

ST. THERESA

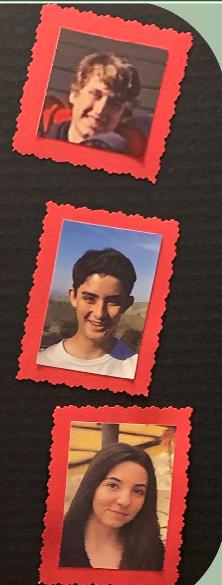
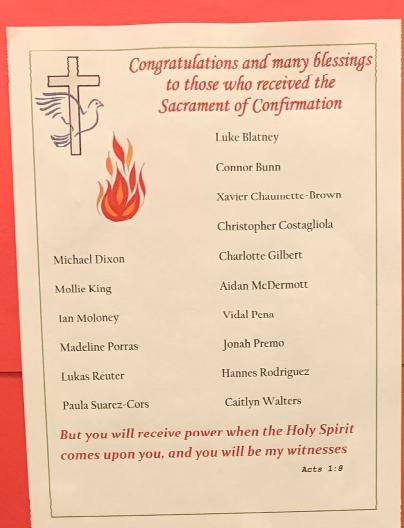
PARISH
COMMUNITY

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

OCTOBER 4, 2020

TWENTY-SEVENTH
SUNDAY
IN
ORDINARY TIME



MASS INTENTIONS ~ OCTOBER 4 - 11

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

Monday	† Nick Monti
Tuesday	Sylvia Ann Oliverez
Wednesday	Elaine Moore
Thursday	† Virginia Cuttitta
Friday	Hal Wakcher

Sun. 10:00 am † Jerry McCormick & Carlo Pernecco

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
OR
Text: STT To: 84579

SUNDAY OFFERING

ONLINE GIVING (*September 21 - 27*): **\$ 3,422.20**
69 DONORS

DROP-OFF/MAILED DONATIONS:
(*September 21 - 27*) **\$ 3,645.00** 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.

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

CATHOLIC VOICE COLLECTION

October 11 will be the annual second collection for The Catholic Voice. Your donation helps our parish offset its payments for this communication ministry. You may also use Online Giving for this collection, select the Catholic Voice fund option or place your envelope through the mail slot at the rectory.

DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers, those who have died especially Stacey Ver, Sr. the father of Stacey Ver; Gaynl Mandle the aunt of Chris Bonavolonta.

**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 Martinez, 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

"Great works do not always lie in our way, but every moment we may do little ones excellently, that is, with great love."

—Saint Francis de Sales (1567–1622), bishop, missionary, and patron saint of writers

BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINES

October 11 bulletin, was due by October 2 (Friday)
October 18 bulletin, was due by October 9 (Friday)
October 25 bulletin, is due by October 16 (Friday)
November 1 bulletin, is due by October 23 (Friday)
Items must be received by 4:00 pm on the due date.
Email to cathy_b@sttheresaoakland.org.

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Congratulations to the sixteen young women and men who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday, September 25! The afternoon was sunny and getting hot. The candidates had to wait a few extra months, but we are enormously proud of them and look forward to seeing them when we can again see each other together at Church for Mass and other celebrations. As fully initiated Catholics, we look forward to seeing them as lectors, eucharistic ministers, CYO coaches, members of the pastoral council and other groups that meet and as young team members of the ongoing Confirmation program.

This was the second outdoor ceremony on our parish property. The incline of the parking lot and other spaces does not lend itself to these outside Masses and other celebrations that you might be seeing or participating in at other parish sites. Hopefully by the time you read this, Alameda County will again be allowing some limited groups in the church for Mass and the celebration of the other sacraments.

This coming Saturday, we will celebrate First Communion for the young children who have been delayed due to the pandemic and confinement we have been keeping. Several families presented their child to receive at a Sunday Mass during the three weeks we could welcome people back into the church. We are not sure as I write this whether these upcoming ceremonies will be outside or inside the church. No matter what, we congratulate these patient children and look forward to seeing them join us again and again for Mass and Communion!

This weekend would traditionally be the weekend to celebrate our parish patron, St. Theresa and as we have done over the past few years, enjoy time with each other with food, music, and the energy of being together. We are trying to do some of this via Zoom since we cannot yet gather as a year ago. Thanks to the choir members who will sing for us today and the volunteers and parish staff who are facilitating the festival.

Last week the bishop asked sixteen of the pastors in Oakland and Berkeley to meet via zoom. It was good to see each other and to hear about how our neighbors are doing as we try to navigate these times. What I heard again and again was how we clergy and staff miss your presence. You have been demonstrating the same emotion over these months. All are hungering for a time to again be able to celebrate Mass together. All seem to have amazing

generosity that is sustaining these challenging times and keeping parishes and parish staff in solid financial shape. I picked up a few ideas if this confinement continues for us and ask that we continue to pray that the pandemic will be better controlled and even put behind us soon.



Last week, I started to raise some issues for all to consider as we prepare to vote in the upcoming election. My friend, Fr. Ron Schmit, the pastor of St. Anne's Parish in Byron has written nine longer commentaries on the social justice issues the Church has always put forth as we exercise our citizenship as Christians. I do not have the space to put all his words in our bulletin, but encourage you to google the St. Anne, Byron website if you are interested in reading them. They will give you a wealth of resource to contemplate as you decide how you will vote. Please plan to exercise that duty.

I also direct you to the USCCB.org website. Several years ago, the entire bishops conference wrote a paper entitled *Faithful Citizenship*. It is well worth reading and it has been updated every couple of years to be more accurate about the issues we are facing today in our country and world. Since it is a dated document, *America* magazine recently had a wonderful article written by one of the authors of *Faithful Citizenship*, John Carr. He writes and makes the case that the intent was not to use the document to narrowly address one issue but was written as broad guidance for us. As Catholics, the guidance of the Church may make the task of voting more comprehensive. Again, I encourage you to read up on all the issues we face especially all the social issues as mentioned by Fr. Ron in his presentations and the bishops.

There is so much more. As I caution my Canon Law class, just because someone says they are Catholic, they may not be speaking with the support or approval of the whole Church. As we are being warned about foreign influences in our free democratic election, so please beware of sites that may not have the backing of the Church behind them as they claim to put forth church teaching.

I hope to see you today at the parish festival. Be assured of my prayers for you and your intentions and my continued missing of seeing you in person.

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 14th. 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 14TH

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?

RCIA MIGHT BE JUST WHAT YOU ARE LOOKING FOR.
A NEW VIRTUAL ZOOM INQUIRY SESSION WILL BEGIN
SEPTEMBER 30TH.

Contact Cathy Brady at 510.547.2777, ext. 26 or cathy_b@sttheresaoakland.org for more information.

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.



Festival Schedule

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| 12:00 pm | Sign-on via Zoom
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 |



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.

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.

WEEKLY READINGS

October 5 - 11

Monday:

Gal 1:6-12
Ps 111
Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday

Gal 1:13-24
Ps 139
Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday

Gal 2:1-2, 7-14
Ps 117
Lk 11:1-4

Thursday:

Gal 3:1-5
Ps Lk 1
Lk 11:5-13

Friday

Gal 3:7-14
Ps 111
Lk 11:15-26

Saturday

Gal 3:22-29
Ps 105
Lk 11:27-28

Sunday:

Is 25:6-10a
Ps 23
Phil 4:12-14, 19-20
Mt 22:1-14



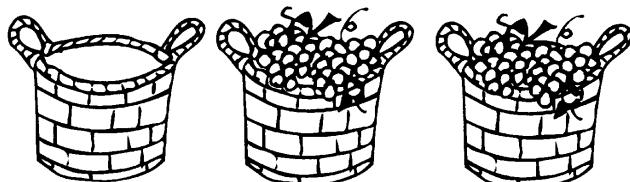
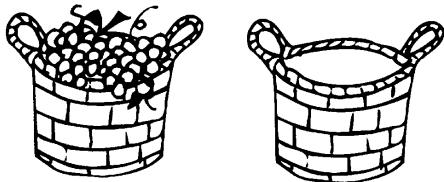
GOD'S WORD FOR CHILDREN!

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

*A vineyard master leased his land
and expected to receive his harvest
when he returned.*

Is 5:1-7 Ps 80:9, 12-16 19-20
Phil 4:6-9 Mt 21:33-43

Directions: Color the baskets of grapes and put an X on the empty basket.



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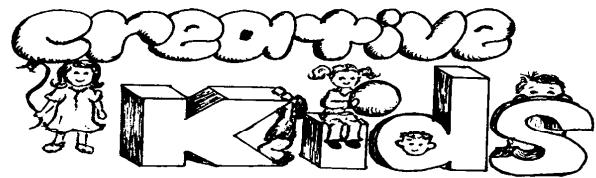
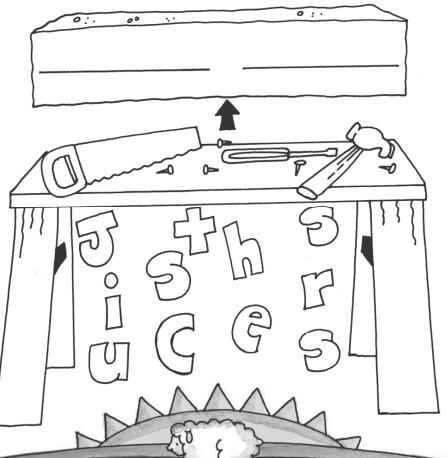
Jesus told a parable about people in a vineyard who threw out the son of the owner and killed him.

Then Jesus quoted Psalm 118, saying,

"The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone" (Matthew 21:42).

The son in the story and the stone represent the same person,
the one who has become our Savior.

Unscramble the letters under the sawhorse
to spell the two-word answer in the stone above.



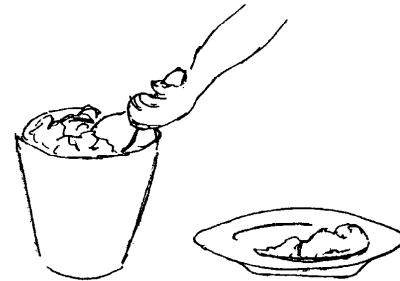
Berry Fruity Dessert

Ingredients:

2 cups frozen strawberries
1 1/2 cups water
1/2 cup honey
2 TBS lemon juice

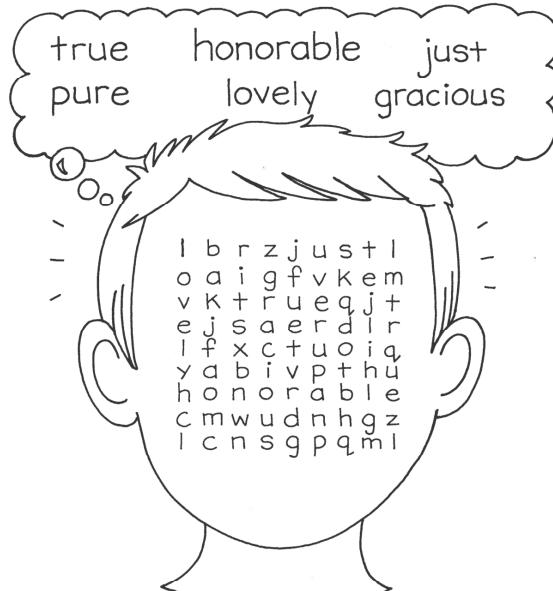
Directions:

1. Partially thaw berries. Mix all the ingredients in a blender for 1 minute on high speed.
2. Scoop ice cream into bowls and cover with fruity topping.
3. Enjoy!



Paul told his Christian brothers and sisters
to think about good things (Philippians 4:8).

The words below describe the kind of thoughts we should have.
Look up, down, and across to find and circle them.



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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

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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

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