

ST. THERESA PARISH COMMUNITY

APRIL 2, 2023

PALM SUNDAY OF THE
PASSION OF THE LORD

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

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After Hours Medical Emergency Line: 510.610.7715

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 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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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.



Rise & Shine

A youth-friendly and youth-involved Mass ALL ARE WELCOME!

9am Sunday, April 2nd

This weekend is Palm Sunday!

Join us early before Mass, receive your palms, and join in the procession.

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 Holy Week Trust



Isaiah 50:4-7

Psalm 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Philippians 2:6-11

Matthew 26:14-27:66

In Matthew we hear the familiar words of the Passion story. Isaiah, in a reading about the suffering servant, declares "The Lord is my help." Jesus says the words of the psalm of the day, "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?" Paul tells us that Jesus was exalted by God and given the name above all other names. Can I come to praise God even in my sufferings? The first step is to trust God. Trust is a decision.

This week I will look at my life and decide where I need to trust God. I will make that decision and commitment, and make it again, and again, and again, as often and for as long as I need to for it to become a habitual way of thinking. Yes, the Lord is my help.



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.

LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

FR. NGEMA, LENTEN BIBLE JOURNEY

April 3

7:00 pm on Zoom

Zoom link is in the Friday Flocknote

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Happy Easter

We are in need of Easter Candy

Saint Vincent de Paul of Alameda Co. is hosting Easter for 300 kids.

Please Drop off Candy at our downtown campus

2272 San Pablo Ave., Oakland CA 94612 or you can use our Amazon link:

<https://tinyurl.com/5n6jsct2>

If you have any questions please email: KDebasasvdp-alameda.org

EASTER FOR 300 KIDS

Drop off candy at their downtown campus
2272 San Pablo Ave.

Or use the Amazon link <https://tinyurl.com/5n6jsct2>
Do not drop off candy at the church.

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.

WEEKLY READINGS: APRIL 3-9

Monday:	Thursday:	Saturday:	Sunday:
Is 42:1-7 Ps 27 Jn 12:1-11	Ex 12:1-8, 11-14 Ps 116 1 Cor 11:23-26 Jn 13:1-15	Gn 1:1-2:2 Gn 22:1-18 Ex 14:15-15:1 Is 54:5-14 Is 55:1-11 Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4 Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28 Rm 6:3-11 Lk 24:1-12	Acts 10:34a, 37-43 Ps 118 1 Cor 5:6b-8 "Victimae paschali laudes" Jn 20:1-9
Tuesday:	Friday:		
Is 49:1-6 Ps 71 Jn 13:21-33, 36-38	Is 52:13-53:12 Ps 31 Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9 Jn 18:1-19:42		
Wednesday:			
Is 50:4-9a Ps 69 Mt 26:14-25			


MASS INTENTIONS - APRIL 1 - APRIL 9

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

Mon. 8:30 am † Peter Cuttitta
 Tues. 8:30 am † Quinn M. Boyer
 Wed. 8:30 am † Katherine and Joseph Brady
 Thurs. 7:00 pm Parish Community of St. Theresa
 Fri.

Sat. 8:00 pm † Ida and Nick Monti
 Sun. 9:00 am Parish Community of St. Theresa
 Sun. 11:00 am Parish Community of St. Theresa

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- ◆ 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 20 - 26) 54 DONORS \$ 3,149.50

MASS/DROP-OFF/MAILED DONATIONS:

(March 20 - 26) 40 DONORS \$ 2,870.00



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.

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.

DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers, those who have died especially James Sprecher.

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."



**Bishop's Ministries
 Appeal 2023**

**St. Theresa Parish
 Goal - \$35,800**

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



A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

A few weeks ago, we began Lent by hearing Christ tell us to pray behind closed doors: "Go to your inner room and pray to your Father in secret."

We didn't completely know exactly how we'd be spending these weeks even though we made our personal Lenten commitments.

But here we are. Today we sing or shout 'Hosanna' and wave palm branches, and we wave our own palms.

The dictionary tells us that the palm tree gets its name from the way its open branches resemble the human hand.

So this year, as we begin Holy Week, we can also use our hands as our palms.

And we are called to use them with humility — and with hope.

Holy Week, of course, is unlike any other in the Christian calendar — it begins with triumph and ends with tragedy on Friday and then rejoicing next Sunday when the joy of Easter is proclaimed.

In between, every day becomes a lived prayer, a reflection on the inevitable, as we draw closer, hour by hour, to the betrayal, the Lord's Supper, the arrest, Christ's passion and death. All the sorrows we heard proclaimed in the long annual reading of the Passion.

This sadness continues to afflict us in the wars that continue to unjustly rage (especially in the Ukraine), the illnesses that afflict many, the natural storms, floods, earthquakes, cyclones and tornadoes, the homelessness and lack of enough food for so many.

But in spite of all of the above, our faith compels us to look further, to look beyond this Sunday, to the next — and to use these palms, our hands, as instruments of prayer.

These last days of Lent, as we pray for our world, we pray with the great gift of hope, and we do it for this reason:

We know that the Christian story doesn't end on Good Friday.

I'm reminded of the moment in "The Passion of the Christ" when Jesus, burdened under the weight of the cross, falls to the ground. As he struggles to get up, he sees the heartbroken face of his mother. He forces a weak smile and speaks to her the words we all know from the book of Revelation: "See, mother," he says, "I make all things new."

That is what we await.

And that, in many ways, is the great message and mission of Lent that we have been working toward — to make ourselves new, to make our lives new. We have given ourselves over to fasting and sacrifice and prayer and greater acts of love for one another, so that we might be what God intended us to be.

We want God to make all things new — including every one of us.

Including every part of our broken and suffering world.

As we mark these final hours of Lent, during this unforgettable time in history, the great challenge of this moment becomes: how will we spend these last days before Easter?

Well, as I said: we don't have branches, but we have palms. Put them to use during this week we call "holy."

Let us pray.

Pray for health care providers and chaplains and doctors and nurses, the heroes of our age. Pray for the sick and the suffering. Pray for the homeless, the people who flee drones and



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.

A WORD FROM THE PASTOR *CONTINUED*

bombardment. Pray that we will use our belief to bring God's resolution to these and all sad situations and circumstances.

Pray for one another.

Let us use our palms, however we can, from within our own "inner rooms," to uplift one another, to support one another, to help one another carry our crosses.

May we live this Holy Week like no other, in a spirit of prayer like no other: with confidence...with courage...and with fervent hope in The One whose own palms were pierced as he was nailed to the cross.

I look forward to seeing you at all the special services this coming week. I look forward to seeing you when the joy is proclaimed in spite of the ongoing sadness.