

# ST. THERESA

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## ST. THERESA MISSION STATEMENT

WE ARE A WELCOMING,  
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TO LOVE AND TO SERVE OTHERS

SEPTEMBER 27, 2020

TWENTY-SIXTH  
SUNDAY  
IN  
ORDINARY TIME



*Congratulations and many blessings to  
those who received the  
Sacrament of Confirmation*

Luke Blatney

Xavier Chaumette-Brown

Michael Dixon

Mollie King

Ian Moloney

Madeline Porras

Lukas Reuter

Paula Suarez-Cors

Connor Bunn

Christopher Costagliola

Charlotte Gilbert

Aidan McDermott

Vidal Pena

Jonah Premo

Hannes Rodriguez

Caitlyn Walters



*But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit  
comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses*

*Acts 1:8*

**MASS INTENTIONS ~ SEPT. 27 - OCT. 4**

Sun. 10:00 am † Carlo Pernecco

Monday	Elaine Moore
Tuesday	Parish Community of St. Theresa
Wednesday	† Tina Bruno
Thursday	† Virginia Cuttitta
Friday	† Raphael & Afaf Bader

Sun. 10:00 am † Edgardo Albrizzio  
† Ida Monti & Tina Bruno

**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 14 - 20):** **\$ 5,310.60**  
72 DONORS

**DROP-OFF/MAILED DONATIONS:** **\$ 2,295.00**  
(September 14 - 20) 22 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.**

**BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINES**

October 4 bulletin, is due by September 25 (Friday)

October 11 bulletin, is due by October 2 (Friday)

October 18 bulletin, is due by October 9 (Friday)

Items must be received by 4:00 pm on the due date.

Email to [cathy\\_b@sttheresaokland.org](mailto:cathy_b@sttheresaokland.org).

**PARISH MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENT**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> collection for the Parish Maintenance & Improvement Fund will be on October 4. You may also use Online Giving for this collection. Select the Parish Maintenance fund option.

**DECEASED**

Please remember in your prayers, those who have died especially Dave Nolan; Gino Chegia, who cooked for many ICF dinners; baby Aoifa O'Sullivan, niece of John O'Sullivan & Tricia Young.

**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**

The best way to be a follower of Jesus Christ is to be with other believers. Strengthen your faith by joining a parish group that prays, studies or serves together. Look in the parish bulletin or handbook to find what would suit you best.

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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

## A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

A major election is approaching, and I present some reflections from another pastor in our diocese who I believe has presented some excellent thoughts to consider as we get ready to vote.

Pope Francis presents this well: "We need to participate for the common good. Sometimes we hear a good Catholic is not interested in politics. This is not true: good Catholics immerse themselves in politics by offering the best of themselves so that a leader can govern." (September 16, 2013)

### Voting with Faith and Conscience

Authentic faith in Jesus Christ calls us to a deep desire to change the world. We await a new political reality: the coming reign of God. *"But according to his promise, we are looking for new heavens and a new earth, a world filled with the righteousness of God."*

(2 Peter 3:13)

We love this extraordinary planet on which God has placed us. We love the human family who dwells here. We are one with them in all their joys and sorrows, hopes, and dreams, gifts and weaknesses. The earth is our common home and we all are sisters and brothers.

The word "politics" comes from the Greek word that means "people." Politics is about arranging society for the good of the people. The central responsibility of politics is to ensure that the state acts justly and safeguards the lives of all. Because of this call to justice, the Church and all people of faith cannot be sidelined in the struggle to bring about a better world.

### Voting is Part of our call to live as Christians

It is primarily through the votes of Catholic citizens, who are rooted in faith and in conscience that the Church enters into the just ordering of society. By voting for specific candidates for office citizen-believers have the greatest opportunity to leave the earth better than we found it.

Our political lives are an essential element of our calling to be holy. We fulfill our vocation as faith-filled citizens when we come to see that the current toxicity of our political culture is a call for deeper conversion to Jesus Christ.

It is not enough for us to ignore the corrosive elements of current politics in the United States. We are called as believers to be missionaries of dialogue and civility in a climate of tribalism that is dividing us. This requires deep spiritual reflection, courage, and right judgment. We need a Christ like dedication to seek the truth wherever it may lie.

### Political not Partisan

The Church does not tell you for whom or how to vote. There are faithful Catholics who are Republicans and Democrats. The Gospel is not perfectly aligned with any one party. Catholics define our politics and voting by the light of the Gospel. We must decide who will bring about the change that will expand the common good and align us with the Gospel.

The Church is political but not partisan. It is political in that we work for justice and are a voice for the disenfranchised.

The Church is not partisan; no party fully embodies Gospel values. Cardinal Timothy Dolan prayed at the Republican Convention and Sr. Simone Campbell SSS and Fr James Martin SJ offered prayers at the Democratic Convention.



### Inform your Conscience

As Catholics we realize that we are part of a network of life and community. Our faith is not formed in isolation. We are shaped by the preaching of Jesus and seek to live that faith in a community that seeks to embody the mercy and love of God.

It is important that we learn and grow. We need to be informed about our faith by reading the Scriptures. Read Catholic periodicals like America or Commonweal etc. Do not just read devotional material. Read periodicals and books that inform about Catholic social teaching. We also need to dialogue with people who think differently from us, especially the poor and disenfranchised. Seek to grow beyond your current self and understanding.

### We Live in a Fallen World; We Need to Pray

We form our conscience based on Jesus, but we make judgments knowing we live in fallen world. Pope John Paul II once said that the line between good and evil runs through the middle of the human heart. Truth and goodness do not reside in any one person or group.

We must maximize good while trying to minimize evil, knowing there will be no perfection this side of the Kingdom. We have to discern, to the best of our ability and the help of the Holy Spirit, what is best for our country and world. So, we must pray for guidance. As we advance the common good, we also improve the world for each of us.

### We Live in a Pluralistic Society

There is a mistaken idea that the United States is a "Christian Nation." A great many of the founding fathers identified as Deists. That is, they believed in a divine power that got everything started but God remain at a distance from the world.

The founders purposely avoided having an established religion. Rather they allowed religion to be part of the public forum. But they did not grant any religion an official place or influence in the government.

We live in a pluralistic society. There are people of many differing faiths, cultures, and races in our country. There is also a dark history of the exclusion of Blacks, Hispanics, Irish, Italians, Catholics, and Jews. More recently there is a negative attitude toward Muslims and people from the Arab world.

Through continual dialogue we strive for the common good. And in the brighter parts of our national history we realize that immigrants have constantly renewed the life and creativity of our country. We realize through this process we may not always get what we want but we will get what we need. Together we are stronger.

ST. THERESA PARISH



October 4, 2020

12:00pm - 2:00pm

LIVE  
MUSIC! PICNIC!  
Blessing of Animals  
FELLOWSHIP!

via Zoom

link will be sent with the Friday Flocknote on October 2<sup>nd</sup>

## Festival Schedule

- |          |   |
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| 12:00 pm | Sign-on via Zoom<br>A time to check-in and say Hi to everyone |
| 12:30 pm | Blessing of Animals   |
| 12:50 pm | Live Music - Rodgers and Hammerstein                          |
| 1:15 pm  | Game: Limbo, A Game of Catholic Trivia                        |
| 1:30 pm  | Live Music  |
| 1:45 pm  | Game: St. Theresa Jeopardy                                    |
| 1:55 pm  | Live Music  |

**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.

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.

**2020-2021 FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION**

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

<https://sttheresaoakland.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@sttheresaoakland.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.

**WINGS ~ WOMEN IN GOD'S SPIRIT**

**WINGS** is back on October 14<sup>th</sup>. This faith enhancement group for women encourages spiritual growth through prayer, Scripture study, life sharing and community. We will meet on Wednesdays on the Zoom platform from 9:15-11:15am for the rest of this year. Our engaging speakers will uplift you and keep you informed. You'll experience a welcoming community as we support each other in our spiritual growth. Invite a friend! Women from local parishes and other denominations are welcome! If you were a member last year you will automatically receive a Zoom invitation. If you're new to WINGS or wish to sample a meeting, send your email address to Nancy Midlin midlin.nancy@gmail.com. She will send you the link to Zoom.

The theme for the year is:

***"Strength for the Journey"***

**OPENING DAY, OCTOBER 14<sup>TH</sup>**

**TOPIC**  
**Coming Together. Say "Yes"**



**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@sttheresaoakland.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.

**WEEKLY READINGS****September 28 - Oct. 4****Monday:**

Jb 1:6-22  
Ps 17  
Lk 9:46-50

**Tuesday**

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14  
Ps 138  
Jn 1:47-51

**Wednesday**

Jb 9:1-12, 14-16  
Ps 88  
Lk 9:57-62

**Thursday:**

Jb 19:21-27  
Ps 27  
Lk 10:1-12

**Friday**

Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5  
Ps 139  
Mt 18:1-5, 10

**Saturday**

Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17  
Ps 119  
Lk 10:17-24

**Sunday:**

Is 5:1-7  
Ps 80  
Phil 4:6-9  
Mt 21:33-43

**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@STTHERESAOAKLAND.ORG](mailto:CATHY_B@STTHERESAOAKLAND.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 [sttheresaoakland.org](http://sttheresaoakland.org).



# GOD'S WORD FOR CHILDREN!

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Jesus told a story of a father who asked both of his sons to work in the vineyard. The first son said no, but did the work anyway. The second son said yes, but did not work.*

Ez 18:25-28 Ps 25:4-9  
Phil 2:1-11 Mt 21:28-32

Directions: Put the words together to make compound words.  
Example—vine + yard = vineyard

box high	tree cake	chair house	cup car
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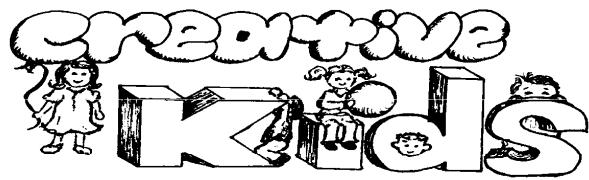
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3. \_\_\_\_\_
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**Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Paul urged the people of Philippi to be united (Philippians 2:1-11). To be united means to come together. Put these words from Paul's letter on the left together with their meanings on the right. The first is done for you.

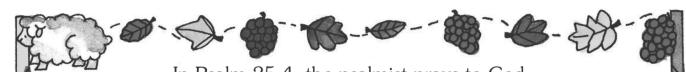
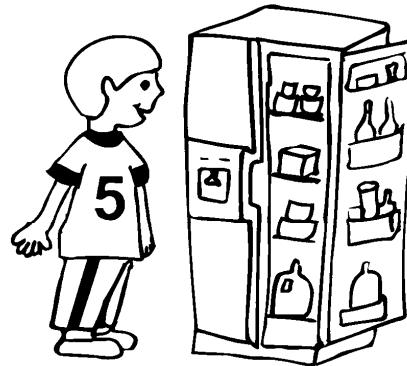
mercy	Finish
complete	Not in a proud way
joy	Kindness and forgiveness
humbly	Of great worth
important	Great Happiness



## Grapes, Grapes Everywhere

This is a contest between adults and children.

1. Try to think of as many foods and drinks as you can that are made out of grapes.
2. Go home and look through the refrigerator and pantry to help you find more.
3. When your lists are completed, share your answers.
4. Was there a winner, or a tie?



In Psalm 25:4, the psalmist prays to God,  
"Teach me your paths."

Using the letters in the phrase below, spell four new words.

(You can use the letters more than once.)

Use the pictures to help you.

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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

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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

## 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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### Finance Council:

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### St. Vincent de Paul Society

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