

ST. THERESA

PARISH COMMUNITY

ST. THERESA MISSION STATEMENT

WE ARE A WELCOMING,
ACTIVE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
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GROWING SPIRITUALLY AND REACHING OUT
TO LOVE AND TO SERVE OTHERS

SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

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IN
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MASS INTENTIONS - SEPTEMBER 11 - 19

Sat. 5:00 pm Parish Community of St. Theresa
 Sun. 10:00 am † Salvador Cors

Mon. 8:30 am Laura Jones
 Tues. 8:30 am † Matthew H. Mulholand
 Wed. 8:30 am Virginia Cuttitta
 Thurs. 8:30 am Special Intention
 Fri. 8:30 am

Sat. 5:00 pm Sophia Aycock
 Sun. 10:00 am † Marianne Pebet

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ONLINE GIVING :	
(September 6 - 12) 66 DONORS	\$ 3,990.20
MASS/DROP-OFF/MAILED DONATIONS:	
(September 6 - 12) 54 DONORS	\$ 6,926.00
OAKLAND DIOCESE PRIEST RETIREMENT FUND:	
ONLINE: 9 DONORS	\$ 655.00
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 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.

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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.

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

Matt Mercier, Nadine McMillan, Heidi Parmelee, 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, 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, Eddie Bradford, Wendy Jones, Bob Rogers, Orlanda Gonzalez, Kevin Chapman, Diane Cerille, Ruth McCabe, Tom Wilberding, 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

“For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, virtue with knowledge, knowledge with self-control, self-control with endurance, endurance with devotion, devotion with mutual affection, mutual affection with love.”

—2 Peter 1:5-7

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Adult: What evidence do you see in the world around you that many do not accept Jesus' teaching on power and ambition?

Child: Why do you think Jesus says if you want to be first you should take care of others?

Key Passage: He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." (Mark 9:35)

BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINES

September 19 bulletin, is due by September 10 (Friday)
 September 26 bulletin, is due by September 17 (Friday)
 October 3 bulletin, is due by September 24 (Friday)
 October 10 bulletin, is due by October 1 (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 **65.77%**

\$23,545.00 as of August 31, 2021

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Today we welcome all on Sunday to our first **Rise and Shine** Mass, where we especially benefit by the presence, energy, and ministry of some of the young people of our parish. We also celebrate 'catechetical Sunday' and bless the teachers in our midst that help us know and love God. Some have said that the youth is the future of the Church. They are wrong! The youth are energetic dreamers who are now fully part of the Church. We teach them, and they have so much to teach us, if we listen.

Pope Francis after the 2019 Synod wrote to an **APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION**

CHRISTUS VIVIT

TO YOUNG PEOPLE AND TO THE ENTIRE PEOPLE OF GOD

It has much to say and is longer that will fit into this column, so I present a few excerpts and encourage all to read the whole exhortation:

"6. In an age when young people were not highly regarded, some texts show that God sees them differently. Joseph, for example, was one of the youngest of his family (cf. *Gen* 37:2-3), yet God showed him great things in dreams and when about twenty years old he outshone all his brothers in important affairs (cf. *Gen* 37-47).

7. In Gideon, we see the frankness of young people, who are not used to sugar-coating reality. When told that the Lord was with him, he responded: "But if the Lord is with us, why then have all these things happened to us?" (*Jg* 6:13). God was not offended by that reproach but went on to order him: "Go in this might of yours and deliver Israel!" (*Jg* 6:14).

8. Samuel was still a young boy, yet the Lord spoke to him. Thanks to the advice of an adult, he opened his heart to hear God's call: "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening" (*1 Sam* 3:9-10). As a result, he became a great prophet who intervened at critical moments in the history of his country. King Saul was also young when the Lord called him to undertake his mission (cf. *1 Sam* 9:2).

11. A Jewish servant girl of the foreign commander Naaman intervened with faith and helped him to be cured of his illness (cf. *2 Kg* 5:2-6). The young Ruth was a model of generosity in remaining beside her mother-in-law who had fallen on hard times (cf. *Ru* 1:1-18), yet she also showed boldness in getting ahead in life (cf. *Ru* 4:1-17).

13. Jesus, himself eternally young, wants to give us hearts that are ever young. God's word asks us to "cast out the old leaven that you may be fresh dough" (*1 Cor* 5:7). Saint Paul invites us to strip ourselves of the "old self" and to put on a "young" self (*Col* 3:9-10). In explaining what it means to put on that youthfulness "which is being renewed" (v. 10), he mentions "compassion, kindness, humility, meekness and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving each other if anyone has a complaint against another" (*Col* 3:12-13). In a word, true youth means having a heart capable of loving, whereas everything that separates us from others makes the soul grow old. And so, he concludes: "above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony" (*Col* 3:14).

139. Sometime ago, a friend asked me what I see in a young person. My response was that "I see someone who is searching for his or her own path, who wants to fly on their two feet, who faces the world and looks at the horizon with eyes full of the future, full of hope as well as illusions. A young person stands on two feet as adults do, but unlike adults, whose feet are parallel, he always has one foot forward, ready to set out, to spring ahead. Always racing onward. To talk about young people is to talk about promise and to talk about joy. Young people have so much strength; they are able to look ahead with hope. A young person is a promise of life that implies a certain degree of tenacity. He is foolish enough to delude himself, and resilient enough to recover from that delusion".



142. Keep following your hopes and dreams. But be careful about one temptation that can hold us back. It is anxiety. Anxiety can work against us by making us give up whenever we do not see instant results. Our best dreams are only attained through hope, patience, and commitment, and not in haste. At the same time, we should not be hesitant, afraid to take chances or make mistakes. Avoid the paralysis of the living dead, who have no life because they are afraid to take risks, to make mistakes or to persevere in their commitments. Even if you make mistakes, you can always get up and start over, for no one has the right to rob you of hope.

163. Your spiritual growth is expressed above all by your growth in fraternal, generous, and merciful love. Saint Paul prayed: "May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all" (*1 Thes* 3:12). How wonderful it would be to experience this "ecstasy" of coming out of ourselves and seeking the good of others, even to the sacrifice of our lives.

164. When an encounter with God is called an "ecstasy", it is because it takes us out of ourselves, lifts us up and overwhelms us with God's love and beauty. Yet we can also experience ecstasy when we recognize in others their hidden beauty, their dignity, and their grandeur as images of God and children of the Father. The Holy Spirit wants to make us come out of ourselves, to embrace others with love and to seek their good. That is why it is always better to live the faith together and to show our love by living in community and sharing with other young people our affection, our time, our faith, and our troubles. The Church offers many different possibilities for living our faith in community, for everything is easier when we do it together.

288. I want you to know that, when the Lord thinks of each of you and what he wants to give you, he sees you as his close friend. And if he plans to grant you a grace, a charism that will help you live to the full and become someone who benefits others, someone who leaves a mark in life, it will surely be a gift that will bring you more joy and excitement than anything else in this world. Not because that gift will be

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR *CONTINUED*

rare or extraordinary, but because it will perfectly fit you. It will be a perfect fit for your entire life.

290. Sheer vitality and strength of personality combine in the hearts of young people to make them constantly aim higher. This exuberance will be tempered by time and painful experiences, but it is important for "this youthful and still untested yearning for the infinite" to encounter the unconditional friendship that Jesus offers us. More than rules and obligations, the choice that Jesus sets before us is to follow him as friends follow one another, seeking each other's company and spending time together out of pure friendship. Everything else will come in time, and even failures in life can be an invaluable way of experiencing that friendship, which will never be lost.

And to conclude... a wish

299. Dear young people, my joyful hope is to see you keep running the race before you, outstripping all those who are slow or fearful. Keep running, "attracted by the face of Christ, whom we love so much, whom we adore in the Holy Eucharist and acknowledge in the flesh of our suffering brothers and sisters. May the Holy Spirit urge you on as you run this race. The Church needs your momentum, your intuitions, your faith. We need them! And when you arrive where we have not yet reached, have the patience to wait for us".

Given in Loreto, at the Shrine of the Holy House, on 25 March, Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord, in the year 2019, the seventh of my Pontificate.

Franciscus

*"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*

St. Theresa Parish Social Justice Committee Presents:



Fr. James Martin, SJ
*Building A Bridge:
How to Reach Out to our
LGBTQ Friends*
**September 22, 6:00 PM
on Zoom**

Please join the St. Theresa Parish 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, as well as My Life with the Saints, and Jesus: A Pilgrimage. 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.

Please RSVP to Lydia Deck at lydeck@me.com for a link to the meeting.

This is a presentation not to be missed!



The Festival will begin with Mass on the great lawn at 10:00 am.

Please bring your lawn chairs or blankets to sit on. There will be a limited number of chairs available.

There will be a 5:00 pm Mass on Saturday in the church.

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](mailto:cathy_b@sttheresaokland.org) for more information, or to register for our sessions beginning in September.



**2021-2022 Faith Formation Registration**

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



**SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE (SJC) CORNER**

*“There is no ‘them’ and ‘us’. There is only us.” — Fr. Greg Boyle*

We send prayers to Afghanistan, Haiti, and those suffering from hurricane Ida, 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:

**Hurricane Ida Relief:**

Catholic Charities USA has set up a Text-to-Give for Hurricane Ida donations. To donate, **text HurrIda to 41444** or visit [www.CatholicCharitiesUSA.org](http://www.CatholicCharitiesUSA.org). To donate by phone, call 1-800-919-9338.

**Afghanistan:**

Consider contributing to Amazon wish lists that both JFCS East Bay (Jewish Family and Community Services) and IRC (International Rescue Committee) have created:

**International Rescue Committee:** Amazon wish list

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/35QCvLLGHcCLKref\\_wl\\_share&fbclid=IwAR3f0gfEGhCRbIIK5NCPmbIJ5MFqMpIATZGEEj5VtqWWvYNhxZgADXKISSE](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/35QCvLLGHcCLKref_wl_share&fbclid=IwAR3f0gfEGhCRbIIK5NCPmbIJ5MFqMpIATZGEEj5VtqWWvYNhxZgADXKISSE)

**Jewish Family and Community Services East Bay:** Amazon wish list

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1CW3QPCLGZMBC/ref=nav\\_wishlist\\_lists\\_2?\\_encoding=UTF8&type=wishlist&pldnSite=1](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1CW3QPCLGZMBC/ref=nav_wishlist_lists_2?_encoding=UTF8&type=wishlist&pldnSite=1)

This will supply the resettlement agencies with what is needed for families arriving soon.

**IRC website:** <https://www.rescue.org/article/how-can-i-help-afghanistan>

**Jewish FCS East Bay website:** <https://jfcs-eastbay.org/>

**Haiti:**

Catholic Relief Services- [//www.crs.org/our-work-overseas/where-we-work/haiti](http://www.crs.org/our-work-overseas/where-we-work/haiti)

UNICEF

Project HOPE

Hope for Haiti

**Wildfires:**

American Red Cross

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

**California Eviction Moratorium extended to September 30, 2021**

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](mailto: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](mailto:kfoster@svdp-alameda.org).

**WEEKLY READINGS**

*September 20 - 26*

**Monday:**

Ezr 1:1-6  
Ps 126  
Lk 8:16-18

**Tuesday:**

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13  
Ps 19  
Mt 9:9-13

**Wednesday:**

Ezr 9:5-9  
Ps Tbt 13  
Lk 9:1-6

**Thursday:**

Hg 1:1-8  
Ps 149  
Lk 9:7-9

**Friday:**

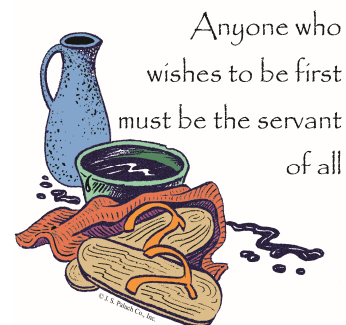
Hg 2:1-9  
Ps 43  
Lk 9:18-22

**Saturday:**

Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a  
Ps Jer 31  
Lk 9:43b-45

**Sunday:**

Nm 11:25-29  
Ps 19  
Jas 5:1-6  
Mk 9:38-43

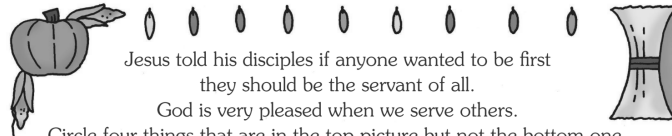
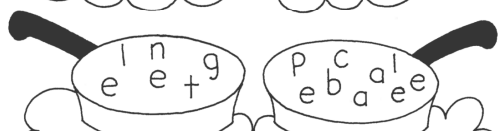


# God's Word for Children

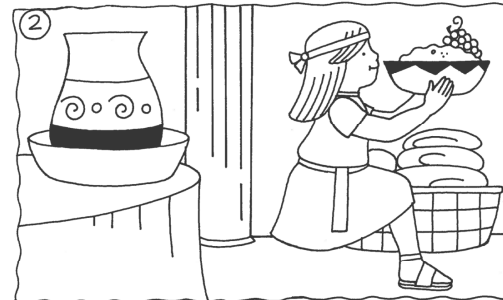
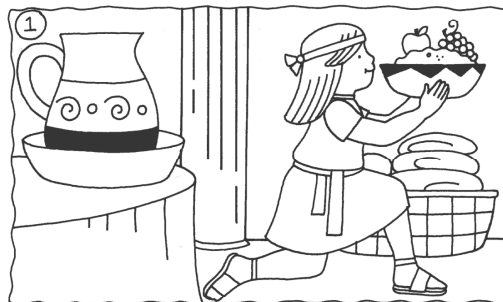


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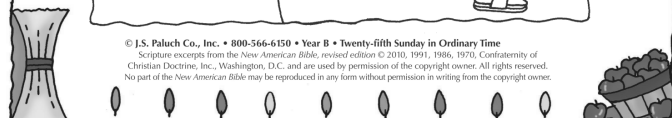
The letters below have been scrambled in pans. Arrange them into words that describe God's wisdom. If you need help, read the scripture on the eggs.



Jesus told his disciples if anyone wanted to be first they should be the servant of all. God is very pleased when we serve others. Circle four things that are in the top picture but not the bottom one.



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Mark 9 : 37

# CATHOLIC CORNER

## BUT ONLY SAY THE WORD

Jesus met many people who were ill. These Bible passages are only a few of the accounts of Jesus' compassion for people who were suffering and how he healed them. Read these Gospel stories with an adult, and then decide how each picture represents a healing story.



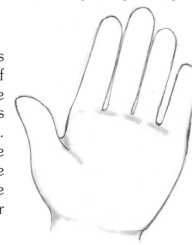
Matthew 9:27-31

Mark 7:31-37



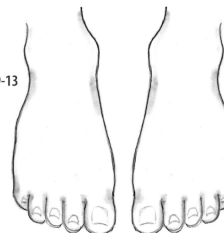
Jesus continues to heal us today in the sacrament of the anointing of the sick. Many parishes celebrate this sacrament with those who are ill at a special Mass on a Sunday during the year. The entire church, led by the priest, prays for God's grace and healing.

During the celebration of the sacrament, the priest lays his hands on the sick person, as Jesus did, or extends his hands over a group of people, and says a silent prayer. He also asks for the prayers of those who are gathered around the sick person. Then the priest anoints the person with the oil of the sick on the forehead and on the hands. Anointing expresses the Church's belief that God is watching over the one receiving the sacrament, and will give them strength and peace to deal with their illness. The anointing of the sick also assures those who are ill that the Church cares about them and will be praying for them. Anointing has sometimes led to full healing.



Luke 5:17-26

Matthew 12:9-13



The next time you are in church, ask an adult to help you find the three holy oils, and look for the oil of the sick that is used in this sacrament. The bottle might be inscribed with the initials "OS" (for "oil of the sick") or "OI" (for *oleum infirmorum*, the Latin words for "oil of the sick"). It is usually found in a place of honor with the other two holy oils, the oil of catechumens, used in baptism, and chrism, used in baptism, confirmation, and Holy Orders.

# 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](http://www.sttheresaoakland.org)

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