

ST. THERESA PARISH COMMUNITY

APRIL 16, 2023

SECOND SUNDAY OF
EASTER

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.

Keri Nims ~ keri@sttheresaokland.org

Middle School Youth Ministry (Grades 6-8)

Jenny Bruni and Keri Nims: Co-Coordination

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

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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

sttheresaoakland.org

https://sttheresaoakland.org/Ravioli_Dinner

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 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://sttheresaoakland.org/donate>.

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 19TH

DIANA WEAR, M.Div.; CO-FOUNDER, WOMEN IN POLITICS
The Spirit Moves in Community

WEEKLY READINGS: APRIL 17-23

Monday: Acts 4:23-31 Ps 2 Jn 3:1-8	Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26 Ps 34 Jn 3:16-21	Friday: Acts 5:34-42 Ps 27 Jn 6:1-15	Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33 Ps 16 1 Pt 1:17-21 Lk 24:13-35
Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37 Ps 93 Jn 3:7b-15	Thursday: Acts 5:27-33 Ps 24 Jn 3:31-36	Saturday: Acts 6:1-7 Ps 33 Jn 6:16-21	



It is our goal for St. Theresa School to remain affordable, in part by assisting families who sacrifice to give their children a Catholic education. We count on the support of parishioners to help those families who without our help, cannot meet the full tuition requirement. Contributions received by members of the St. Theresa Parish last year are helping 23 families with their tuition payments this year. Currently, the tuition for one child to attend St. Theresa School is over \$10,000.


Our graduates are lifelong learners and young people of faith who continue to be of service to our community. We are proud of their achievements and your donation is an investment in their future. We thank you in advance for your ongoing support.



MASS INTENTIONS - APRIL 15 - 23

Sat.	5:00 pm	✙ Bob Gonzales
Sun.	9:00 am	✙ Dorothy and Thomas Donnelly
Mon.	8:30 am	Immigrants and Refugees
Tues.	8:30 am	For peace in all the troubled areas of the world
Wed.	8:30 am	For the youth of our parish
Thurs.	8:30 am	For Victims and Survivors of Human Trafficking
Fri.	8:30 am	For all who are homeless
Sat.	5:00 pm	Parish Community of St. Theresa
Sun.	9:00 am	✙ Michael Stack

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 your full name and email address.

SUNDAY OFFERING**ONLINE GIVING:**

(April 3 - 9) 63 DONORS **\$ 4,619.50**

MASS/DROP-OFF/MAILED DONATIONS:

(April 3 - 9) 55 DONORS **\$ 9,784.00**

HOLY LAND COLLECTION: \$ 1,040.71

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 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**

**DECEASED**

Please remember in your prayers, those who have died especially Phil Jelly, Benedetto Tamburrino, Jim Coleman & Fr. Dennis Regan.

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, Phil Stover.



Bishop's Ministries Appeal 2023


St. Theresa Parish Goal - \$35,800

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



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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.

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Many thanks to all who made Lent, Holy Week, and our Easter celebrations wonderful moments in the life of our parish! I am especially grateful to the Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers who are coming back in force, those who stayed after the Sunday morning Mass or came on Holy Saturday morning to surround us with an environment that immediately helped us feel the liturgical moments we arrived to celebrate (Lent, Palm Sunday, Easter.)



The choir is growing and increasingly helping us all sing God's praises better with a special note to Rob Cakebread and all our cantors! Altar Servers are slowly coming back, and two very faithful servers make the Masses they attended go smoother. The whole parish staff prepared and facilitated the 'Parish 99 retreat'. I especially thank Cathy Brady who behind the scenes managed to get the new sound system tweaked, prepared scripts for all of the services and so much more that no one ever realizes.

All and the ministry of the whole congregation gives me an opportunity to reflect on the Baptismal promises we renewed at Easter. Rita Ferrone says it better than I can in a recent article from *Commonweal* magazine.

[commonwealmagazine.org](https://www.commonwealmagazine.org) · by Rita Ferrone

The baptismal font used to be tucked away in a small chapel at the rear of the church, almost invisible. Now it stands in a central position in the nave, with a direct sightline to the altar. This follows the recommendation of the U.S. bishops' document on church design, "Built of Living Stones," which suggests that placing the font on an axis with the altar is an admirable way to symbolize the journey of a Christian from baptism to Eucharist.

"Christian, remember your dignity!" Pope Leo the Great thundered in a fifth-century homily. "Bear in mind who is your head, and of whose body you are a member." In the course of Christian history, alas, this sense of the dignity of the baptized began to fade. It dwindled until baptism was considered little more than a way to save infants from original sin. The decline of a robust ecclesial understanding of what takes place at the font undermined the very possibility of conceiving what is called "the baptismal priesthood"—the sharing of all the baptized in the one priesthood of Christ. As the ordained, or ministerial, priesthood began to be explained in the twelfth century by a theology of powers conveyed by Holy Orders, and belonging to the priest alone, the earlier ecclesiology of communion, which was a baptismal ecclesiology, went into eclipse.

What affected me most powerfully was seeing the font.

Vatican II set out to retrieve this patristic heritage, and it did much to recover the central importance of baptism through the liturgical reform. It led parishes to take their fonts out of the closet and it gave Catholics a series of rites with which to celebrate baptism that were far more communal and robust than they had been for centuries. It restored the catechumenate to its place in the cycle of the liturgical year and called the community of faith to a responsible role in accompanying candidates through all the stages of Christian initiation.

Yet have we fully grasped what it all means? As I stood there, looking past the font to the altar, the words of liturgical historian Aidan Kavanagh came back to me: "We baptize to the priesthood." No, we certainly do not yet understand this truth. The words of the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy point to it, however: the liturgy, in which we are to participate fully and consciously, is called by this Vatican II document "an exercise of the priestly office of Jesus Christ" (SC 7). The fathers of the council went as far as to say that the people participate by offering the sacrifice at the altar *with the priest*. They offer *themselves* in that sacrifice too: "By offering the Immaculate Victim, not only through the hands of the priest, but also with him, they should learn also to offer themselves" (SC 48). Without using the words "baptismal priesthood," this is exactly what the document affirms.

For many years, I thought that the journey from the font to the table was for the purpose of sharing in the Eucharist, to complete Christian initiation by receiving the Body and Blood of Christ. This is true as far as it goes, but, in reality, there is much more to it than that. We arise from the waters of baptism as a priestly people because it is only then that we can go, joyfully, to the altar of God (Psalm 43:4) to offer the sacrifice. We place our own lives on the altar with the bread and the wine, joining our imperfect self-offering to the perfect sacrifice of Christ.

The whole Church is, in a word, priestly. One becomes a Christian—another Christ—so as to bear Christ's light and life to others and to offer the whole world back to God in the Eucharist, transformed by faith, hope, and love. This is what St. Augustine meant when he explained to the newly baptized that the Eucharist on the altar is their own mystery, and why he said, "We call everyone priests because all are members of only one priesthood."

Can all of this be gathered simply by looking at a baptismal font and its placement in a parish church? Of course not. It requires sound initial teaching, homiletic and catechetical unpacking, and a lived faith experience in community to bring these insights home. What a font can do for us—beyond the celebration of baptism itself—is to awaken a memory of these sacred realities and stir up a longing for their fulfillment. It is a place to touch the mystery of who we are, and marvel anew.