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TO LOVE AND TO SERVE OTHERS
AS JESUS TAUGHT US.

DECEMBER 12, 2021

THIRD SUNDAY
OF
ADVENT



Advent

I am baptizing you with water,
but one mightier than I is coming.
I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals.

Luke 3:16

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MASS INTENTIONS - DECEMBER 11 - 19

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

Mon. 8:30 am † Robert Schaefer
 Tues. 8:30 am † Carol Larkin
 Wed. 8:30 am
 Thurs. 8:30 am
 Fri. 8:30 am

Sat. 5:00 pm Parish Community of St. Theresa
 Sun. 10:00 am † Cathy Fisher

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
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OR
 Text: STT To: 84579

SUNDAY OFFERING

ONLINE GIVING :	
<i>(Nov. 29 - December 5)</i> 72 DONORS	\$ 4,701.40
MASS/DROP-OFF/MAILED DONATIONS:	
<i>(Nov.29 - December 5)</i> 49 DONORS	\$ 4,148.00
PARISH MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENT:	
ONLINE: Nov. 8 - Dec. 5: 33 DONORS	\$ 1,541.00
MASS/DROP-OFF/MAILED: 33 DONORS	\$ 1,632.00

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**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 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, 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, Paulette Tuckner and all who have the corona virus throughout the world.

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@sttheresaokland.org if you had scheduled a Thursday intention so we can get it back on the calendar.

LIVING STEWARDSHIP

Balance time spent Christmas shopping with efforts for the less fortunate.

- Buy gifts for "Angel Tree" families.
- Match each gift that you buy for family or friends with a contribution to a charity in the same amount.
- Give charitable donations as gifts in the recipient's name.

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BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINES

December 12 bulletin, was due by December 3 (Friday)
 December 19 bulletin was due by December 10 (Friday)
 December 26 bulletin is due by December 15 (Wednesday)
 January 2 bulletin is due by December 20 (Monday)

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 **82.95%**

\$29,695.00 as of November 30, 2021

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>

The St. Theresa Parents Club invites all parishioners to support our wonderful school by buying tickets to win the Holiday Instant Wine Cellar. Need wine to get yourself and your family through the holidays? We have the solution! The Parents' Club has collected more than three cases of wine, with many premium bottles. Altogether the wine cellar is valued at almost \$1,500.

One ticket is \$25. \$100 gets you five tickets.

Information is in the Friday Flocknote, the bulletin, or see Tracey Silva after Mass.

GREAT NEWS!

ST.THERESA SCHOOL IS NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR GRADES TK-8

WE ARE ALSO HOSTING IN-PERSON CAMPUS TOURS IN JANUARY!

AND

WE'RE INVITING YOU ALL TO OUR PROSPECTIVE PARENT OPEN HOUSE EVENT!*

As you can tell, we are thrilled to have the opportunity to move forward with our admissions process in person.

Contact our Director of Admissions for more information.

M_HALLIGAN@STTHERESASCHOOL.ORG

*proof of vaccination required



2022 VALENTINE'S WINTER AUCTION

FEBRUARY 12TH
 SEQUOYAH COUNTRY CLUB

Save the Date!

2022 Valentine's Winter Auction

February 12th, 6:00 p.m.
 Sequoyah Country Club

Visit our **auction website** (linked below) for all the details!

Early bird tickets go on sale **December 13th!**

<https://www.sttheresaschool.org/fundraiser2022>



CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

December 24

5:00 pm Children's Liturgy
9:00 pm Concert
10:00 PM MASS

December 25

10:00 am Mass

There will not be a 5:00 pm Vigil Mass on December 25

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS

10:00 am Mass

There will not be a 5:00 pm Vigil Mass on January 1

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.

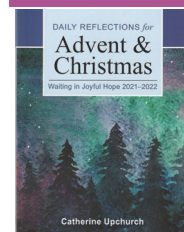


"Led by the Spirit"

DECEMBER 15TH

HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS BOOKLET



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

MASS INTENTIONS

To request a Mass Intention contact Melody Marr at
melody@sttheresaokland.org
or 510.547.2777, ext. 120 (Tuesday - Thursday).

SCAM ALERT

A number of people have received phony emails from Fr. Bob asking for gifts cards. If you receive an email from him requesting help with gifts, gift cards, money PLEASE IGNORE and DELETE. It's a scam! He will never request help from any of you in this manner.

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



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 in the vestibule after Mass the weekend of December 11-12 and 18-19 to collect gift card donations. Cash and check donations will also be accepted. Checks should be made payable to St. Theresa Church and include Catholic Worker Project Dec 2021 in the memo line. Lastly, donations can also be dropped off in the Rectory mail slot. Please make sure to place donation in an envelope addressed to "SJC Catholic Worker Christmas Project".

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 January 15. 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 20 - 26

Monday:

Is 7:10-14
Ps 24
Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday:

Sg 2:8-14
Ps 33
Lk 1:39-45

Wednesday:

1 Sm 1:24-28
Ps 1 Sm 2
Lk 1:46-56

Thursday:

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24
Ps 25
Lk 1:57-66

Friday:

Is 9:2-4, 6-7
Ps 96
Ti 3:4-6
Lk 2:1-14

Saturday:

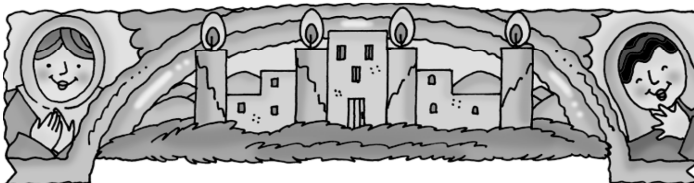
Is 62:11-12
Ps 97
Ti 3:4-7
Lk 2:15-20

Sunday:

1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28
Ps 84
1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24
Lk 2:41-52




God's Word for Children




Third Sunday of Advent

John the Baptist wanted people to share. Pretend that these coats are yours and you have let your friends wear them. Color each coat according to the directions. Then draw a happy friend inside of each one.


Color it orange with a red belt.




Color it purple with blue stripes.



Color it with yellow and green checks.




Color it brown with black dots.



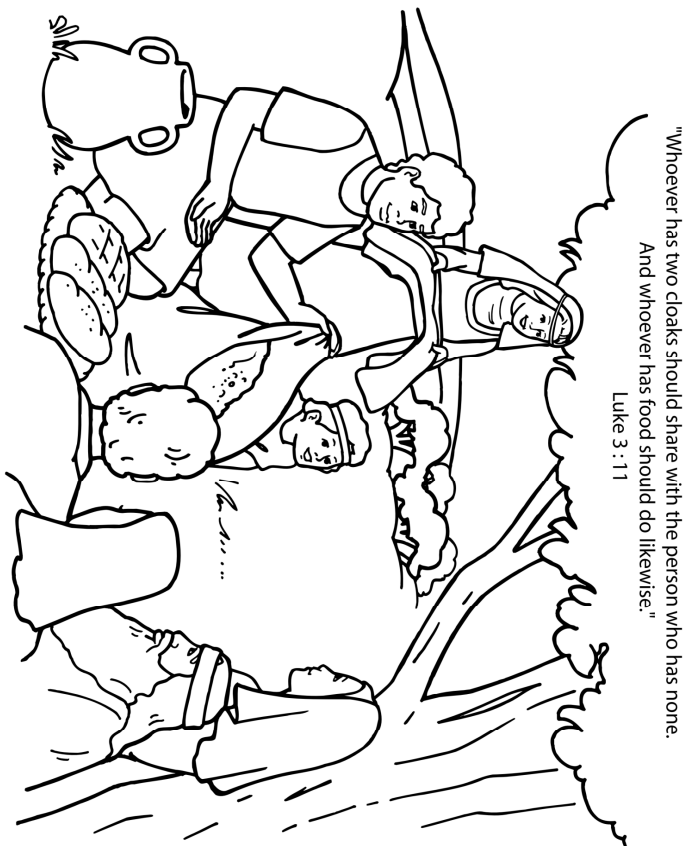
God loves us very much and wants us to come to Jesus with our problems. Color this picture by the numbers. Then cut it out and hang it in your room.

1= blue	3= gray	5= brown
2=yellow	4= pink	6= green

1 When you are worried and upset – Don't let these thoughts increase. Pray to God about them And give thanks for God's peace. 1



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"Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise."
Luke 3 : 11

CATHOLIC CORNER

GAUDETE!

The Third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete, the Latin word meaning "Rejoice!" Today's readings contain many words with the same meaning as "rejoice." They are printed here. Color and decorate them so they really represent rejoicing.

Why do we rejoice this day? Because Christmas is almost here! The priest wears rose-colored vestments at Mass today. We light the third candle on the Advent wreath, the pink one, to remind us that now there is more light than darkness.

Christ our Light will soon be here!

Sing Joyfully

Be Glad Exult

Shout for Joy

Cry out with Joy

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

 Facebook: [StTheresaChurch/Oakland](https://www.facebook.com/StTheresaChurch/Oakland)

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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

Middle School Youth Ministry (Grades 6-8)

Jenny Bruni and Keri Nims: Co-Coordinators

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