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AUGUST 9, 2020

NINETEENTH SUNDAY
IN
ORDINARY TIME



*Jesus
came toward them
walking on the sea*

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MASS INTENTIONS - AUGUST 2 - 9

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

Mon. 8:30 am

Tues. 8:30 am The Amoriello family

Wed. 8:30 am † Yvonne Miller Long

Thurs. 8:30 am Parish Community of St. Theresa

Fri. 8:30 am

Sun. 10:00 am † Michael McShane

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(July 27 - August 2) 26 FAMILIES DONATED

PARISH MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENT:

ONLINE: JULY 6 - AUGUST 2: \$ 2,156.60
 36 FAMILIES DONATED

DROP-OFF/MAILED: \$ 1,885.00
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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.

Use the link on the parish website to donate.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

The Feast of the Assumption, Saturday, August 15th, is not a Holy Day of Obligation.

DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers, those who have died especially Jose Dones Alamanza, the grandfather of Elizabeth Munoz Moreno.

**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, 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

Make room for a silent time and place in your life for God to speak to your heart. Start slowly — say fifteen minutes twice a week, then increase to fifteen minutes once a day. Let nothing else intrude on this special time.

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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 9, bulletin was due by July 31 (Friday)

August 16, bulletin was due by August 7 (Friday)

August 23, bulletin is due by August 14 (Friday)

August 30, bulletin is due by August 21 (Friday)

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

Email to cathy_b@sttheresaoakland.org.

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Happy August! I hope you can get some semblance of a vacation or time away from the regular routine! And as I said last Sunday, let us all pray for this to pass, for many to be healed, for endurance for those who are responding and caring for many, for those who worry about the businesses that are on the brink of disaster. I hope storming the heavens will get all of us to be responsible and have God's favor shower health on all of us.

As I also mentioned, even though we are not sure what form it will take, August brings the new school year into focus. Teachers and administrators have not rested much this summer as they seek to learn better ways to present distant learning, and prepare the school building for a new, safer look considering the pandemic.

Thanks to a crew who moved desks out of the school as most classrooms will now have half the number of students at any given time. Shields are going up, supplies to keep our hands and everything germ free are ordered and we just wait the guidance from our superintendent and other officials and how and what can or cannot happen.

As I also asked, please keep the whole school community: children, teachers, administrators, parents, and aides in your prayers. This will demonstrate that we must do these things together for success.

Fr. Tegha has texted that he arrived safely at Notre Dame University. He was awed by the beauty of our country during his drive. He also noted that the weather (with a lot of rain) is quite different from California! He assures us again of his prayers and we promise him our prayers and look forward to the Christmas break when hopefully we can see him and give him the sendoff he deserves.

Upon hearing of his departure, I was contacted by several student priests that wanted to take his room. Your good reputation of hospitality, welcome and support is getting known. I am happy to welcome in your name, Fr. Ngema Wi Enow.

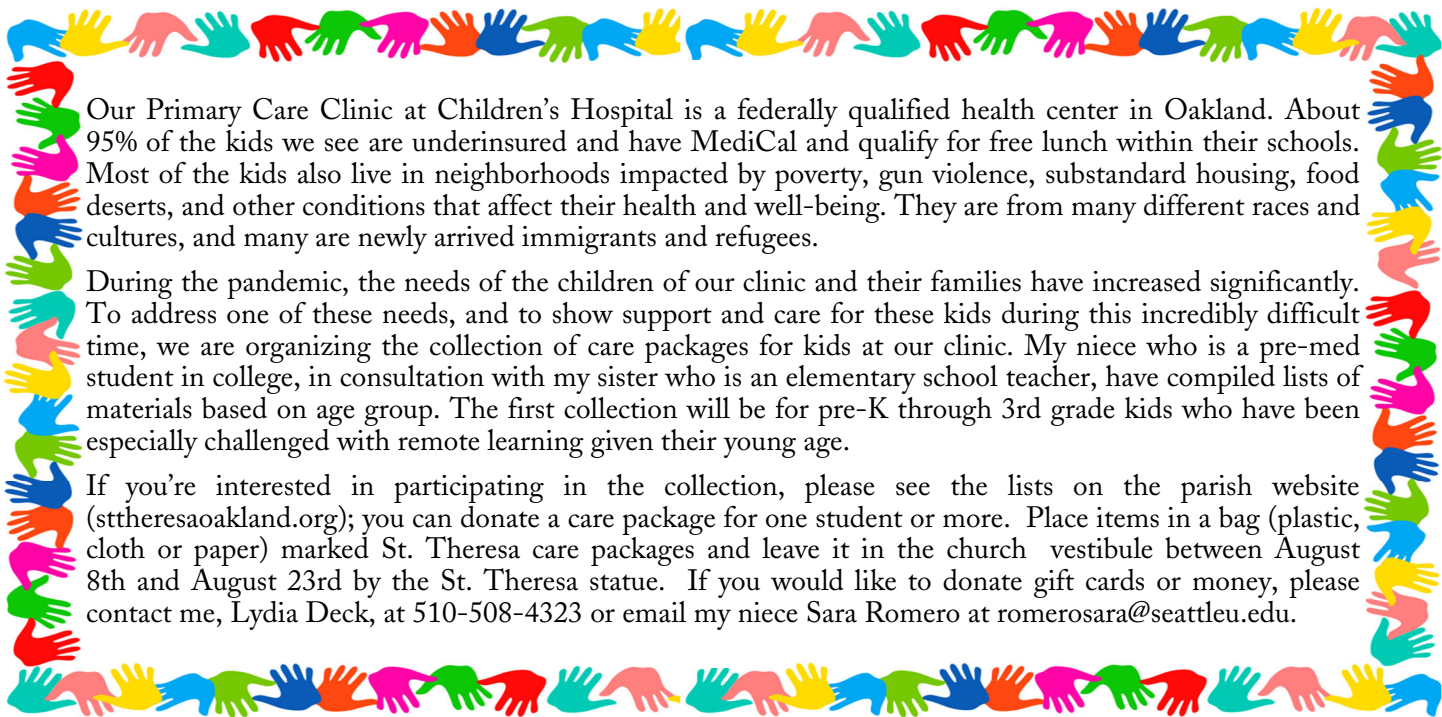
Like Fr. Tegha, he is from Cameroon and was sent by his bishop to work for a doctorate at the Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University in Berkeley.



He has written the following to introduce himself:

Fr. Ngema is a Diocesan Priest from Cameroon on study leave at the Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University in view of a doctorate in biblical exegesis. Born on April 25, 1979 in Cameroon, Fr. Ngema graduated from St Thomas Aquinas' Major Seminary, Bambui - Cameroon in June 2009 and was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Buea on February 17, 2011. He has served the people of God in various capacities, often combining functions. He was the founding Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish Bomaka and the Coordinator of the Divine Mercy Co-Cathedral Project of the Diocese of Buea. He has been a lecturer and the academic dean of John Paul II Institute of Theology. He also served as the Chaplain of the health facilities of Limbe Municipality. He has a rich editorial background which traces back to his seminary days when he was the Editor-in-Chief of SEARCHLIGHT, the triennial magazine of his seminary. His priestly experience with Catholic Social Communications began with his appointment as Director of Divine Mercy Radio and Television Service of the Diocese of Buea. Later, he served as the Director of Catholic Communications Services of the Diocese of Buea and as the Editor of the monthly of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Cameroon – Cameroon Panorama. Arriving the U.S for the first time on August 15, 2019, Fr. Ngema was offered temporary accommodation first at St Mary Magdalen Parish Berkeley and then St Augustine's parish Oakland. He is delighted to be offered stable residence at St Theresa's Parish Oakland and to have a canonist for his pastor since he has a strong interest in Canon Law.

I know you will welcome him in person when you can. May the Lord continue to sustain us and bring us face to face again soon.




Our Primary Care Clinic at Children’s Hospital is a federally qualified health center in Oakland. About 95% of the kids we see are underinsured and have MediCal and qualify for free lunch within their schools. Most of the kids also live in neighborhoods impacted by poverty, gun violence, substandard housing, food deserts, and other conditions that affect their health and well-being. They are from many different races and cultures, and many are newly arrived immigrants and refugees.

During the pandemic, the needs of the children of our clinic and their families have increased significantly. To address one of these needs, and to show support and care for these kids during this incredibly difficult time, we are organizing the collection of care packages for kids at our clinic. My niece who is a pre-med student in college, in consultation with my sister who is an elementary school teacher, have compiled lists of materials based on age group. The first collection will be for pre-K through 3rd grade kids who have been especially challenged with remote learning given their young age.

If you’re interested in participating in the collection, please see the lists on the parish website (sttheresaokland.org); you can donate a care package for one student or more. Place items in a bag (plastic, cloth or paper) marked St. Theresa care packages and leave it in the church vestibule between August 8th and August 23rd by the St. Theresa statue. If you would like to donate gift cards or money, please contact me, Lydia Deck, at 510-508-4323 or email my niece Sara Romero at romerosara@seattleu.edu.

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.

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

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OR

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**A NEW VIRTUAL ZOOM INQUIRY SESSION WILL BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER.**

Contact Cathy Brady at 510.547.2777, ext. 26 or cathy\_b@sttheresaokland.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://sttheresaokland.org/formation/adult-enrichment/alpha>.

Contact Cathy Brady at [cathy\\_b@sttheresaokland.org](mailto:cathy_b@sttheresaokland.org) with any questions you may have or to register to participate in Alpha this fall.



## WEEKLY READINGS

*August 10 - 16*

### Monday:

2 Cor 9:6-10  
Ps 112  
Jn 12:24-26

### Tuesday

Ez 2:8-3:4  
Ps 119  
Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

### Wednesday

Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22  
Ps 113  
Mt 18:15-20

### Thursday:

Ez 12:1-12  
Ps 78  
Mt 18:21-19:1

### Friday

Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63  
Ps 15  
Mt 19:3-12

### Saturday

Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a  
Ps 45  
1 Cor 15:20-27  
Lk 1:39-56

### Sunday:

Is 56:1, 6-7  
Ps 67  
Rom 11:13-15, 29-32  
Mt 15:21-28



## 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@STTHERESAOAKLAND.ORG](mailto:CATHY_B@STTHERESAOAKLAND.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](https://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](https://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.





# GOD'S WORD FOR CHILDREN!

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

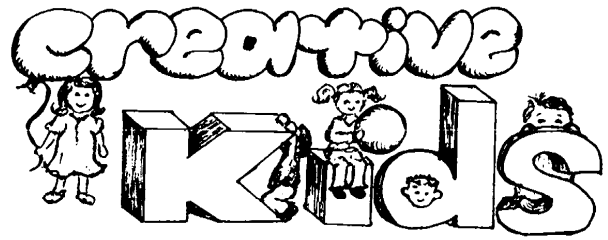
*The disciples were in their boat during a terrible storm. Jesus walked on the water toward them.*

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

Directions: Decode the letters to create words from Matthew's Gospel this week.

1. aertw = \_\_\_\_\_
2. klaws = \_\_\_\_\_
3. toba = \_\_\_\_\_
4. morts = \_\_\_\_\_

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## A Boat That Floats

1. Using any materials around your home, assist your child in making a sailboat. Possible items may include foil, toothpicks, empty containers, paper, tape, straws, etc.
2. Put the boat in a shallow tub of water that has been tinted blue with food coloring.
3. Encourage your child to blow the boat across the "sea" using his/her own breath or blowing through a straw.

**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

The disciples were caught in a storm at sea. Peter saw Jesus walking toward them on the water. Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water, too. But then he got scared and started to sink. He called, "Lord, save me!" Jesus caught Peter and they returned to the boat.

Finish this picture to illustrate the story. You can read it in your Bible at Matthew 14:22-33.

Draw ... Jesus' feet on the water.  
Draw ... a frightened look on Peter's face.  
Draw ... a sail on the boat.

Help Elijah find his way to the entrance of the cave. The LORD will be passing by!

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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)

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

**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.

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):

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### St. Theresa Men's Club

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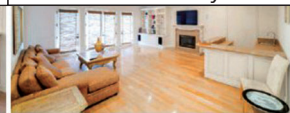
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