Yvonne Miller-Long, the aunt of Cindy Mosher and the Carrasco family; Roger Tarnowski.

**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, Eduardo Albrició, Zandra Diaz de León Castelazo, Rachel Cecchetti, Sherrie Cotter, Br. Michael Gillette, Greg Govan, and all who have the corona virus throughout the world.

**LIVING STEWARDSHIP**

People do not feel they belong unless they first feel welcome. Serve the "uncounted" ones in the parish by participating in a hospitality or welcoming ministry.

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**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**BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINES**

August 2 bulletin was due by July 24 (Friday)  
August 9, bulletin was due by July 31 (Friday)  
August 16, bulletin is due by August 7 (Friday)  
August 23, bulletin is due by August 14 (Friday)

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

## A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

“A million thanks” does not seem to be strong enough to express the gratitude to the volunteers in the St. Theresa community that have generously stepped forward to help us over the past few months.

The Alameda County Health Department has implemented many restrictions to keep everyone as safe as possible during the pandemic. Our parish has incurred (and continues to) learn of new items we need or are required to have.

Two weeks ago, during the Sunday announcements, I mentioned the school needed a “cleaning machine” to sanitize our building efficiently. Before Mass was over, an anonymous donor sent an email saying they were sending a check to fully pay for the machine.

Last Sunday was also the first time our livestream Mass was broadcast with some new sound equipment as the result of another anonymous parishioner. The donor is covering the use of a professional sound person (as our sound consultant) through the end of the year along with the new equipment so each of you will be able to hear the live-streamed Mass more clearly.

The feedback has been wonderful from you on how much the sound quality improved with the new equipment. There’s more to come! We have also just learned of another anonymous donation so we can purchase a new much-needed soundboard which will help improve sound quality in the church as well. The one that has been there for over twenty years is old and dying. This is a project we’ve longed to make-happen, and now will be able to fulfill the wish so all of you can hear when we live stream and eventually when we can again come together for public Mass.

The staff and I would also like to express since gratitude to Dan Dantzler for donating some thermometers and bottles of hand sanitizer; Cecile Cuttitta for the disposable face masks in sizes for both adults and children, and face shields; the Memory Bear makers (Molly Kenney, Maureen Bormolini and Christine Ferreira Clark) for the taking time away from bear-making in order to focus their effort on making close to 100 cloth face masks.

To all of the parishioners that stepped up to volunteer when we asked for help with public Mass with set up, check in, cleaning and breakdown: John Blessent,

Peter Boero, Linda Boero, Luigi Bonacini, Chris Colby, Graciella Cors, Cecile Cuttitta, Pat Doherty, Michelle Flynn, Jim Frei, Rose Frigo, Janice Holland, Michael Holland, Dee McDonough, Deb McJilton, Dante Rodriguez, Carrie Schaeffer, Tracey Silva, Paulette Tuckner, Stacey Ver, Tom Wallace and Jennifer Walwark. As the saying goes “we couldn’t have done it without you!”



And I do mean, “we couldn’t do it without you.” You may have seen that while no public service can take place in the church or any building, there is some ability to hold services outside. The staff has been discussing this, but one major roadblock is having enough people to volunteer to set up and take down an outdoor sound system, altar area, guide traffic, get required permits in the neighborhood (one of our neighbors has always come to look at our permit during every summer concert over the years). We also will continue to need people to check people in, take a quick temperature reading, make sure you are keeping six feet of distance and wearing a mask. Do we set up tents? Where is the most level place where this could happen? And a long list goes on. Be assured we are profoundly serious as the confinement continues of figuring and producing workable alternatives, but the above people whom I have just thanked will not be enough to do this. So please consider if you would attend Mass outside, how can you help?

We are most grateful for the ongoing prayers from all of you, as we navigate through this together.

As we move forward with the new office protocols, we know there will continue to be more items (air purifiers, desk shields, etc.,) that will be required. We rely on the gift of yourselves and your generosity as new and more items are needed for the protection of all.

As I mentioned at Mass, Fr. Tegha should be at Notre Dame by the time you read this. (He was in Denver and driving to St. Louis last Sunday awed by the beauty of our nation!). A couple of student priests have asked if they can take his room. I will keep you posted as this develops. I know God will bring us another person who will help us on our journey to God.

### 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](mailto:cathy_b@sttheresaoakland.org) for more information, or to register for our sessions beginning in September.

#### 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.

#### 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.

### 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.

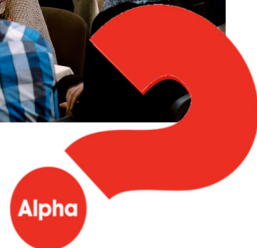
We believe everyone should have the chance to explore the Christian faith, ask questions and share their point of view.

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](mailto:cathy_b@sttheresaoakland.org) with any questions you may have or to register to participate in Alpha this fall.





## 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](http://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](http://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.

### QUESTION OF THE WEEK

**Adult:** To whom could you bring the assurance of Christ's love this week?

**Child:** Jesus fed the crowds today. How does he offer you spiritual nourishment?

### 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.**

### MASS INTENTIONS

We are accepting Mass Intention requests.  
 To request a Mass Intention contact Melody Marr at [melody@sttheresaokland.org](mailto:melody@sttheresaokland.org) or 510.547.2777, ext. 120.

### 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, their name will be included in the weekly bulletin and our Sunday live-stream Mass. This form is not for Mass Intentions.

### WEEKLY READINGS

August 3 - 9

#### Monday:

Jer 28:1-17  
 Ps 119  
 Mt 14:22-36

#### Tuesday

Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22  
 Ps 102  
 Mt 14:22-36

#### Wednesday

Jer 31:1-7  
 Ps Jer 31  
 Mt 15:21-28

#### Thursday:

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14  
 Ps 97  
 2 Pt 1:16-19  
 Mt 17:1-9

#### Friday

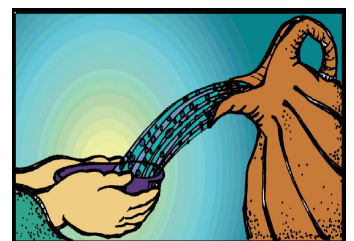
Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7  
 Ps Dt 32  
 Mt 16:24-28

#### Saturday

Hb 1L12-2:4  
 Ps 9  
 Mt 17:14-20

#### Sunday:

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a  
 Ps 85  
 Rom 9:1-5  
 Mt 14:22-33



# GOD'S WORD FOR CHILDREN!

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

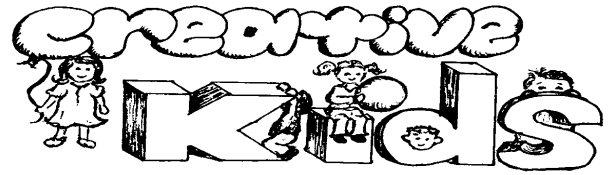
*Jesus took pity on the people in the crowd and performed a miracle of feeding all of them with just 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish. This fed over 5,000 people.*

Is 55:1-3 Ps 145:8-9, 15-18  
Rom 8:35, 37-39 Mt 14:13-21

Directions: Color this picture.

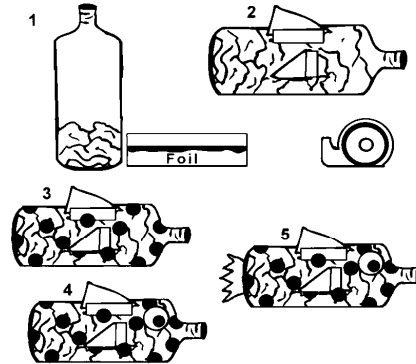


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## Making Your Own Fish

1. Fill a clear plastic bottle with scrunched-up pieces of tin foil. (body of fish)
2. Cut foil and tape to top and both sides of the bottle. (top and side fins)
3. Cut circles from colored paper and glue them onto all sides of the bottle. (scales)
4. Cut and glue 2 large circles at the front. (eyes)
5. Cut a triangle from the tin foil with one end with a zigzag. Tape it to the back of the bottle. (tail)



### Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

God is all-powerful and the ruler of everything!  
Color the first prayer book  
and every third one after that.  
The colored books will spell what can  
come between you and God's love.

N	A	Q	O	W
C	T	J	X	H
T	L	E	R	K
N	B	Y	G	

A large crowd gathered to see Jesus.  
At suppertime, the disciples wanted the people  
to go find their own food. Instead, Jesus took  
five loaves of bread and two fish, and did what the signs say.  
Find and circle the words in the baskets below the signs  
and fill in the missing letters.  
You can read the story in your Bible at Matthew 14:13-21.

H \_

i e v z q h x r  
u a p H e w n r  
f o k t s b g m

f \_ d

a u k r c v h s  
a b n g u w d p  
f q t e i f e d

o \_ r

c s m i z t e j  
k o v e r u h y  
d p g q f l a n

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t h o u s a n d  
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u r h w y s g z  
c q p e o p l e

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# 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.sttheresaoakland.org](http://www.sttheresaoakland.org)

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

Parish Staff: 510.547.2777

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## ST. THERESA SCHOOL

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website: [www.sttheresaschool.org](http://www.sttheresaschool.org)

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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](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:

Carrie Schaefer [caralee\\_schaefer@yahoo.com](mailto:caralee_schaefer@yahoo.com)

### Finance Council:

PJ McGahan [pjmcgahan@gmail.com](mailto:pjmcgahan@gmail.com)

### St. Vincent de Paul Society

Greg Govan [glgovan@comcast.net](mailto:glgovan@comcast.net)

### CYO (Catholic Youth Organization):

Clarence Robinson [sttheresaathletics@gmail.com](mailto:sttheresaathletics@gmail.com)

### St. Theresa Men's Club

PJ McGahan [pjmcgahan@gmail.com](mailto:pjmcgahan@gmail.com)

### Legion of Mary

Tom Wallace [tomw1313@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tomw1313@sbcglobal.net)

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### Consolation Ministry

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