

# 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 23, 2020

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY  
IN  
ORDINARY TIME

SIMON PETER SAID TO JESUS,

*"You are the Christ,  
the Son of the  
living God."*

~ MATTHEW 16:16

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**MASS INTENTIONS - AUGUST 10 - 16**

Sun. 10:00 am † Carlo Pernecco

Mon. 8:30 am Special Intention

Tues. 8:30 am

Wed. 8:30 am † George Henning

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

Fri. 8:30 am

Sun. 10:00 am † Freddie May

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- ♦ Receive parish updates and notices of special events
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**SUNDAY OFFERING**

ONLINE GIVING (*August 10 - 16*): **\$ 4,345.60**  
 75 DONORS

DROP-OFF/MAILED DONATIONS: **\$ 2,165.00**  
 (*August 10 - 16*) 17 DONORS

*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 Rev. Thomas Lester; Sherrie Cotter, the sister of Paul Cotter; Edgardo Albrizzio

**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, Zandra Diaz de León Castelazo, Rachel Cecchetti, Br. Michael Gillette, Takako Smith, Jeanne Cuttitta, and all who have the corona virus throughout the world.

**LIVING STEWARDSHIP**

Spend no time fault-finding or criticizing other members of the parish. Pray for them and write notes of gratitude for what they do that is good.

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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 23 bulletin, was due by August 14 (Friday)  
 August 30 bulletin, was due by August 21 (Friday)  
 September 6 bulletin, is due by August 28 (Friday)  
 September 13 bulletin, is due by September 4 (Friday)  
 Items must be received by 4:00 pm on the due date.  
 Email to [cathy\\_b@sttheresaokland.org](mailto:cathy_b@sttheresaokland.org).

## A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

We welcome back, sort of, all the children in our parochial school as well as their parents, teachers, staff, and other involved personnel! School started here last Wednesday and unfortunately it will be distance learning for the time being with no official end in sight.

I hope we all pray for all school children and faculties, staffs, and other personnel as this will be a vastly different year for them, but the mission and end are the same, a good education for all.

In case or when we do get the green light for children to be on campus, the school has already been prepared in many ways as guidelines have been published by the state, county and our own Superintendent of Catholic parochial schools in the diocese. There are fewer desks in each classroom, and they have been placed at a safe distance from each other. Masks will be expected to be worn through most of the sessions. Teachers have been training on how to keep students engaged for online learning and this has made the summer pass by quickly and with little if any rest. (In preparing to teach distantly at Santa Clara this fall, I have enrolled in six three-hour online trainings as part one of the preparation they are asking teachers to do.) Our teachers here have also spent a lot of time preparing for the new and unexpected challenges that await us.

For this and many reasons, let us pray diligently especially for all students as the new school years begins.

We continue to be grateful to Katie Murphy who stepped up to be our interim principal this year. (What amazing timing as this promises to be a year like no other!) Please keep her in prayer and as the fall progresses, I will write to tell you about the process of hiring a new principal for the coming years.

With the beginning, as we have done each year and joined it with a concert and picnic, we hope you will attend the 'Back to School' Mass this weekend and join the 'zoom' picnic.

Stay tuned, if this is successful, we may offer a version of what should be the annual 'parish festival' about St. Theresa's feast day.



As I mentioned last week at Mass, we have been able to purchase all sorts of things to keep our site clean and germ free. Hand sanitizers are now at the doors of the church and in every classroom and our office area. When we asked for help with a special machine that would swiftly and efficiently clean a classroom, especially if it turns out that there will be split sessions to accommodate the smaller number allowed in a classroom as a given time, one of you quickly wrote a check to purchase it. (It is ordered, but back ordered to November...an extremely popular device!)

We are able with your continued generosity to hire a part time 'handy-maintenance' person. Raul Palacios has been an answer to many prayers in the couple of weeks he has worked onsite. He has fixed several bathrooms and sinks, fixed a problem in the rectory as Fr. Ngema moved in, and found the cause of the water leaking behind the office building/library with ease even after eBay Mud could not figure it out. We are fixing the small problems before they are big problems thanks again to your contributing to the special collection each month for this purpose.

Thank you, thank you, Thank you. May God reward your generosity a thousand-fold.

There is much more to say and tell you. I will miss being able to mingle around the lawn, sampling your fine fare and discussing this and many other things. Be assured that I remember you at Mass every day. I like you long of an end of the pandemic. One parishioner has asked us to all say a prayer for that each day at the same time. We are looking for such a prayer. If you have one, please send it to me.

God bless our schools and each student. God bless all of us!



**2020-2021 FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION**

Youth Faith Formation Registration is now open and available online. To register, please go to:

<https://sttheresaokland.org/formation/children-and-teens/faith-formation-registration>

- ◆ FFF (Family Faith Formation, Gr. 1-5)
- ◆ First Holy Eucharist
- ◆ 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 the parish office at: 510.547.2777 admin@sttheresaokland.org



**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@sttheresaokland.org](mailto:cathy_b@sttheresaokland.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.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COLLETION**

The 2nd collection for St. Vincent de Paul will be on August 30. This collection benefits the St. Vincent de Paul Society conference in our parish, 100% of your donation benefits people in our community. Parishioners using Online Giving can sign on to their account and select the St. Vincent de Paul fund option.



For the safety of the faculty, school/parish staff and children on the property, the Clarewood gate will be closed from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm, Monday - Friday.

The parking lot will be closed to vehicle and foot traffic during that time. The church will remain open for prayer. Deliveries may be made at the rectory & school.



**ST. THERESA PARISH OFFERS IGNATIAN PRAYER ADVENTURE**

**September 15 through November 17, 2020**

Deepen your spiritual life, Grow in your relationship with God and Jesus, Learn new prayer methods, Experience new means of discernment, Share the graces of the retreat in a small group setting.

**The Retreat will be held on Zoom on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 – 9:00 pm.** The cost of the Exercises is \$150 per person and includes all materials and 4 one-on-one sessions with a Spiritual Director.

**Financial support is available and cost should never be a reason to not attend.**

If you are interested in participating, please complete the registration form on the parish website

[https://sttheresaokland.org/Ignatian Registration](https://sttheresaokland.org/Ignatian%20Registration) or contact one of the team members.

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**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.**

### 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 24 - 30

**Monday:**

Rev 21:9b-14  
Ps 145  
Jn 1:45-41

**Tuesday**

2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17  
Ps 96  
Mt 23:23-26

**Wednesday**

2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18  
Ps 128  
Mt 23:27-32

**Thursday:**

1 Cor 1:1-9  
Ps 145  
Mt 24:42-51

**Friday**

1 Cor 1:17-25  
Ps 33  
Mt 25:1-13

**Saturday**

1 Cor 1:26-31  
Ps 71  
Mk 6:17-29

**Sunday:**

Jer 20:7-9  
Ps 63  
Rom 12:1-2  
Mt 16:21-27

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 <https://sttheresaokland.org/ministries/outreach-0>; 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 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](mailto:romerosara@seattleu.edu).

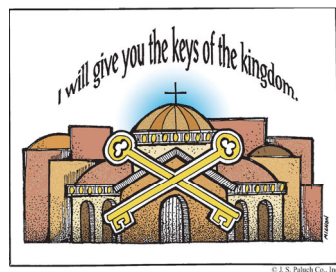
**DROP OFF PERIOD EXTENDED INTO SEPTEMBER**

## 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](mailto: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](https://sttheresaokland.org).



# GOD'S WORD FOR CHILDREN!

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

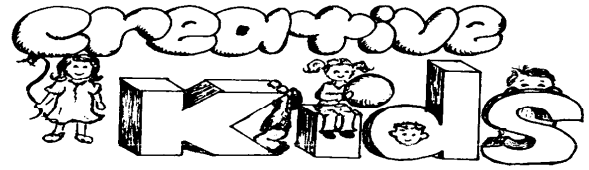
Jesus asks Simon Peter, "Who do you say that I am?"  
Peter said, "You are the Messiah,  
the Son of the Living God."

Is 22:19-23 Ps138:1-3, 6, 8  
Rom 11:33-36 Mt 16:13-20

Directions: Begin with the letter J in the center and decode the message by skipping every other letter.

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| U | T | S | F |   | D |
| H |   |   | E |   | B |
| S |   | J | A |   | R |
| G |   |   |   |   | M |
| I | Q | S | C | L | O |
|   |   |   |   |   | K |

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## Build a Church

1. On an 8 1/2 X 11 piece of paper, draw a very large church.
2. Color your church with various colors. You may want to add trees, bushes and a sidewalk outside your church.
3. When finished, get a pair of scissors and cut your picture in half. Put the 2 halves together and cut those in half.
4. You should have 4 pieces now. Put those together and cut them in half.
5. Put your 8 piece puzzle together to build your church.

\*Make more cuts for a more difficult puzzle!



**Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
God loves and listens to us.  
Help the children find their way to the temple to worship.  
Read the words of praise from Psalm 138:1 as you travel.  
Is this something you do?

Jesus told Peter he would give him the keys to the kingdom of heaven (see Matthew 16:13-20).  
Count the number of keys in each box and circle that number.

|                |              |
|----------------|--------------|
| <p>9 10 11</p> | <p>6 7 8</p> |
| <p>7 8 9</p>   | <p>4 5 6</p> |

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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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**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:

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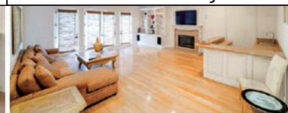
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