

ST. THERESA PARISH COMMUNITY

APRIL 23, 2023

THIRD 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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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 26TH

GREG & LINDA GOVAN; COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS
Little Things Mean a Lot

WEEKLY READINGS: APRIL 24 - 30

Monday: Acts 6:8-15 Ps 119 Jn 6:22-29	Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8 Ps 66 Jn 6:35-40	Friday: Acts 9:1-20 Ps 117 Jn 6:52-59	Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41 Ps 23 1 Pt 2:20b-25 Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14 Ps 89 Mk 16:15-20	Thursday: Acts 8:26-40 Ps 66 Jn 6:44-51	Saturday: Acts 9:31-42 Ps 116 Jn 6:60-69	



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 22 - 30

Sat.	5:00 pm	Parish Community of St. Theresa
Sun.	9:00 am	✠ Michael Stack
Mon.	8:30 am	For the children of the parish
Tues.	8:30 am	For the poor and those in need
Wed.	8:30 am	For all who give of their time and talent in the parish
Thurs.	8:30 am	For all who live in the shadow of war and violence
Fri.	8:30 am	For an end to discrimination
Sat.	5:00 pm	✠ John McCole
Sun.	9:00 am	Parish Community of St. Theresa

MASS INTENTIONS

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

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 10 - 16) 53 DONORS

\$ 2,739.50

MASS/DROP-OFF/MAILED DONATIONS:

(April 10 - 16) 41 DONORS

\$ 8,609.00



Find Simplicity
with eGiving

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)

The Weekend of April 22nd and 23rd is EARTH WEEKEND

Please join our committee as we celebrate Earth Day at **Big Frog Park with Clean up Day**

When: Saturday April 22nd from 9am -12 noon.

Where: Meet at the big oak tree by the Big Frog play structure to sign the waiver to participate in the clean-up and related activities. Where comfortable clothes and something red (so we can spot St. T helpers)

Please bring your own gardening gloves and refillable water bottles. Some gardening gloves will be available onsite so please bring disposable gloves if you would like to borrow a pair.

Tools will be provided but you can also bring your own.

Please join our committee after Mass with our Earth Day Mini Faire.

When: Sunday April 23rd after 9am Mass.

Where: right outside of church

Learn how to compost; Get tips for how to recycle; Make prayer cards for our earth; pick up some flower seeds and enter a raffle for a home compost bin.

For more information contact Lydia Deck at lddeck@me.com

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR EARTH:

"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

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COLLETON

The 2nd collection for St. Vincent de Paul will be on April 29 & 30. This collection benefits the St. Vincent de Paul Society conference in our parish, 100% of your donation benefits people in our community. donations will be used to help the needy with their utility bills, rent and in some cases money toward their security deposits as first time renters. There is going to be a deluge of requests as the rent moratoria are expiring . You may use Online Giving for this collection.

DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers, those who have died especially Ida Scodella, the wife of Joe Scodella.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS ALL THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Matt Mercier, Heidi Parmelee, Dolores Gomez, Alegria Hipolito, Betty Wharton, Juanita Estrella, Olga Lamberti, Wendy Parmelee, Roger Baylocq, Alicia Gonzalez, Susan Springer, Badri Nakhjavani, Wendy Jones, Orlanda Gonzalez, Kevin Chapman, Diane Cerille, Ruth McCabe, Tom Wilberding, Shirley Roberts, Danny Ramos, Mark Leonard, Christopher Rodriguez, Maryanne Walsh, Rhonda Santee, 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, Phil Stover, Charles Ostrofe.



**Bishop's Ministries
Appeal 2023**

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

Percentage Achieved **11.2%**

\$4,010 as of April 15, 2023

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

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Congratulations to all our First Communicants this weekend!

These second grade students join us after diligent study and practice to participate in the core of our worship. They no longer have to cross their arm when approaching the minister at Communion time, but finally receive Jesus' gift to us, the gift of himself. May each of these new Communicants participate and know Jesus is with them for the rest of their lives.



Congratulations to the parents, siblings, grandparents, other family and friends who have encouraged this First Communion class to bring them to this day. May God bless each of you abundantly for the good example you have shown and the practice you have modeled.

You may have heard that the U.S. bishops have called all of us to a 'Eucharistic Revival.' This call will culminate in a national celebration and gathering in 2024. (Details will follow.) Every parish has been called to participate in this culminating gathering, and we have been asked to do some things locally. In September, a diocesan wide event will take place. (Again, details will follow.) But at a more local level we can participate, by reflecting on our Masses, using the opportunities that our church is open almost every day from early morning until approximately 5pm for prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament and trying to especially attend for a visit on First Fridays, when the Eucharist is put on the altar in a monstrance with many keeping watch from the time the morning Mass concludes to about 5pm.

Pope Benedict wrote a letter/encyclical in 2007 entitled: ***Sacramentum Caritatis***. I recommend all to read this great letter as a personal way of participating in the 'revival' that the bishops have called for us to embrace. Pope Benedict calls for three components for Eucharistic Revival: the Eucharist is a mystery to be believed, a mystery to be celebrated, and a mystery to be lived. I would like to try to address all three components over the next few weeks. Today a few words from various sources presenting: *the mystery to be believed*:

"The holy Eucharist completes Christian initiation. Those who have been raised to the dignity of the royal priesthood by Baptism and configured more deeply to Christ by Confirmation participate with the whole community in the Lord's own sacrifice by means of the Eucharist."

"In brief, the Eucharist is the sum and summary of our faith: 'Our way of thinking is attuned to the Eucharist, and the Eucharist in turn confirms our way of thinking.'

The doctrine of the Holy Eucharist consist of that of the Eucharistic sacrifice, the sacrificial meal, and the sacrificial food, or to express it otherwise, it consists of the doctrine of the Mass, of Communion, and of the Real Presence. There is no presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament that is not meant first and foremost as food for the faithful people, and there is no sacramental union with Christ in Holy Communion that is not to be thought of as a sacrificial meal: 'For as often as you shall eat this bread, and drink the chalice, you shall show the death of the Lord, until he come' (1 Cor. 11:26). The Eucharistic meal can only be prepared in the sacrifice of the Mass.

Thus the mystery of the Eucharist summarizes the whole mystery of our redemption. There are two fundamental relationships in which Christ stands to us. First, he is our priestly mediator with God, and offers him atonement for our sins. But Christ is not a stranger to us, who merely represents us as a propitiator before God. He comes to us in the second relationship by being the

mediator of the grace which God gives us on account of his sacrifice. That is the mystery of our union with Christ who is the source of all grace for us. 'And of his fullness we have all received, grace for grace' (John 1:16).

This second community is realized only in the sacrifice of the Cross, by his giving his life for his Church which he had to ransom from himself. Only in death did Christ seal the deep covenant with the Church whereby she is purified and sanctified and which according to the teaching of St. Paul is the image of the most intimate union of human being in marriage: 'Husbands, love your wives, as Christ also loved the Church and delivered himself up for it; that he might sanctify it, cleansing it by the laver of water in the word of life' (Eph. 5:25). From the opened side of our crucified Savior the Church was first born, as Eve was taken from Adam's side. That is the most ancient way of expressing this truth.

This two-fold relationship, then, in which Christ stands to us men, as our mediator before God and the bringer of all graces from God, lives on in the mystery of the Eucharist. The Mass is the renewing of the sacrifice which Christ offered for us, of the sacrifice of atonement for our sins; but the sacrifice is also at the same time the preparation of the Eucharistic meal, the sacrament of our union with Christ in grace and a foretaste of the union we will have with God in heaven.

We should not be surprised if the doctrine of the real presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament occurs more than most doctrines in the documents of the Church. There are few mysteries of faith where the mystery is so evident and therefore so exposed to the attacks of heresy and unbelief. However, the militant position of the Church should not prevent us from seeing the Real Presence in the context of the whole Eucharistic mystery.

Doctrine about the Eucharistic sacrament, sacrificial meal, and sacrificial food:

1. The Holy Eucharist is a true sacrament, instituted by Christ. Christ is really present in the Holy Eucharist, even when not being received. It is therefore to be honored and adored. The whole Christ is present in either kind or is received by the communicant. For the wheat bread and grape wine are transubstantiated by the ordained priest into the flesh and blood of Christ so that only the appearance of bread and wine remains.
2. The sacrament effects union with Christ; it is nourishment for the soul, gives increase in grace and remits venial sin and punishment.

May the gift that we believe, celebrate and live in guide us in the coming week and for the rest of our lives!

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 president's communion station to receive a low gluten host.



World Day of Prayer for Vocations

April 30, 2023

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