

ST. THERESA PARISH COMMUNITY

MARCH 26, 2023

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MASS SCHEDULE:

Weekday: 8:30 am (Mon.-Fri.)

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am

(live-streamed on our YouTube channel for the sick and homebound)

RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm

PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS:

Monday: 12:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Tuesday - Thursday: 10:00 am - 2:30 pm

Phone: 510.547.2777

After Hours Medical Emergency Line: 510.610.7715

Parish Website: www.sttheresaokland.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.

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Jenny Bruni and Keri Nims: Co-Coordiators

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Please join us for our monthly
RISE & SHINE MASS
at 9am on Palm Sunday, April 2nd.

PALM SUNDAY

Saturday, April 1, 5:00 pm

Sunday, April 2, 9:00 am

The Liturgies will begin in the vestibule with the reading of the Gospel of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, and the Solemn Blessing of Palms and Procession into church.



BRING YOUR RICE BOWL DONATION TO MASS.

During the collection you will be invited to come forward and place your Rice Bowl in a basket in front of the altar.



WEEKLY REFLECTION

**Fifth Week of Lent Year A
Courage**

Ezekiel 37:12-14

Psalms 130:1-8

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Romans 8:8-11

John 11:1-45

God promised through Ezekiel that God would put God's spirit in us so we could live. We are promised life through Jesus. This should make a difference in the way we live. Jesus wants us to live life to the fullest of our humanity.

Do I have the courage to live fully in the Spirit of Jesus? This week I will try to understand what that means for me. Maybe it means having the courage to truly love someone. Maybe it means stepping out of my comfort zone to help someone. I will remain open to opportunities this week and follow through when they come.



Fast & Abstinence

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence.

The law of fasting allows one full meal and two smaller ones.

The law of abstinence prohibits the eating of meat. The Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence in the United States.

The obligation of abstinence begins at age 14. The norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59.

LOW GLUTEN HOSTS

Low Gluten hosts are available at all weekend Masses. They are less than 20 parts per million gluten, under .002%. Please use the presider's communion station to receive a low gluten host.

LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

SEDER DINNER

March 29, 6:00 pm

Reservation Required

Reservations close Sunday, March 26th

Click on the Seder Dinner link on the Lenten Events page to make a reservation.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

March 26, 9:00 am Mass

The Sacrament of the Sick will be administered to all those who suffer from a serious, acute or chronic illness. Caregivers are also encouraged to attend.

FR. NGEMA, LENTEN BIBLE JOURNEY

March 28, April 3

7:00 pm on Zoom

Zoom link is in the Friday Flocknote

"BEST LENT EVER"

Daily Flocknote Reflection

HOLY MOMENTS BOOK

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

March 31

Provided by the school

9:30 am & 2:30 pm

RICE BOWLS

LENT IN A BAG

DAILY REFLECTION BOOKLETS

Check out the Lent page on the parish website for details.

<https://sttheresaokland.org/lent-2023>

WEEKLY READINGS: MARCH 27 - APRIL 2

Monday:	Wednesday:	Friday	Sunday:
Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95	Jer 20:10-13	Mt 21:1-11
Ps 23	Ps Dn 3	Ps 18	Is 50:4-7
Jn 8:1-11	Jn 8:31-42	Jn 10:31-42	Ps 22
			Phil 2:6-11
			Mt 26:14-27:66
Tuesday:	Thursday:	Saturday:	
Nm 21:4-9	Gn 17:3-9	Ez 37:21-28	
Ps 102	Ps 105	Ps Jer 31	
Jn 8:21-30	Jn 8:51-59	Jn 11:45-56	



I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS

Bishop's Ministries Appeal 2023

St. Theresa Parish Goal - \$35,800

THERE WILL BE A COLLECTION FOR THE APPEAL ON MARCH 25 & 26

<https://www.oakdiocese.org/bishops-appeal-donation-page>

MASS INTENTIONS - MARCH 25 - APRIL 1

Sat. 5:00 pm † Elsia Guintoli
 Sun. 9:00 am Parish Community of St. Theresa

Mon. 8:30 am † for all deceased members of the parish

Tues. 8:30 am For peace may it prevail in all the war torn places in our world


Wed. 8:30 am For all who feel alone or isolated

Thurs. 8:30 am For those who live in poverty

Fri. 8:30 am For all who are hurting in body, mind or spirit

Sat. 5:00 pm Michael McShane
 Sun. 9:00 am Parish Community of St. Theresa

KEEP IN TOUCH WITH US

◆ Receive the weekly Friday Flocknote  *You will receive everything contained in the bulletin plus additional information.*

◆ Unsubscribe anytime

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

OR send an email to cathy_b@sttheresaokland.org with a request to be added to the Friday Flocknote Group with you full name and email address.



SUNDAY OFFERING

ONLINE GIVING:
 (March 13 - 19) 52 DONORS **\$ 1,958.50**

MASS/DROP-OFF/MAILED DONATIONS:
 (March 13 - 19) 37 DONORS **\$ 2,703.00**

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES:


ONLINE: 17 DONORS **\$ 576.00**
 MASS/DROP-OFF/MAILED: 23 DONORS **\$ 937.00**

During Lent we are reminded to develop a more conscious spiritual life and share what we have with those in need. One practical way to achieve this goal is to make the change to eGiving for St. Theresa parish.

You can use our online giving platform to deepen your commitment to the church and the ministries you care about most. Your recurring gifts will sustain our mission month after month. You will also help our parish by cutting costs for envelopes and paper, and allowing our staff to spend less time processing cash and checks and more time on ministries.

It's easy to get started. Here are the ways to sign up:



Text
510-876-9679
 Text "GIVE" to this number to receive a link to our online giving page.

Visit us at
<https://sttheresaokland.org/donate>

Thank you for giving generously to St. Theresa Parish

SCAM ALERT

A number of people have received phony emails from Fr. Bob and/or our principal Alicia Ortegon asking for gifts cards. If you receive an email from either of them requesting help with gifts, gift cards, money PLEASE IGNORE and DELETE. It's a scam! They will never request help from you in this manner.

PARISH MAINTENANCE

The second collection for the Parish Maintenance & Improvement Fund is April 1 & 2. You may also use Online Giving for this collection.

MASS INTENTIONS

To request a Mass Intention contact
 Melody Marr at
melody@sttheresaokland.org or
 510.547.2777, ext. 120

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS ALL THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Matt Mercier, Heidi Parmelee, Aiden Farinella, Dolores Gomez, Alegria Hipolito, Betty Wharton, Juanita Estrella, Olga Lamberti, Wendy Parmelee, Roger Baylocq, Ida Scodella, Alicia Gonzalez, Susan Springer, Badri Nakhjavani, Wendy Jones, Orlanda Gonzalez, Kevin Chapman, Diane Cerille, Ruth McCabe, Tom Wilberding, Shirley Roberts, Karen Milliman, Danny Ramos, Mark Leonard, Christopher Rodriguez, Maryanne Walsh, Rhonda Santeen, John Whatley, Bishop John Cummins, Nancy Coyne, Kevin Stallone, Della Spinelli, Jeanne Cuttitta, Susan Buller, Amy Kantowitz, Ann Springer, Guy Wallace, Ray Bertolotti, William McCarthy, Cindy Crimmins, Fred & Lidia Loupy, Rebecca Rogers, Kathleen Guevara, Clarence Robinson, Armando Diaz de Leon, Fr. Ron Schmidt, Patty Estopinal, Laura Jones, Jeff Mills, Mary Pat Power, Bonnie & John Bouey, Susan Rubio, Martin Tierney, Fr. Paul Schmidt, Marley Malone, Isabella Guillot Williams, Violet Chancey, Ann Kirkman, Ann & Hal Lauth, Serra Bonanno and her son George, Alara.

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE (SJC) CORNER

"Our relationship with the environment can never be isolated from our relationship with others and with God" - *Pope Francis, Laudato Si, 119*

In 2015, Pope Francis released his encyclical letter, "Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home", the first-ever papal encyclical devoted to the global environmental crisis. Inspired by his namesake, St. Francis of Assisi and his deep communion with all Creation, the Pope issued a powerful appeal to the Church and "all people of good will" to urgently come together and respond to "the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor."

THE SJC WILL BE HOLDING THEIR MARCH MEETING IN PERSON FOR THE FIRST TIME ON THURSDAY, MARCH 30TH, IN THE MEETING ROOMS. In preparation for this year's Earth Day, April 23rd, the committee will be viewing the film, *The Letter: A Message for Our Earth*. This moving 80-minute film is inspired by Pope Francis' encyclical letter, and tells the story of a journey to Rome of frontline leaders from around the world to discuss the letter, leaders who have directly experienced the ecological crisis and are doing something about it. The exclusive dialogue also reveals insight into the Pope's personal history and stories never seen since he became the Bishop of Rome.

Please join the SJC for their meeting on March 30th, 7:00pm, at St. Theresa's. RSVP to Lydia Deck, ltdeck@me.com.

 **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

CURRENT NEEDS

Volunteers Needed for the Dining Room at the Direct Services Campus in West Oakland: 8:30am to 1pm Tuesday through Saturday. Volunteers help prepare, and bag warm meals for our guests and serve the meals. Contact Volunteer Coordinator, Kristen Bernal: Email:kbernal@svdp-alameda.org 510-277-6435.

Men's Clothing (casual, work, denim, and work pants, and shoes in good condition) and women's hygiene articles can be dropped off in the Church vestibule. These donations are distributed through SVDP Clothes Closet in our Downtown Community Center. They are experiencing a large surplus of women's clothes at this time. As a result, please only donate men's clothes.

Nonperishable, non-expired food donations: Our on-going food collections for the needy people in the Sacred Heart Parish have been graciously acknowledged by those who have been served. We bring the food to Sacred Heart around the third Sunday of the month. Food donations may be left in the back of the vestibule in various baskets next to the "Giving Tree at any time.

Our Parish SVdP Conference meets bimonthly, every third Saturday at 9:30am. If interested in learning more about our Conference's work, contact Judy Bojorquez at jtsbojorquez@yahoo.com or with any questions.

You may use online giving to make a donation to the St. Theresa St. Vincent de Paul conference. <https://sttheresaokland.org/donate>.

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

If you have never attended or if you want to prepare in a very special way for Holy Week, today is the last day to register for the Seder meal that will take place in our parish meeting rooms on Wednesday, March 29, 2023 at 6pm. Why do you need to make a reservation? The parish is providing the entre for the meal and organizers need a real count to prepare enough for all. I hope you will consider being there. We had made this an annual event prior to Covid and having it again is another sign of our return to these good moments in our parish life.



What is the purpose of a Seder?

The Seder is a symbolic meal that **marks the passage of the Jewish people from a time of bondage to a time of freedom.** This traditional meal typifies different parts of the Passover story using different foods. During the Seder, the Haggadah is read to tell the story of the exodus from Egypt.

What is the connection between Passover and Christianity?

In the New Testament, **Passover and Easter are tied together.** Jesus enters Jerusalem and gathers his disciples to celebrate the Passover meal, memorialized by Christians as the Last Supper. Soon, he is arrested, tried and executed on the cross, dying just before the beginning of the Jewish Sabbath. In Matthew, Mark and Luke's Gospels, the Last Supper takes place at a Seder dinner.

Last week we all heard that the diocese may file for Chapter 11 reorganization as a result of the huge number of accusations that have been filed against the diocese. What you can find on the Diocesan website is the only communication we have also had in the parish. I have been told that most of these new filings involve situations that are forty and fifty years old. This hopefully means that the safeguards, screenings, figure printing requirements and trainings that all priests, staffs and many volunteers are cooperating with is working to stop such horrible abuse from happening again.

In my mind, one case of abuse is too many, but thanks to many of you who keep taking the training as required every two or three years, who get finger printed via the Department of Justice when you become a new school parent or join one of the parish organizations or parish staff. The Church's response is not perfect but has become a model for other groups such as the Boy Scouts, Sport programs and public schools. Let us continue to pray for all victims of sexual and other abuse. Let us work and pray that such situations not be repeated in any future generation.

Almost a thousand was raised by the recent cake and cookie sale sponsored by our young people. Almost another thousand was donated toward the 'build' Hopefully by the time you read this the forty-seven who were traveling from our area to build a house are safely on their way back to our neighborhood. I was told last week that the family who is the recipient of the house has waited for seven years for this day. Most of us can't imagine homelessness for a day or a week and seven years is unimaginable. Thanks to all who support these young people. The total cost of the trip I was told was about 16K. If you weren't able to by a donut or make a donation, let me know and I will direct you to the people who will be happy to accept your help!

Last Sunday was officially the day we honor St. Joseph. I have written about him at length in other bulletins, but hope you will honor and celebrate him as you might have celebrated the Irish saint last week. He never speaks words in any of the Gospels, but his actions assure us that God is with us if we pay attention. May God bless you abundantly this week and may St. Joseph protect us as he did long ago for the Holy Family.

Holy Week Schedule

HOLY THURSDAY ~ April 6
7:00 PM

THE MASS OF OUR LORD'S SUPPER
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the vestibule following the Liturgy, ending at 10:00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY ~ April 7
12:00 PM

Stations of the Cross

1:15 - 3:00 PM

Liturgy of the Word
Veneration of the Cross
Communion

There will be a collection for the Holy Land.

HOLY SATURDAY ~ April 8
8:00 PM Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY ~ April 9

Masses: 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

ALL SERVICES WILL BE LIVE-STREAMED, EXCEPT THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS ON GOOD FRIDAY.

Please note there will be no morning Masses on Holy Thursday or Good Friday.

There is no Reconciliation or 5:00 pm Mass on Holy Saturday.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Are you interested in serving your parish on the St. Theresa Pastoral Council? The Pastoral Council is a body of active parishioners that supports the goals and vision of our parish community and staff. This is a 3 year commitment and we meet monthly. For more details, please contact Paulette Tuckner at pmtuckner@comcast.net.

WINGS ~ WOMEN IN GOD'S SPIRIT

WINGS meetings, take place in person in the Meeting Rooms and on Zoom from 9:15-11:15am, on Wednesdays. If you need the zoom link contact Denise Mollen at mollend@aol.com. She will send you the link to Zoom. Our theme for the 2022/2023 year is: **"Abide in God's Love"**



MARCH 29TH

J.C. ORTON

**FOUNDER OF NIGHT ON THE STREETS
BERKELEY CATHOLIC WORKER
The Two Great Commandments**