

# ST. THERESA

# PARISH COMMUNITY

## ST. THERESA MISSION STATEMENT

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DECEMBER 8, 2019

SECOND SUNDAY  
OF  
ADVENT



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## DECEMBER 7 - 15

Sat. 5:00 pm † Carlo Pernecco  
 Sun. 9:00 am † Irene Crosetti  
 11:00 am Parish Community of St. Theresa

Mon. 8:30 am † Kam Malloy  
 Tues. 8:30 am † Those who are Homeless  
 Wed. 8:30 am † Elaine Moore  
 Thurs. 8:30 am † The children of St. Theresa School  
 Fri. 8:30 am † Josh Egan

Sat. 5:00 pm † Parish Community of St. Theresa  
 Sun. 9:00 am † Tina Bruno  
 11:00 am † Carmelina & John Isola

*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@sttheresaokland.org so we can place it back on the calendar.*



### Feast of the Immaculate Conception

This year (2019), the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is transferred from its usual date (December 8<sup>th</sup>, which falls on a Sunday) to the following day, Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>.

Because it has been moved to Monday it is not a Holy Day of obligation this year.

### 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.



**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 Buty, Aiden Farinella, Liza Mitra, Guido M., Jim Testa, Kevin Stallone, Dolores Gomez, Alegria Hipolito, Betty Wharton, Patricia Green, Hazel Villata, Juanita Estrella, Diane Longfield, Leslie Fischer, Mike Reilly, Dorothy Donnelly, Pat Tynan, Olga Lamberti, Michael Bamrick, Matt White, Mark Dreier, Tom Sanford, Maria Gabriel Decker, Fr. Alex Snyder, Wendy Parmelee, Roger Baylocq, Ida Scodella



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### Infant/Child Baptism



If you are interested in having your child/children baptized at St. Theresa Church, Baptism classes for parents and godparents are held once a month in the rectory from 7:00 - 8:00 pm. These classes are for adults only. Contact the parish office to register, melody@sttheresaokland.org or 547.2777, ext. 20.

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### 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/sttheresaokland> to sign up. Contact Cathy Brady with any questions. cathy\_b@sttheresaokland.org, 547.2777, ext. 26.

### BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINES

December 8 bulletin was due by November 29 (Friday)  
 December 15 bulletin is due by December 6 (Friday)  
 December 22 bulletin is due by December 11 (Wednesday)  
 December 29 bulletin is due by December 17 (Tuesday)

Items must be received by 4:00 pm on the due date.  
 Email to cathy\_b@sttheresaokland.org.

### LIVING STEWARDSHIP



Spend some time in a quiet place. Use the silence to ask what God is waiting to tell you this Advent.

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### Question of the Week

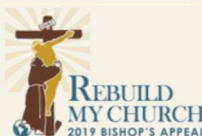
**Adult:** What do you need to change so that others can learn from watching you that Christ walks among us?

**Child:** What could you do so that others will see in you what it means to follow Jesus?

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### Bishop's Appeal 2019

St. Theresa Parish Goal - \$35,800

Percentage Achieved **75.9%**

**\$27,173** as of October 15, 2019

## A WORD FROM THE PASTOR:



This weekend we inaugurate the first **RISE AND SHINE** Mass at 9am. It is hoped that many to all of the young parishioners from our school, religious education programs, youth group and Confirmation program will come, participate and 'take control' over this celebration. I hope you will come and join us. The young people among us are not 'the future' but are now the Church!

I hope this is also that time for you to invite someone 'to come and join us. Actually, it is always time to do that, but we hope to give special attention to this as we near Christmas. If you know a neighbor who is not attending any church, invite them to join you at one of the Christmas Masses. If you haven't seen a member of the parish recently and know they haven't moved away, please give them a call and invite them to join you and your family for Christmas. If you think there is a better chance if I or another parish staff member made a personal call, please let us know with their contact information and we will follow through.

This time reminds us that God forms us into the Body of Christ and make all of us God's own family. I invite everyone to help God's will being realized by our actions and words.

As you check off your list of presents to wrap and are swamped with appeals by mail, phone and email (remember it is not me asking for those gift cards and asking you to send the numbers on the back!) I do hope you will make that extra end of the year gift to your parish. I am confident and have the backing of the parish finance committee that we are being good stewards with what you generously entrust to us for the mission of the Church. Nevertheless, there is always something else needed or an unexpected repair to make. We have made great progress this year thanks to your ongoing generosity. But please, put us on the top of the pile and if you are able increase your usual donation or give that extra gift. The generation before us made sure we had what we needed. I ask that we continue to take care of one another now and leave the same legacy for the generation that will follow us.

Last year an anonymous donor gave 50K as a single gift. This allowed us to balance the budget and do many things that have benefited all of us (a part-time maintenance person, paint on the rectory, many repairs behind the scenes, funding of the youth group and help to a couple families in dire need). While I never expect such gifts, it is amazing how much we can do with anything beyond your usual gift. Please know you are remembered in several Masses during the year and the Lord remembers your generosity every time we pray.

This year the great Men's Club Pancake Breakfast will be in the event center which means you may not smell the bacon cooking during Mass. Please don't let this stop you from buying your tickets today.

Many of you commented that you liked the story I told in last week's homily. It is worth repeating as you asked for copies:

"When? How long? When will that day when the Lord will come in glory? We do not know. But we hope and wait expectantly. We live today in the reality of what he has already showed us, and what he has promised. And we cry out for his coming. And we know that as He *has* come, so He *will* come. When he comes, may he find us hard at work hammering our swords into plowshares, and our spears into pruning hooks.

I have heard the story of a wise old Rabbi who instructed his students by asking questions. He asked, "How can a person tell when the darkness ends, and the day begins?" After thinking for a moment, one student replied, "It is when there is enough light to see an animal in the distance and be able to tell if it is a sheep or a goat." Another student ventured, "It is when there is enough light to see a tree and tell if it is a fig or an oak tree."

The old Rabbi gently said, "No. It is when you can look into a man's face and recognize him as your brother. For if you cannot recognize in another's face the face of your brother, the darkness has not yet begun to lift, and the light has not yet come."

Come quickly, Lord Jesus. But while we are waiting, somebody pick up that sword! We have plowshares to make!

## PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS

### 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?

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

You can pick up a '*COME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS*' card at the information desk and send them a personal invitation to our Christmas liturgies or share with us their name, and contact information. We will send them an invitation to come home for Christmas.

Drop off information at the Parish Office; or email to [melody@sttheresaoakland.org](mailto:melody@sttheresaoakland.org)



Join us for the annual:

### Men's Club Pancake Breakfast

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

St. Theresa Event Center

Visit with Santa and  
take holiday photos.



\$9/adult  
\$5/child

Use the link on the parish  
website to order tickets online.



### Advent: Less Hectic, More Holy...

#### Children's Christmas Tableau



Advent is supposed to be a time of quiet, holy mystery, but often it is the busiest time of the year. In our intention to be "Less Hectic and More Holy." We continue to having a no-rehearsals format for the Children's Christmas Tableau.

The Tableau will take place during the 5:00 pm Mass on Christmas Eve. All children through the fifth grade are invited to participate. Bring your child to church dressed in one of these costumes: stable animal, angel, shepherd or sheep. Please use whatever costumes are easiest for you and your child. If you don't have a costume we will have some costume pieces available in the church hall beginning at 4:00 pm. Children will sit with their families during the entire Mass. Parents be sure to pick up instructions for the pageant as you enter the church.

We will need 4-5 parents to help from the 4-5 timeslot with passing out of costumes in the Hall. Let me know if you

### CHRISTMAS COOKIE SWAP & GINGERBREAD HOUSE DECORATING PARTY HOSTED BY THE ST. THERESA SCHOOL PARENT CLUB

Members of the St. Theresa School and Parish are invited to come to the Hall to socialize and swap Christmas cookies.

- ◆ Please bring 2 dozen of your favorite cookie to swap and some extras to sample.
- ◆ The Parents Club will provide boxes for you to pack up other's holiday creations to take home.
- ◆ Bring 2 dozen of one kind, leave with a sampler of 2 dozen!

There will be space for you to decorate a gingerbread house and some "blank canvas" cookies and decorating supplies for anyone who wants to make a special creation. If you wish to decorate a gingerbread house, it's BYOGH (bring your own gingerbread house).

Coffee, hot chocolate, and milk will be served.

Saturday, December 21 ~ 1:00-3:00 pm ~ Please RSVP to [sttheresaparentsclub@gmail.com](mailto:sttheresaparentsclub@gmail.com) so we know how many to expect.



## 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!

The theme for the year is: *"Walking With God"*

DECEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>

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## CONFIRMATION & HSYM

*High Schoolers and Parents, please note the following dates and remember that all Sunday Sessions begin with 9am Mass:*

- ♦ **Sunday, Dec. 8 - Years I & II - 10am-12noon, Meeting Rooms**

### *Other parish community events:*

- Saturday, Dec. 8 - RISE & SHINE Mass for all
- Sunday, Dec. 15 - Annual Men's Club Pancake Breakfast, Event Center

For more information, please contact:



Jenny Bruni  
HSYM Coordinator  
jenny@sttheresaokland.org  
(510) 547-2777 x 39



### FAMILY ROSARY

Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe

5 pm Rosary in the Church  
Dinner and Celebration to Follow



All are invited to join us as we celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Contact Patrick McGahan with any questions at  
pjmcgahan@gmail.com



*Our CONFIRMATION group would like to thank you for supporting our Christmas Evergreen Fundraiser. This fundraiser is helping to offset costs for our Confirmation retreats and activities this year.*

### **WE THANK YOU!**

For more information, please contact:  
Jenny Bruni, HSYM Coordinator  
jenny@sttheresaokland.org  
510) 547-2777 x39



## ST. THERESA SCHOOL



On Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, the first-grade class hosted the Thanksgiving Mass as the students gathered in their Faith Families. The children walked the main aisle through the church carrying all of the non-perishable food they had collected to donate. Many of the children gave thanks to the farmers that grow our food, for their families, their homes, their pets, and the St. Theresa teachers and workers that care for them. A gratitude chain was presented to Father Bob as a symbol representing what they were thankful for. The Mass closed with the first graders singing about being blessed and thankful for life.

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life

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meaning

The evening starts with a light dinner, followed by a presentation and small group discussion and sharing.

You're invited to  
**TRY ALPHA**  
Tuesdays, 6:30pm  
St. Theresa Catholic Church

Alpha

Cathy Brady



# WEEKLY CALENDAR

	Start Time	Event	Location
December 7 Saturday	8:00 AM	CYO Games	Event Center
	4:00 PM	Reconciliation	Church
	5:00 PM	Mass	Church
December 8 Sunday	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Rise and Shine Children/Youth Mass</b>	<b>Church</b>
	10:00 AM	FFF - Family Faith Formation	School
	10:00 AM	HSYM/Confirmation	Mtg Rms
	11:00 AM	Mass	Church
	1:00 PM	CYO Games	Event Center
	5:00 PM	Family Rosary	Church
December 9 Monday	6:00 PM	MSYM/Middle School Youth Ministry	Hall
	8:30 AM	Mass	Church
	9:00 AM	Ladies Guild Luncheon	Hall
	4:00 PM	CYO Practice	Event Center
December 10 Tuesday	6:30 PM	Boy Scout Meeting	Hall
	8:30 AM	Mass	Church
	9:00 AM	Legion of Mary	Hall
December 11 Wednesday	6:30 PM	Alpha	Mtg Rms
	7:30 AM	Cursillo Faith Sharing	PC Parlor
	8:30 AM	Mass	Church
	9:15 AM	WINGS - Christmas Brunch	Mtg Rms
	4:00 PM	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Church
	4:00 PM	CYO Practice	Event Center
December 12 Thursday	7:00 PM	Centering Prayer	Vestibule
	7:30 AM	Men's Cursillo Faith Sharing	PC Parlor
	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>School Mass: Our Lady of Guadalupe</b>	<b>Church</b>
	4:00 PM	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Church
	4:00 PM	CYO Practice	Event Center
	5:00 PM	Bell Choir	Church
	7:00 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Offsite
December 13 Friday	8:30 PM	Men's Basketball	Event Center
	<b>Parish Offices closed on Fridays</b>		
	8:00 AM	Women's Volleyball	Event Center
December 14 Saturday	8:30 AM	Mass	Church
	8:00 AM	CYO Games	Event Center
	8:00 AM	Scout Training	Hall
	2:00 PM	Wedding	Church
	4:00 PM	Reconciliation	Church
December 15 Sunday	5:00 PM	Mass	Church
	9:00 AM	Mass	Church
	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Pancake Breakfast ~ 10 am - 1 pm</b>	<b>Event Center</b>
	11:00 AM	Mass	Church



December 9 - 15

## Monday:

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

## Tuesday

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

## Wednesday

Is 40:25-31  
Ps 103  
Mt 11:28-30

## Thursday:

Zach 214-17  
Ps Jdt 13  
Lk 1:26-38

## 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:

Is 35:1-6a, 10  
Ps 146  
Jas 5:7-10  
Mt 11:2-11



Please join us for our monthly *RISE & SHINE* Mass  
at 9am on Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>.  
This is a youth-friendly and youth-participatory Mass.

# PARISH INFORMATION



## 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*

Phone 510.547.2777 ~~~ Fax 510.653.3575

After Hours Medical Emergency & Emergency Line:  
510.610.7715

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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](mailto: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)

## Parish Organizations

**Pastoral Council:**  
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**St. Vincent de Paul Society**  
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