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WE ARE A WELCOMING,
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GROWING SPIRITUALLY AND REACHING OUT
TO LOVE AND TO SERVE OTHERS

OCTOBER 31, 2021
THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY
IN
ORDINARY TIME



You shall

Love

your neighbor as yourself.

Mark 12:31

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MASS INTENTIONS - OCTOBER 30 - NOVEMBER 7

Sat. 5:00 pm ✦ Maria Luisa Valdez
 Sun. 10:00 am The Parish Community of St. Theresa

Mon. 8:30 am Graciela Cors
 Tues. 8:30 am
 7:00 pm ✦ Deceased Family Members
 Wed. 8:30 am Maria Suarez
 Thurs. 8:30 am ✦ Doreen Theren
 Fri. 8:30 am ✦ Ida & Nick Monti

Sat. 5:00 pm Noel Serrano
 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 18 - 24) 63 DONORS **\$ 3,011.80**

MASS/DROP-OFF/MAILED DONATIONS:
 (October 18 - 24) 40 DONORS **\$ 3,006.00**

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY:
ONLINE: 8 DONORS \$ 355.00
MASS/DROP-OFF/MAILED: 20 DONORS \$ 730.00

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.

PARISH MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENT

The second collection for the Parish Maintenance & Improvement Fund will be on November 6 & 7.

You may also use Online Giving for this collection.

**All Saints - November 1**

The Holyday Obligation is suspended when the solemnity falls on a Monday.

DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers, those who have died especially Diane Longfield.

**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, 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 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

Spend some time reading the scriptures before going to Mass. Look in your parish bulletin to see upcoming readings or access them online at the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Web site: usccb.org/nab/

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BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINES

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**)
 November 21 bulletin, is due by November 12 (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 **80.15%**

\$28,695.00 as of October 15, 2021

\$ 26



\$ 25



\$ 26



Purchase your HOLIDAY EVERGREENS
early this year!

St. Theresa Confirmation group is selling a limited amount of HOLIDAY EVERGREENS this year. Proceeds offset costs for our retreats and activities. Thank you for your support!

Wreaths ~ \$ 26 each

Swag ~ \$ 25 each

Garlands ~ \$26 each

Purchases can be made through Sunday, Nov. 7th by:

- using the online order link <https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Form/56ccfda4-e60a-4186-be47-72557fc7f1f>
- contacting Jenny jenny@sttheresaokland.org/510.547.2777 x123
- completing an Order envelope from the vestibule and dropping it in the rectory mail slot. Checks, exact cash, and card payment can be made with Jenny. Please be sure to specify your order.

Distribution/Pick Up: SAT, Dec. 4th & SUN, Dec. 5th

For more information, please contact:
Jenny Bruni, HSYM Coordinator
jenny@sttheresaokland.org
(510) 547-2777 x123

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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.

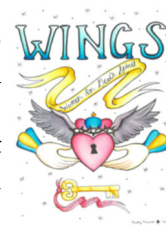
Remembrance

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

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.

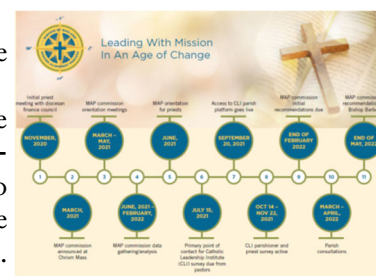
Thank you for helping with this important project!

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.

NOVEMBER 3RD

Using Gratitude to Open Up to the Spirit

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



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

The Social Justice Committee is proud to present our final talk for the year :

Synodality and Women" presented by 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 with your cup of tea. Please RSVP to Lydia Deck to get the Zoom link ltdeck@me.com

UPDATE #1--Join us as we prepare for Holiday Projects to support refugee and immigrant families in our community for Thanksgiving and Christmas. We will be meeting November 4th at 7pm via Zoom to plan. RSVP to Lydia Deck at ltdeck@me.com for more details.

UPDATE #2 --The Azami extended family has sponsors so now we need help funding about 13 visa applications. These are specific visas to enter the US called humanitarian parole visas (enable them to enter emergently). Then they will begin another process for a formal visa to be able to stay. Phase 1 cost \$575 per person and phase 2 is \$350 per person. 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.

We would like to be able to help fund some of this visa application process. 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

 ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Bay Area Rent Relief

While the State of California Eviction Moratorium ended on September 30, the Covid 19 relief program still has funds and continues to operate. The Alameda County moratorium is still in effect and will remain in place until the public health crisis has ended.

Our Parish Conference of St Vincent de Paul is here 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.

It's that time again! The annual Christmas Gift Drive at St. Vincent de Paul of Alameda County

We are collecting new, UNWRAPPED items for children ranging from newborns to 18 years of age. Please help us provide Toys/Games/Books/ Age-appropriate Gifts. Through the link below to the Saint Vincent de Paul of Alameda County's Charity Registry <https://www.target.com/gift-registry/gift/svdpxmas2021>. Donations are needed by Saturday, December 4th, at SVdP's West Oakland Community Center (675 23rd Street) Thank you for your continued generosity and for helping make this holiday season a memorable one for 300 children in Alameda County's SVdP Community.

Current Need:

SVdP Community Center is restocking their Children/ Baby Room and are in desperate in of clothing sizes newborn to 5 years for girls and boys

Donations for the Christmas Gift Drive or children's clothing can also be dropped off in the Church vestibule following the weekend Masses. Please do not leave items in the vestibule during the week.

Our Parish SVdP Conference meets bimonthly, every third Saturday at 9:30am. Our next meeting is November 20. 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.

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

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

November 1 - 7

Monday:

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

Tuesday:

Wis 3:1-9
Ps 27
Rom 5:5-11
Jn 6:37-40

Wednesday:

Rom 13:8-10
Ps 112
Lk 14:25-33

Thursday:

Rom 14:7-12
Ps 27
Lk 15:1-10

Friday:

Rom 15:14-21
Ps 98
Lk 15:1-8

Saturday:

Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27
Ps 145
Lk 16:9-15

Sunday:

1 Kgs 17:10-16
Ps 146
Heb 9:24-28
Mk 12:38-44



God's Word for Children



Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Long ago, people offered sacrifices to God for the forgiveness of sins.

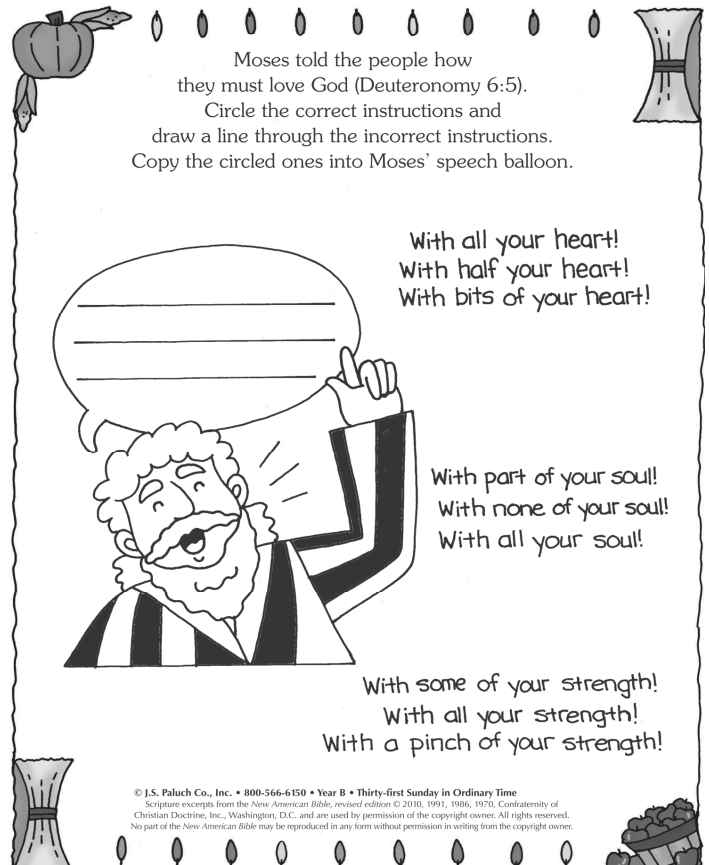
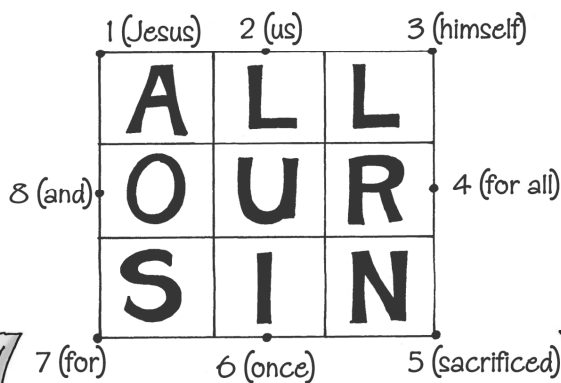
But when Jesus died, he was the perfect sacrifice for all time.

Now he intercedes for us forever! The puzzle below contains "all our sin."

There are eight points around the puzzle, each with a word or phrase next to it. As you connect the points in the following order, say the words for that point.

Then go and tell someone this wonderful truth!

Connect points 1 to 5, 3 to 7, 2 to 6, and 8 to 4.



IN GRATITUDE FOR CATECHISTS

This week is a good time to thank a catechist. If you are part of a religious education program you can thank St. Charles Borromeo, whose memorial we celebrate this week. Born in 1538 in his family's castle in Italy, St. Charles was the nephew of Pope Pius IV, who appointed him cardinal archbishop of Milan.

At that time, almost no opportunities for religious education existed except for priests. Charles believed that it was important that everyone, especially children, learn about and understand their faith. But this work needed knowledgeable teachers, so he founded the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, often referred to as CCD, to train them. (A confraternity is a group of people who work together toward a common purpose, usually religious or charitable.) These new teachers were called catechists. Their purpose was to instruct, or catechize, others in the ways of faith. Before long he had trained enough catechists to provide religious education for forty thousand students.

Charles Borromeo died in 1584 at the age of 46. He is honored as the patron saint of catechists and catechumens (people who are preparing to be baptized).

How many catechists serve your parish? Think of one special religion teacher who taught you in your parish or Catholic school religious education sessions. What was the most important thing you learned from that teacher? What qualities of that teacher were an example for you of how to be a good Catholic Christian?

Create a card thanking that teacher for sharing their faith with you. Send it or give it to your favorite catechist.

Dear Catechist:

Thank you for sharing your faith with young people.

You have planted seeds that continue to grow.



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

call parish office 510.547.2777, ext. 120

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

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