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PARISH COMMUNITY

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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

SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

TWENTY-FOURTH
SUNDAY
IN
ORDINARY TIME

Peter asked, "Lord,
how often must I forgive?
As many as seven times?"

MATTHEW 18:21



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MASS INTENTIONS - SEPTEMBER 13 - 20

Sun. 10:00 am † Tom McDonough

Mon. 8:30 am

Tues. 8:30 am † Margaret Haug

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

Thurs. 8:30 am

Fri. 8:30 am

Sun. 10:00 am † Matthew Mulholand

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SUNDAY OFFERING

ONLINE GIVING (*August 31 - Sept. 6*): **\$ 5,324.60**
 83 DONORS

DROP-OFF/MAILED DONATIONS: **\$ 2,545.00**
(August 31 - Sept. 6) 26 DONORS

PARISH MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENT:
 ONLINE: AUGUST 3 - SEPTEMBER 6: **\$ 2,226.80**
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 DROP-OFF/MAILED: **\$ 1,400.00**
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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.

DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers, those who have died especially Dan Sullivan; Fr. Ray Zieeziensal; Donna Zuber; Herminia (Mimi) Koneff, the mother of Judy KoneffKlatt.

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, Rachel Cecchetti, Br. Michael Gillette, Takako Smith, Jeanne Cuttitta, Melinda Parker, Margie Sullivan Maddie Heitkemper, Mary McCole and all who have the corona virus throughout the world.

LIVING STEWARDSHIP

Have you committed your abilities, your time, and your financial resources to the parish for God and the Church? Is your involvement a true reflection of your gratitude to God? Do you need to give more, or give differently?

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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

September 13 bulletin, is due by September 4 (Friday)
 September 20 bulletin, is due by September 11 (Friday)
 September 27 bulletin, is due by September 18 (Friday)
 October 4 bulletin, is due by September 25 (Friday)

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

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

I hope by the time you read this, things are cooler, and everyone was able to cope well with the intense heat, smoke, and ongoing confinement. This past week we remembered Holy Mary's birthday on the 8th. This coming week a feast entitled 'Our Lady of Sorrows' is remembered. When we experience any kind of challenge and sorrow, turn to Holy Mary for assistance. She is amazing in assisting us by her example and prayers!

Throughout these challenging days, there may be needs you have that you could use some assistance with in facing them. None of us thought we would still be here in confinement and limited in our ability to at times care for ourselves. As we are trying to call every number, we have listed in our parish directory some needs we can help with are coming to light, but we know there are more. Wonderful volunteers are waiting to help if you need something. Just call the parish office or email me or one of the staff and we might be able to assist or point to a place where you can find help.

I am happy to report that the Sacrament of Confirmation has been scheduled for Friday night, September 25th. Fr. George Mockel, the Vicar General of the diocese will preside at an outdoor celebration of the sacrament. It will not be a Mass, but only the Confirmation service itself. Normally there would have been cards with pictures of the sixteen candidates and a prayer for them waiting to be picked up by you so you can pray for them. This year our shut down has prevented that, but I would ask you to pray for a candidate that you may know or pray for all who have waited longer than others to receive this sacrament. Your prayers always make a difference.

On the road to recovery, we inaugurate reception of Holy Communion outside after the

live-steamed Mass is completed. The staff has spent a lot of time over many weeks trying to decide whether to set up someplace for an outdoor Mass each week or service you may have heard about in other nearby parishes.



The layout of our property and the slope in the parking lot has made us look at safety as an essential service we would propose. I recently had a small service on a slope at Mt. View cemetery and two people fell trying to get to the site. Having any service necessitates that we have extra volunteers on site to assist. The few weeks we were allowed to have no more than one hundred people in the church required sixteen volunteers as well as our staff for it to work safely and within the requirements of Alameda county on large gatherings. We did not go to a second Mass on Saturday night because the sixteen volunteers needed were not coming forth. We must do it right and in a way that will keep everyone safe. No matter what, keep praying and one day this will all be a bad memory.

Our parochial school has begun with all distance learning. The normal 'back to school' nights for parents took place and it is fascinating to me when I visit classrooms (where only the teacher is allowed at the present time) to see so many students engaged. We have ordered supplies and measured out desks so that when the green light is given, and children can return to the classrooms we are ready. Please continue to keep all the students in every school and at every level in your prayers so that this is a safe and productive year for each of them.

Be well, know you are missed. Be assured that I remember you at every Mass I celebrate.



CALLING ALL YOUTH

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 SEPTEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup>.

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 September 30<sup>th</sup>.



**'WALK-UP HOLY COMMUNION' BEGINNING, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup> FOLLOWING THE 10:00 AM LIVE-STREAM MASS.**

The communion station will be at the wall by the steps going down to the hall. We ask that you line up using the social distancing markers in the yellow cross walk. Family units may remain together. Volunteers will assist and direct you to the communion stations and then direct you to your car.

Masks **MUST** be worn at all times. Please use a hand sanitizer before receiving communion. Family groups who live together and arrive in the same car are welcome to receive together. If you are wearing gloves, you must remove them before receiving Eucharist. It is preferred that you receive the Host in your hands for the time being.

Please keep your face mask on until after the priest has placed the Host in your hand. To receive the Host, place one hand under the other while keeping fingers together. The priest will gently place the Host in your hands without making contact. After receiving the Host, step to one side, lift your mask, consume the Host, and then put your mask back on immediately after.

After receiving Holy Communion, there will be a table where you may pick up a bulletin and a basket for your Sunday offering, and then please return to your car and depart. The church will not be open for individual prayer during this time. Although it will be wonderful to see your neighbors, for the safety of all we ask that you not congregate with others. Please drive carefully and watch closely for your fellow parishioners who may be on foot in the parking lot.

**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.**

### 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

September 14 - 20

**Monday:**

Nm 21:4b-9  
Ps 78  
Phil 2:6-11  
Jn 3:13-17

**Tuesday**

1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a  
Ps 100  
Jn 19:25-27

**Wednesday**

1 Cor 12:31-13:13  
Ps 33  
Lk 7:31-35

**Thursday:**

1 Cor 15:1-11  
Ps 118  
Lk 7:36-50

**Friday**

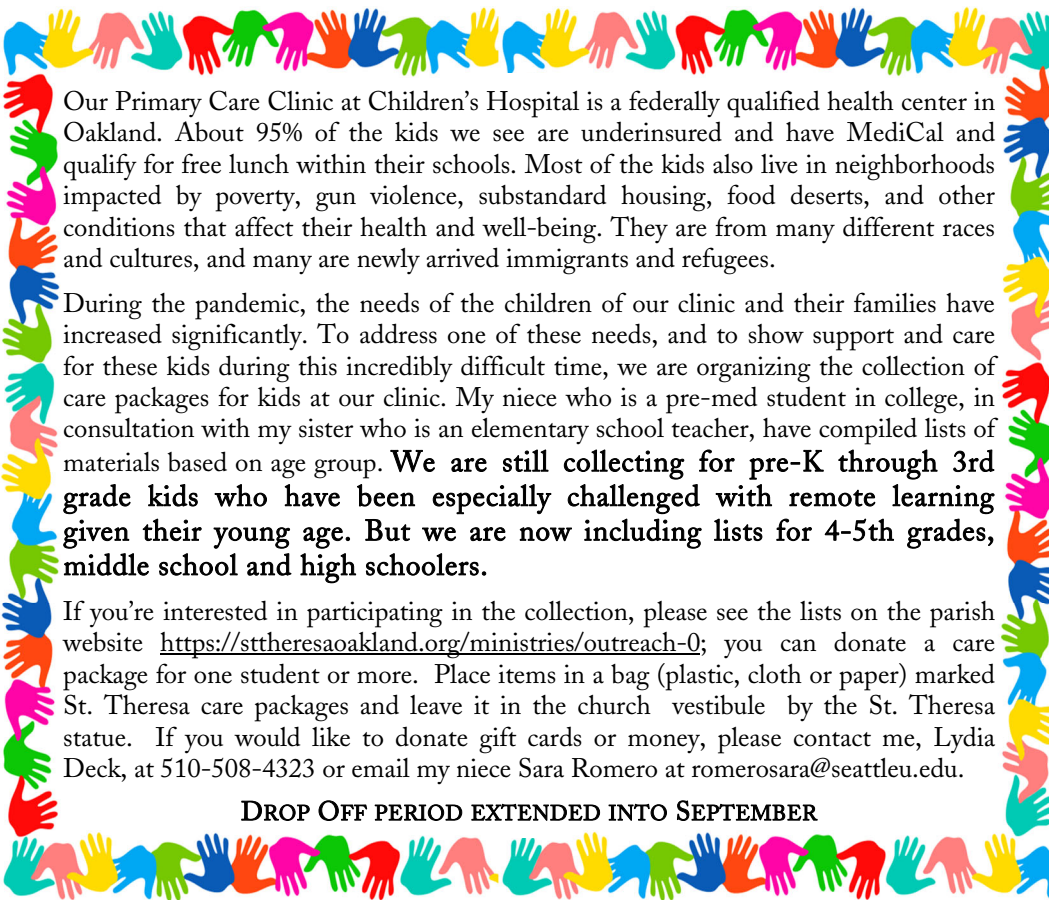
1 Cor 15:12-20  
Ps 17  
Lk 8:1-3

**Saturday**

1 Cor 15:35-37  
Ps 56  
Lk 8:4-15

**Sunday:**

Is 55:6-9  
Ps 145  
Phil 1:20c-24, 27a  
Mt 20:1-16a



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. **We are still collecting for pre-K through 3rd grade kids who have been especially challenged with remote learning given their young age. But we are now including lists for 4-5th grades, middle school and high schoolers.**

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-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

The lesson Jesus was trying to teach was to forgive those who sin against you.

Sir 27:30-28:9 Ps 103:1-4, 9-12  
Rom 14:7-9 Mt 18:21-35

We should always forgive others, because God always forgives us. That's why Jesus told Peter to forgive his brother not seven, but seventy-seven times.

Circle the two numbers in each box that add up to seventy-seven.

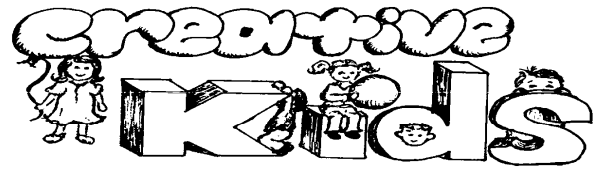
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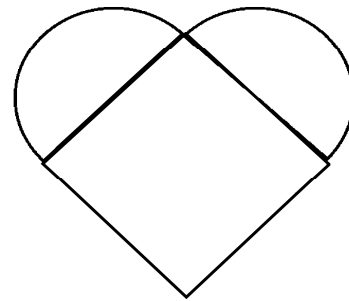
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## Forgiveness From the Heart Cake

1. Follow the directions for your favorite cake mix.
2. Pour half of the batter into a round cake pan and the other into a square cake pan. Cook as directed on package.
3. When cakes are cooled, take the square cake out and place it on one side of a long platter so it looks like a diamond.
4. Cut the round cakes in half and place each piece on either side of the top of the diamond to make a heart shaped cake.
5. Ice your cake with your favorite icing.
6. Enjoy!



The servant did not treat others the same way he wanted to be treated.

Directions: Write about a time when you did not treat someone the way you would want to be treated.

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Directions: Write about a time when someone did not treat you the way you would like to be treated.

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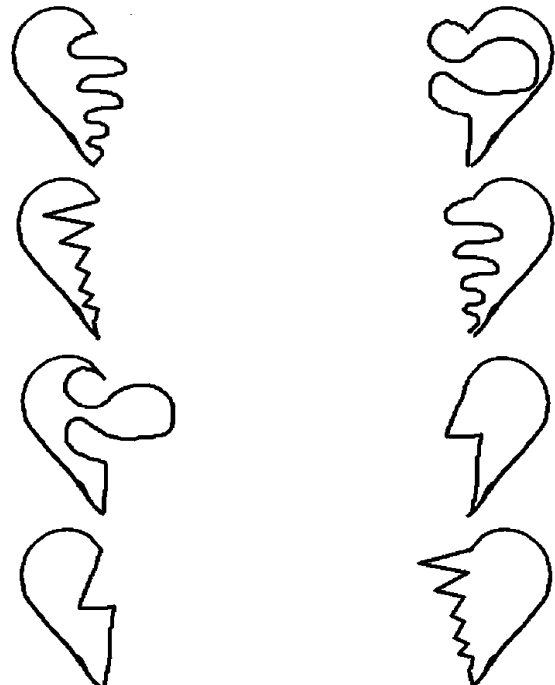


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We should forgive others from the heart.



Directions: Match the broken hearts.



# 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:

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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