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AUGUST 29, 2021

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SUNDAY
IN
ORDINARY TIME



St. Theresa
Back to
School
Prayer Service



30 MANDALAY ROAD - OAKLAND, CA 94618 - 510.547.2777

MASS INTENTIONS - AUGUST 21 - 29

Sat. 5:00 pm	St. Theresa School Community
Sun. 10:00 am	Parish Community of St. Theresa
Mon. 8:30 am	
Tues. 8:30 am	
Wed. 8:30 am	Mark Anthony Oliverez
Thurs. 8:30 am	
Fri. 8:30 am	Corinne Henning
Sat. 5:00 pm	Vita Cini
Sun. 10:00 am	✦ Bill Walters & his mother Anne Walters

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 :	
(August 16 - 22) 61 DONORS	\$ 2,605.20
MASS/DROP-OFF/MAILED DONATIONS:	
(August 16 - 22) 33 DONORS	\$ 2,932.00

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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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.

PARISH MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENT

The 2nd collection for the Parish Maintenance & Improvement Fund will be on September 4 & 5.

You may use Online Giving for this collection, place your offering in the offering basket at Mass, or use the mail slot in the rectory.

DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers, those who have died especially Sonia Dragun.

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 Martinez, 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 is your offering of stewardship, in gratitude for God's goodness? Do you need to increase your giving, pull back from something, or change your commitments in some way?

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BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINES

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)
 September 19 bulletin, is due by September 10, (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 **64.51%**

\$23,095.00 as of August 19, 2021

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Welcome to all who are here on Saturday night at our 'Back to School' Mass and concert/picnic. One week of in class instruction has been completed as you read this and we as a parish pledge to pray for every student in school, for every teacher as they begin a new year of instruction and for every administrator as they try to create and maintain a 'normal' school year despite the need to wear masks and follow other precautions. We pray that besides normal, the school year will be safe for every child and if a child gets ill, they will make a speedy recovery. We pray that if a child has lagged behind because of the circumstances from last school year, that they may quickly catch up and soar with the current studies.

The concert and picnic and social are an opportunity to renew friendships for some who may not have seen each other for a long time. It is also a time to meet and welcome new families who have decided to choose St. Theresa school for their child(ren). Welcome to all and I know the 'Parents' Club' has many opportunities this coming year for all to celebrate this community as we support our children and school. I encourage you that if you see someone you don't recognize to go up and introduce yourself to them and welcome them into the St. Theresa family.

This year there is a special designated area reserved for our middle school and high school students to interact and have some fun together. We hope it is the first of many opportunities for them to be with one another.

As the campus gets busier, I want to remind all to maintain respect and good driving habits for our neighbors especially those on Mandalay. If you can and it is just a small inconvenience, please enter and exit by the Clairwood gate which doesn't put you in any residential area. If

you must use Mandalay, please go slower than the speed limit, careful of children that live on the block and respectful of all by parking in our parking lot. During school days the Mandalay gate will be closed for times agreed to with the city of Oakland when the Event Center opened. School parents are especially reminded of these agreements. Thanks in advance for your attention to this!



Progress continues on the repairs to the buildings impacted by many flaws. You may notice a large yellow tape keeping half of the upper playground closed to all even with school starting. The crew from Oliver and Co. have been amazing in their awareness of school returning. They had run into some roadblocks but are working the best they can and extra hours to get access to these areas back to us as fast as the cement will dry and open trenches are closed.

We are all sad that we must continue wearing masks and taking the extra precautions that we have followed for the past year and a half. Once again, I encourage all to get vaccinated if you have not already done so. On our website there are very short and excellent video messages from Pope Francis and our bishop encouraging all to be vaccinated. They are clear that it is safe, approved by the Church and a moral responsibility on our part for the protection of ourselves, our loved ones, and the whole community. They are clear that no one should be claiming a religious exemption because they are Catholic, and this is contrary to what our Church believes. Please look at the videos on the website and if you have not had the appointment, make one today!



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



Save the Date ~ October 3

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.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION



Starting September 3rd, there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm, with Benediction at 4:30 pm, the first Friday of the month through May.

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.

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).

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

"I There is no 'them' and 'us'. There is only us." — Fr. Greg Boyle

We send prayers to Afghanistan, Haiti and those suffering in wildfires and those suffering from COVID. We know that many have been exploring ways to support relief efforts. Charity Navigator is a good place to see what many organizations are doing and has rating systems to see where your dollars are going.

But we know everyone is busy so here is a short list:

Afghanistan:

International Committee of the Red Cross
International Rescue Committee
Save the Children

Haiti:

Catholic Relief Services- //www.crs.org/our-work-overseas/where-we-work/haiti
UNICEF
Project HOPE
Hope for Haiti

Wildfires:

American Red Cross

Also remember our 'save the date' on September 22nd as the Social Justice Committee welcomes guest speaker **Rev. James Martin, SJ**. He is a Jesuit priest and the Editor-at-Large for America Media. He wrote the NY Times Bestseller, *The Jesuit Guide to (Almost) Everything: A Spirituality for Real Life*.

Fr. Martin's presentation, **Building a Bridge: How to Reach Out to our LGBTQ Friends**, is scheduled on Wednesday, **September 22, 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 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 September 18. 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.

WEEKLY READINGS**August 30 - September 5****Monday:**

1 Thes 4:13-18
Ps 96
Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday:

1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11
Ps 27
Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday:

Col 1:1-8
Ps 52
Lk 4:38-44

Thursday:

Col 1:9-14
Ps 98
Lk 5:1-11

Friday:

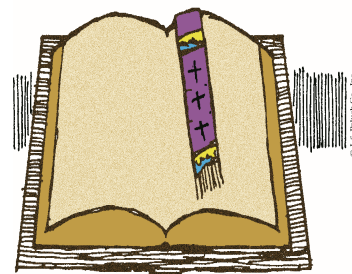
Col 1:15-20
Ps 100
Lk 5:33-39

Saturday:

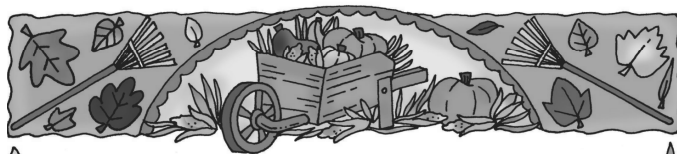
Col 1:21-23
Ps 54
Lk 6:1-5

Sunday:

Is 35:4-7a
Ps 146
Jas 2:1-5
Mk 7:31-37



God's Word for Children



Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

We have so many blessings and good things in our lives!
 Write in order every word with an even number
 to find what James 1:17 says about this.
 Today, look for the many things you can be grateful for.

12 Start every	46 perfect	9 all	37 then
65 because	50 gift	24 is	91 things
45 isn't	73 time	16 from	78 above

“ _____ ”
 (James 1:17)

We can wash dirt from our hands and bodies to get clean.
 But only God can make and keep our hearts clean
 by forgiving our sins.

Read the number on each bar of soap.
 Then draw that number of bubbles around it.
 When you're finished, thank God for the forgiveness
 that makes our hearts clean.

7	10
18	9

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ALL YOU WHO LABOR

In the United States the first Monday in September is celebrated as Labor Day. In the 1800s laborers banded together to demand just and safe working conditions for adults and an end to child labor in factories. We have been celebrating this day as a federal holiday since 1894, but individual groups and states celebrated it even earlier.

The work we do is one way of showing our love for others. Think about teachers. Their love of learning is shared with their students. Imagine a baker who truly loves to create delicious pastries or bake nutritious bread. The people who buy and taste her work are in for a wonderful treat. Police officers and firefighters show their love by risking their own lives for the people they serve and protect. Artists and musicians put their love into the beauty they bring to the world with the work they do.

Think about your own work. How does the work you do show your love for others? As a student, studying and learning and being friends with your classmates is some important work that you do.

Make a list of the people you know and the work they do. Talk with members of your family to discover how their work shows their love for others. Think about sending them a note or calling them to thank them for what they do.

Jesus invites us, "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). Monday is a day of rest for all who labor—even you have no school! Let us pray in thanksgiving for all the workers in the world. Today there are many people who are unable to find work. Be sure to include them in your prayers.



Be doers of the word and not hearers only.
James 1 : 22

September 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

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

Parish Website: www.sttheresaoakland.org

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

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Baptisms and Marriages

by appointment (call parish office 510.547.2777)

To arrange a Funeral

call parish office 510.547.2777, ext. 120

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

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Middle School Youth Ministry (Grades 6-8)

High School Youth Ministry/Confirmation

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R.C.I.A.

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