

# ST. THERESA PARISH COMMUNITY

APRIL 30, 2023

FOURTH 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](http://www.sttheresaokland.org)



Facebook: [StTheresaChurch/Oakland](https://www.facebook.com/StTheresaChurch/Oakland)



[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCn5JX1e3QrqXTsa\\_7qmNCIw](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](mailto:keri@sttheresaokland.org)

## Middle School Youth Ministry (Grades 6-8)

Jenny Bruni and Keri Nims: Co-Coordinators

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

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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.

**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"*



MAY 3<sup>RD</sup>

**SHARON CORNU, MSHS**

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ST. MARY'S CENTER, OAKLAND**

*St. Mary's Center at 50+: Proud Past, Bright Future*

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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 [jtsbojorquez@yahoo.com](mailto: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>.

**WEEKLY READINGS: MAY 1 - 7**

<b>Monday:</b> Acts 11:1-18 Ps 42 Jn 10:11-18	<b>Tuesday:</b> Acts 11:19-26 Ps 87 Jn 10:22-30	<b>Wednesday:</b> 1 Cor 15:1-8 Ps 19 Jn 14:6-14	<b>Thursday:</b> Acts 13:13-25 Ps 89 Jn 13:16-20	<b>Friday:</b> Acts 13:26-33 Ps 2 Jn 14:1-6	<b>Saturday:</b> Acts 13:44-52 Ps 98 Jn 14:7-14	<b>Sunday:</b> Acts 6:1-7 Ps 33 1 Pt 2:4-9 Jn 14:1-12
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**MASS INTENTIONS - APRIL 29 - MAY 7**

Sat. 5:00 pm † John McCole  
 Sun. 9:00 am Parish Community of St. Theresa

Mon. 8:30 am † Phil Jelly  
 Tues. 8:30 am † Michael S. Donovan  
 Wed. 8:30 am For the poor, hidden within our own community  
 Thurs. 8:30 am For peace in our world  
 Fri. 8:30 am For the pope, and all Church leaders

Sat. 5:00 pm † Ida & Nick Monti  
 Sun. 9:00 am Parish Community of St. Theresa  
 11:00 am Confirmation Students

**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](http://flocknote.com/StTheresa30)  
 OR Text: STT To: 84579

OR send an email to [cathy\\_b@sttheresaokland.org](mailto: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 17 - 23)* 51 DONORS **\$ 2,324.50**

**MASS/DROP-OFF/MAILED DONATIONS:**  
*(April 17 - 23)* 46 DONORS **\$ 5,064.00**

 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.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

To request a Mass Intention contact Melody Marr at [melody@sttheresaokland.org](mailto:melody@sttheresaokland.org) or 510.547.2777, ext. 120

**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)

**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"

**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.

**PARISH MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENT**

The second collection for the Parish Maintenance & Improvement Fund will be on May 6 & 7.

You may also use Online Giving for this collection.

**FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION**



May 5<sup>th</sup>  
**9:00 am to 4:30 pm**  
 Benediction at 4:30 pm.

**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 Bayloq, 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, Laura Tom, Joey Smith.



**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 again to our First Communion recipients! The beautiful banner placed on the altar last week with images of the First Communicants hands reminds all of us that we are the Body of Christ. Our hands are now Christ's hands. As these girls and boys grow in closeness to the Lord with the frequent reception of Communion, may we all rejoice that another generation has received God's most precious gift to us. May their example remind us of the love God has for all of us. As we heard the story of the two disciples walking on the road to Emmaus, may we recognize Jesus for he is always ready to walk with each of us!



A couple of weeks ago, when announcements were made about the financial situation of the diocese, it coincided with the kick-off for the annual Bishop's Ministries Appeal collection. Our goal has been the same for the past several years and two years ago we surpassed 100% of our goal and last year we came close but did not reach 100%. We chose not to show the video about the appeal in church because it was being initiated later than last year and we had several other worthy second collections during the month of March. We are grateful for your ongoing support to each of these worthy causes, in addition to a special collection when another terrible earthquake ravaged Turkey and the Sudan. I urge you to go to the diocesan website or the Friday Flocknote and look at this year's video about the Bishop's Ministries Appeal. It is only a two and half minute video but encapsulates where these funds go to support important programs that assure all the "Christ promised to be with us always" in our diocese.

You have heard about a cumulation of lawsuits against the diocese. None of the funds that are donated to the Bishop's Ministries Appeal will be accessible to settling any lawsuit, but will only go to help religious education programs, programs for the poor, support of our seminary students and all that is mentioned in the video and materials about this annual collection. May God abundantly bless your ongoing generosity toward our parish, school, and diocese! Jesus is always with us is a reality because of your commitment and care.

This weekend we come together for the now 'annual ravioli dinner' named in honor of Irene Crosetti, who when the possibility of a crab feed became difficult, came up and gathered some wonderful women who put on the first ravioli dinner a few years ago. I hope many of you remember Irene with Margaret at the church door each week. They knew every child's name and encouraged them with every challenge and success they faced. Margaret and others continue this legacy, but we welcome the Crosetti family and friends to this gathering and are grateful for the kind donation of wine to facilitate this event. I know Irene's spirit is with us and she rejoices that we continue to care and enjoy each other as part of the presence of Jesus in our midst.

If you watch the bishop's campaign message, he mentions the Eucharistic revival all the U.S. bishops have called for over the next few years. Last week, I started to reflect on the gift that the Eucharist is to us. Believing that the bread and wine at Mass become the complete body, mind, and spirit of Jesus. This can happen because of what we proclaim every Sunday, that Jesus is Risen. The resurrected state frees Jesus from the confines of space and time which is why Jesus can truly be present according to our beliefs when two or more of us gather in His name, when the scriptures are proclaimed to us and preached about and when we gather for Mass and remember him and his words: 'this is my Body, this is my Blood' during the liturgy of the Eucharist.

When we receive, we become the Christ bearers. When we are dismissed at the end of Mass, we are charged with bringing Christ into the world by what we say and do. We show Christ to the world by our compassion, forgiveness, care of the poor and immigrant. We bring Christ's healing touch when we visit the sick, listen to someone burdened, share what we have with those who have little or nothing. This is part of what the Eucharistic Revival is about. We reflect and renew what Jesus commanded us to do so it will be strengthened and renewed in case it has just become routine or less important.

I am grateful that the parish social justice team provided some very interesting and pertinent information about our stewardship of the world itself. Composting and having a garden offers many ways we can show respect for our environment and utilize better the gifts and resources we have and hope to preserve for generations to come. St. Paul in several places speaks of the whole world which will be transformed on the great day of Resurrection at the end of time. Thanks to the group that is pointing us to reflect on the wonderful and amazing world that itself will be fully transformed one day.

Next weekend our bishop will be here for a special Confirmation Mass at 11am. I have now interviewed all of the candidates and I am happy to report that they are a great group of individuals who will be fully initiated into the Church by receiving this sacrament. I always ask each candidate on becoming fully initiated, what ministry (ies) do they see themselves doing as fully initiated members of the Church ( Lector, Cantor, Eucharistic Minister, member of the Pastoral Council, leader at next year's Confirmation program, etc.) I am happy to report on some very positive responses that will keep us vibrant as a parish. I ask that all of us pray extra for those who will be confirmed next weekend. May the extra prayers and grace of the Holy Spirit bless each young candidate and may they in turn carry that Spirit into our parish and world!

Continuing some words about the Eucharistic revival, Cardinal Cupich of Chicago offers a short reflection on Pope Francis' direction for us and this revival:

Pope Francis gives new life to the Council's efforts by reminding us that the liturgy is the school where we learn and are empowered to take up the mission of Christ as members of the Body of Christ. It is precisely in our worship that we are continually renewed in our baptismal call to participate in Christ's work of saving the world.

As the pope observes in "Desiderio Desideravi," "liturgical celebration frees us from the prison of a self-referencing nourished by one's own reasoning and one's own feeling. The action of the celebration does not belong to the individual but to the Christ-Church, to the totality of the faithful united in Christ. The liturgy does not say 'I' but 'we.'"

The liturgy also serves as an antidote to the presumption that we can save ourselves: "Participating in the Eucharistic sacrifice is not our own achievement," Francis continues, "as if because of it we could boast before God or before our brothers and sisters. The beginning of every celebration reminds me who I am, asking me to confess my sin and inviting me to implore the Blessed Mary ever virgin, the angels, and saints and all my brothers and sisters to pray for me to the Lord our God."

Herein lies our understanding of the mystery involved in our worship. Christ not only saves us but invites us to join him in bringing about the salvation of the world. Pope Francis has more to say about the sense of mystery, which some claim we have lost in the liturgical reforms, which I will take up in Part III of this series.