

# ST. THERESA

# PARISH COMMUNITY

## ST. THERESA MISSION STATEMENT

WE ARE A WELCOMING,  
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GROWING SPIRITUALLY AND REACHING OUT  
TO LOVE AND TO SERVE OTHERS  
AS JESUS TAUGHT US.

NOVEMBER 28, 2021

FIRST SUNDAY  
OF  
ADVENT



# Advent

Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength  
to escape the tribulations that are imminent  
and to stand before the Son of Man.

Luke 21:36

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**MASS INTENTIONS - NOVEMBER 27 - DECEMBER 5**

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

Mon. 8:30 am † Maria Luisa Valdez  
 Tues. 8:30 am † Maria Luisa Valdez  
 Wed. 8:30 am † Maria Luisa Valdez  
 Thurs. 8:30 am The Parish Community of St. Theresa  
 Fri. 8:30 am † Ida & Nick Monti

Sat. 5:00 pm Sherlyn Serrano  
 Sun. 10:00 am The Parish Community of St. Theresa

**FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION**

December 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 12:00 pm to 4:30 pm  
 Benediction at 4:30 pm.

**KEEP IN TOUCH WITH US****Via email or text message:**

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- ◆ Choose to receive updates from groups you're interested in
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**SUNDAY OFFERING**

**DUE TO AN EARLY PUBLISHING DATE THE DONATION INFORMATION FOR NOVEMBER 20 & 21 WILL BE IN THE DECEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup> BULLETIN.**

**SUPPORT ST. THERESA CHURCH**

By using [smile.amazon.com](https://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.

**PARISH MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENT**

The second collection for the Parish Maintenance & Improvement Fund will be on December 4 & 5.

You may also use Online Giving for this collection.

**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.

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

Matt Mercier, Heidi Parmelee, 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 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, Rhonda Santeen, Ricardo Sepulveda, Doris Fiumano, John Whatley, Bishop John Cummins, Fr. Bob McCann, Ellen Corbett, Nancy Coyne, Kevin Stallone, baby Vai Mesui, Herman Carmassi and all who have the corona virus throughout the world.

**LIVING STEWARDSHIP**

Light an Advent candle before one meal each day. Spend a few moments thanking God for the gift of time, and pray to use it well.

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**BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINES**

November 28 bulletin was due by November 17 (Wed.)  
 December 5 bulletin was due by November 26 (Friday)  
 December 12 bulletin, is due by December 3 (Friday)  
 December 19 bulletin is due by December 10 (Friday)

Items must be received by 4:00 pm on the due date.  
 Email to [cathy\\_b@sttheresaokland.org](mailto:cathy_b@sttheresaokland.org).

**Bishop's Appeal 2021**

**St. Theresa Parish Goal - \$35,800**

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

Percentage Achieved **81.55%**

**\$29,195.00** as of November 15, 2021



## **THE ST. THERESA INSTANT WINE CELLAR BENEFIT IS BACK**

### **Here's a quick refresher on how this benefit works:**

- We collect wine contributions from our generous community (family, faculty and staff, Parish members, and so forth).
- Then, between **November 29th - December 15th - tickets go on sale** on our instant wine cellar website for your chance to win our cellar prize!
- You can share the link to purchase tickets with family and friends so they can participate as well.
- On **December 16th**, we draw our winner who will receive a delivery\* of a *lovely collection* of wine to their home just in time for the holidays!

### **It's time to build our cellar!**

Do you have a spare bottle or two gathering dust that you'd be willing to contribute to our collection? We appreciate all contributions! High end wine is not a requirement ~ we only ask that your donations be valued at \$15+ retail per bottle. We are glad to include a full range from every day drinking selections to some truly "special occasion" bottles.

**Cellar Master Danielle Crawford** (Julia, 7th) will be collecting your donations to build our cellar prize. There are a few ways you can deliver your contributions:

~ Drop off at her front door at 5901 Pinewood Rd, just minutes and a few blocks from school (please label bottles with your name).

~ Coordinate a hand off at drop off or pick up at school (her cell is 415-596-5230).

~ We will be sending notifications for dates when volunteers will be accepting donations at drop off and pickup at school as well.

~ We will be accepting cellar contributions as late as the end of the day on December 15th but would very much appreciate receiving your donations before we break for Thanksgiving if possible.

### **Cheers St. Theresa!**

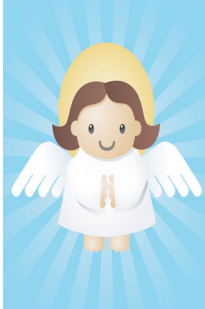
Got questions or would like to communicate in more detail about your donation? Contact Sophia Kassab via Konstella or [so.campodonico@gmail.com](mailto:so.campodonico@gmail.com).

*\*Delivery available within the immediate bay area only.*



### 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 **Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>**, 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.

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

#### VOLUNTEER TO HELP AT MASS

A dedicated group of 25 people have volunteered at our services for the last year and a half, some serving weekly with no break. We thank all of them who have helped to make our celebration of the liturgy safe, dignified and reverent. Their commitment to the parish has been a blessing.

We would like to increase the number of volunteers so people are schedule monthly for either the 5:00 pm Saturday or 10:00 am Sunday Masses.

- ✦ **Lector**
- ✦ **Eucharistic Minister** (must be fully vaccinated)
- ✦ **Sacristan**
- ✦ **Projectionist**
- ✦ **Videographer**  
(for live-stream at the 10:00 am Sunday Mass)
- ✦ **Greeter**
- ✦ **Usher**

Contact Cathy Brady to volunteer.  
[cathy\\_b@sttheresaokland.org](mailto:cathy_b@sttheresaokland.org)

#### 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](mailto:midlin.nancy@gmail.com). She will send you the link to Zoom.



*"Led by the Spirit"*

**DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>**

**MARY DA SILVA ABINANTE, MA**  
**PASTORAL MINISTER**

*The Gift of Advent*

#### HOLIDAY EVERGREENS

Distribution/Pick Up:  
Saturday, December 4th & Sunday, December 5th

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



**SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE (SJC) CORNER**

*“The greatest challenge of the day is: how to bring about a revolution of the heart, a revolution that has to start with each one of us.” — Dorothy Day*

Dorothy Day was born November 8, 1897 and died November 29, 1980. The cause for her sainthood is advancing. Dorothy Day’s Catholic Worker movement serves the poor in more than 200 communities. Dorothy Day had a hunger for God, a striving for goodness and a passion for justice.

As we prepare for the holidays, may our hearts be on fire with a “revolution of the heart.” Look for our Catholic Worker Christmas giving project coming up soon.

Join us for our meeting on December 2nd at 7pm for Christmas project planning. Send an email to Lydia Deck at ltdeck@me.com for the meeting link.

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How you can be more sustainable this Holiday Season while supporting your favorite environmental and humanitarian causes this Christmas. Brought to you by the Carbon Footprint.

- Consider a locally sourced tree.
- To compensate for the environmental impact of your Christmas you can consider planting a tree. Take a look at the Kenya Tree Planting Project.
- If you are traveling...make sure your car is winter ready or work out your Travel Carbon Footprint using a carbon calculator.
- Nestling down for a cozy evening with a sweater or blanket in order to turn down the heating by one degree.
- Choose environmentally friendly wrap and recycle.
- Choose LED lights to decorate and consider using a timer to save energy.
- Food for the holiday—buy local and in season. Plan the right amount of food and minimize waste. Use your compost bin.
- Consider donating a gift to your local charity for those more in need to enjoy. Giving experiences rather than physical gifts is another way to reduce potential waster while also providing exciting and thoughtful gifts that are a bit different.
- Try to reduce screen time at Christmas by getting the whole family involved in interactive games, dancing or going on a walk. Collect twigs, berry and leaves to make your own Christmas decorations.
- For the homeless and the elderly, Christmas can be a difficult time. We mustn't forget that Christmas is a time for giving, be it monetary donations or donations of toys, clothes or food, there are many charities where these gifts can make a positive impact to the less fortunate.
- You could consider making a reverse advent calendar, adding an item of food or clothing in each day to be given to food banks or charities. This is great to help out those less fortunate while getting into the Christmas giving spirit and encouraging a less wasteful lifestyle.
- Begin the new year with a goal to reduce your footprint.
- Fund solutions to climate change.

 **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.

**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](mailto:kfoster@svdp-alameda.org).

**WEEKLY READINGS**

*Nov. 29 - December 5*

**Monday:**

Is 2:1-5  
Ps 122  
Mt 8:5-11

**Tuesday:**

Rom 10:9-18  
Ps 19  
Mt 4:18-22

**Wednesday:**

Is 25:6-10a  
Ps 23  
Mt 15:29-37

**Thursday:**

Is 26:1-6  
Ps 118  
Mt 7:21, 24-27

**Friday:**

Is 29:17-24  
Ps 27  
Mt 9:27-31

**Saturday:**

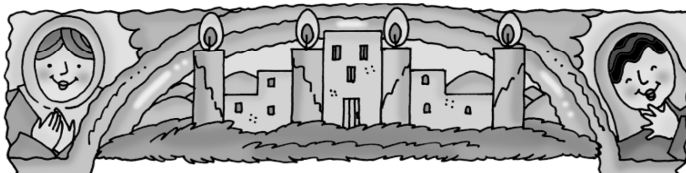
Is 30:19-21, 23-26  
Ps 147  
Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

**Sunday:**

Bar 5:1-9  
Ps 126  
Phil 1:4-6, 8-11  
Lk 3:1-6



# God's Word for Children



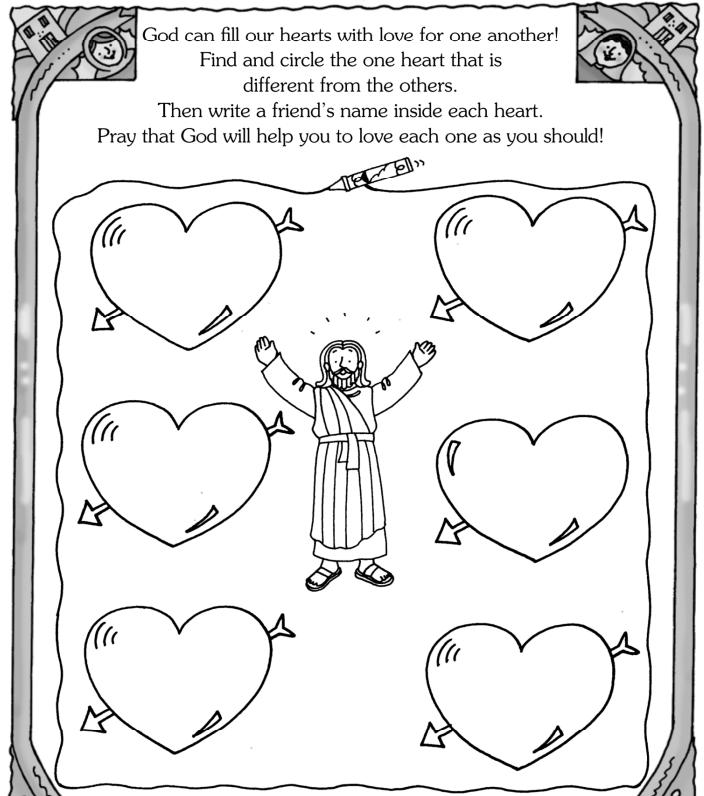
**First Sunday of Advent**

The passage below is from Psalm 25:8-9.  
Fill in the blanks by using each of the words on the scrolls twice.

way    the    and    humble

Good \_\_\_\_\_ upright is the Lord;  
who shows sinners \_\_\_\_\_.  
guides \_\_\_\_\_ rightly,  
\_\_\_\_\_ teaches the \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_.

God can fill our hearts with love for one another!  
Find and circle the one heart that is different from the others.  
Then write a friend's name inside each heart.  
Pray that God will help you to love each one as you should!



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**"There will be signs  
in the sun,  
the moon,  
and the stars  
Lk 21 : 25"**

## CATHOLIC CORNER

### JOHN AND JESUS

Each year the Church opens a different Gospel book and begins to read its stories. Today, the first day of the Church's new liturgical year, we open the Gospel according to Luke. We will read many of its stories until next Advent, when we will begin another liturgical year and read another Gospel.

Luke is a great storyteller, using his words to paint beautiful pictures. He tells us the stories surrounding the birth of Jesus, and he is the only evangelist (Gospel writer) who tells us the story of the birth of John the Baptist. You can find these birth stories in Chapters 1 and 2 of Luke's Gospel. The two accounts include some parts that are the same and some that are different.

Read these Gospel passages and talk with someone in your family about what things are the same and what things are different in the two stories.

The angel Gabriel came to Zechariah to tell him about John's birth (Luke 1:19-20).

The angel Gabriel came to Mary to tell her about Jesus' birth (Luke 1:26-27).

*What is the same? What is different?*

The angel told Zechariah to name his son John (Luke 1:13).

The angel told Mary to name her son Jesus (Luke 1:31).

*What is the same? What is different?*

Zechariah prayed a hymn of praise called a canticle (Luke 1:68-79).

Mary prayed a hymn of praise called a canticle (Luke 1:46-55).

*What is the same? What is different?*

John's parents were Elizabeth and Zechariah.  
Jesus' parents were Mary and her husband, Joseph.

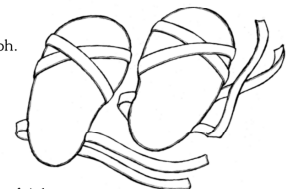
*What is the same? What is different?*

Elizabeth and Mary were cousins.

John the Baptist was part of Jesus' family.

*What is the same? What is different?*

We will learn more about John in the coming Sundays of Advent.  
He is an important person who helped prepare the way for Jesus.





# 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 is outside, not in the confessional

## 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](http://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.

Keri Nims ~ [keri@sttheresaoakland.org](mailto:keri@sttheresaoakland.org)

## Middle School Youth Ministry (Grades 6-8)

Jenny Bruni and Keri Nims: Co-Coordinators

## High School Youth Ministry/Confirmation

Jenny Bruni ~ [jenny@sttheresaoakland.org](mailto:jenny@sttheresaoakland.org)

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

Cathy Brady ~ [cathy\\_b@sttheresaoakland.org](mailto:cathy_b@sttheresaoakland.org)

## Parish Organizations

### Pastoral Council:

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### Finance Council:

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### St. Vincent de Paul Society

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