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ST. THERESA MISSION STATEMENT

WE ARE A WELCOMING,
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TO LOVE AND TO SERVE OTHERS
AS JESUS TAUGHT US.

DECEMBER 5, 2021

SECOND SUNDAY
OF
ADVENT



Advent

Up, Jerusalem! stand upon the heights;
look to the east and see your children gathered
from the east and the west at the word of the Holy One,
rejoicing that they are remembered by God.

Baruch 5:5

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MASS INTENTIONS - DECEMBER 4 - 12

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

Mon. 8:30 am † Chris Cutler
 Tues. 8:30 am † Venerable Frank Duff
 Wed. 8:30 am † Peter Cuttitta
 7:30 pm Parish Community of St. Theresa
 Thurs. 8:30 am Parish Community of St. Theresa
 Fri. 8:30 am † Dorothy G. Mulholand

Sat. 5:00 pm Parish Community of St. Theresa
 Sun. 10:00 am † Gabriel Cors

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
OR
 Text: STT To: 84579

SUNDAY OFFERING

ONLINE GIVING :
(November 15 - 21) 60 DONORS **\$ 2,480.20**


MASS/DROP-OFF/MAILED DONATIONS:
(November 15 - 21) 39 DONORS **\$ 2,577.00**

ONLINE GIVING :
(November 22 - 28) 61 DONORS **\$ 2,731.80**

MASS/DROP-OFF/MAILED DONATIONS:
(November 22 - 28) 40 DONORS **\$ 2,574.00**

CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT:
ONLINE: 6 DONORS \$ 185.00
MASS/DROP-OFF/MAILED: 13 DONORS \$ 369.00

SUPPORT ST. THERESA CHURCH

By using 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.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS COLLECTION

Elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others -- educating the young, comforting the sick, and ministering to the less fortunate. Today many are frail and need assistance. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps furnish medications, nursing care and more. Please give generously to the second collection on December 11 & 12.

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

LIVING STEWARDSHIP

Take part in the parish Advent penance service or the sacrament of reconciliation, and experience again God's loving mercy.

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BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINES

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)
 December 26 bulletin is due by December 15 (Wednesday)
 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 **81.55%**

\$29,195.00 as of November 15, 2021



Please join us for our monthly *RISE & SHINE* Mass at 10am on Sunday, December 12th. This is a youth-friendly and youth-participatory Mass.

The St. T's Parents' Club is holding our **Holiday Instant Wine Cellar**

benefit again this year!

Tickets are available for purchase now!

The drawing will be held

December 16th

For more information and to **purchase your tickets**, check out the Wine Cellar website below!

CHEERS!



<https://sttheresaschool.rallyup.com/sttheresawinecellar2021>

A special time for women to gather with friends....

A night to prepare for the coming of Christ with those special women in your life....

A time to slow down and reflect....



**Tuesday December 7th
at 7pm in the Church**

RSVP by using the link on the parish website....invite a friend

Can you help with set-up and/or clean-up...let us know



RSVP at: <https://sttheresaoakland.org/Advent>

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, DECEMBER 8



The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is December 8th, and is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Masses will be at 8:30 am and 7:30 pm. The 7:30 pm Mass will be live-streamed for the sick and homebound.

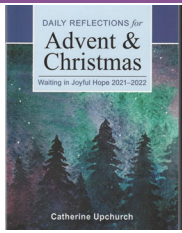
MASS INTENTION NOTICE

There has been an issue with the Mass Intention calendar and the scheduled intentions for Thursdays are no longer available to us. Contact Melody Marr 510-547-2777, ext. 120, melody@sttheresaoakland.org if you had scheduled a Thursday intention so we can get it back on the calendar.

LOW GLUTEN HOSTS

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

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS BOOKLET



Pick up a copy of the Advent & Christmas Daily Reflections booklet in the church vestibule.

A THANKSGIVING THANK YOU

OUR THANKSGIVING MEAL FOR THE INTERNATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL FIRST YEAR STUDENTS WAS A BIG SUCCESS!

ALL the students absolutely loved all the food and were beyond surprised and expressed how thankful they were that each of them had food from their culture. Some students who usually seem pretty deflated because of the many hardships they are coping with seemed so bright and light. I was just beaming with how happy this event made them feel. All the thanks goes to you and your amazing team who went to all the different restaurants, delivered the food and baked. Please know you made 65 students feel truly cared for, loved and seen. What an amazing gift your church has given.

Thank you and with so much appreciation and gratitude, Genevieve.

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

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.



"Led by the Spirit"

DECEMBER 8TH

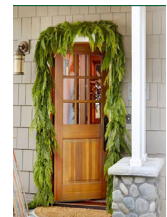
**ANN NAFFZIGER, MDIV/MA
SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR**

***Praying in Color:
Drawing a New Path to God***

HOLIDAY EVERGREENS

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

For more information, please contact:
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SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE (SJC) CORNER

"We have all known the long loneliness and we have learned that the only solution is love and that love comes with community." — Dorothy Day, Founder of Catholic Worker



Oakland Catholic Worker
Obreiro Católico de Oakland



CHRISTMAS PROJECT – SJC is joining other churches this season to support our local Catholic Worker organization, one of over 175 Catholic Worker communities in the country providing hospitality and services for those in need. In addition to the many programs offered by OCW including transitional shelter and accompaniment for migrant families, twice-weekly hot meals and grocery distribution, ESL classes, and cultural events, OCW hosts an annual Christmas gift program. This year, they anticipate serving 450 families, a significant increase over past years, and are asking for donations of gift cards to present to families who can then use the cards to purchase what is most needed by their children (e.g., shoes, clothes, a toy, a special treat). Specifically, they ask for Walmart, Target, or VISA gift cards in any denomination, and that donors put the dollar amount on the cards so they can be distributed equitably.

SJC members will be collecting donations after each Mass the weekend of December 11-12 and 18-19. Look for our signs!! Thank you in advance for your generous participation.

For more information on OCW's important work serving our Oakland neighbors in need, please visit their website: <http://www.oaklandcatholicworker.org/home.html>

....and just a few thoughts from Carbon Footprint on how to be more sustainable this Christmas season while supporting environmental and humanitarian causes:

- 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.
- 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...
- 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.
- 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.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL****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 of 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

December 6 - 12

Monday:

Is 35:1-10
Ps 85
Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday:

Is 40:1-11
Ps 96
Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday:

Gn 3:9-15, 20
Ps 98
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12
Lk 1:26-38

Thursday:

Is 41:13-20
Ps 145
Mt 11:11-15

Friday:

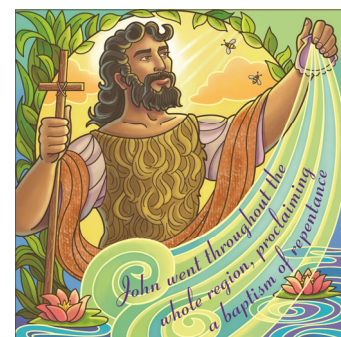
Is 48:17-19
Ps 1
Mt 11:16-19

Saturday:

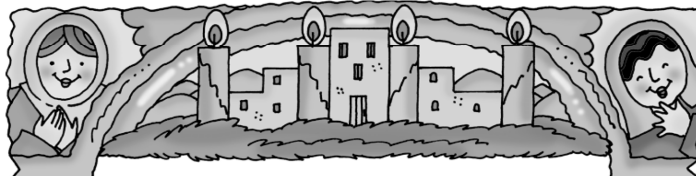
Sir 48:1-4, 9-11
Ps 80
Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday:

Zep 3:14-18a
Ps Is 12
Phil 4:4-7
Lk 3:10-18



God's Word for Children



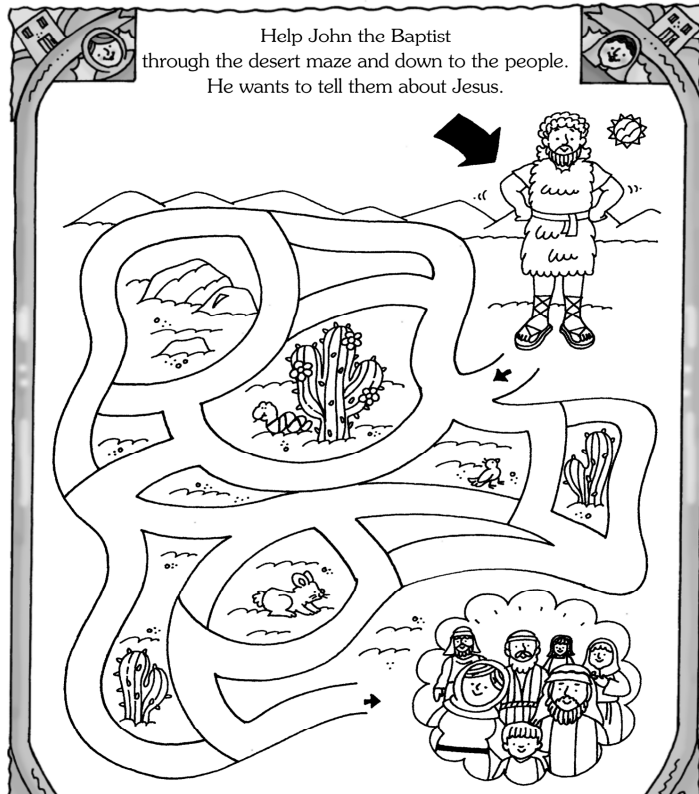
Second Sunday of Advent

In his letter to the Philippians (1:4-6, 8-11) Paul tells the people that God has begun good work in them. Below are nine words describing the good work of Christians. See if you can find and circle them in the scroll by looking up, down, across, and diagonally. When you finish, see if you can think of any other words that describe good works.

share help pray kindness love
gentleness honesty give care

f	z	t	p	m	s	y	a	l	v	s	m	k
c	b	d	e	v	o	t	l	v	s	q	i	p
a	g	z	i	k	c	b	c	o	k	e	d	p
j	p	r	g	i	v	e	j	v	y	n	n	d
a	x	r	w	n	u	c	n	e	t	e	k	m
o	f	r	y	d	a	i	r	t	s	l	u	p
s	t	a	s	n	h	a	m	g	e	t	x	i
y	r	c	y	e	h	j	l	h	n	n	o	e
p	r	z	n	s	d	b	w	q	o	e	r	h
q	f	h	s	v	k	g	i	h	g	r		

Help John the Baptist through the desert maze and down to the people. He wants to tell them about Jesus.



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'Prepare the way of the Lord'
Luke 3 : 4



CATHOLIC CORNER

IN THIS TIME

Last week we learned some things about John the Baptist. In today's Gospel and next week's we learn what John did when he became an adult. He began to teach people about how they should prepare for Jesus, telling them what they needed to do to change their lives. He told them Jesus would come to teach us about God's kingdom and our part in it.

While you and your family are busy getting ready to celebrate Christmas, don't forget to include the things John spoke about in your preparations. In addition to all the decorations and presents, what else do you need to do to prepare your heart for Jesus? How can you show and tell others about Jesus?

Today's Gospel (Luke 3:1-6) begins with the names of several important people. They tell us exactly when in the history of the world John the Baptist lived and worked. John's work was telling people to prepare for the coming of Jesus.

You are like John. You live in a different time, but like all Catholic Christians, you have the same job—to help others know Jesus. Fill in the lines with the names of the people who are our leaders today. Then write your message about Jesus on the last lines.

In the second year of President _____ ,
when _____
was Governor of _____ (your state)
and _____ was
Mayor of _____ (your town),
during the time when _____ was
pastor of your parish, called _____ ,
the Word of God came to you and you listened. This is your important message
telling people how they can prepare for the coming of Jesus in this time and place.

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

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by appointment (call parish office 510.547.2777)

To arrange a Funeral

call parish office 510.547.2777, ext. 120

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Jenny Bruni and Keri Nims: Co-Coordinators

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