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OCTOBER 18, 2020

TWENTY-NINTH
SUNDAY
IN
ORDINARY TIME

First Communion
October 10, 2020
10:30 am Mass



First Communion
October 10, 2020
1:00 pm Mass



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MASS INTENTIONS ~ OCTOBER 18 - 25

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

Monday	
Tuesday	Parish Community of St. Theresa
Wednesday	Gabriel Decker
Thursday	
Friday	† Joseph & Clementina Brignole

Sun. 10:00 am † John McCole

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

ONLINE GIVING (October 5 - 11): \$ 4,660.60
78 DONORS

DROP-OFF/MAILED DONATIONS: \$ 4,235.00
(October 5 - 11) 25 DONORS

CATHOLIC VOICE COLLECTION:
ONLINE: 9 DONORS \$ 430.00
DROP-OFF/MAILED:
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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.

DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers, those who have died especially Kevin Mariolle, the son of Nancy Mariolle; Shirley Ecker, the aunt of Greg and Seaneen Wilson.

**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, 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

Did you know that the Vatican has a yearly operating budget less than half the budget of a major university? God's work—in the parish, the diocese, and around the world—depends on us. Is your giving generous, or the least you can spare?

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BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINES

October 18 bulletin, was due by October 9 (Friday)
October 25 bulletin, was due by October 16 (Friday)
November 1 bulletin, is due by October 23 (Friday)
November 8 bulletin, is due by October 30 (Friday)
Items must be received by 4:00 pm on the due date.
Email to cathy_b@sttheresaoakland.org.

BISHOP'S APPEAL 2020**Bishop's Appeal 2020**

St. Theresa Parish Goal - \$35,800

Percentage Achieved **85.42%**
\$31,904.00 as of July 31, 2020

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

A Short Word from the Pastor

I am making space for an important message from the parish 'Finance Committee'. I am very grateful for their diligent service and work in helping us be good stewards of what God has entrusted to us.

Congratulations to all our First Communicants! Pictures of the two celebrations are on this weeks bulletin cover and we are very proud of their diligence and devotion. May the time come soon for their second, third, hundred and thousand Communion.

As mentioned, we are waiting to hear from Alameda County about when indoor Mass can take place again. When it does, volunteers are needed to facilitate those Masses. Please check out the parish website and help if you can.

More next week....

A Word from the Parish Finance Committee

Little did we know back in March when shelter in place began, that as fall approaches, we would still be forced to limit our movements and restrict interaction with others. Over these last few months, we have endured not only the impact of COVID-19 but also the unrest in our community and country resulting from racial injustice. In these challenging times, we seek the Lord where He may be found. Although, we have not been able to gather in person as a community to worship, we have been joined together virtually to celebrate Sunday Mass and to connect with one another with comforting texts of "Good Morning" and extensions of "Peace." Our virtual community, united in our love of the Lord,

provides a welcoming place in the tumultuous times in which we live.

In order to continue to serve as a welcoming place, we need to ensure that our parish is on solid financial footing. Many parishes in our diocese and across the country, have reduced staff and services to survive financially. We have been fortunate over the last several months that, except for one position that was eliminated, we have not reduced staff. However, financial stability over the long term is not sustainable without increasing our intake of funds. Based on cash flow projections, it is necessary to increase collections by at least 15% to fund our current level of expenses and not deplete cash reserves further. As such, I am asking all of you to prayerfully consider increasing your weekly giving by 15% to strengthen the financial health of the parish. I recognize that for some in our community, an increase of 15% is quite challenging. As always, I request you give what you can recognizing the vital purpose our parish serves in providing spiritual food and sustenance for you and your loved ones.



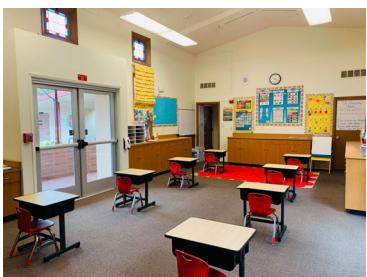
We are a resilient community. Time and again, you have risen to the occasion to help one another upon the loss of a loved one or to welcomes refugees from war-torn countries. We are all members of this community of worship from parishioners who built the church and school in its early days to the newest members of our school community. Together, we can ensure that our parish continues to be a welcoming place not only in these days of COVID-19 but for many years to come.

Finance Committee Members:

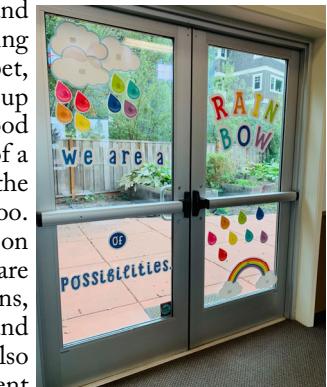
*Jim Cunniffe, Karen McInerney,
Patrick McGahan, Mark Thornsley*

ST. THERESA SCHOOL**TRANSITIONAL (TK) KINDERGARTEN
COMES TO ST. THERESA SCHOOL**

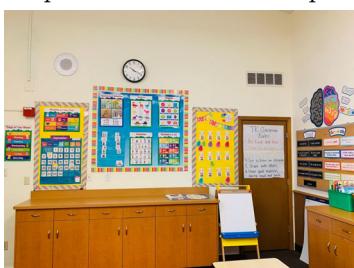
Did you know that St. Theresa School now has a Transitional Kindergarten (TK) classroom? We currently have 9 students enrolled and there is room for more! The classroom is housed in the parish center where the faculty lounge used to be, and where the chapel was when the Sisters of the Holy Names used to live in the convent. Our classroom is bright and cheery with its own bathroom and access to the outdoor area used for lunchtime. This year, Mrs. Lombardi is our teacher and has assistance from Ms. Ochoa who is the TK/Kindergarten aide. Our four-year old students are learning so much. We are learning about God,



Jesus and their creations, along with the importance of Holy Days, items found in church and the Sign of the Cross. Reading and writing the alphabet, counting and writing numbers up to 20, learning how to be a good citizen, what is like being part of a community and symbols of the USA are very important too. With interactive and hands on activities, our students are learning about weather patterns, plants and animal habitats and what scientists do. We also emphasize a social development



curriculum designed to give our students the knowledge and tools they need to recognize and manage their emotions. We teach them how to handle challenging situations while showing concern and compassion for their classmates' feelings.

**SUNDAY LIVE-STREAM MASS**

Our Sunday 10:00 am Mass is Live-Streamed every Sunday on the parish Facebook page. Walk-Up Holy Communion will be offered following the Mass.

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 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.



The theme for the year is:

"Strength for the Journey"

OCTOBER 21ST

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Emotional Range and the Spiritual Path**



A virtual information session will be held on Thursday, November 19th at 6:30.

Please call our Director of Admissions at 510-457-1488 to register.

For more information please check out our website at www.sttheresaschool.org

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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.



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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

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@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 sttheresaokland.org.

WEEKLY READINGS

October 19 - 25

Monday:

Eph 2:1-10
Ps 100
Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday

Eph 2:12-22
Ps 85
Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday

Eph 3:2-12
Ps 1s 12
Lk 12:39-48

Thursday:

Eph 3:14-21
Ps 33
Lk 12:49-53

Friday

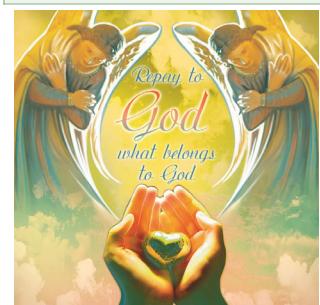
Eph 4:1-6
Ps 24
Lk 12:54-59

Saturday

Eph 4:7-16
Ps 122
Lk 13:1-9

Sunday:

Ex 22:22-26
Ps 18
1 Thes 1:5c-10
Mt 22:34-40



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GOD'S WORD FOR CHILDREN!

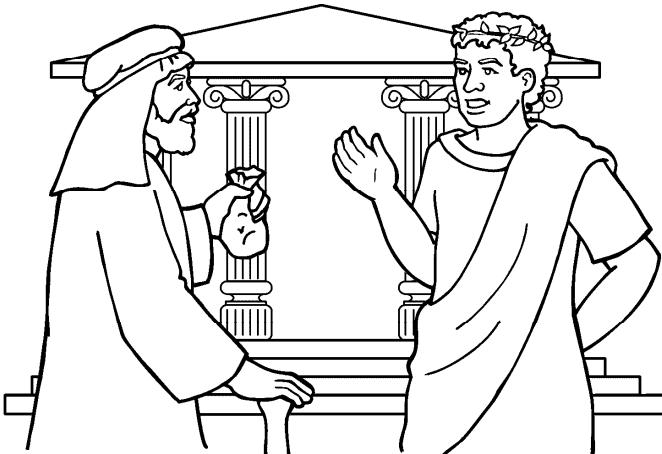
Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Pharisees tried to trick Jesus when asking if the people should pay a tax to Caesar since God is the one true King. Jesus said, "Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

Is 45:1, 4-6
1 Thes 1:1-5

Ps 96:1, 3-5, 7, 10
Mt 22:15-21

"Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar"
Matthew 22:21



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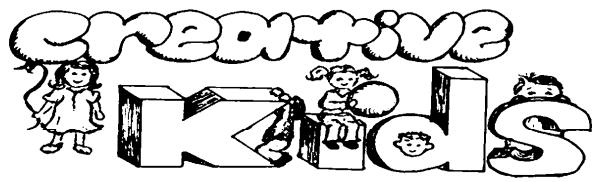
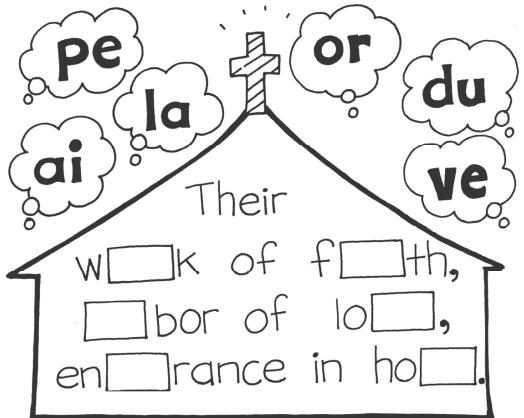
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The people of the Thessalonian church were special to Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy.

Do you know what was so special about them?

Use each set of letters in the thought bubbles once to fill the boxes and reveal the answer.

If you need help, read 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b in your Bible.

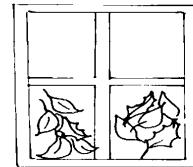


Window Painting

Show your appreciation to God for this beautiful season.

Directions:

1. Gather many different leaves that have fallen from the trees.
2. Place them on a table in the way you want them to appear in your window.
3. Attach rolled pieces of masking tape to the back of the leaves and place them on your window.
4. Use yellow, red, orange, and brown tempera paint and small pieces of sponge to dab around the edge of each leaf, changing colors as you get to the different leaves.
5. Use brown, red, or black crayons to draw the veins and outline the pattern of the leaf.
6. When you are ready to remove your window painting, wash gently with window cleaner and a soft cloth.



Psalm 96:1 says:

"Sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth."

Use the code to color the picture of the children singing.

1 = pink	3 = black	5 = green	7 = red
2 = brown	4 = yellow	6 = blue	8 = purple



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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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