St. Theresa Mission Statement

We are a welcoming, active Catholic Community united by our faith, open to transformation, growing spiritually and reaching out to love and to serve others as Jesus taught us.

November 17, 2019

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Theresa Annual Silent/Live Auction

"What a wonderful event on Saturday, November 2nd when school families joined with parishioners and alumni to celebrate 60 years of St. Theresa School at the annual school fundraiser. Over 280 parents, faculty, parishioners and alumni were present at the festivities, which included a delicious dinner, silent and live auction, and followed up by dancing the night away. From purchasing gift packages, winery tours, sporting events, vacation rentals and once in a lifetime experiences, we'd like to thank everyone for their participation.

See you next year!"
We want apologize. There was a problem with the Mass Intention calendar and the Tuesday intentions were lost. If you had scheduled an intention on a Tuesday please contact Melody in the office 510.547.2777, melody@sttheresaoakland.org so we can place it back on the calendar.

**BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINES**

November 17 bulletin was due by November 8 (Friday)
November 24 bulletin was due by November 15 (Friday)
December 1 bulletin is due by November 20 (Wednesday)
December 8 bulletin is due by November 29 (Friday)

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

**Online Giving**

Online Giving is available for anyone who prefers to donate through automatic draft for their Sunday Offering, Building Maintenance and Second Collections.

Go to: https://giving.parishsoft.com/sttheresaoakland to sign up. Contact Cathy Brady with any questions. cathy_b@sttheresaoakland.org, 547.2777, ext. 26.

**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.

**Bishop’s Appeal 2019**

St. Theresa Parish Goal - $35,800
Percentage Achieved 75.9%
$27,173 as of October 15, 2019

**Low Gluten Hosts**

Prior to the start of the liturgy there will be a small container of the hosts next to the bread and wine on the table in the back of the church. Take a host from the container and place it in the glass bowl. At communion you will receive Eucharist from one of the ministers in the center aisle.

**Deaths**

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, Fredrika May, Kristine Berman, Helen Bury, Aiden Farinella, Liza Mitra, Guido M., Jim Testa, Kevin Stallone, Dolores Gomez, Alegría Hipolito, Betty Wharton, Patricia Green, Hazel Villata, Juanita Estrella, Diane Longfield, Leslie Fischer, Mike Reilly, Dorothy Donnelly, Pat Tynan, Olga Lambert, Michael Bamrick, Matt White, Mark Dreier, Tom Sanford, Maria Gabriel Decker, Fr. Alex Snyder, Wendy Parmelee.

**Living Stewardship**

Read the biography of a saint—Saint Thérèse's autobiography, Story of a Soul, is only one example—and see what you can imitate to be a better disciple of the Lord.

**Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection**

Next week, our second collection will be for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Over 43 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs to empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to bring permanent and positive change to their communities.
I was startled when one of my students commented that she was happy we are close to the end of the semester. My reply was, ‘but I have so much more to cover in class….’ One thing we are assured of is that time marches on. Would that be the case with some of the parish projects we are concerned about that seem to drag on.

Yes, the heat will be on soon we hope in the church! The furnace person was here on Oct. 31 to turn the heat back on, unfortunately our ancient furnace was not ready. L.J Kruse is searching the country for the part they believe will get the heat back on. They believed it would be ready last week, but the search goes on. As soon as it is repaired, the heat will be on. In the meantime, please wear warm clothes and sit closer together.

Last week, we did successfully switch over to California Clean Energy. Hopefully by the time you read this all of the solar panels will be in place, generating power for our use and the grid. We did put this solar option on the roof that was originally designed for it. All of the parties involved with our ongoing mediation agreed to let it go forward.

Unfortunately, the mediation regarding the event center itself has settled the situation. A December date has been set by the mediator and I ask that your prayers continue so we can fix the defects and move forward with the building that has served many over the past ten years.

Again, and again, some of you are getting emails from what is not me but pretends to be me. In fact, this past week, I got the request myself asking if I could help. PLEASE DO NOT RESPOND. LOOK AT THE EMAIL ADDRESS AND VERIFY IT IS NOT REALLY FROM THE PARISH. I WILL NEVER ASK YOU TO GO AND PURCHASE GIFT CARDS AND THEN SEND BACK THE REGISTRATION NUMBERS ON THE BACK. THIS IS A SCAM AND IT MUST BE WORKING IN SOME PLACES BECAUSE THEY KEEP TRYING.

We continue to pray for All Souls throughout this month of November. Here is a short reflection on the centuries old practice:

“The Halloween combination of All Saints Day and All Souls Day alongside each other, combines the certainty of death and our hope for life after death. “See what love the Father has bestowed on us.” These days are a sober reminder that as living, material organisms, our bodies will one day give out. Somewhere, sometime, sooner or later, we will come face to face with our personal death. As the Old Testament puts it, we shall go to join our ancestors.

And then what? Is it all over for one’s personal existence? Is it to be extinction, silence, darkness? Will there be no more love, no more joy, no more relationships?

Jesus points us to a more hopeful future. He passed through the doors of suffering and a cruel death to come back and say there is light and love and joy, a life beyond what we can imagine. He offers hope for those who find it possible to trust in him. What does this feast ask of us? Be grateful for what you have. See what love the Father has bestowed on us!

Why do we actually pray for the people who have gone before us? It’s a widespread human tradition, and for Christians it’s based on the hope taught by Jesus himself. He once said: “All that the Father gives me will come to me; and whoever comes to me I will not cast out.” Today our Church is praying for all the deceased, for all the people we knew, but also for all the millions of others who have passed on from this life.

Any one of us can have known only a tiny fraction of the people who have died even in our own time, let alone since mankind began. But our creator-God knows them all and calls each one by name. He knows who and what we are at throughout our lives. So, we turn to God with the simplicity of a child who trusts the Father with our lives! “And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me but raise it up at the last day.”
Join us for the annual:

Men’s Club Pancake Breakfast

December 15th
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

St. Theresa Event Center
Visit with Santa and take holiday photos.

$9/adult
$5/child
All are welcome!

Christmas Angel Tree
The parish in conjunction with St. Vincent de Paul will once again have an Angel Tree this Christmas season as we help bring Christmas joy to girls and boys. We have been asked to provide toys/games/books, gift cards and clothing for children ages newborn thru 18 (boys and girls). Take a tag from the Christmas tree in the vestibule and bring your unwrapped gift and place it by the baptismal font in the church by Sunday, November 17th.

These gifts will be put in the Christmas Basket Giveaway on December 7th to children who utilize the Society’s Visitation Center services in Downtown Oakland.

Thank you for helping to make this holiday season a memorable one for the children in our community!

Advent by Candlelight

December 3
7:00 PM ~ Event Center

St. Theresa Ladies – Please join us.

7:00 to 7:30 p.m. Check in, 7:30 to 8:00 Program, 8:00 to 9:00 Coffee, Tea & Desserts

What is Advent by Candlelight?
Advent by Candlelight is a special evening event for the women of the parish to come together and celebrate the season of Advent. In a sacred and festive setting, we serve coffee, tea and desserts. We have prayer and reflection, light the Advent wreath with musical accompaniment and enjoy the presence of the other women of our parish. This event appeals to young adults through seniors and many women are in attendance.

Why should I attend?
Advent by Candlelight provides a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the true spirit of the season and to meet other St T. women. The event is spiritual and calming, and offers respite from the chaos of the holiday season. If you have never been to Advent by Candlelight, you are missing out on a lovely evening! So, please join us!

Something extra...
In the spirit of Christmas giving, we invite guests to bring diapers (size 3-6), pull-ups (toddler size 3-6) and wipes to donate to the Children’s Primary Care Clinic at Children’s Hospital.

To attend this event, your RSVP is required by December 1, 2019.

RSVP in the church vestibule, or contact Shirley Fairbairn at shirley_fairbairn@yahoo.com / 510-333-8598

Seating for the event is random, there are no assigned tables. Please keep in mind there are a limited number of seats.
Women in God’s Spirit

WINGS is a faith enhancement group that encourages spiritual growth through prayer, Scripture study, life sharing and community. We gather on Wednesdays in Meeting Room 1 at 9:15am from October through May with hospitality, followed by the guest speaker and program until 11:15am. 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. Bring a friend! Women from local parishes and other denominations are welcome! Our theme for this year is “Walking with God”. Join us on opening day, October 9th. Say “Yes” to WINGS!

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NOVEMBER 20TH

REV. ELAINE SHOMYO DONLIN
MINISTER ASSISTANT
BUDDHIST CHURCH OF SAN FRANCISCO

The Gift of Unknowing

Thanksgiving Day Mass

Our Thanksgiving Day Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 am on Thursday, November 28th.

We invite you to bring the bread and wine for your Thanksgiving Meal for a special blessing.

Place them on the table in the sanctuary before Mass.

Thank you on behalf of St Theresa School for supporting the 45th annual legacy auction celebrating 60 years educating children’s mind body and spirit. Thanks to your support of buying raffle and dinner tickets, we were able to exceed our fundraising goals all the while carrying on the spirit of St. Theresa! We really look forward to seeing you all there next year on Saturday, November 7th 2020!
### Weekly Readings

**November 18 - 24**

**Monday:**
1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63
Ps 119
Lk 18:35-43

**Tuesday:**
2 Mc 6:18-31
Ps 3
Lk 19:1-10

**Wednesday:**
2 Mc 7:1, 20-31
Ps 17
Lk 19:11-28

**Thursday:**
1 Mc 2:15-29
Ps 50
Lk 19:11-28

**Friday:**
1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59
Ps 1 Chr 29
Lk 19:45-48

**Saturday:**
1 Mc 6:1-13
Ps 9
Lk 20:27-40

**Sunday:**
2 Sm 5:1-3
Ps 122
Col 1:12-20
Lk 23:35-43

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**Weekly Calendar**

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| **November 16**
Saturday | 8:00 AM | CYO Games | Event Center |
| | **9:00 AM** | Rooted Grace of Parenthood Retreat | Mtg Rms 1&2 |
| | 4:00 PM | Reconciliation | Church |
| | 5:00 PM | Mass: Baptism, Lila Lesko & Sofia Young | Church |
| **November 17**
Sunday | 8:30 AM | LiveScan - Volunteer Fingerprinting | Staff Lounge |
| | 9:00 AM | Mass | Church |
| | 10:00 AM | FFF - Family Faith Formation | School |
| | 10:00 AM | HSYM/Confirmation | Mtg Rms 1&2 |
| | 11:00 AM | Mass | Church |
| | 1:00 PM | CYO Games | Event Center |
| | 6:00 PM | MSYM - Middle School Youth Ministry | Hall |
| **November 18**
Monday | 8:30 AM | Mass | Church |
| | 4:00 PM | CYO Practice | Event Center |
| | 6:30 PM | Boy Scout Meeting | Hall |
| | 7:00 PM | Memory Bears | Hall |
| **November 19**
Tuesday | 8:30 AM | Mass | Church |
| | 9:00 AM | Legion of Mary | Hall |
| | 3:30 PM | Altar Server Training | Church |
| | 4:00 PM | CYO Practice | Event Center |
| | **6:30 PM** | Alpha | Meeting Rooms |
| **November 20**
Wednesday | 7:30 AM | Cursillo Faith Sharing | PC Parlor |
| | 8:30 AM | Mass | Church |
| | 9:15 AM | WINGS | Mtg Rms 1&2 |
| | 4:00 PM | Children’s Choir Practice | Church |
| | 4:00 PM | CYO Practice | Event Center |
| | 7:00 PM | Centering Prayer | Vestibule |
| **November 21**
Thursday | 7:30 AM | Men's Cursillo Faith Sharing | PC Parlor |
| | 8:30 AM | Mass | Church |
| | 4:00 PM | Children’s Choir Practice | Church |
| | 4:00 PM | CYO Practice | Event Center |
| | 5:00 PM | Bell Choir Rehearsal | Church |
| | 7:00 PM | Adult Choir Rehearsal | Offsite |
| | 8:30 PM | Men's Basketball | Event Center |
| **November 22**
Friday | **Parish Offices closed on Fridays** |
| | 8:00 AM | Women’s Volleyball | Event Center |
| | 8:30 AM | Mass | Church |
| **November 23**
Saturday | 8:00 AM | CYO Games | Event Center |
| | 4:00 PM | Reconciliation | Church |
| | 5:00 PM | Mass | Church |
| **November 24**
Sunday | 9:00 AM | Mass | Church |
| | 11:00 AM | Mass | Church |
| | 1:00 PM | CYO Games | Event Center |

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**Living God's Word**

Faith does not keep our worlds protected and whole. It does instill in us patient endurance by which, the Gospel reminds us, we will save our lives.

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Mass Schedules:
Monday - Friday: 8:30 am
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 9:00 am & 11:00 am
unless otherwise noted in bulletin

Reconciliation:
Saturdays 4:00-4:30 pm
or by appointment

Parish Center Office Hours:
Monday - Thursday: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
THE PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED ON FRIDAY
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Baptisms and Marriages
by appointment

Confirmation (High School)
Sunday Sessions
Year 1: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Year 2: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

R.C.I.A.
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, Contact
Cathy Brady - cathy_b@sttheresaoakland.org

Kinderchurch
Preschoolers and Kindergarteners
9:00 am Sunday Mass

Children's Liturgy of the Word
Grades 1-5, 9:00 am Mass

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
First Friday of the month (September - May)

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