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

DECEMBER 19, 2021

FOURTH SUNDAY
OF
ADVENT



Advent

Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit,
cried out in a loud voice and said,
“Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.”

Luke 1:41-42

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MASS INTENTIONS - DECEMBER 18 - 26

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

Mon. 8:30 am † Peter E. Oliverez, Sr
 Tues. 8:30 am
 Wed. 8:30 am
 Thurs. 8:30 am
 Fri. 5:00 pm Parish Community of St. Theresa
 10:00 pm Parish Community of St. Theresa

Sat. 10:00 am Parish Community of St. Theresa
 Sun. 10:00 am † 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

Sign-up at
flocknote.com/StTheresa30
OR
 Text: STT To: 84579


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.

SUNDAY OFFERING

DUE TO AN EARLY PUBLISHING DATE THE DONATION INFORMATION FOR DECEMBER 11 & 12 WILL BE IN THE DECEMBER 26TH BULLETIN.

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.

DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers, those who have died especially Rachel Cecchetti, the daughter of Richard Nivens.

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, 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.

LIVING STEWARDSHIP

Pray with thanksgiving for the greatest gift of all at Christmas—Jesus, the Savior of the world.

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BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINES

December 19 bulletin was due by Dec.10 (Friday)
 December 26 bulletin was due by Dec. 15 (Wed.)
 January 2 bulletin is due by December 20 (Monday)
 January 9 bulletin is due by December 31 (Friday)

Items must be received by 4:00 pm on the due date.

Email to cathy_b@sttheresaoakland.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



**CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S
MASS SCHEDULE**

December 24

5:00 PM CHILDREN'S LITURGY
9:00 PM CONCERT
10:00 PM MASS

*THE 9PM CONCERT AND 10PM MASS WILL BE
LIVE-STREAMED ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE FOR THE
ILL AND HOMEBOUND*

[HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/STTHERESAOAK/](https://www.facebook.com/sttheresaoak/)

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

*THE MASS WILL BE
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There will not be a 5:00 pm Vigil Mass on January 1

COME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS



**Do you know people
~ friends, family,
neighbors ~**

who used to be a part of this community, and who for various reasons no longer worship with us or due to the pandemic are hesitant to come back to Mass?

Shall we extend a gracious and loving invitation to these brothers and sisters to come home for Christmas?

Send them a personal invitation or give them a call and invite them to our Christmas liturgies.



**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>

COME AND HELP DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS!

Sunday, December 19, at 11:15 am

Many Hands are needed especially to assemble the Christmas trees, hang wreaths put together the nativity scene and many other jobs. Come and volunteer for 1 or 2 hours.



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



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@sttheresaoakland.org

MEMORY BEARS

Buon Natale, Joyeux Noel, Nollaig Shona Duhuit, Feliz Navidad, Mele Kalikimaka—in any language, a very merry and blessed Christmas to all from the St. Theresa's Memory Bear makers! We want you to assure you that we are still around and are beavering away (socially distanced, of course) making memory bears, as well as comfort bears (for those in hospice care). If you or someone you know are mourning the loss of a cherished family member or dear friend and would like a special remembrance of that person, we would be more than happy to make a little bear(s) out of a favorite article of their clothing at no charge to you. You'll have a lovely (or handsome) handmade little bear filled with memories and made with our love. If you would like a bear made, or would like more information about our ministry, please get in touch with either Marlene McShane (510-653-2688) or Cecile Cuttitta (cecile.cuttitta@att.net)



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.

ONLINE PRAYER REQUEST FOR THE SICK OR RECENTLY DECEASED

You can submit names for the Prayers of the Faithful for our Weekend Masses and the bulletin prayer list (*Prayers for the Sick or Recently Deceased*) online.

Please complete the form on the parish website page <https://sttheresaoakland.org/pray/mass-and-confession-times> their name will be included in the weekly bulletin and Weekend Masses.

This form is not for Mass Intentions.

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



Oakland Catholic Worker
Obrero 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 in the vestibule after Mass the weekend of December 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:

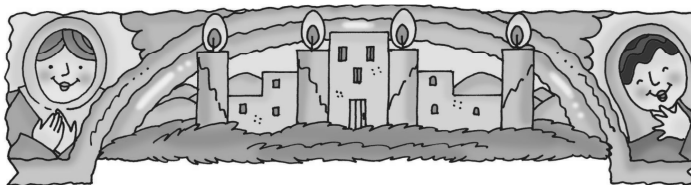
Is 62:11-12
Ps 97
Ti 3:4-7
Lk 2:15-20

Sunday:

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

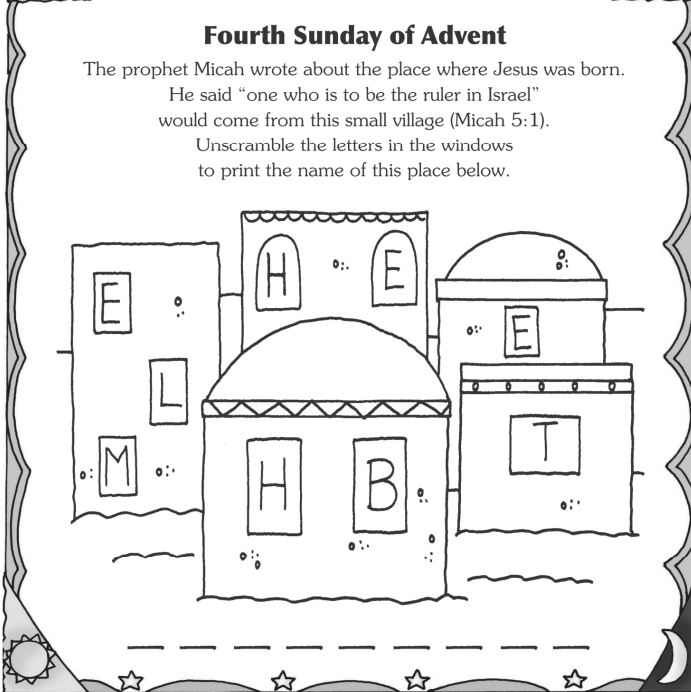


God's Word for Children

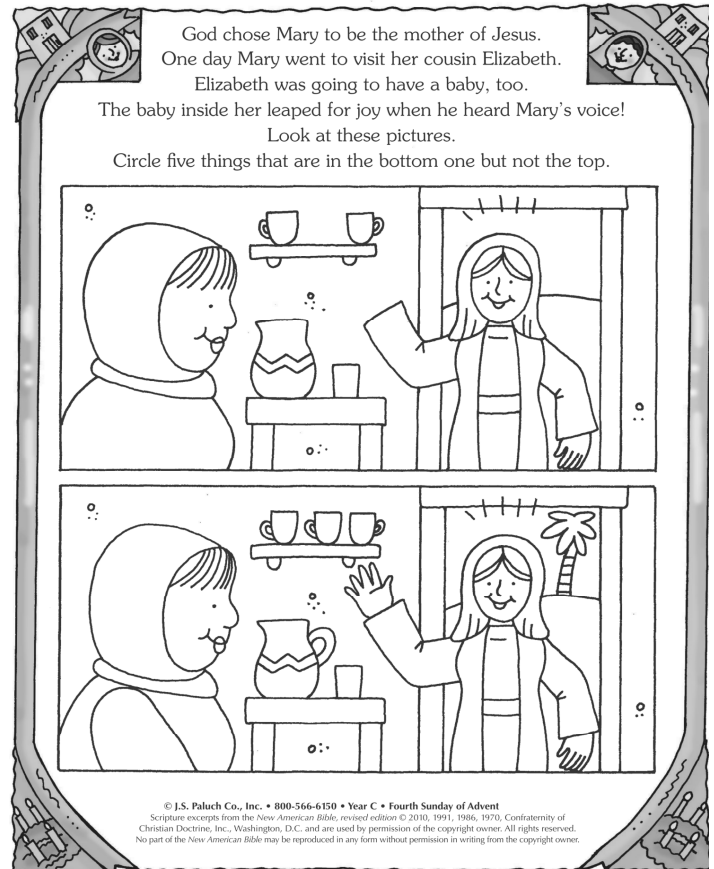


Fourth Sunday of Advent

The prophet Micah wrote about the place where Jesus was born. He said "one who is to be the ruler in Israel" would come from this small village (Micah 5:1). Unscramble the letters in the windows to print the name of this place below.



God chose Mary to be the mother of Jesus. One day Mary went to visit her cousin Elizabeth. Elizabeth was going to have a baby, too. The baby inside her leaped for joy when he heard Mary's voice! Look at these pictures. Circle five things that are in the bottom one but not the top.



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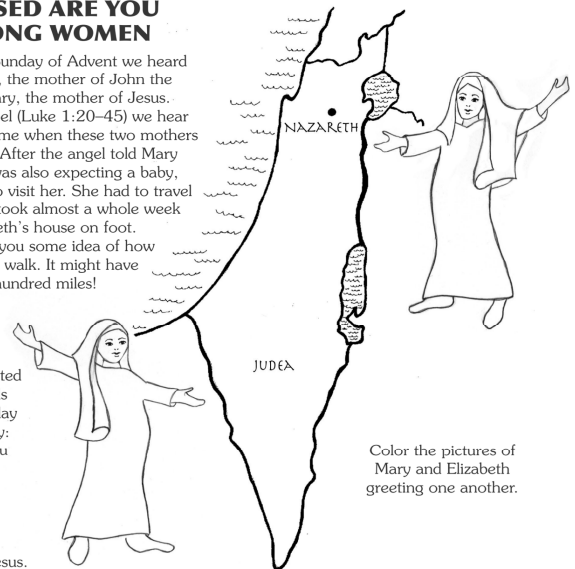
[Mary]entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. Luke 1:40

CATHOLIC CORNER

BLESSED ARE YOU AMONG WOMEN

On the First Sunday of Advent we heard about Elizabeth, the mother of John the Baptist, and Mary, the mother of Jesus. In today's Gospel (Luke 1:20-45) we hear the story of a time when these two mothers came together. After the angel told Mary that Elizabeth was also expecting a baby, Mary decided to visit her. She had to travel a long way—it took almost a whole week to get to Elizabeth's house on foot. The map gives you some idea of how far Mary had to walk. It might have been almost a hundred miles!

Elizabeth greeted Mary with words we still pray today in the Hail Mary: "Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb." Elizabeth was talking about Jesus.



Color the pictures of Mary and Elizabeth greeting one another.

Before you go to sleep tonight, pray a Hail Mary. Think about how excited Mary and Elizabeth were when they thought about their babies soon to be born. In two days we will celebrate that great event when God came to us as Jesus and was born as one of us.

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

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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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