

ST. THERESA

PARISH COMMUNITY

ST. THERESA MISSION STATEMENT

WE ARE A WELCOMING,
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TO LOVE AND TO SERVE OTHERS

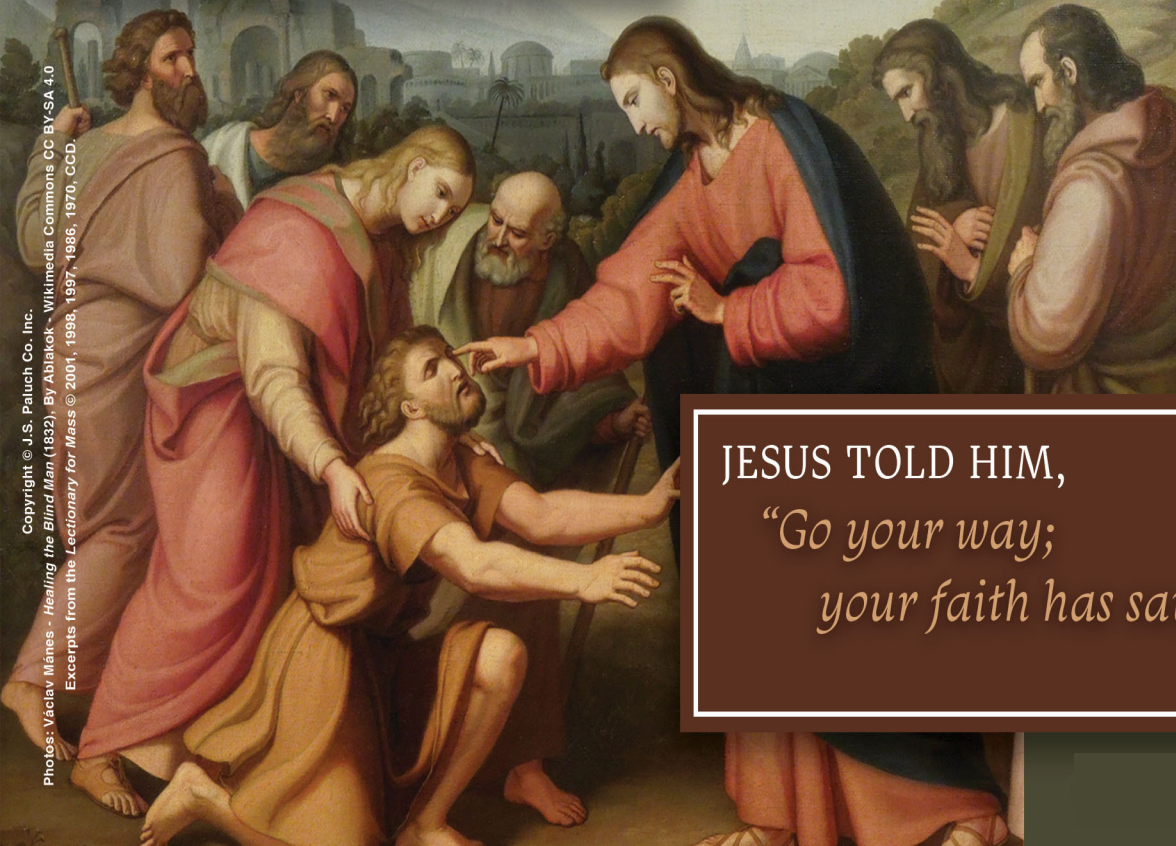
OCTOBER 24, 2021

THIRTIETH SUNDAY
IN
ORDINARY TIME

THE BLIND MAN SAID,
"Master, I want to see."

JESUS TOLD HIM,
*"Go your way;
your faith has saved you."*

MARK 10:51-52



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MASS INTENTIONS - OCTOBER 23 - 31

Sat. 5:00 pm	Jake & Ryan Oliverez
Sun. 10:00 am	The Parish Community of St. Theresa
Mon. 8:30 am	John McCole
Tues. 8:30 am	✦ Maria Luisa Valdez
Wed. 8:30 am	
Thurs. 8:30 am	
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



Sign-up at
flocknote.com/StTheresa30
 OR
 Text: STT To: 84579

SUNDAY OFFERING


ONLINE GIVING :	
(October 11 - 17) 59 DONORS	\$ 2,100.20
MASS/DROP-OFF/MAILED DONATIONS:	
(October 11 - 17) 32 DONORS	\$ 2,407.00

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  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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COLLETON

The 2nd collection for St. Vincent de Paul will be on October 30 & 31. This collection benefits the St. Vincent de Paul Society conference in our parish, 100% of your donation benefits people in our community. You may use Online Giving for this collection.

DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers, those who have died especially Maria Luisa Valdez, the sister of Juanita Oliverez.

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

Matt Mercier, Heidi Parmelee, Helen Buty, Aiden Farinella, Dolores Gomez, Alegria Hipolito, Betty Wharton, Hazel Villata, Juanita Estrella, Diane Longfield, Leslie Fischer, Mike Reilly, Dorothy Donnelly, Olga Lamberti, Matt White, Mark Dreier, Tom Sanford, Wendy Parmelee, Roger Bayloq, Ida Scodella, Sigrid Castaldo, Alicia Gonzalez, Denise Moore, Mirella Baldo, Karis Chodzko, Diana Martínez, 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 Milliman, 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, Kevin Stallone, baby Vai Mesui and all who have the corona virus throughout the world.

LIVING STEWARDSHIP

Where is the weakest link in your faith life? Join in a prayer group or take part in a parish retreat. Make an appointment with a priest or a trained spiritual director and discuss ways to strengthen your discipleship .

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BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINES

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)
 November 14 bulletin, is due by November 2 (Tuesday)

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 **77.08%**

\$27,595.00 as of September 30, 2021

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.

THE SURVEY IS OPEN

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!

SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING FOR PARISH & SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS



For many parish and school volunteers it is time for you to renew your training. You will or have received an email reminder with a link for you to complete the online training. Please complete the training by the renewal date in the email. 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.

All those who minister (volunteers, employees and clergy) in the Diocese of Oakland are to be educated about the nature of child sexual abuse, how it is perpetrated, how to report it and strategies for prevention. Training is mandatory for all who minister, before starting work or volunteering and then every 3 years thereafter.

Please remember that in order to volunteer at the parish in any capacity (Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Catechist, Choir Member, St. Vincent de Paul, Legion of Mary, CYO etc.), you must complete the training.

To renew or register go to: <https://www.virtusonline.org> or click on the link (Safe Environment) in the upper right corner of the parish website sttheresaokland.org.

If this is your first time using Virtus you must register as a First-Time Registrant.

- ◆ Click on First-Time Registrant
- ◆ Select your organization: Oakland, CA (Diocese)
- ◆ Create a User Id and Password
- ◆ Provide all the information requested on the screen
- ◆ Select the PRIMARY location where you volunteer
- ◆ Select the role(s) that you serve within the parish
- ◆ Continue the registration process. Once completed you may continue with the online training or sign-up for an on-site training.



MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

Our first Sunday youth night will be October 24th from 6-7:30 pm in the parish meeting rooms. These evenings will be a time for all middle school youth to come together for fellowship, fun and faith building. Our hope for these evenings is that we continue to build a strong community united in the love we share of our faith and one another.

Our monthly Rise and Shine Masses will be a focus for MSYM as we look for students to help as ushers, lectors, greeters etc.... as well as turn to you for some creative ideas for engaging young people in the liturgy.

Different service opportunities will arise throughout the year as well as other social gatherings. There should be something for everyone.

It is said that God throws the best party, better than anything we could plan ourselves...all we have to do is accept the invitation and show up. God will do the rest if we simply open our minds and hearts to what is before us. MSYM is one of those times that if you are willing to accept the invite and show up you might just be surprised by what God has planned for you.

Are you ready to accept that invitation? Can you? Will you?

Our prayer for you is that you find the way to answer yes, take a leap of faith and jump into the adventure that is before us. You can be sure that when you are ready we will be here waiting for you to join the party with us.

Peace,

Jenny Bruni and Keri Nims
Co-Coordinator of MSYM

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 27TH

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LOW GLUTEN HOSTS

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

LIVING GOD'S WORD

The homeless are utterly dependent on charity for their daily bread. They have nothing of real value, so they have nothing to lose. Might our self-sufficiency, self-defensiveness, and self-importance blind us to something that their poverty reveals? Like Bartimaeus, we must depend utterly on Jesus for mercy, vision, direction, and daily bread?

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Adult: What have your eyes of faith helped you see in a new way?

Child: What do you like most about the story of Bartimaeus? Why?

Key Passage: Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way. (Mark 10:52)

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 early November via Zoom to begin our planning. Date TBD. RSVP to Lydia Deck at ltdeck@me.com for more details.

UPDATE # 3

The Social Justice Committee is proud to present our final talk for the year featuring Phyllis Zagano. Phyllis Zagano is an internationally acclaimed Catholic scholar and lecturer on contemporary spirituality and women's issues in the church. Join us on Sunday, November 14th at 4pm via Zoom to hear Phyllis speak on "Synodality and Women". More information to follow. SAVE the DATE.


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 25 - 31

Monday:

Rom 8:12-17
Ps 68
Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday:

Rom 8:18-25
Ps 126
Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday:

Rom 8:26-30
Ps 13
Lk 13:22-30

Thursday:

Eph 2:19-22
Ps 19
Lk 6:12-16

Friday:

Rom 9:1-5
Ps 147
Lk 14:1-6

Saturday:

Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29
Ps 94
Lk 14:1, 7-11

Sunday:

Dt 6:2-6
Ps 18
Heb 7:23-28
Mk 12:28b-34

Your faith
has
saved
you



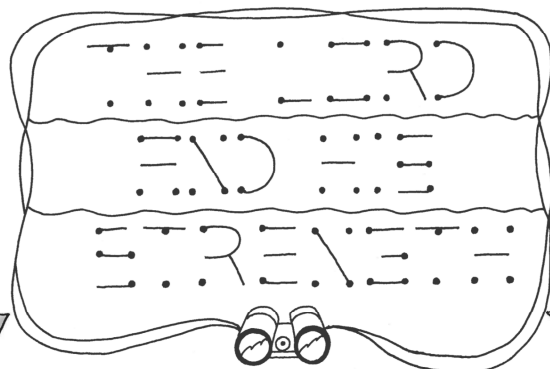
God's Word for Children



Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

It's fun and rewarding to reach our goals!
But what does Psalm 105:4 tell us to seek?
To find the answer, follow these instructions.

Notice there are three sections. In each section connect the top dots down to the dots right below them. Some dots are halfway down - connect them to the dots below also.

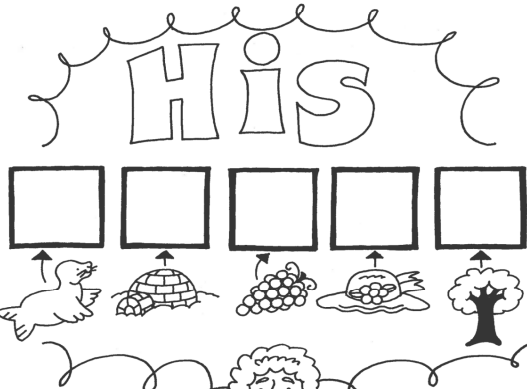


"Master, I want to see."
Mark 10 : 51



When Jesus left Jericho
a blind man wanted something from him.
Jesus had pity on him.

Write the first letter of each picture to find what Jesus gave him.



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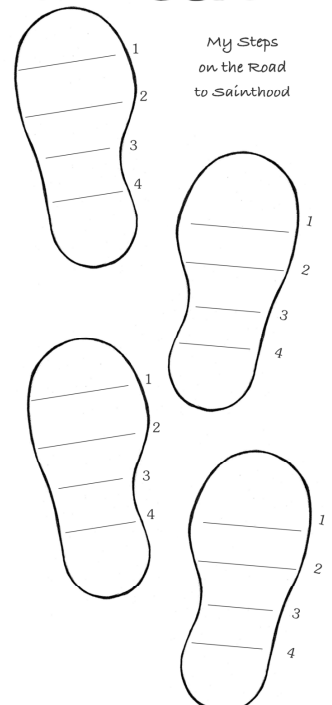
ANYONE CAN BE A SAINT

On November 1 the Church celebrates All Saints Day. The Church dedicates each day of the year to a particular saint. Sometimes saints share a feast day, since they may have lived in different parts of the world. These people are individuals who are officially recognized by the Church as having led good and holy lives and are believed to be with God in heaven. But on November 1 we celebrate all holy people, saints who are named and those who are not.

On May 13, 2017, Pope Francis canonized—that is, officially declared for all to believe and honor—two new saints. One was only 10 years old, the other was only 9. St. Francisco de Jesús Marto and his sister, St. Jacinta de Jesús Marto, were very young when, with their cousin Lúcia Santos, they first witnessed the appearance of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Fátima, in Portugal. This appearance occurred on May 13, 1917, one hundred years before these young saints were canonized. Francisco and Jacinta lived for only a few years after witnessing the appearances of Mary. During that time they lived a very quiet life of prayer, honoring Mary and praising God. They both died in the worldwide outbreak of influenza that began in 1918.

You don't have to be an adult to be a saint. You don't have to be rich to be a saint. You don't have to have a special job or live a certain kind of life. The only thing necessary to become a saint is to spend your whole life trying to live as God wants us to live. Even if you don't do it perfectly, the important thing is to keep on trying.

Are you the same age as Jacinta (9) or Francisco (10)—or even younger? Can you name some steps you've taken that have set you on the road to sainthood? Write some of your saintly actions in the footsteps. Ask yourself, "What do I try to do to live as God wants me to?"



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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Family Faith Formation (Grades TK-5) & R.C.I.C.

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Middle School Youth Ministry (Grades 6-8)

Jenny Bruni and Keri Nims: Co-Coordinator

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