

ST. THERESA PARISH COMMUNITY

APRIL 9, 2023

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE
RESURRECTION 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

Phone: 510.547.2777

After Hours Medical Emergency Line: 510.610.7715

Parish Website: www.sttheresaokland.org



Facebook: StTheresaChurch/Oakland



https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCn5JX1e3QrqXTsa_7qmNCIw

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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-Coordination

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Parish Calendar: <https://sttheresaokland.org/calendar>

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Thank you to all the volunteers who assisted with all the Holy Week services.

Lectors, Cantors, Choirs, Ushers, Greeters, Eucharistic Ministers, Videographers, Musicians, Environment team.

Your ongoing support of the parish is greatly appreciated.

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.

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 ongoing 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 jsbojorquez@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>.

ST THERESA PARISH INVITES YOU

Irene Crosetti Ravioli Dinner

Saturday April 29th

Doors open at 6pm

Meal includes: Antipasta, Salad and Ravioli
Italian Cookies for Dessert
Cash Bar

\$15 for adults

\$10
8th grade & younger



St Theresa Event Center
Order Tickets on parish website by Sunday April 23rd
sttheresaokland.org

https://sttheresaokland.org/Ravioli_Dinner

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"**



**APRIL 12TH
EASTER BREAK**

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 10 - 16

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33 Ps 16 Mt 28:8-15	Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10 Ps 105 Lk 24:13-35	Friday: Acts 4:1-12 Ps 118 Jn 21:1-14	Sunday: Acts 2:42-47 Ps 118 1 Pt 1:3-9 Jn 20:19-31
Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41 Ps 33 Jn 20:11-18	Thursday: Acts 3:11-26 Ps 8 Lk 24:35-48	Saturday: Acts 4:13-21 Ps 118 Mk 16:9-15	


MASS INTENTIONS - APRIL 8 - 16

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

Mon. 8:30 am For those who serve our parish
 Tues. 8:30 am For all who are burdened by poverty
 Wed. 8:30 am ✚ Joseph & Clementina Brignole
 Thurs. 8:30 am ✚ Vernon Cassidy
 Fri. 8:30 am Parish Community of St. Theresa

Sat. 8:00 pm ✚ Bob Gonzales
 Sun. 9:00 am ✚ Dorothy and Thomas Donnelly

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 27 - April 2) 63 DONORS **\$ 4,165.70**

MASS/DROP-OFF/MAILED DONATIONS:

(March 27 - April 2) 55 DONORS **\$ 5,130.25**

PARISH MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENT:

ONLINE: (MARCH 6 - APRIL 25) 34 DONORS **\$ 1,323.00**

MASS/DROP-OFF/MAILED: 29 DONORS **\$ 1,533.00**



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.

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE (SJC) CORNER

As a committee we have been inspired by the film *The Letter*, a message for our Earth.

Laudato Si' is the name of Pope Francis' encyclical about care for our common home. An encyclical is a document intended to circulate among all members of the Catholic Church. Despite being a Catholic document, Laudato Si' is addressed to "every person living on this planet," because all of us are responsible for restoring our common home. (Laudato Si', 3)

Laudato Si Goals

The seven goals provide guidance on urgent and immediate actions each one of us can take in the care of our common home. "All of us can cooperate as instruments of God for the care of creation, each according to this or her own culture, experience, involvements and talents."

Here are the first three.**Response to the Cry of the Earth**

The Response to the Cry of the Earth is a call to protect our common home for the wellbeing of all, as we equitably address the climate crisis, biodiversity loss, and ecological sustainability. Actions could include the adoption of renewable energies and energy sufficiency measures, achieving carbon neutrality, protecting biodiversity, promoting sustainable agriculture, and guaranteeing access to clean water for all.

Response to the cry of the Poor

The Response to the Cry of the Poor is a call to promote eco-justice, aware that we are called to defend human life from conception to death, and all forms of life on Earth. Actions could include projects to promote solidarity, with special attention given to vulnerable groups such as indigenous communities, refugees, migrants, and children at risk, analysis and improvement of social systems, and social service programs.

Ecological Economics

Ecological Economics acknowledges that the economy is a sub-system of human society, which itself is embedded within the biosphere—our common home. Actions could include sustainable production and consumption, ethical investments, divestment from fossil fuels and any activity harmful to the planet and the people, supporting circular economies, and prioritizing care labor and protecting the dignity of workers.

"Most High, all-powerful, all-good Lord, All praise is Yours, all glory, all honor and all blessings. To you alone, Most High, do they belong, and no

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 Whately, 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.

**Bishop's Ministries Appeal 2023**

St. Theresa Parish
Goal - \$35,800

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

SOCIAL JUSTICE (CONTINUED)

mortal lips are worthy to pronounce Your Name. Praised be You my Lord with all Your creatures, especially Sir Brother Sun, Who is the day through whom You give us light. "Canticle of Brother Sun Sister Moon by St. Francis of Assisi

*****Stay Tuned for events on Earth Day with the Social Justice Committee the weekend of April 22nd and April 23rd. For more information contact Lydia Deck at ltdeck@me.com**

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Happy Easter! Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

I welcome all who join us this weekend to celebrate the apex of our faith, the proclamation of Easter. This feast is not about Christ rising from the dead, but about our hope given through Christ's death and resurrection that we will rise one day in glory with all God's saints and angels. As the Church gave us forty days of Lent to fast, pray and care for the poor, the Church now gives us the reason for it all: gratitude for the hope and promise Christ's Resurrection gives to all of us.

Deacon Greg Kandra works as a newscaster and deacon in Brooklyn. His words are eloquent about what the above means to us who celebrate this day!

"A few days ago, I was contacted by a reporter at the New York Post. She was doing a story for Easter, all about being Catholic in 2023. She wanted to hear my thoughts, especially in light of some of the headlines that have been in the news lately. I agreed to talk with her, but we kept missing each other, and she was on deadline, and I had obligations here at church, so the interview never happened.

I don't know if she got the story she was looking for. But I wish she could be in any Catholic Church on Holy Saturday night. You can't find a greater story than what we are witnessing in this church.

Here, and now, we are seeing the ongoing miracle of not just any story, but the Greatest Story Ever Told. You and I are a part of it. The candidates and catechumens who joined our Church as adults on Holy Saturday join our journey as so many have for over two thousand years.

The statistics are staggering. Thousands of people entered the Church again this year. And the numbers just keep growing in spite of the scandals, apathy, busyness, and poor press we sometimes rightfully or wrongfully receive as a Church each year.

We could speculate why that's so. But ultimately, it comes to this: they are drawn by hope. It is a hope that is stronger than despair... a truth that towers over a world of falsehood... the Light of the World that scatters every darkness.

That, in all its greatness and mystery and wonder, is our faith.

I've spent the last couple of days thinking about the question that the reporter was seeking to answer. What does it mean to be a Catholic today?

It means, first of all, history. It is looking back across 20 centuries and remembering where we came from. And where we came from begins with the gospel we just heard, and the empty tomb, and the first bewildered witnesses who had to tell the story of what they saw. And they told others. And then they told others.

And the story goes on.

It is the story of faith on a mission: "The pilgrim church on earth." It is the story of a journey — from Jerusalem to Rome to Africa...to India and Asia and islands in the South Pacific. It is a mission that eventually brought people to America, and a place called Oakland.

It is about the people who made that mission happen: sisters and brothers, priests and religious and lay people by the millions who did the unsung, heroic work of building up the church, often at enormous sacrifice, sometimes paying with their lives. It is immigrants who gave spare change to build churches, and nuns who cared for the sick when no one else would, and who taught our parents and grandparents and great grandparents. It is priests who celebrated mass in auditoriums and gymnasiums, and who walked arm in arm through the south with Martin Luther King. It is standing in solidarity with the smallest, the weakest, the defenseless: the unborn.

What does being a Catholic today mean? It is parents giving up vacations so their kids can go to Catholic school.

It's those same kids giving up their weekends to be altar servers.



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.

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

A WORD FROM THE PASTOR *CONTINUED*

It is May Processions and First Communions and fish fries and ravioli dinners. It's the crèche at Christmas, and this candle at Easter.

It's the cry of a baby being baptized. It's the gentle voice of the priest offering absolution to someone who hasn't been to confession in 20 years — and offering a chance to begin again, and to be made new. And it is silence, the thundering silence of people who come here on any given weekday to light a candle, say a rosary, and pray.

It is the hundreds who crowd into this church on an ordinary Wednesday in the middle of the winter to receive ashes.

It is the many who came here last Friday afternoon to behold the wounded, scarred face of Christ — and venerate his cross with a kiss.

It is the anonymous strangers who stop by the statue of the Blessed Mother outside the church, and leave roses, or folded scraps of paper with petitions. "Mary, pray for my son. Mary, help me find a job."

It is being the Body of Christ, continuing today what he began...with love, and with gratitude, and with a sense of pride. This is our Church. This is our faith.

Beyond what may appear to the world out there, it is, most importantly, what we cherish here. And that is — overwhelmingly — the Eucharist: Christ himself, placed before us, as small as a coin, as vast and limitless as the universe.

That is what I'd like to have told the reporter. But today, I'm telling you. And maybe you can spread the word.

Because this is a headline the world needs to know: we are people of resurrection. Easter people. People of hope. People carrying within us, and into the world, the light of Christ.

And that is how we live out, in our own way, the Greatest Story Ever Told.

And this Easter Sunday — by the grace of God, with 'Alleluias' in our hearts and on our lips — the story goes on."

May the joy of Easter dwell in your hearts and bless you and all you love throughout this Easter season. Christ is Risen! Alleluia!