

# 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

SEPTEMBER 20, 2020

TWENTY-FIFTH  
SUNDAY  
IN  
ORDINARY TIME

As high as the heavens  
are above the earth,  
so high are my ways  
above your ways  
and my thoughts  
above your thoughts.

ISAIAH 55:9



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**MASS INTENTIONS - SEPTEMBER 20 - 27**

Sun. 10:00 am † Matthew Mulholand

Monday † Robert Delucchi  
 Tuesday † Virginia Cuttitta  
 Wednesday † Maria & Arnold Tira  
 Thursday Special Intention  
 Friday Parish Community of St. Theresa

Sun. 10:00 am † Carlo Pernecco

**KEEP IN TOUCH WITH US****Via email or text message:**

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

**ONLINE GIVING (September 7-13):** \$ 4,255.60  
 77 DONORS

**DROP-OFF/MAILED DONATIONS:** \$ 4,400.00  
 (September 7-13) 25 DONORS

**DIOCESAN PRIEST RETIREMENT TRUST:**  
 ONLINE: 11 DONORS \$ 750.00  
 DROP-OFF/MAILED: 19 DONORS \$ 840.00

*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.*

**DECEASED**

Please remember in your prayers, those who have died especially Randy Fowler, Annette Parrott; Aoife O'Sullivan, niece to John O'Sullivan and Tricia Yang .

**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, Dave Perez and all who have the corona virus throughout the world.

**LIVING STEWARDSHIP**

Decide to work for justice through service to others. A wide range of opportunities is available in the parish and diocese, or tap into the Catholic Network of Volunteer Service at [cnvs.org](http://cnvs.org).

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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 20 bulletin, was due by Sept. 11 (Friday)  
 September 27 bulletin, was due by Sept. 18 (Friday)  
 October 4 bulletin, is due by September 25 (Friday)  
 October 11 bulletin, is due by October 2 (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

Enough is enough!

I am sure that phrase has been heard many times over the past few weeks, and months. When will life get back to some normal way? When will church get back to some normal way?

I share these sentiments with anyone else who feels them and verbalizes them and my prayers have doubled for all of you as you face the strange, tragic and odd situations that the pandemic, the fires, the toll is having on all of us.

As I mentioned last Sunday, we kept thinking that our inability to meet would be shorter term than the long term we now experience. Thank you, to a few more volunteers who helped facilitate outdoor Communion last week following the live-stream Mass. Thanks to many of you who showed up and made it easy for all of us. The staff will discuss this and other ways we can somehow get more in touch with each other as these situations continue.

We will be starting a Zoom meeting to talk about anything you want going forward. I have heard good reports from this working in other parishes. I have also heard it may not be so much the topic of the night, but people seeing each other after a long absence. Stay tuned and I hope you will join it.

Please continue to pray for our soon to be Confirmed young adults. A poster with their pictures is now on the parish website. Pray for them. Pray that the Holy Spirit will guide them the rest of their lives. Congratulate them when even with a mask on, you meet them in the grocery store or out and about.

With that desire from so many for social interaction, we will try to celebrate an on-line parish festival around the first weekend of October when the Church celebrates our patroness, St. Theresa of the Child Jesus. Again, we are learning from other parishes who have had success with such an attempt. Please think about being there and more instructions will follow. (One parish even had a meal together: a nice restaurant in the

neighborhood offered a full meal for a nominal price and even though parishioners picked it up and brought it home, everyone ate together like our parish dinners, etc. Expect that we too can do something like this. Almost 125 families went for the meal that the restaurant offered, and a lot of good stories brought people together.)



I know many are working, but some have time at home as we cannot come and go as we please these days. And the air is bad; we all should stay in if we can. If you have some time, now is a good time to refresh ourselves on basic social teaching from the Church especially as we face a national election.

Over the next few weeks, I will try to bring some short summaries of the rich tradition and teachings of the Church regarding social matters. I will not tell you who to vote for or who you cannot vote for. The obligation to vote is one that your conscience must guide. I think we should seek a course that will benefit the common good after weighing all the issues. You will be hearing from others, 'this is the Catholic way' or the only way a Catholic can vote." The bishops are clear this is not what we can, will or should do. If it were, you would have heard from them by now, but they will not be making such pronouncements. Unfortunately, some who will claim to be Catholic, will and have been doing this. Beware. They do not speak in the name of the Church.

Speaking of hearing from someone, once again (and probably at least the fourth time over the summer) some have received messages that look like I need your personal help. This is a scam! I will never write to anyone for such a need. Please do not respond. Look at the email address, it may be close to my parish email address, but it is a fraud. Some must be cooperating, as it seems more and more are getting these fake emails.



## ‘WALK-UP HOLY COMMUNION’ FOLLOWING THE 10:00 AM LIVE-STREAM MASS

The communion station will be at the tent on the side of the church. 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 in place 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.



**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



### 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.

### 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  
EUCCHARIST 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>.

### 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.

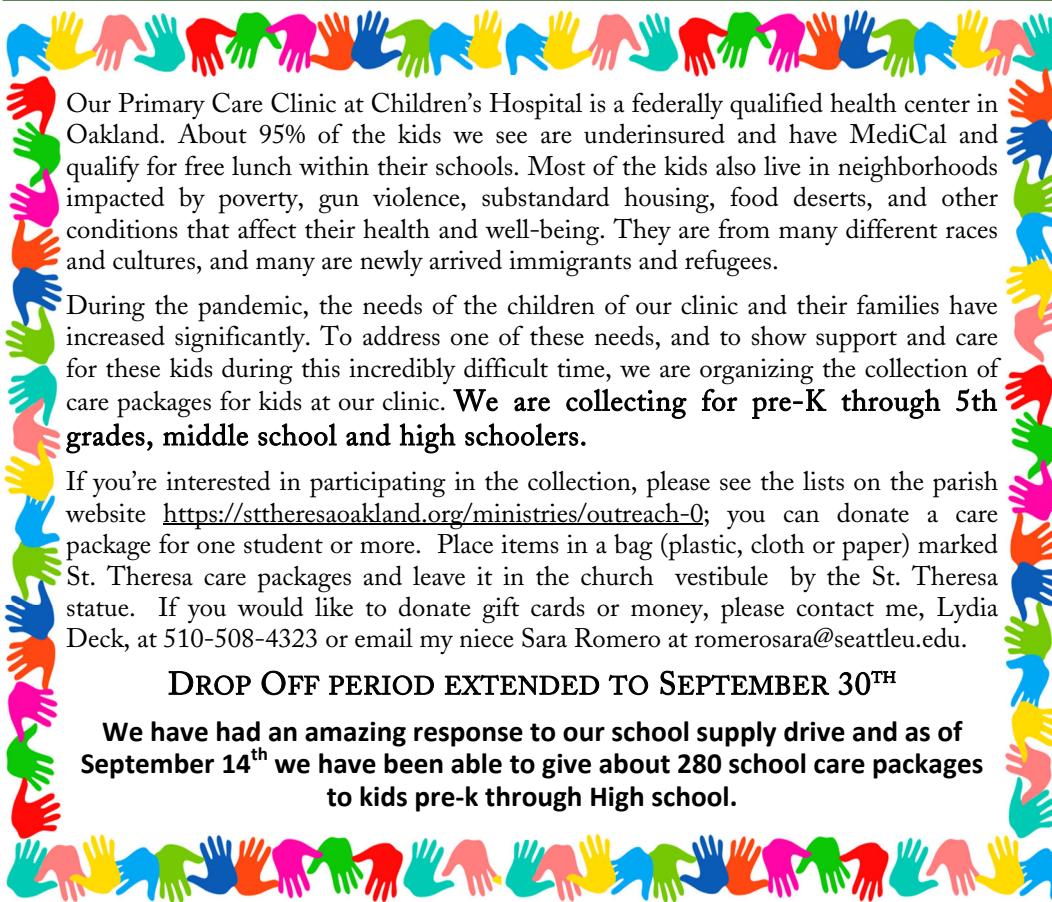
We believe everyone should have the chance to explore the Christian faith, ask questions and share their point of view.

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.



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. **We are collecting for pre-K through 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 TO SEPTEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup>

**We have had an amazing response to our school supply drive and as of September 14<sup>th</sup> we have been able to give about 280 school care packages to kids pre-k through High school.**

### WEEKLY READINGS

#### September 21 - 27

#### Monday:

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

#### Tuesday

Prv 21:1-6, 10-13  
Ps 119  
Lk 8:19-21

#### Wednesday

Prv 30:5-9  
Ps 119  
Lk 9:1-6

#### Thursday:

Ecc1 1:2-11  
Ps 90  
Lk 9:7-9

#### Friday

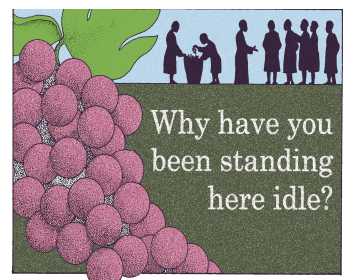
Ecc1 3:1-11  
Ps 144  
Lk 9:18-22


#### Saturday

Ecc1 11:9-12:8  
Ps 90  
Lk 9:43b-45

#### Sunday:

Ez 18:25-28  
Ps 25  
Phil 2:1-11  
Mt 21:28-32





### 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-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*The men who worked the entire day in the vineyard thought it was unfair that they were paid the same as those who worked only one hour.*

Is 55:6-9 Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18  
Phil 1:20-24, 27 Mt 20:1-16

Directions: Match the same amount of money in both columns.



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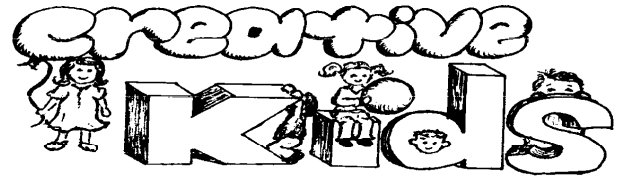


\$ 1.16



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## Servant For A Day

1. At 1:00 ask someone in your family if you can get something for them (food, drink).
2. At 2:00 do something nice for someone in your family.
3. At 3:00 clean something or some place in your home.
4. At 4:00 put something away, even if it is not yours.
5. At 5:00 ask how you can help with dinner.



**Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Jesus told a parable about a landowner who hired workers at different times of the day. But at the end of the day, he paid everyone the same! Choose from the letters below to finish spelling the message of this story. You can read it in your Bible at Matthew 20:1-16a.

w   r   t   b   h

T \_ e  
l a s \_  
\_ i l l  
\_ e \_  
f i \_ s t

In his letter to the Philippians, Paul talked about doing "fruitful labor" (Philippians 1:22). If we want our work for God to be fruitful, too, we have to combine two things—our willing heart and God's guidance. Think of this as you draw a line from each fruit to its outline. Then say the words to make a delicious combination. You may even decide to make one of these things and share it with someone else.

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# PARISH INFORMATION



## Mass Schedules:

**ALL PUBLIC MASS ARE SUSPENDED**

**Sunday: 10:00 am**  
Live-Stream on Facebook  
Walk-Up Holy Communion  
following Mass

**Reconciliation: SUSPENDED**

## Parish Center 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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