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OCTOBER 25, 2020
THIRTIETH SUNDAY
IN
ORDINARY TIME

PRAYER BEFORE AN ELECTION

Lord God, as the election approaches,
we seek to better understand the issues and concerns that confront our city/state/
country,
and how the Gospel compels us to respond as faithful citizens in our community.
We ask for eyes that are free from blindness
so that we might see each other as brothers and sisters,
one and equal in dignity,
especially those who are victims of abuse and violence, deceit and poverty.
We ask for ears that will hear the cries of children unborn and those abandoned,
Men and women oppressed because of race or creed, religion or gender.
We ask for minds and hearts that are open to hearing the voice of leaders who will bring
us closer to your Kingdom.

We pray for discernment
so that we may choose leaders who hear your Word,
live your love,
and keep in the ways of your truth
as they follow in the steps of Jesus and his Apostles
and guide us to your Kingdom of justice and peace.

We ask this in the name of your Son Jesus Christ and through the power of the Holy
Spirit.
Amen.

(from <https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/prayers/prayer-before-an-election>)

MASS INTENTIONS ~ Oct. 25 - Nov. 1

Sun. 10:00 am † John McCole

Monday	Licia Delnatte
Tuesday	Gabriel Decker
Wednesday	Elaine Moore
Thursday	Licia Delnatte
Friday	† Robert F. Miller

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

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
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 Text: STT To: 84579

SUNDAY OFFERING

ONLINE GIVING (*October 12 - 18*): \$ 3,305.60

73 DONORS

DROP-OFF/MAILED DONATIONS: \$ 1,310.00

(*October 12 - 18*) 26 DONORS

PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH COLLECTION:

ONLINE: 4 DONORS

\$ 125.00

DROP-OFF/MAILED:

14 DONORS

\$ 655.00

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.

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

PARISH MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENT

The 2nd collection for the Parish Maintenance & Improvement Fund will be on November 1. You may also use Online Giving for this collection. Select the Parish Maintenance fund option.

DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers, those who have died especially Dolores Cakebread, aunt of Robert Cakebread; Dave Perez; Helen Kistler, mother of Megan & Dan Kistler, Jr.

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

LIVING STEWARDSHIP

Consider finding an experienced spiritual director to help you on your spiritual journey. To find a priest or qualified lay director, ask a the parish, a nearby religious retreat center.

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BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINES

October 25 bulletin, was due by October 16 (Friday)
 November 1 bulletin, was due by October 23 (Friday)
 November 8 bulletin, is due by October 30 (Friday)
 November 15 bulletin, is due by Nov. 6 (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 Rev. Mr. Zach Presutti who was ordained a transitional deacon by Bishop Barber on Saturday morning. Welcome to his Mom and Dad and a few other family members who have ventured to California for this celebration.

The Ordination Mass took place outside on the grounds of Santa Maria Church in Moraga. Social distancing and limited numbers were in place, but you can watch the whole ceremony from the Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University website.

Transitional deacons are deacons for at least six months before they are ordained to the priesthood. Deacon Zach will be with us for most of his deacon work in addition to his studies as he completes things in preparation for his priesthood ordination that is tentatively set for May or June of next year. Last year the ordinations kept getting postponed due to the pandemic. We will keep you informed about what is planned for Deacon Zach and his classmates.

Hopefully, this weekend is the last weekend that we will have the closed to public Mass schedule. We have been told we are allowed by Alameda County to begin weekday Masses on Monday, October 26 and the first more open Sunday Mass on November 1.

As has been announced, to open again, we need everyone's help. If you can volunteer to help facilitate these Masses, please do so at the website. If you wish to attend, on Sunday's you will need to make a reservation and keep it. Things always happen which excuses an absence, but during the brief period we had somewhat open Masses in July, many made reservations and then several did not show up. Once we are booked to the number allowed (25% building capacity and not more than 100 people), others are turned away. We are all hoping we can best utilize the more open schedule that will be coming.

We keep getting different directions from the diocese and county and state on how to proceed. Our staff is committed to following the protocols that will best protect every individual from this horrible virus and pandemic!

I was happy to see Bishop Barber's comments in the *Catholic Voice* entitled, "*Church offers guidance on issues, not candidates*", (*there is a link to the Voice on the parish website homepage*). You may have voted by this time, but if not and you are searching as most of us

are, please check out this article. Bishop Barber makes reference to comments made by Pope Francis and Cardinal O'Malley of Boston. There are many clerics saying many things about the politics we are in at the moment. I believe that the USCCB.org website as well as Pope Francis and Cardinal O'Malley are the certified sources that can help us. At any rate, please pray for peace and the protection of our political process from those who would tamper with it even from within the Church.



On that note, the Event Center will be used as a poll site in Alameda County. This year the poll site is open for voting Saturday, Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday. (October 31-November 3) If you come through the parish parking lot you may see more cars than usual. If you come to Mass on November 1, you will see activity at the other end of the property. We are trying to cooperate with our civic duty in this process as we have most other years. This year is unusually with the number of days that the polls will be open. The county will provide for some security, but we have asked members of the Men's Club to patrol some of the times to make sure our site is safe for all. Thanks to all who will make this work.

If you have not by now, please make sure you VOTE!

On All Saints Day, we remember and pray to all who are in heaven. It takes a long process to publicly declare a saint, but I passionately believe Heaven is packed. It is packed with our family and friends who loved us and hopefully now intercede for us until we meet again in heaven. Pray to them asking that they put in a good word for us and for our country. All Souls Day is the day we set aside to pray for those who have died. I hope many have sent in pictures as we are limited with our altar of remembrance this year. Pictures will be shown before Mass on November 2 and the families who celebrated a funeral here over the past year are especially invited to a special Mass that night. We want them to know that our parish remembers them well past the funeral day.

I hope all will affirm our foundational Catholic belief that each of us are called to be saints one day and each of us can help one another with our remembrance and prayer for each other.

ALL SOULS

Traditionally throughout the month of November we have the Table of Remembrance in the sanctuary where you have placed pictures of your beloved dead and entered names of loved ones in the Book of the Dead. This year due to Covid-19 restrictions you will not be able to place individual picture on the table, or personally write names in the book. Instead we are asking you to submit a picture or name online. We will print the pictures and create a collage that will be placed in the church for the month and inscribe the names in the Book of the Dead.

<https://sttheresa.oakland.org/pray/mass-confession-times/all-souls>

PUBLIC MASSES WILL BEGIN OCTOBER 26

The 8:30 am Weekday Mass will begin, Monday, October 26.

Our initial weekend schedule will begin on Sunday, November 1 at 10:00 am Mass which will continue to be live-streamed. The 5:00 pm Saturday Mass will start at a later date.

Due to the limited number (100) of people (which include clergy/staff/volunteers) who are allowed in the church it was decided to have people register for Mass, thus allowing all who want to attend the opportunity to come over a period of weeks. A Flocknote will be sent out every Tuesday with the link to place a reservation for the upcoming Sunday. Reservations will be taken from Tuesday at 9:00 am through Thursday at noon.

If you are in a high-risk group, or even apprehensive about attending Mass, we ask you to please stay home, and join us for Mass via live-stream. The dispensation from attending Mass remains in effect in the Diocese of Oakland.

Walk-Up Holy Communion will continue to be available following the Sunday 10:00 am Mass.

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 28TH

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***In These Chaotic Times,
Lord, Teach Us to Pray***



ST. THERESA SCHOOL
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.

WE WILL RE-OPEN FOR PUBLIC SUNDAY MASS ON NOVEMBER 1.

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 26 - Nov. 1

Monday:

Eph 4:32-5:8
Ps 1
Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday

Eph 5:21-22
Ps 128
Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday

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

Thursday:

Eph 6:10-20
Ps 144
Lk 13:31-35

Friday

Phil 1:1-11
Ps 111
Lk 14:1-6

Saturday

Phil 1:18b-26
Ps 42
Lk 14:1, 7-11

Sunday:

Rv 7:2-4, 9-14
Ps 24
1 Jn 3:1-3
Mt 5:1-12a



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GOD'S WORD FOR CHILDREN!

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Jesus said, "You are to love the Lord with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the First Commandment."

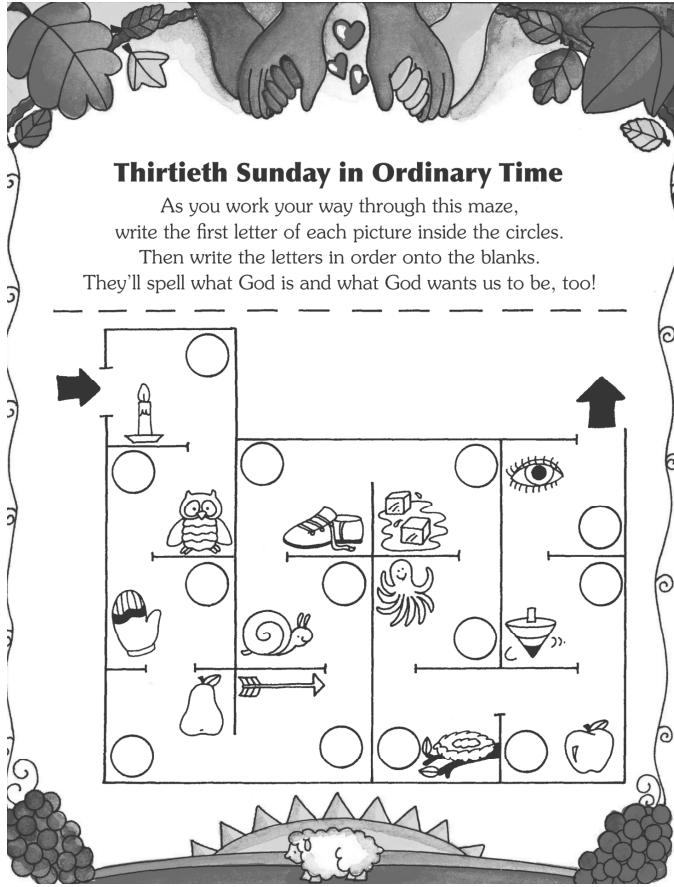
Ex 22:20-26
1 Thes 1:5-10

Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51
Mt 22:34-40

Directions: Use the letters in heart, soul, and mind to spell 10 new words.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

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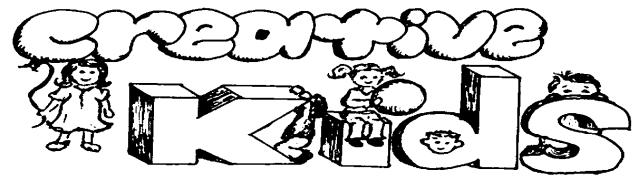


Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

As you work your way through this maze, write the first letter of each picture inside the circles.

Then write the letters in order onto the blanks.

They'll spell what God is and what God wants us to be, too!



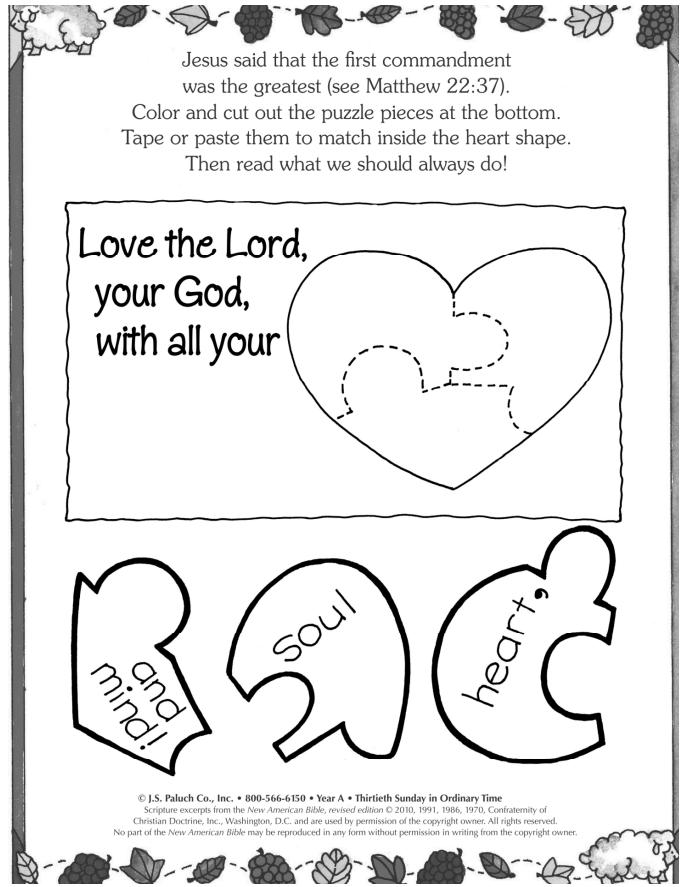
The Ten Commandments

Directions:

1. On a large piece of paper write the Ten Commandments as listed below.
2. Alternate the color of marker you use so each line stands out.
3. Decorate your poster and hang it in your room to recite each morning when you wake up.

The Ten Commandments

1. I, the Lord, am your God; you shall not have other gods besides me.
2. You shall not take the name of the Lord, your God, in vain.
3. Remember to keep holy the Lord's day.
4. Honor your father and your mother.
5. You shall not kill.
6. You shall not commit adultery.
7. You shall not steal.
8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
9. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.
10. You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.



PARISH INFORMATION



Mass Schedules:

Weekday: 8:30 am

Sunday: 10:00 am

[reservation required for Sunday public Mass]

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

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