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OCTOBER 30, 2022
THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY
IN
ORDINARY TIME

The Son of Man
has come to seek
and to save
what was lost.

Luke 19:10



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MASS INTENTIONS ~ OCTOBER 29 - NOVEMBER 6

Sat. 5:00 pm † Michael S. Donovan
 Sun. 9:00 am Parish Community of St. Theresa
 Mon. 8:30 am Iva Sieg
 Tues. 8:30 am St. Theresa School Community
 7:30 pm Parish Community of St. Theresa
 Wed. 8:30 am
 7:00 pm † Deceased Family Members
 Thurs. 8:30 am
 Fri. 8:30 am † Tina Bruno
 Sat. 5:00 pm † Ray Arata
 Sun. 9:00 am Parish Community of St. Theresa

MASS INTENTIONS

To request a Mass Intention contact Melody Marr at melody@sttheresaokland.org or 510.547.2777, ext. 120

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PARISH MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENT

The second collection for the Parish Maintenance & Improvement Fund will be on November 5 & 6.

You may also use Online Giving for this collection.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

November 4th
 9:00 am to 4:30 pm
 Benediction at 4:30 pm.

DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers, those who have died especially Hazel Villata.

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

Matt Mercier, Heidi Parmelee, Aiden Farinella, Dolores Gomez, Alegría Hipólito, Betty Wharton, Juanita Estrella, Leslie Fischer, Mike Reilly, Dorothy Donnelly, Olga Lamberti, Wendy Parmelee, Roger Baylocq, Ida Scodella, Alicia Gonzalez, Denise Moore, Diana Martínez, Susan Springer, Margie Sullivan, Maddie Heitkemper, Joan Simmons, Badri Nakjavani, Eddie Bradford, Wendy Jones, Bob Rogers, Orlando Gonzalez, Kevin Chapman, Diane Cerille, Ruth McCabe, Tom Wilberding, Shirley Roberts, Karen Milliman, Anita Perricelli, Danny Ramos, Mark Leonard, Christopher Rodriguez, Maryanne Walsh, Rhonda Santeen, John Whatley, Bishop John Cummins, Nancy Coyne, Kevin Stallone, Herman Carmassi, Della Spinelli, Kelly Keith, Jeanne Cuttitta, Susan Buller, Amy Kantowitz, Ann Springer, Guy Wallace, Ray Bertolotti, William McCarthy, Cindy Crimmins, Fred & Lidia Loupy, Rebecca Rogers, Kathleen Guevara, Clarence Robinson, Armando Diaz de Leon, Fr. Ron Schmidt, Patty Estopinal Msgr. Slade Crawford, Laura Jones, and all who have the corona virus throughout the world.

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BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINES

October 30 bulletin was due by October 21 (Friday)
 November 6 bulletin was due by October 28 (Friday)
 November 13 bulletin is due by November 4 (Friday)
 November 20 bulletin is due by November 11 (Friday)
 Items must be received by 4:00 pm on the due date.
 Email to cathy_b@sttheresaokland.org.



"Feed my lambs,
 feed my sheep"

2022 BISHOP'S
 MINISTRIES
 APPEAL

Bishop's Ministries Appeal 2022

St. Theresa Parish Goal - \$35,800

<https://www.oakdiocese.org/bishops-appeal-donation-page>

Percentage Achieved **56.76%**

\$20,319.50 as of October 15, 2022

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Wonderful comments are coming right and left about the new sound system. I again commend everyone to say a prayer of thanksgiving and blessing to the two anonymous families that generously donated the funds to make this happen. This past week, several on staff and from the school staff learned about how to operate the system. We pray the fine tuning will continue over the next few weeks.

On Monday, the school children here will dress up in costumes and have a Halloween parade. It is one more sign of leaving the isolation and cancellation of so many activities behind.

Halloween is a common way of speaking about the ‘eve of All Hallows’ or the eve of the feast of All Saints. Heaven is packed (comfortably) and we hope one day to meet our family and friends who we know are with God because of their faith, love, and lives. One day, we hope to be honored by those who will follow us and pray for us, especially at Mass. I have been writing about why we go to Mass and celebrating and praying for family and friends is an important reason. So, I invite you to come celebrate All Saints’ Day and on Wednesday, All Souls’ Day.

Once again, we invite you to bring a picture of your loved ones who have passed so that all of us can look at them and join you throughout November in praying that they are resting in light eternal and peace.

On All Souls’ night we have Mass at 7:00 pm, and we especially invite any family who held a funeral here in our parish since last November 2. We invite all to come and welcome these families and to come and pray for all of us who have lost someone this past year or even many years ago. Our hope is that they are already fully with God and praying for us until we meet again.

Last week, I asked and tried to begin to answer the question: “Why go to Mass?” Can’t I just stay at home, say my prayers, and do good deeds at home and in the world?

The importance of coming each week, joining the community (the Body of Christ), offering thanks to God, and joining with Jesus in his one sacrifice that is our one ticket to heaven can only be done when we join each other physically for Mass.

Fr. John Baldovin, S.J., Ph. D, continues to explain what is stated above and in last week’s bulletin. (“The Mass) Often referred to as ‘source and summit’ language,

this affirmation about the centrality of the Mass is a stunning statement about its role in Christian living... the Mass goes to the heart of the human predicament and is so central to Christian identity and mission that it is hard to imagine a church that calls itself “Catholic” without Sunday Eucharist. For Catholics the Mass is not simply a way of worshiping God, it is the privileged means of experiencing the presence of Jesus Christ and participating in his work of redeeming the world.

We say Jesus saved the world, but Baldovin asks: :Saved from what?” Is there something about our human condition that really needs saving? The Christian answer to that question is yes. Human beings (as a whole and individuals) are trapped in a sinful condition and unable to be united to God, the true source of life, by their own efforts.”

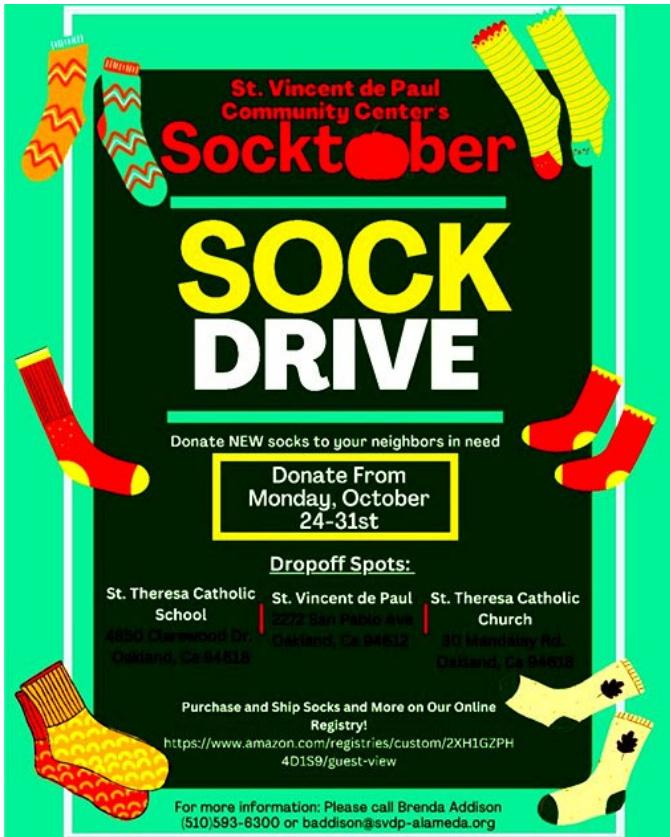
“We are more than our bodies, human beings have always had a difficult time dealing with the limits that our bodies impose: we need food, drink, rest, we get sick, we grow old and inevitably we die. Our consciousness and our instincts tell us that we are more than this—and there’s the rub--- it’s the givenness of our bodies that we cannot escape as we strive to be more. The trap of the human condition is that we never consider enough to be enough.

Wasn’t that the real sin of Adam and Eve? They had enough, all they could ever need and were in paradise, but they wanted more—the serpent tempted them that they could be like God. That was the selfish sin, and they didn’t want more God’s way, they wanted it their way. They did this by eating what was not theirs to eat.

Baldovin explains: “if eating is the form of the Fall, it is also the form of Redemption. The Eucharist represents the powerful antidote to the origin of sin. When the second century bishop Ignatius of Antioch called the Eucharist, ‘the medicine of immortality’ he wasn’t talking about some kind of magic potion but rather affirming the fact that partaking of the Eucharist is the antidote to the food taken in Eden.”

Let’s reflect on that for now and I will present Baldovin’s conclusion next week. In the meantime, please invite a friend or neighbor to join you at a weekend Mass.





WINGS ~ WOMEN IN GOD'S SPIRIT

WINGS is a faith enhancement group for women encourages spiritual growth through prayer, scripture study, life-sharing and community. Our Fall session meetings, take place on a Zoom platform from 9:15-11:15am, on Wednesdays. 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. Feel free to invite a friend! Women from local parishes and other denominations are most certainly welcome. If you're new to WINGS or wish to sample a meeting, send your email address and request the week's Zoom link, and any questions you may have about joining WINGS, to Denise Mollen at mollend@aol.com. She will send you the link to Zoom. Our theme for the 2022/2023 year is:

"Abide in God's Love"

NOVEMBER 2ND

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PARISH CALENDAR

Find out what is happening at the parish. The parish calendar is available on the parish website:

<https://sttheresaoakland.org/calendar>

ALL SAINTS DAY ~ NOVEMBER 1



This is a Holy Day of Obligation
Masses will be at 8:30 am and 7:30 pm
There will be a collection at all Masses.
You may also use online giving.

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE ~ NOVEMBER 2



All are invited to attend the All Souls Day Mass on November 2nd at 7:00 PM (Wednesday), 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.

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.

ST. THERESA SCHOOL

St. Theresa School is currently accepting applications for grades TK through 8. As part of the St. Theresa Parish, we invite you to visit our school for a tour so you can see firsthand the close knit community of like-minded students and faculty. Tours will be held on various Tuesdays from November through January. We are also hosting Information Sessions for each grade level and an Open House event the last weekend of January. RSVP required for tours. For details and more information, feel free to visit our website www.sttheresaschool.org or you may contact our Director of Admissions, Michelle, at m_halligan@sttheresaschool.org. We hope to hear from you soon!

LOW GLUTEN HOSTS

Low Gluten hosts are available at all weekend Masses. They are less than 20 parts per million gluten, under .002%

Please use the presider's communion station to receive a low gluten host.

FRIDAY FLOCKNOTE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

The Friday Flocknote Newsletter is now available on the parish website. Click on the Bulletin/Flocknote link in the upper right corner of the website or enter <https://sttheresaoakland.org/Bulletin/Flocknote>

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE (SJC) CORNER

Thanks to all our Social Justice Committee volunteers especially event organizers Nina Green, Dee McDonough and Margaret Penaranda. Special shout out to the two strong students who helped load up our cars too!

A time to pray about many things: wars, climate changes, the homeless, immigrants and refugees. As you look at your ballots in preparation to vote maybe look at it with a lens of what a proposition or candidate will do to help those in our community most in need or how will racial justice be served best or how will climate change be affected.

Here is a prayer from our Oakland Diocese- Parishes in Action newsletter:

A Prayer for Election Season

Spirit of Life and of Love, God known by many names and beyond all naming.

Move us out of despair and into action.

Touch our hearts and minds with the truths that we are born beloved and worthy, and that we are all connected.

Show us how to embody these truths with all our words and deeds day by day.

In this election year, infuse our weary souls with the hope that action for the good will bring.

May we move into this season with the clarity and determination that every vote matters.

Amen. Shalom. Salaam. And Blessed Be.

Join us at our next Social Justice meeting on November 9th at 7pm with our guest speaker Fr. Bob speaking on: A Vision for Social Justice at St. Theresa.
RSVP for zoom link with Lydia Deck at ltdeck@me.com

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL****CURRENT NEEDS**

Volunteers Needed for the Dining Room at the Direct Services Campus in West Oakland: 8:30am to 1pm Tuesday through Saturday. Volunteers help prepare, and bag warm meals for our guests and serve the meals at the gated entrance to the courtyard. Contact Volunteer Coordinator, Kristen Bernal: Email kbernal@svdp-alameda.org 510-277-6435.

Men's Clothing (casual, work, denim, and work pants, and shoes in good condition) and women's hygiene articles can be dropped off in the Church vestibule. These donations are distributed through SVDP Clothes Closet in our Downtown Community Center.

Nonperishable, non-expired food donations: Our on-going food collections for the needy people in the Sacred Heart Parish have been graciously acknowledged by those who have been served. This is becoming a regular opportunity for us to feed the hungry, especially during these difficult economic times. We bring the food to Sacred Heart around the third Sunday of the month. Food donations may be left in the back of the vestibule in various baskets next to the "Giving Tree at any time.

Our Parish SVdP Conference meets bimonthly, every third Saturday at 9:30am. If interested in learning more about our Conference's work, contact Judy Bojorquez at jtsbojorquez@yahoo.com to be added to email distribution or with any questions.

You may use online giving to make a donation to the St. Theresa St. Vincent de Paul conference. <https://sttheresaoakland.org/donate>.

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@sttheresaoakland.org.

To renew or register for the first time, 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 sttheresaoakland.org.

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.), or school, you must complete the training.

WEEKLY READINGS

Oct. 31 - November 6

Monday:

Phil 2:1-4
Ps 131
Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday:

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

Wednesday:

Wis 3:1-9
Ps 23
Rom 6:3-9
Jn 6:37-40

Thursday:

Phil 3:3-8a
Ps 105
Lk 15:1-10

Friday

Phil 3:17-4:1
Ps 122
Lk 16:1-8

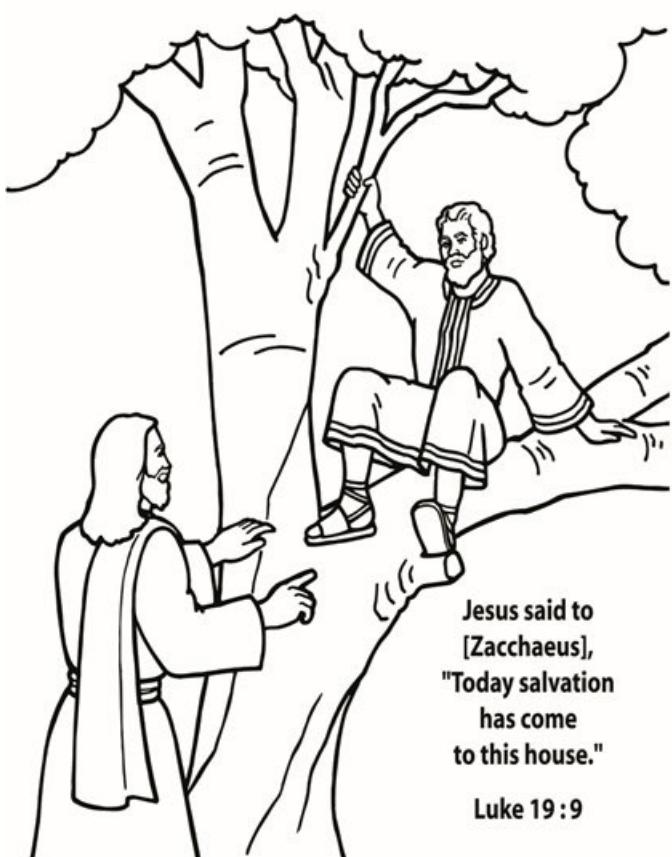
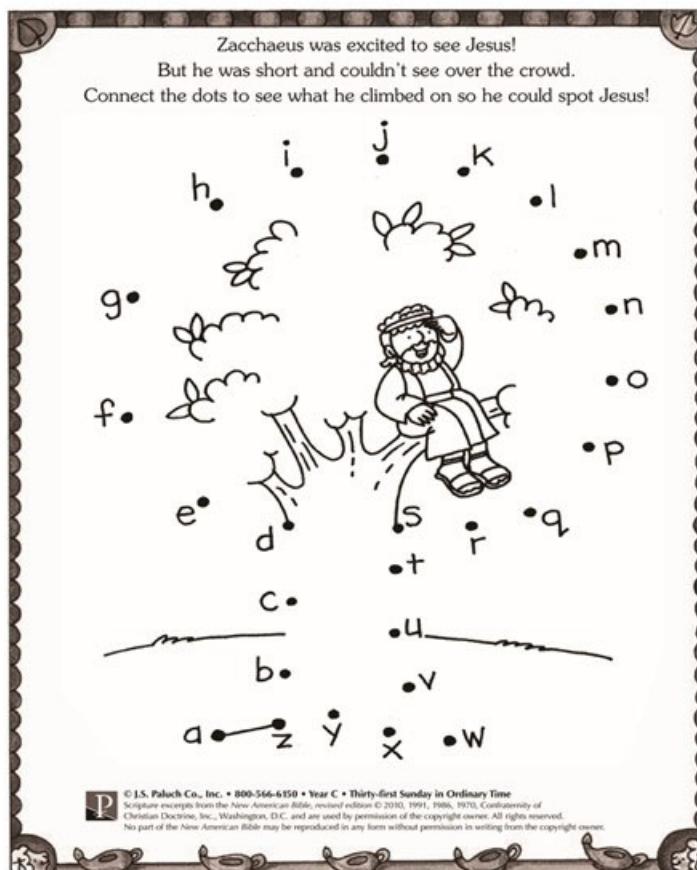
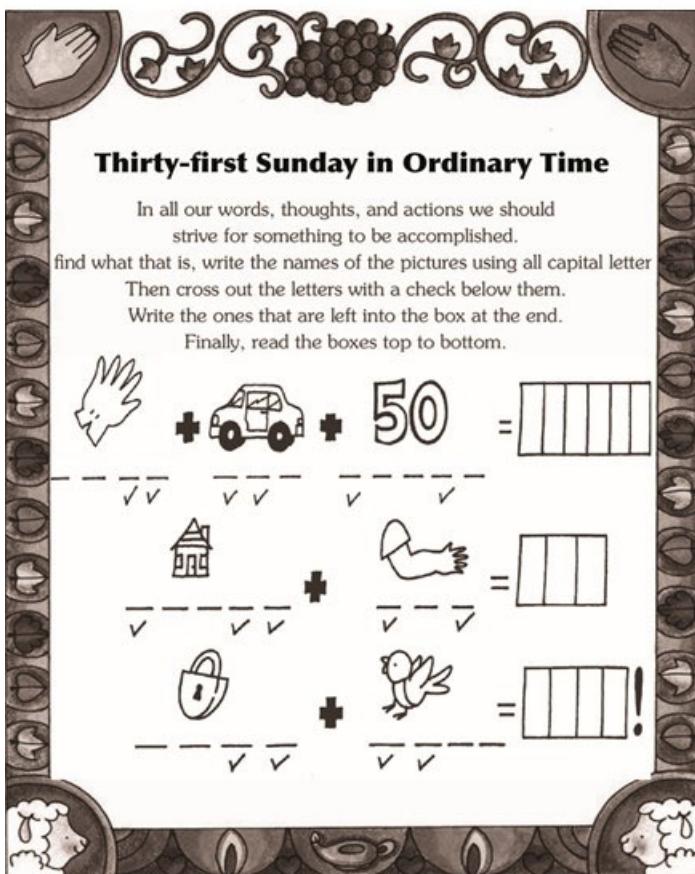
Saturday:

Phil 4:10-19
Ps 112
Lk 16:9-15

Sunday:

2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14
Ps 17
2 Thes 2:16-3:5
Lk 20:27-38

God's Word for Children



THEY ARE IN PEACE

I had a vision of a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people, and tongue. (Revelation 7:9a)

This is how the book of Revelation describes all the saints in heaven. We know the names of many saints but we do not know their number. We know they come from our country and many other places and times. These are people who listened to God's word and spoke it to others in every language of the world. The saints are people who are with God forever.

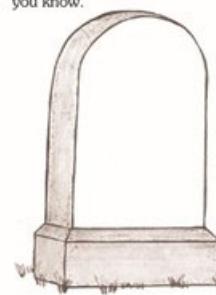
On November 1 we celebrate the solemnity of All Saints, a holy day of obligation in the United States. Just as we harvest the bounty of the earth, this day reminds us that God gathers home all the good people who have lived on earth.

On the leaf, write the names of some of the saints you know.

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment shall touch them. They are in peace. (Wisdom 3:1, 3b)

We hear this passage from the book of Wisdom on November 2, All Souls' Day. On this day we remember all who have died. People remember the dead in many different ways. Some memorials are very elaborate and some are very simple. How do you remember the people in your family who have died? Do you share stories about them? Do you display pictures of them? Do you visit their graves? Do you remember them in your prayers?

On the tombstone, write the names of some of the members of your family who have died.



PARISH INFORMATION



MASS SCHEDULE:

Face Masks are required for all unvaccinated people attending Mass.

Weekday: 8:30 am (Mon.-Fri.)

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am

(live-stream on our YouTube channel)

RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm

PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS:

Monday: 12:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Tuesday - Thursday: 10:00 am - 2:30 pm

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-Coordinators

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R.C.I.A. Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

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