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MASS INTENTIONS - AUGUST 14 - 22

Sat. 5:00 pm † Silvano & Elsie Giuntoli
 Sun. 10:00 am † Peter & Virginia Cuttitta

Mon. 8:30 am
 Tues. 8:30 am
 Wed. 8:30 am Parish Community of St. Theresa
 Thurs. 8:30 am
 Fri. 8:30 am Special Intention

Sat. 5:00 pm Juanita Oliveres
 Sun. 10:00 am † Judith Nsuh Kunah, Fr. Tegha's
 mother and his aunt

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- ◆ Receive parish updates and notices of special events
- ◆ Choose to receive updates from groups you're interested in
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SUNDAY OFFERING

ONLINE GIVING :
 (August 2 - 8) 67 DONORS \$ 3,709.80

MASS/DROP-OFF/MAILED DONATIONS:
 (August 2 - 8) 35 DONORS \$ 4,063.00

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.

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RESTORATION OF THE OBLIGATION TO ATTEND MASS

The faithful are encouraged to return to participating in the Sunday Mass if their health permits.

The lifting of the dispensation from the Sunday Mass Obligation will come into force on **Sunday, August 15th**, the Solemnity of the Assumption.

WALK-UP COMMUNION WILL NO LONGER BE OFFERED.

DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers, those who have died especially Dan McDonnell, Alex Scott, Mike Jimenez.

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

Matt Mercier, Daniel Sullivan, Sven Cooper Little, Nadine McMillan, Heidi Parmelee, Denise Bridges, Kristine Berman, Helen Buty, Aiden Farinella, Liza Mitra, 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, Matt White, Mark Dreier, Tom Sanford, Fr. Alex Snyder, Wendy Parmelee, Roger Baylocq, Ida Scodella, Tom Jones, Sigrid Castaldo, Alicia Gonzalez, Denise Moore, Mirella Baldo, Karis Chodzko, Diana Martínez, Susan Springer, Rachel Cecchetti, Takako Smith, Margie Sullivan, Maddie Heitkemper, Lennox Peerson, Joan Simmons, Badri Nakhjavani, Richard Rauscher, Eddie Bradford, Wendy Jones, Bob Rogers, Orlanda Gonzalez, Kevin Chapman, Diane Cerille, Ruth McCabe, Tom Wilberding, Suzette Logan, Shirley Roberts, Karen Milliman, Richard Nivens, Anita Perricelli, Danny Ramos, Mark Leonard, Christopher Rodriguez, Maryanne Walsh, Johannes & Lilyanti Sugiarto, Cathy Fisher, Dennis Boegel, Rhonda Santeen, and all who have the corona virus throughout the world.

LIVING STEWARDSHIP

Put a copy of the Magnificat on your bathroom mirror or on your computer's start-up screen. Pray Mary's hymn to start your day.

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BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINES

August 15 bulletin, was due by August 6, (Friday)
 August 22 bulletin, is due by August 13, (Friday)
 August 29 bulletin, is due by August 20, (Friday)
 September 5 bulletin, is due by August 27, (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>

Percentage Achieved **62.84%**

\$22,495.00 as of July 31, 2021

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

As you might have heard me at the end of the 10am Mass last Sunday, the parish through your ongoing generosity helped Fr. Tegha and Fr. Ngema when Fr. Tegha's mom passed away so suddenly and they needed to make an unscheduled trip to Cameroon.

When they asked me if I could help, I asked Fr. Ngema to give me a breakdown of costs that would be incurred. He indicated that besides the expensive airfare, there were mortuary costs, hospital costs, and food costs for those who would come to the funeral. Fr. Ngema told me \$10,000 would be a ballpark number.

In Cameroon, I just learned that when someone dies all who attend the funeral expect dinner from the family (not just cookies and coffee). Two thousand people attended Fr. Tegha's mom's funeral over a period of nine days. And the family and friends were expected to feed everyone each day.

In addition to printing prayer cards, programs, and other fees, the odd to us situation exists that when travelling on roads one can encounter 'independent armed militias' who require some compensation (bribe) before they will allow passage. On one road Fr. Tegha encountered six sympathetic groups who would not allow the group free passage. On the day of the funeral the two-armed groups were given a 'donation' to leave town and leave the funeral gathering in peace.

Because of this situation, Fr. Tegha said I could not say or print in any form the amount we had set out to raise. Word spreads fast across the world and if someone in Cameroon saw that amount, both priests' lives would be in mortal danger. So, I kept this amount to myself. When many of you generously gave about five thousand, I used parish funds to make up the remainder as Fr. Ngema carried all this in cash on his person. (He explained that bank fees there would take at least half of the amount if we were to give a check.)

Now that I can speak more openly about this since both are safely back in the U.S. to continue their work toward doctorates, I ask that anyone who can help me make up what I gave from the parish

budget to do so. You can use online giving or write a check and simply put a note that this is for the support we gave Fr. Tegha and Fr. Ngema this spring. As always and as you heard Fr. Tegha mention, your ongoing generosity is amazing! May God bless your generosity a hundred-fold!



Two weeks ago, we celebrated the feast of the Transfiguration. This passage from the Office of Readings on that day I think is something to contemplate especially as we pray these weeks and hear in the Gospel, Jesus saying he is the Bread of Life:

From a sermon on transfiguration: St. Anastasius of Sinai

"Therefore, since each of us possesses God in his heart (each time we receive Communion and hear God's Word) and is being transformed into his divine image, we also should cry out with joy (as Peter, James and John did on Mt. Tabor): It is good for us to be here—here where all things shine with divine radiance, where there is joy and gladness and exultation; where there is nothing in our hearts but peace, serenity and stillness, where God is seen. For here, in our hearts, Christ takes up his abode together with the Father, saying as he enters: Today salvation has come to this house. With Christ, our hearts receive all the wealth of his eternal blessings, and there where they are stored up for us in him, we see reflected as in a mirror both the first fruits and the whole of the world to come."

School starts all around us this week and here at St. Theresa's next week. Please pray for a safe, healthy, virus free school year for all students and all teachers and administrators. With our construction, we are already aware of special challenges for our school which I will write more about next week. Please remember them and all impacted by fires and smoke.

Have a week filled with God's blessings and love!



2021-2022 Faith Formation Registration

Registration Weekend for the following ministries will take place after all Masses the weekend of *August 28th & 29th*. Registration packets are available in the church vestibule and on the parish website (follow the Formation link).

Online registration is also available at:

<https://sttheresaokland.org/formation>.

- **KinderChurch**
- **FFF (Family Faith Formation, Gr. 1-5)**
- **First Holy Eucharist Preparation**
- **RCIC (Rite of Christian Initiation for Children)**
- **MSYM (Middle School Youth Ministry, Gr. 6-8)**
- **Confirmation Years I & II (High School Gr. 9 & 10)**
- **HSYM (High School Youth Ministry)**

For additional information, please contact:

Keri Nims, Early Childhood Catechesis and RCIC
 Jenny Bruni, High School Youth Ministry



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)
- ✚ **Greeter**
- ✚ **Usher**

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.

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 inquiry session will begin in September.

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

FACE MASKS REQUIRED

Face Masks are required for all adults and minors in the church and any building on the parish property whether vaccinated or unvaccinated.

Thank you for helping to keep the parish community safe.

LIVE-STREAM MASS FOR HOMEBOUND & ILL



The Sunday 10:00 am Mass will be live-streamed for the **HOMEBOUND** and **ILL** on the St. Theresa

Facebook page **StTheresaChurch/Oakland**.

LIVING GOD'S WORD

Commemorating the death of someone we love can bring bittersweet emotions, at best. We hope that they are with God. We hope we will be with them again someday. Today we confirm our belief that a human being, Mary, shares in Christ's total victory over death. So can our loved ones, and so can we. ?

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

"It is not enough to say we are Christians. We must live the faith, not only with our words, but with our actions." — Pope Francis

SAVE THE DATE!

Join the Social Justice Committee on September 22nd as we proudly present distinguished guest speaker Rev. James Martin, SJ. Fr. Martin is a Jesuit priest and the Editor-at-Large for America Media. A prolific writer, Fr. Martin wrote the NY Times Bestseller, *The Jesuit Guide to (Almost) Everything: A Spirituality for Real Life*. He is a sought-after public speaker and media commentator on subjects such as the life and teachings of Jesus, and Ignatian spirituality inspired by the life and teachings of Saint Ignatius of Loyola. In 2017, Pope Francis appointed Fr. Martin as a consultant to the Vatican's Secretariat for Communications.

Fr. Martin's presentation, *Building a Bridge: How to Reach Out to our LGBTQ Friends*, is scheduled on **Wednesday, September 22, 2021, at 6:00pm via Zoom**. Please RSVP to Lydia Deck at ltdeck@me.com for a link to the meeting. This is a presentation not to be missed!

 **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**
California Eviction Moratorium extended to September 30, 2021

Governor Gavin Newsom signed legislation to extend the state's eviction moratorium through September 30, 2021 and clear rent debt for low-income Californians that have suffered economic hardship due to the pandemic. California will significantly increase cash assistance to low-income tenants and small landlords under the state's \$5.2 billion rent relief program to now cover 100 percent of past-due and prospective rent payments, as well as utility bills for income-qualified tenants.

Our Parish Conference of St Vincent de Paul will continue to help our neighbors in need, including assisting those who qualify for California's rent relief program to apply for and receive these State funds.

If you know of anyone in need requiring assistance, please refer them to our Conference.

Our Parish SVdP 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.

MASS INTENTIONS

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

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.

WEEKLY READINGS

August 16 - 22

Monday:

Jgs 2:11-19
Ps 106
Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday:

Jgs 6:11-24a
Ps 85
Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday:

Jgs 9:6-15
Ps 21
Mt 20:1-16

Thursday:

Jgs 11:29-39a
Ps 40
Mt 22:1-14

Friday:

Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22
Ps 146
Mt 22:34-40

Saturday:

Ru 2:1-3, 8-11' 4:13-17
Ps 128
Mt 23:1-12

Sunday:

Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b
Ps 34
Eph 5:21-32
Jn 6:60-69



God's Word for Children

August 15
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sin brings death into the world, but Jesus brings life!
Paul reminded the Corinthians to rely on Christ and on God's forgiveness of sins.
To find out what he said, draw lines to match the beginning of the words (on the left) to their endings (on the right). For help, look at 1 Corinthians 15:22. The first one has been done for you.

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When Mary came to visit her cousin and called out to her, the baby inside Elizabeth jumped for joy!
Finish the picture of these women by following the instructions.

A. Draw hands and feet on Mary.
B. Finish writing the word "Blessed" above Elizabeth.
C. Put smiles on both their faces.
D. Color your picture however you like!

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[Mary] entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

Luke 1:40

CATHOLIC CORNER

THE SEVEN JOYS OF MARY

We observe the solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on August 15. This feast celebrates our belief that Mary was taken ("assumed"), body and soul, into heaven. Mary is the first person to share fully in Christ's promise of the Resurrection. The Assumption is one of the most important feasts of Mary celebrated during the church year.

The Assumption is one of the Seven Joys of Mary, seven events in her life that filled her with joy. They continue to bring joy to all those who honor Mary and love her Son, Jesus. The Seven Joys are named here. Read the scripture passage that tells the story of each event and talk about it with an adult in your family. On the lines next to each one, describe in your own words the reason for Mary's joy.

1. The Annunciation (Luke 1:26-38) _____
2. The Visitation (Luke 1:39-56) _____
3. The Birth of Jesus (Luke 2:1-20) _____
4. The Epiphany (Matthew 2:1-12) _____
5. The Presentation of Jesus (Luke 2:22-38) _____
6. The Finding of Jesus in the Temple (Luke 2:41-52) _____
7. The Assumption of Mary (Declared a dogma of the faith by Pope Pius XII, 1950) _____



PARISH INFORMATION



MASS SCHEDULE:

Face Masks are required for all people attending Mass.

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

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 10:00 am

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

After Hours Medical Emergency Line: 510.610.7715

Parish Website: www.sttheresaoakland.org

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Baptisms and Marriages

by appointment (call parish office 510.547.2777)

To arrange a Funeral

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Family Faith Formation (Grades TK-5) & R.C.I.C.

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