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NOVEMBER 22, 2020

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Confirmation Preparation
Sunday
November 15th



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MASS INTENTIONS - NOVEMBER 22 - 29

Sun. 10:00 am Caroline Vuolo

Monday † Emily Taken

Tuesday † Legion of Mary Living and Deceased members

Wednesday † John Fitzsimmons

Thurs. 9:00 am Parish Community of St. Theresa

Friday

Sun. 10:00 am † Eileen Frances James

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SUNDAY OFFERING

ONLINE GIVING (November 9 - 15): **\$ 4,020.60**
 71 DONORS

DROP-OFF/MAILED DONATIONS: **\$ 1,460.00**
 (November 9 - 15) 19 DONORS

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 **99.73%**
\$35,704.00 as of October 31, 2020

SECOND COLLECTION - NOVEMBER 29

The collection for St. Vincent de Paul will be on November 29. This collection benefits the St. Vincent de Paul Society conference in our parish, 100% of your donation benefits people in our community. Your donations will help families avoid evictions or utilities being turned off, Food for Christmas meals, and other forms of aid to the needy.

DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers, those who have died especially Dr. Ronald Schmit, the father of Fr. Ron Schmit.

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 Bayloq, 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, Chris Cuttitta, Daryl Shields, and all who have the corona virus throughout the world.

LIVING STEWARDSHIP**A Prayer to Christ the King from the liturgy:**

Almighty and merciful God, you break the power of evil and make all things new in your Son Jesus Christ, the King of the universe. May all in heaven and earth acclaim your glory and never cease to praise you.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

(The Roman Missal, Opening Prayer for Our Lord Jesus Christ the King)

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BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINES

November 22 bulletin, was due by November 13 (Friday)
 November 29 bulletin, was due by November 18 (Wednesday)
 December 6 bulletin, is due by November 27 (Friday)
 December 13 bulletin is due by December 4 (Friday)

Items must be received by 4:00 pm on the due date.
 Email to cathy_b@sttheresaokland.org.

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

It is very odd indeed to believe that here we are at the holiday season so close! Were we able to celebrate Easter and Pentecost? Were First Communion and Confirmation celebrations marked at their usual springtime place and in the midst of our whole parish community? What will the graduates of this past year say about their achievements being recognized and their participation in graduate dinners, proms, honors assemblies that may now never be able to be fully realized?

Did you get the rest from a normal summer vacation? Have you had the opportunity to revel in your family being together away from home and with time to fully pay attention to each other?

I know I and most of you have asked these or similar questions during the past too many months. I am awed by the hunger you have spoken about and demonstrated in your desire to be here each week in person to celebrate Mass and the other sacraments. I assure you I have also ached to see you each week, check in with you and promise that I would remember your intentions in my prayers.

This weekend, I mark the thirty-ninth anniversary of my ordination as a priest, nine of which years I have now had the privilege of spending at St. Theresa's. I have never regretted a single moment of serving as a priest. One young person recently asked me what I liked the most about being a priest. I responded that I am always surprised at how quick and open you and others throughout these 39 years have welcomed me into your family and confided the most intimate thoughts and experiences to me as if I have always been a trusted and relied on part of your family. I know you do this not so much for me, but because somehow in spite of my weaknesses, I have succeeded in bringing the presence of God and Jesus to those most sacred and challenging moments of your lives. To say I am humbled and grateful to you is a gross understatement.

As Pope Francis is very fond of saying, 'please pray for me'. I also ask that you pray that some among us will respond to a call to serve in the Church. Jesus

was correct long ago when he said the harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few. Please pray for Church vocations.

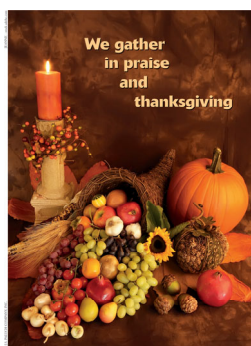


This week our second collection is for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) which celebrates its 50th anniversary this year. CCHD is a program of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops which funds local grassroots organizations that are empowering low-income people to lift themselves out of poverty.

Many organizations and groups in the Diocese have benefited from this national collection and program over the fifty years of its existence. Among the groups being supported by CCHD this year in our diocese is **Youth Spirit Artworks**, an organization that works with more than 150 homeless and at-risk youth to provide job training in art, sales, and other vocational areas. Participants helped raise funds and advocated with the city and county officials to construct a village of tiny houses in Oakland for those in the program as part of their 100 Homes for Homeless Youth Campaign.

By supporting this collection, you are assisting East Bay organizations doing important work to give a hand up to people who need help. Please be generous and thank you for your kind consideration. Your ongoing support and generosity really does make a difference!


Thanksgiving Day Mass



Our Thanksgiving Day Mass will be live-streamed on Facebook at 9:00 am on Thursday, November 26th.

We invite you to have the bread and wine for your Thanksgiving Meal available for a special blessing during the Mass.

Communion will be distributed in the church vestibule following the live-stream Mass.



Join us as we journey to Bedford Falls in a 4 session Advent Bible Study.

**Wednesday Nights
Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23
7:00
Via Zoom**

Based around the scenes and themes of the beloved film *It's a Wonderful Life*, this retreat emphasizes it is Christ who makes our life precious.

Discussion questions, prayer and reflection will help us see the wonderful things Christ has done in our lives.

**RSVP: via the link below or email
Keri@sttheresaokland.org
<https://sttheresaokland.org/A Wonderful Life in Christ>**

WALK-UP HOLY COMMUNION



FOLLOWING THE 10:00 AM LIVE-STREAM MASS
Communion will be distributed in the church vestibule following the live-stream Mass. We ask that you line up using the social distancing markers on the steps and blacktop. Family units may remain together. Volunteers will be there to assist you.

Masks **MUST** be worn at all times. Please use a hand sanitizer before receiving communion. Family groups who live together and arrive in the same car are welcome to receive together. If you are wearing gloves, you must remove them before receiving Eucharist. It is preferred that you receive the Host in your hands for the time being.

After receiving Holy Communion, there will be a table where you may pick up a bulletin and a basket for your Sunday offering, and then please return to your car and depart. The church will not be open for individual prayer during this time.

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 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.



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, Swag, and Garlands ~ \$25 a piece

Advance purchases can be made by contacting Jenny Bruni directly at jenny@sttheresaokland.org or by calling 510.547.2777 x123. Order envelopes are also available in the vestibule. Please be sure to specify your order. Your order is secure once the cash or check payment is made.

Distribution, pick up, and final sales: Sunday, DEC 6


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

CONFIRMATION & HSYM

High Schoolers and Parents, please note the following dates:


- ♦ Sunday, NOV 22 - good Sunday HABITS- 11:30am - 1pm, this is a meeting date for ALL Confirmation Prep teens and an invitation to ALL high schoolers

For more information, contact:
Jenny Bruni
HSYM Coordinator
jenny@sttheresaokland.org
(510) 547-2777 x 123



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. 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"

**NOVEMBER 25TH
THANKSGIVING BREAK**

SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER

"The final word is love." Dorothy Day

"The Church's social teaching is a rich treasure of wisdom about building a just society and living lives of holiness amidst the challenges of modern society.

A basic moral test is how our most vulnerable members are faring. In a society marred by deepening divisions between rich and poor, our tradition recalls the story of the Last Judgment (Mt 25:31-46) and instructs us to put the needs of the poor and vulnerable first."

Text is drawn from United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Sharing Catholic Social Teaching: Challenges and Directions.

Join us for our NOVEMBER project of Faith in Action—

During the month of November we will be helping to fill the food pantry at St. Mary's Center. St. Mary's serves at-risk seniors and preschoolers in the heart of Oakland. We will be collecting hygiene kits. Please drop off items in the vestibule by St. Theresa Statue between November 8-November 30th. Please direct questions to Patricia Remch via email, patricia@inform-web.com

Pantry needs- smaller/consumer package quantities are preferred: Nutritional drinks, oatmeal, cream of wheat, grits, cereal, breakfast bars, peanut or almond butter, jelly, mayonnaise, mustard, ketchup, pickles, cans of chicken, beans, salmon, tuna, turkey or Vienna sausage, Spam. Also pasta, rice, spaghetti sauce, ramen noodles, canned or packaged soups, chili, beans or stew. Canned fruits or dried fruits. Packages of pudding, jello or apple sauce or fruit cups. Cookies, chips and crackers. Tea bags or instant coffee.

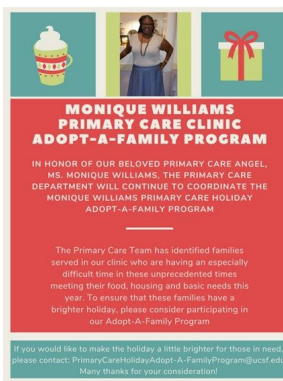
Hygiene kits- During this time of COVID items must be NEW and Unopened. You can place in Ziplock bags ready packaged or give individual items- masks, hand sanitizer, soap, shampoo & conditioner (travel size), toothbrush, toothpaste, floss, tissue packs, sanitary products for women, shaving items for men, and CLEAN NEW SOCKS !

Christmas Faith in Action Projects—

St. Theresa Angel Tree: With the restrictions with Covid-19 we are unable to have the Angel Tree for the St. Vincent de Paul Annual Christmas Gift Drive this year. If you would like to contribute to the annual Christmas for the Kids project you may make a financial donation on their website. Donate now through December 4th. <https://www.svdp-alameda.org/> click on the Donate Now button.

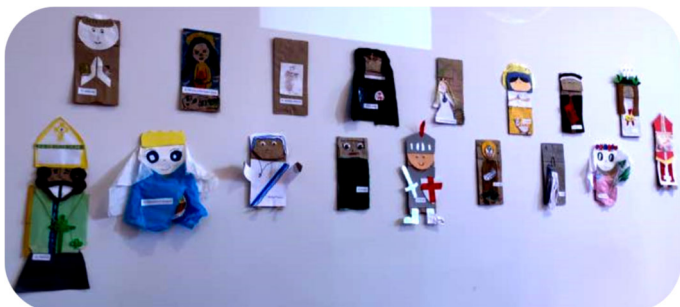
Adopt a family for the holidays-Monique Williams Primary Care Clinic Holiday Adopt-A-Family: Now Through Dec. 20! This year's Adopt-A-Family Program will run from November 1 to December 20, 2020.

Questions? Contact Javay Ross, MD, at PrimaryCareHolidayAdopt-A-FamilyProgram@ucsf.edu. Please let her know that you are from St. Theresa Parish.



ST. THERESA SCHOOL

Students in the third-grade class have been learning about all kinds of exciting things over the past few weeks! For religion, Mrs. Lindorfer has been teaching lessons about Saints. Some of the items that the students have been studying include what the Saint is a patron of, where the saint was born, the date of their feast day and how the Saint served God in their community. The culmination of this lesson is an exciting art project involving the creation of a hand puppet of a special Saint the student has been studying about. Hopefully our parishioners had the opportunity to see the saint display during Mass. Other school subjects' students have



been learning about in class include creating tally and graph tables in math and learning about breeds of animals and plants in science and how Scientists apply different breeding techniques to each. The students are having a lot of fun exploring through the different variations of biodiversity.

WEEKLY READINGS

November 23 - 29

Monday:

Rv 14:1-3. 4b-5
Ps 24
Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday

Rv 14:14-19
Ps 96
Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday

Rv 15:1-4
Ps 98
Lk 21:12-19

Thursday:

Sir 50:22-24
Ps 113
1 Cor 1:3-9
Lk 17:11-19

Friday

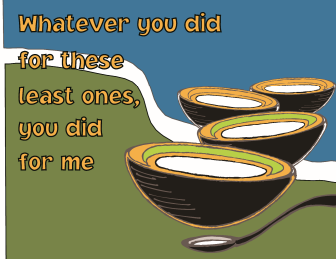
Rv 20:1-4, 11-21:2
Ps 84
Lk 21:29-33

Saturday

Rv 22:1-7
Ps 95
Lk 21:34-36

Sunday:

Is 63:16b-19b
Ps 80
1 Cor 1:3-9
Mk 13:33-37



GOD'S WORD FOR CHILDREN!

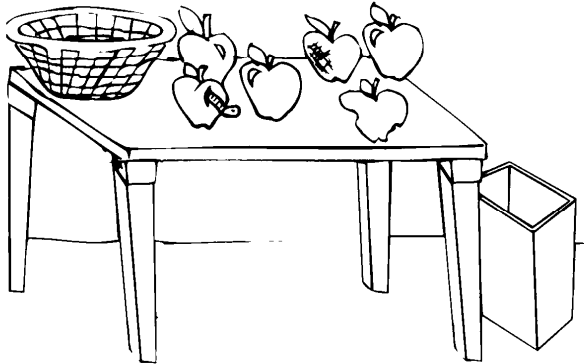
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

When Jesus comes to judge the living and the dead, He will separate them by those who have lived their lives for others and those who have only lived for themselves.

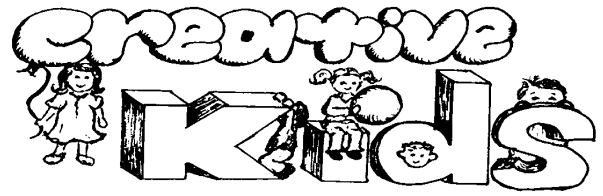
Ez 34:11-12, 15-17
1 Cor 15:20-26, 28

Ps 23:1-3, 5-6
Mt 25:31-46

Directions: Separate the good apples from the bad apples by drawing an arrow to the basket (good) and the garbage (bad) to show where they should go.



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Thanks For Giving

Thanksgiving is approaching and many people will not have a Thanksgiving celebration with their families. There are organizations that prepare and feed the poor and homeless on Thanksgiving Day.

Directions:

1. During this week before Thanksgiving, find out where you could go to volunteer your time in helping feed these needy people their Thanksgiving Meal.
2. If you are unable to actually serve the Thanksgiving meal to the poor and homeless, but would like to help feed them, there are groups in your community that collect the donated food and bring it to the places for the Thanksgiving meals.
3. Contact your church to find out what organizations you could volunteer for in your community.

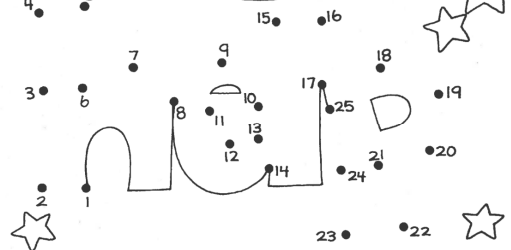
Christ the King

Jesus is our shepherd, so what will he always do?
Cross out all the letters **D**, **G**, **J**, and **M** to find out.

D	T	G	A	M	G	M	J
J	D	G	J	K	D	E	G
M	C	D	G	J	D	M	D
J	M	G	A	D	J	D	M
R	D	M	J	E	D	O	J
G	M	F	M	G	J	J	D
D	U	J	D	G	J	S	G

Here is an important idea to remember.
Connect the dots
to find the missing words.

Whenever
you _____?
someone
you _____?
Jesus!



PARISH INFORMATION



Mass Schedules:

Weekday: 8:30 am (*suspended*)

Sunday: 10:00 am (*public Mass suspended*)

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.**

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