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ORDINARY TIME



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MASS INTENTIONS - AUGUST 21 - 29

Sat. 5:00 pm	Juanita Oliverez
Sun. 10:00 am	✦ Judith Nsih Kunah & Ngeh Prudencia Sih, Fr. Tegha's mother & aunt
Mon. 8:30 am	✦ Marie Cuttitta
Tues. 8:30 am	Dorothy Ferreira
Wed. 8:30 am	
Thurs. 8:30 am	George Henning
Fri. 8:30 am	
Sat. 5:00 pm	St. Theresa School
Sun. 10:00 am	Parish Community of St. Theresa

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- ◆ Receive parish updates and notices of special events
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SUNDAY OFFERING


ONLINE GIVING :	
(August 9 - 15) 63 DONORS	\$ 3,474.80
MASS/DROP-OFF/MAILED DONATIONS:	
(August 9 - 15) 37 DONORS	\$ 3,045.00

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.

SUPPORT ST. THERESA CHURCH

By using smile.amazon.com and  choosing St. Theresa Catholic Church, location: Oakland, CA as your charity when you shop, Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the parish.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION: AUGUST 28 & 29

Neighbor in Need 'Ellen' lost her home in 2018 due to domestic violence. She found herself living in her car with her son and daughter, then 3 and 5. Despite moving the car as much as possible, she ended up with tickets totaling \$786. (Her part-time janitorial salary had to for food and transportation until her SNAP benefits were approved.) Ellen also needed to reregister the car as well but couldn't do so with the unpaid tickets before she could her record.

Vincentsians tried to help her pay the DMV on line but found out the car needed to pass a smog test first. (Once that was taken care of she was also able to get new auto insurance.) The saga took four months in all but afterwards our Neighbor in Need and her children had a chance to get on with their life.

Next weekend you can be a part of helping Neighbors like Ellen get themselves back to thriving by contributing generously to our St. Vincent de Paul Society Fifth Sunday collection. In these days of the pandemic the need is greater than ever.

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

Matt Mercier, 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, 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, Ricardo Sepulveda, Doris Fiumano and all who have the corona virus throughout the world.

LIVING STEWARDSHIP

What are you doing to be an example of Christ to your family, friends, fellow parishioners and people in your community? Are you walking the walk or just talking the talk?

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BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINES

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)
 September 12 bulletin, is due by September 3, (Friday)

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

Thank you to all who have helped the parish make us the money given to Fr. Tegha in his recent need. We have made progress, but there is still room to go if you are able.

Thanks also to all who have contributed to the 'Bishop's Appeal.' We are well on the way to our goal. Please remember these contributions do not go personally to the bishop nor his office but support important works and projects in the diocese. To quote from the diocesan website: "This past year has been challenging for so many. Now, more than ever, the good work of the Church is needed in our community. From Faith Formation for students and adults, to important ministry works, to supporting our schools and parishes, our Diocese is making a difference in people's lives every single day — thanks to the prayers and contributions of our catholic community."

I admitted this past Sunday, that I had yet to send in my contribution but will have by the time you read this. It won't put us over our goal, but every contribution no matter the size helps. As we have demonstrated as a parish that we can succeed here, I ask your help again if you have not yet donated.

Many schools have started in person the new school year. St. Theresa School opens for students tomorrow. We celebrate this with a 'back to school' Mass on Saturday night followed by the opportunity to enjoy a picnic dinner with the St. Theresa Dad's playing and time to catch up with friends and families we may not have seen for a long time.

Let us all pray for the success of every student from our parish no matter what school they attend. From pre-kindergarten to graduate studies far away, may all bring the prayers and protection we all are praying for them as things open and throughout the entire school year. Let us pray that few will get sick, and classes will not have to go remote at all.

You can check out a lengthy description of protocols addressing our school during these covid times on the school's website. It was written in collaboration with the diocese, county, state, and current medical directives. As I said, may it work and help all the young scholars have a good year!



Over the past week cement was poured around the back of the school library building, computer room, meeting rooms and event center. As excavations to set up these retaining walls started, the crew ran into greater issues and had to dig deeper and further. Foundation walls are being waterproofed, and ventilation is being opened when it had been covered over. French drains are carefully being installed. We will try to bring more pictures to you as this progress is made.

Inside the event center, a lot of work is taking place, but unfortunately, we are cancelling practices for all sports through the new year. I have been calling neighboring parishes hoping to rent some practice time for our CYO teams with limited success. The construction company is very aware of these needs and is doing their best to bring these buildings up quickly but correctly to where they should have been with the original construction. I ask continued patience for all impacted at this time. Some inconvenience now will guarantee a safe and mold free environment for all, especially our children for many years to come.

When more work is completed, there will be a meeting for any who are interested, with diocesan officials to tell you more about it and answer questions.

Welcome Back, girls and boys to a new school year and to all the parents and guardians who bring them. May you excel in your lessons and have a wonderful year together with your classmates who you missed many times last school year.



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 regardless of your vaccination status.

Thank you for helping to keep the parish community safe.

LIVE-STREAM MASS FOR HOMEBOUND & ILL



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

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

LIVING GOD'S WORD

Jesus, you came from the Father and returned to the Father and remain ever near the Father's heart. You remain the Father's Word of love to us, the Word of the Father's commitment to us; draw us into being "Amen" as you were also "Amen" to the Father's will. Amen.

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 23 - 29

Monday:

1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10
Ps 149
Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday:

Rv 21:9b-14
Ps 145
Jn 1:45-51

Wednesday:

1 Thes 2:9-13
Ps 139
Mt 23:27-32

Thursday:

1 Thes 3:7-13
Ps 90
Mt 24:42-51

Friday:

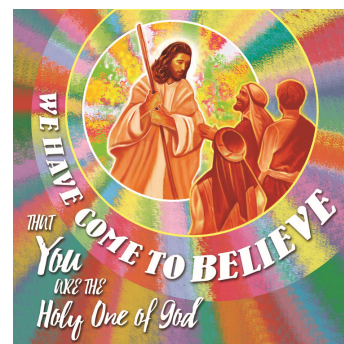
1 Thes 4:1-8
Ps 97
Mt 25:1-13

Saturday:

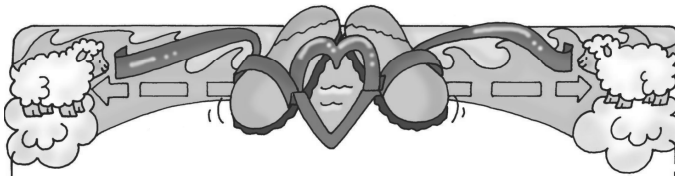
1 Thes 4:9-11
Ps 98
Mt 25:14-30

Sunday:

Dt 4:1-2, 6-8
Ps 15
Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27
Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



God's Word for Children



Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

When some of the tribes of Israel turned from worshiping God, Joshua gathered their leaders together. He told them, "As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD" (Joshua 24:15).
Using only the letters in the phrase below, create new words and write them on the lines in the windows.

My Household



Not all of Jesus' followers remained loyal to him. Some turned away because what he said was hard for them to accept. The question they needed to answer was, "Is Jesus the Son of God?"

Read what these folks had to say, then use tally marks at the bottom to record how many believed and how many didn't believe.

Believed | Didn't believe

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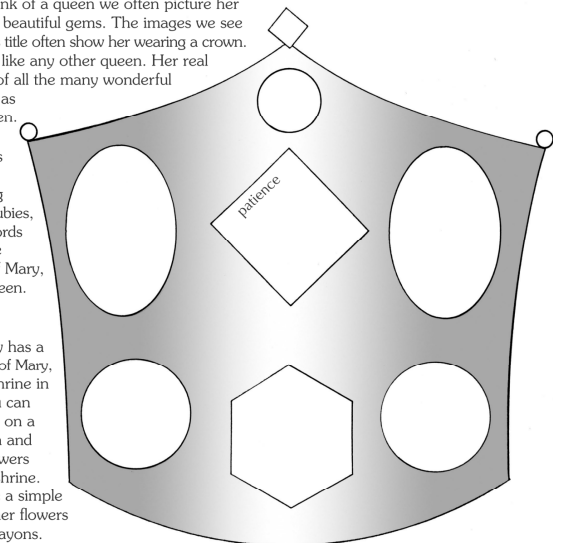
QUEEN OF HEAVEN

Last week, on August 15 we celebrated the assumption of Mary into heaven. Most years, on August 22 we remember Mary as "Queen of Heaven"—in Latin, *Regina Caeli*.

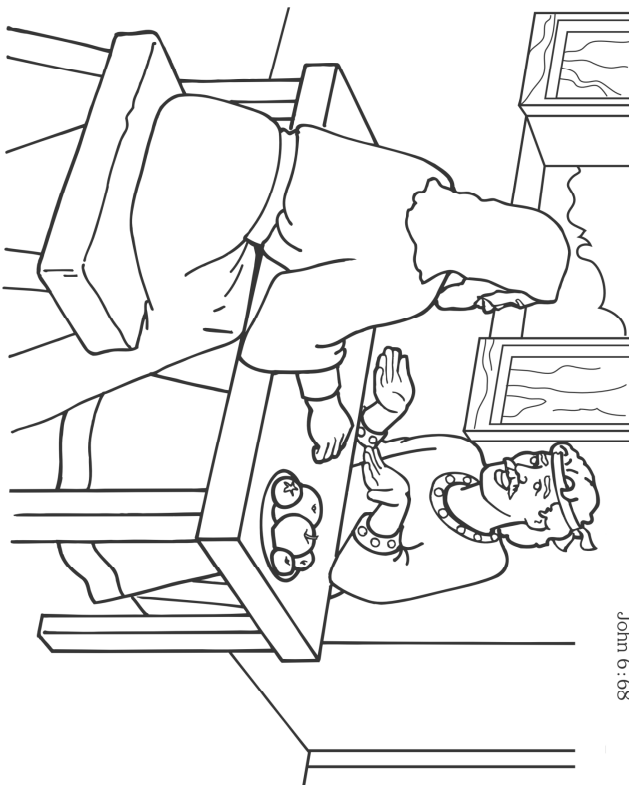
When we think of a queen we often picture her with a crown of beautiful gems. The images we see of Mary with this title often show her wearing a crown. But Mary is not like any other queen. Her real crown is made of all the many wonderful things she does as Queen of Heaven.

This crown contains outlines of some jewels. Instead of seeing diamonds and rubies, fill them with words that describe the loving actions of Mary, our heavenly queen. An example is done for you.

If your family has a statue or picture of Mary, create a small shrine in your home. You can place the image on a pretty blue cloth and gather some flowers to place in the shrine. You could make a simple crown using other flowers or paper and crayons.



Remember to pray every night, honoring Mary and expressing your love for her.



"Master, to whom shall we go?"
John 6:68

PARISH INFORMATION



MASS SCHEDULE:

Face Masks are required for all people attending Mass regardless of vaccination status.

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

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Baptisms and Marriages

by appointment (call parish office 510.547.2777)

To arrange a Funeral

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High School Youth Ministry/Confirmation

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