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OCTOBER 17, 2021

TWENTY-NINTH
SUNDAY
IN
ORDINARY TIME



St. Theresa Community Mass and Celebration



30 MANDALAY ROAD - OAKLAND, CA 94618 - 510.547.2777

MASS INTENTIONS - OCTOBER 16 - 24

Sat. 5:00 pm The Parish Community of St. Theresa
 Sun. 10:00 am The Parish Community of St. Theresa

Mon. 8:30 am Fr. Bob McCann
 Tues. 8:30 am
 Wed. 8:30 am
 Thurs. 8:30 am ✚ Mary & Mike Christy
 Fri. 8:30 am

Sat. 5:00 pm The Parish Community of St. Theresa
 Sun. 10:00 am The Parish Community of St. Theresa

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



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SUNDAY OFFERING

ONLINE GIVING :
 (October 4 - 10) 70 DONORS \$ 7,365.20

MASS/DROP-OFF/MAILED DONATIONS:
 (October 4 - 10) 40 DONORS \$ 3,258.00

DIOCESE OF OAKLAND COMMUNICATION:
 ONLINE: 5 DONORS \$ 345.00
 MASS/DROP-OFF/MAILED: 27 DONORS \$ 765.00

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.

SUPPORT ST. THERESA CHURCH

By using smile.amazon.com and **amazon smile** 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.

2ND COLLECTION - WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

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. Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers and be generous in next week's collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers, those who have died especially Doreen Theren.

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

Matt Mercier, Nadine McMillan, Heidi Parmelee, Helen Buty, Aiden Farinella, Dolores Gomez, Alegria Hipolito, Betty Wharton, Patricia Green, Hazel Villata, Juanita Estrella, Diane Longfield, Leslie Fischer, Mike Reilly, Dorothy Donnelly, 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 Millman, 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, John Whatley, Bishop John Cummins, Fr. Bob McCann, Ellen Corbett, Rob Cakebread, Nancy Coyne and all who have the corona virus throughout the world.

LIVING STEWARDSHIP

Make an effort to do something unexpected and generous for someone at least once a week—at church, at work, or in the community.

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BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINES

October 17 bulletin, is due by October 8 (Friday)
 October 24 bulletin, is due by October 15 (Friday)
 October 31 bulletin, is due by October 22 (Friday)
 November 7 bulletin, is due by October 29 (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 **75.54%**

\$27,045.00 as of September 15, 2021

I am incredibly grateful for all the prayers and cards you have sent my way as I maneuver through this unexpected health challenge. I sincerely missed not being with you for the St. Theresa Day celebration. I am watching the Sunday Mass on our Facebook page as many of you did when attendance in person was not possible. Please keep up the prayers!

On Monday, October 18 I am scheduled to have surgery to remove the GIST tumor. Pray especially that it is attached only to my stomach or intestine in one place and is not more complicated. Recuperation will take a few weeks and the staff will keep you posted. I know Fr. Abraham and Fr. Ngema will care for all the sacramental needs. Our wonderful and dedicated staff will keep everything else going smoothly. Please pray and encourage all of them. Like a few of you in your cards have told me to follow doctor's orders and come back when I am healed. That is hard for me but I promise to try.

Be assured, I have been keeping you in my daily prayers. I am especially remembering the parishioners I know and do not know who are facing their own chronic or sudden health challenges. I am trying to keep focused on the

suffering Christ endured for us and unite myself to Him in that love. I look forward to recovery and being with all of you again soon.



One bit of business before I close these short comments. I encourage all to take the 15 minutes they say it will take and fill out the parish survey that the diocese is using to ascertain how best to use resources in the diocese. They are expecting a low threshold of responses from every parish in the diocese but have mentioned that if many take the time and the survey it is evidence of a strong active parish. I know we are and hope you will prove that by filling out the survey.

Again, be assured I am grateful for your ongoing generosity to me. This twist is not exactly the way I had envisioned celebrating my 40th anniversary on November 21 as a priest with you and giving thanks to God for so many blessings through these years. That gives me good reason to follow my doctors' orders so I can reach a 50th anniversary serving you.

With love, Fr. Bob

St. Theresa parish is participating in a parish survey about discipleship conducted by the Catholic Leadership Institute! We need your help!

Please help us by participating in a 10-15 minute survey online. The survey can be accessed using this link <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/d/k46tyk> from **October 14 - November 22** and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on our parish's efforts to help you grow. All responses will be confidential and the parish will only receive information about the community as whole. We will share the link with you a bit closer to the launch of the survey.

We are trying to get the highest response rate possible. This information will be invaluable to Fr. Bob and our various ministries as we plan for the future and strive to be the best disciples we can be. We will receive the results this spring/summer at which time we will share what we have learned with the entire parish.

If you prefer a paper copy you may pick up a paper copy of the survey after daily and Sunday Masses beginning October 14th. They will be located in the church vestibule. Printable version of the survey will also be available on the parish website to download. To submit the completed paper survey, please drop off using the rectory mail slot. To make special arrangements for getting a paper copy, please contact Melody Marr at 510-547-2777, ext. 120.

Thank you for helping with this important project!



REMEMBER ALL SOULS THROUGHOUT NOVEMBER

The month of November is traditionally reserved in the Church for remembering loved ones who have died. Throughout the month there will be a book in the sanctuary which will include any name you submit or that you write in yourself. You may submit your All Souls envelope with the names of the people you wish to remember now, so we may enter them in the book for the All Souls Mass on November 2. Please feel welcome to write the names of your beloved in this book at any time during the month.

Beginning November 2nd there will also be a table in the sanctuary where you may place free standing framed pictures of your beloved dead. The table will be up for the month of November. Please make sure your name and phone number are on the back of the picture.

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE ~ NOVEMBER 2

All are invited to attend the All Souls Day Mass on November 2nd at 7:00 PM (Tuesday), where we will remember your loved ones who have died.

Please bring photographs of the people you are remembering to place on a table in the sanctuary.

LIVE-STREAM MASS FOR HOMEBOUND & ILL

The Sunday 10:00 am Mass is live-streamed for the **HOMEBOUND** and **ILL** on the St. Theresa Facebook page **StTheresaChurch/Oakland**.

VOLUNTEER TO HELP AT MASS

A thank you to all who over the past year have helped to make our celebration of the liturgy safe, dignified and reverent. Your commitment to the parish has been a blessing.

There is a need for volunteers for the following ministries at the 5:00 pm Saturday and 10:00 am Sunday Masses.

- ✠ **Lector**
- ✠ **Eucharistic Minister**
- ✠ **Videographer**
(for live-stream at the 10:00 am Sunday Mass)
- ✠ **Greeter**
- ✠ **Usher**

All the information on how to volunteer and the various options can be found on the parish website at: <https://sttheresaokland.org/reopening>

There will be a mandatory training session for Eucharistic Ministers to go over the current protocols for the distribution of the Eucharist.

WINGS ~ WOMEN IN GOD'S SPIRIT

WINGS is a faith enhancement group for women that encourages spiritual growth through prayer, Scripture study, life sharing and community. We 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.



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OCTOBER 20TH

SR. MARILYN LACEY, RSM
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Being Here: Being There

LOW GLUTEN HOSTS

Low Gluten hosts are available at all weekend Masses. Please use the president's communion station to receive a low gluten host.

LIVING GOD'S WORD

Isaiah's servant sounds like the wise and wrinkled old one whose selfless devotion helped make his marriage work, one who knowingly and willingly bore the guilt of others. This is also our image of Jesus. Is our image of ourselves like it?

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Adult: Why is it hard to do good works if you will not be acknowledged for them?

Child: Are you willing to do a good deed even if no one knows that you did it? Why?

Key Passage: Jesus said, "Whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all." (Mark 10:44)

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE (SJC) CORNER

*"Not all of us can do great things.
But we can do small things with great love. "*

— St. Mother Theresa

UPDATE #1

The Azami extended family has sponsors so now we need help funding about 13 visa applications. They are working with the UC Berkeley Law School Afghan program.

The Azami family was the second family that St. Theresa sponsored about 3 years ago under the Catholic Charities Refugee program. Christine Marke and Carolyn Mahoney were the leads for this effort for St. Theresa.

To support this family please make out your checks to St. Theresa Church and in the memo area write "Refugee Fund" and place in the collection basket. Thanks so much; any leftover funds will go to Catholic Relief Services.

For more information please contact Christine Marke at Christine.marke@gmail.com or Carolyn Mahoney at Carolyn.mahoney675@gmail.com or Lydia Deck at ltdeck@me.com

UPDATE #2

Join us as we prepare for holiday projects to support refugee and immigrant families in our community.

We will be meeting on October 21st, Thursday via Zoom at 7:00 pm.

 ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

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 Saturday, November 20, 2021 . If interested in learning more about our Conference's work, contact Judy Bojorquez at 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.

WEEKLY READINGS

October 18 - 24

Monday:

2 Tm 4:10-17b
Ps 145
Lk 10:1-9

Tuesday:

Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19,
20b-21
Ps 40
Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday:

Rom 6:12-18
Ps 124
Lk 12:39-48

Thursday:

Rom 6:19-23
Ps 1
Lk 12:49-53

Friday:

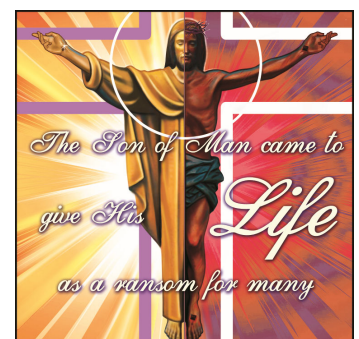
Rom 7:18-25a
Ps 119
Lk 12:54-59

Saturday:

Rom 8:1-11
Ps 24
Lk 13:1-9

Sunday:

Jer 31:7-9
Ps 126
Heb 5:1-6
Mk 10:46-52

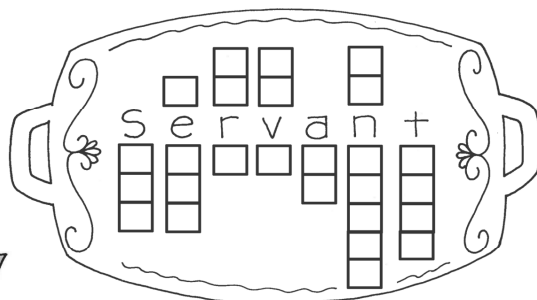


God's Word for Children

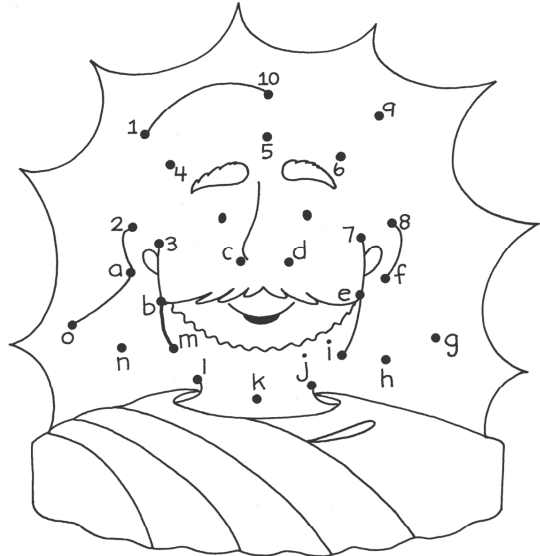
Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Often we desire to be served. Sometimes that is fine.
But remember that Jesus said that he came to do the serving!
The missing letters in the words below are on the serving tray.
Fill in the words vertically in their proper place.
Then read them in order to see how you can
follow Jesus' example, too.

lo?e ?how ?nd
m?rcy ki?dness ca?e
 ?oday



The Letter to the Hebrews tells us
we have a great high priest who understands
how we feel when we've done something wrong.
To see who this is, connect the dots from 1 to 10.
To finish your picture, connect the dots in **a** to **o** order.
Color it when you're done.



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GOOD POPE JOHN

On October 11, we celebrated the memorial of St. Pope John XXIII, the 261st pope of the Catholic Church. He served as pope for only a short time, from 1958 to 1963.

Pope John was born Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli in Lombardy in northern Italy on November 25, 1881. He was the fourth child in a family of fourteen. His family were poor sharecroppers, which means that they worked a farm owned by someone else and were paid with a share of what they had grown.

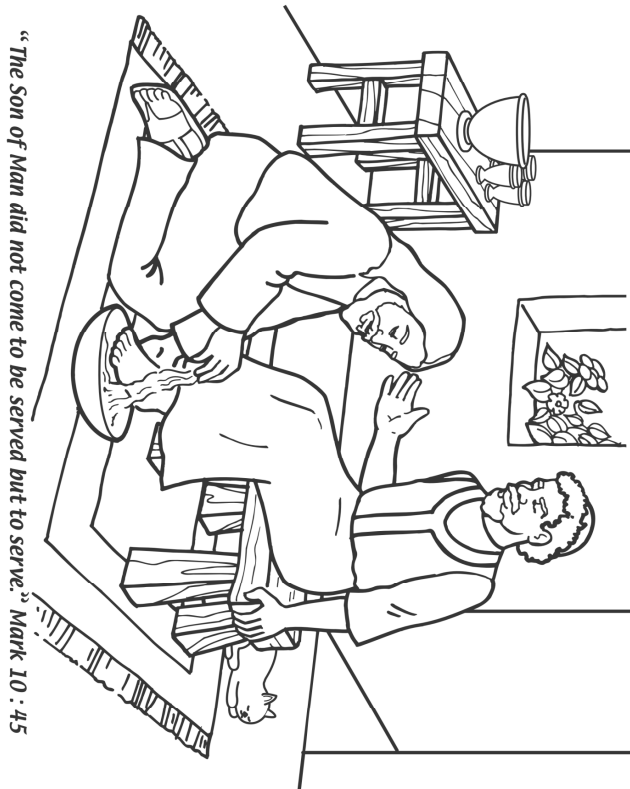


Angelo was elected pope on October 28, 1958, and took the name John. The Roman numerals after the name mean that in the long history of the Church there have been twenty-two other popes also named John. John XXIII was a meek and gentle man who often visited prisons and hospitals. He was the supreme leader of the entire Catholic Church who made time each day to perform corporal and spiritual works of mercy. People around the world recognized his goodness and his likeness to the Good Shepherd. They began to call him "Good Pope John." You can see pictures of him on the Internet.

When Angelo was 14 years old, long before he became pope, he began keeping a diary of his faith life. He wrote his ideas, his good resolutions, his prayers, and his personal thoughts in a notebook. After he died these writings were published as *Journal of a Soul*.

Think about beginning a journal of your own. Each night, perhaps with an adult in your family, write in a small notebook one thing that will help you become more like St. Pope John XXIII. Include your thoughts and good works, prayers that you say, and actions that you would like to practice. Fill it with descriptions of your faith life as it continues to grow stronger and stronger.

Each day I will
say one kind thing
to another person.



"The Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve." Mark 10 : 45

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

Reconciliation will be done outside

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

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Baptisms and Marriages

by appointment (call parish office 510.547.2777)

To arrange a Funeral

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