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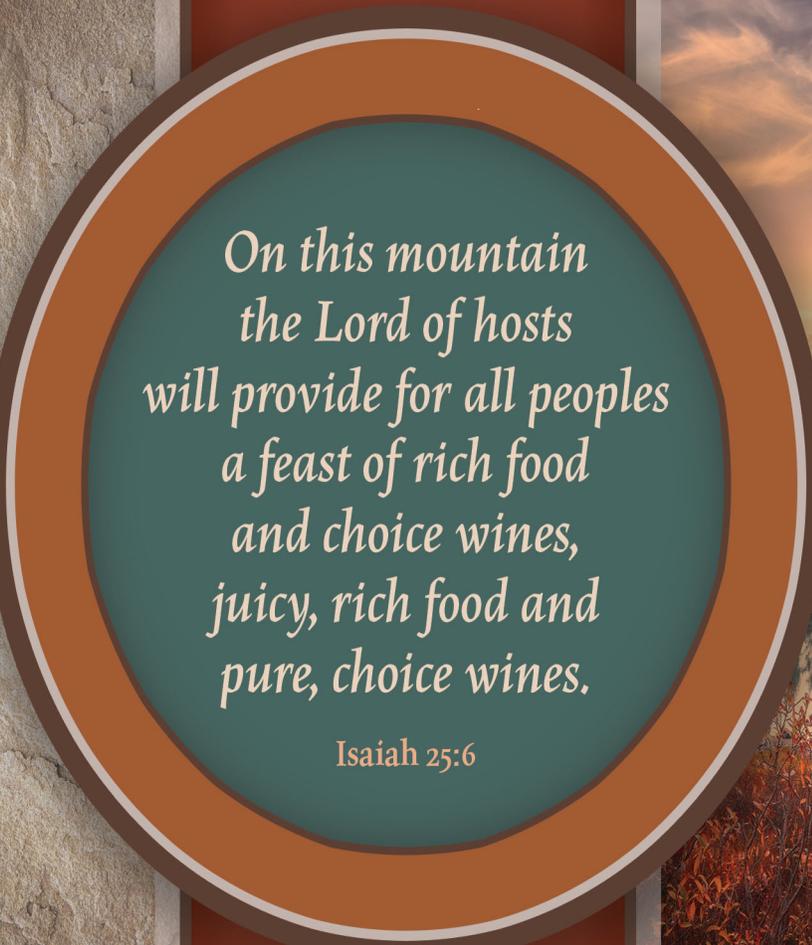
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TO LOVE AND TO SERVE OTHERS

OCTOBER 11, 2020

TWENTY-EIGHTH
SUNDAY
IN
ORDINARY TIME



*On this mountain
the Lord of hosts
will provide for all peoples
a feast of rich food
and choice wines,
juicy, rich food and
pure, choice wines.*

Isaiah 25:6



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MASS INTENTIONS - OCTOBER 11 - 18

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

Monday Parish Community of St. Theresa
 Tuesday Lucia Delnatte
 Wednesday † Jay Murphy
 Thursday † Virginia Cuttitta
 Friday † Robert F. Miller

Sun. 10:00 am † Randy Fowler
 † Ida Monti & Tina Bruno

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- ◆ Receive parish updates and notices of special events
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SUNDAY OFFERING

ONLINE GIVING (September 28 - October 4): \$ 6,175.80
 85 DONORS

DROP-OFF/MAILED DONATIONS: \$ 3,654.09
 (September 28 - October 4) 28 DONORS

PARISH MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENT:

ONLINE: September 7 - October 4: \$ 1,261.60
 35 DONORS

DROP-OFF/MAILED: \$ 1,810.00
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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.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY COLLECTION

Next Weekend we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. You may also use Online Giving for this collection. Select the World Mission & Home Mission Appeal fund option.

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

LIVING STEWARDSHIP

How do you get ready to come to church, either in person or virtually? Prepare your heart with prayer, and dress your body with simplicity.

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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@sttheresaokland.org.

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

Well it was not as any of us would have planned, but the annual 'parish festival' is history. Special thanks to the parish staff and member of the pastoral council that made it work as best it could under the continued ongoing pandemic circumstances.

A huge shout out to the members of the choir! I do not think you will ever hear them sing The Hills are alive with the sound of music in church, but they sounded amazing when they gathered properly distanced in the school yard to be with us. The choir members have in fact been meeting every week virtually. Besides exhibiting the joy of singing praise to God, they exemplify the joy we have when we gather for Mass and other moments at the parish that unite us. This was the first time they were able to do it in person and my prayer is that it will not be long before all of us can gather in person again for Mass.

Alameda County is being extremely cautious. We will not be allowed to come together for Mass indoors for a couple of weeks. When we are able, each of you must decide whether you are ready personally to join us. The bishops have continued to dispense us from this physical attendance, but they remind us that this does not dispense us from regular prayer. I know I have prayed more than ever for you and your intentions over these days.

We sincerely thought this situation would be just for a couple of weeks. Then it turned into a couple of months and we were consoled when we saw Italy open in just three months. Now we are going on eight months here with no return to 'normal' in sight. As we change clocks on the 31st and approach the 'holiday season', we might take the time now to reflect on how these annual rites we love must change because of this terrible plague that seems to keep going on.

Over these months, I have been asked on more than one occasion the question 'is God sending us a message?' I know God will always be compassionate, forgiving and loving. I know God

understands our sorrow and moments close to despair as we lose loved ones, encounter illness ourselves or in others, and tire of this new way of life. I do not think God is deliberately testing us or teaching us, but it is an opportunity to think about what is important, nurturing, and life giving for our own lives and for those we love and the whole world.



Pope Francis on the feast of St. Francis has sent the world a letter (encyclical) that may offer good food for considering the above questions and our whole situation. It is entitled: Fratelli tutti (Dear sisters and brothers). It can be found online by simply putting in the name or even putting in 'Francis, papal encyclical'. I have been able to read a couple of the chapters and hope to finish by the time you are reading this. It offers many good insights about our world, the political systems that are supposed to serve the common good of all and addresses very directly social situations that currently hamper our path to God. I strongly urge you to read it. Going forward with some online discussion groups, it will give us a lot to discuss. Stay tuned to announcements when we might do this.

Pope Francis gives us a broad guidance as we consider who we will vote for as election day will soon be upon us. He is clear, no candidate perfects our beliefs or our morality. He also affirms that no one issue can be the test for our vote. We have to weigh all the issues that are present so we can weigh them and then vote. Again, I offer the guidance from our California bishops who have commented on several of the propositions we will vote on as well as the national issues that challenge our democracy at this time.

The teaching of an encyclical is what a pope uniquely does, and I encourage all to use it for the glory and honor of God and the benefit of our common good at this time.

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://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.

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"

ONLINE PRAYER REQUEST FOR THE SICK OR DECEASED

You can now submit names for the Prayers of the Faithful (*Prayers for the Sick or Recently Deceased*) online.

Please complete the form on the parish website page Prayer/Mass & Confession Time, their name will be included in the weekly bulletin and our Sunday live-stream Mass.

This form is not for Mass Intentions.

MASS INTENTIONS

We are accepting Mass Intention requests.

To request a Mass Intention contact Melody Marr at melody@sttheresaokland.org or 510.547.2777, ext. 120 (Tuesday - Thursday).

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.



The parish staff is once again preparing for the reopening of church for public Masses and we need additional volunteers to assist at the Mass. Thank you to all who have volunteered in the past and those who are currently assisting with Walk-Up Communion.

The Public Mass will be on Sunday at 10:00 am and will continue to be live-streamed.

There were approximately 20 people who volunteered to help for the few weeks we had public Masses in June and July and we are in need of additional people to assist. For each service we must have a minimum number of volunteers to be sure all the health and safety requirements are in place before, during and after the service. Having enough volunteers is the only way we will be able to get back to some kind of regular schedule. There are 15 volunteer positions that need to be filled for Mass. Please prayerfully consider volunteering.

THERE ARE THREE TEAMS YOU MAY VOLUNTEER FOR

Church Team:

- ◆ Check-in parishioners
- ◆ Usher
- ◆ Set-Up before and Tear-Down following Mass

Cleaning Team:

Walk-Up Holy Communion Team:

- ◆ Parking Lot Monitor
- ◆ Monitor Communion Line
- ◆ Direct People to Communion Stations

To volunteer use this link: <https://sttheresaokland.org/reopening>

If you have any questions please contact Cathy Brady, cathy_b@sttheresaokland.org.

NO DATE HAS BEEN SET FOR RE-OPENING

The county is saying within the next 3 to 5 weeks.

All volunteers must have a current Safe Environment certificate on file with the parish. If you need to renew or have never trained see the information below.

If you are not sure of your status, contact Cathy Brady, cathy_b@sttheresaokland.org.



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.

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.

WEEKLY READINGS

October 12 - 18

Monday:

Gal 4:22-24, 26-27,
31 - 5:1
Ps 113
Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday

Gal 5:1-6
Ps 119
Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday

Gal 5:18-25
Ps 1
Lk 11:42-46

Thursday:

Eph 1:1-10
Ps 98
Lk 11:47-54

Friday

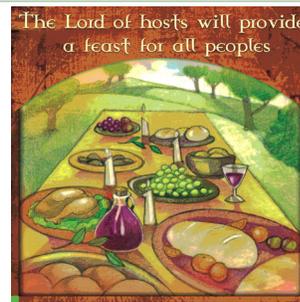
Eph 1:11-14
Ps 33
Lk 12:1-7

Saturday

Eph 1:15-23
Ps 8
Lk 12:8-12

Sunday:

Is 45:1, 4-6
Ps 96
1 Thes 1:1-5b
Mt 22:15-21



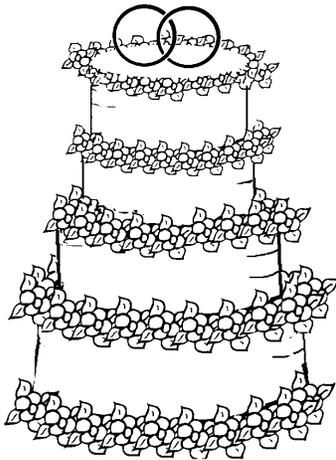
GOD'S WORD FOR CHILDREN!

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

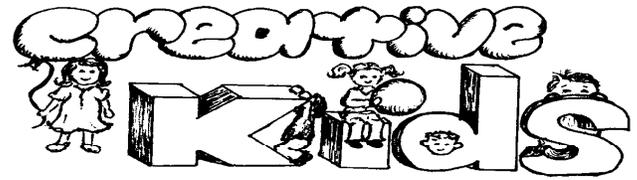
Jesus told a parable about a king who invites many people to a feast for his son's wedding.

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

Directions: How many layers are on the cake?



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Preparing The Table

Directions: Help set the table tonight for supper.

Things to remember...

- *plates
- *silverware
- *napkins
- *glasses/cups
- *salt/pepper



Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Everyone is invited into the kingdom of God through Jesus Christ.

To explain this idea, Jesus told a story about a king who gave a feast (see Matthew 22:1-10). Use the clues to decide which man is the king. Draw a crown on him.

1. He has a beard. 2. His arms are stretched out.
3. He is smiling. 4. He has sandals on.

A →

B →

C →

D →

E →

It's a good idea to exercise daily to strengthen our bodies. It's even more important to ask God every day to fill us with inner strength!

Look inside the jump rope. Darken out all the lowercase letters. When you're done, you will find what Paul discovered (Philippians 4:13) It's true for us, too!

"I CAN DO ALL THINGS

m	I	N	A		
P	H	I	Q	M	h
W	f	H	b	O	e

STRENGTHENS ME."

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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

 Facebook: [StTheresaChurch/Oakland](https://www.facebook.com/StTheresaChurch/Oakland)

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ST. THERESA SCHOOL

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St. Theresa School Interim Principal

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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:

Carrie Schaefer caralee_schaefer@yahoo.com

Finance Council:

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