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ST. THERESA PARISH COMMUNITY

MAY 7, 2023

FIFTH 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.facebook.com/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-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 10TH
END-OF YEAR GATHERING**

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*

likewise wasting our time and availing ourselves of nothing for salvation. Their Eucharists were empty and fruitless. If we are to avoid the same condemnation, it will become the effort to recognize the Body of Christ in our world, and to express our faith in the life of service."

Pope Francis again called all of us to help the poor, the refugee, the downtrodden, but to look them in the eye when we do this. This is very difficult most times for us, but fortified by the Eucharist, we can carry and bring Christ to the world. Why do we need to regularly hear God's Word and receive his Body and Blood? We need to be strengthened again and again for the task we've been given. We join our own sacrifices to the Lord's for the salvation of the whole world.

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.

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 with any general questions. Call 510-547-091 if you have a specific question.

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 8 - 14

Monday: Acts 14:5-18 Ps 115 Jn 14:21-26	Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28 Ps 145 Jn 14:27-31a	Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6 Ps 122 Jn 15:1-8	Thursday: Acts 15:7-21 Ps 96 Jn 15:9-11	Friday: Acts 15:22-31 Ps 57 Jn 15:12-17	Saturday: Acts 16:1-10 Ps 100 Jn 15:18-21	Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 Ps 66 1 Pt 3:15-18 Jn 14:15-21
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MASS INTENTIONS - MAY 6 - 14

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

Mon. 8:30 am † Virginia Cuttitta
 Tues. 8:30 am † Michael S. Donovan
 Wed. 8:30 am For the youth of the parish
 Thurs. 8:30 am † Maria & Arnold Tira
 Fri. 8:30 am For those who serve the parish

Sat. 5:00 pm † Aldo Perrucci
 Sun. 9:00 am Mothers

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

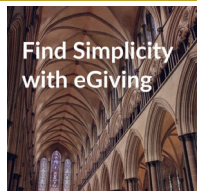
OR send an email to cathy_b@sttheresaokland.org with a request to be added to the Friday Flocknote Group with you full name and email address.

SUNDAY OFFERING

ONLINE GIVING:
(April 24 - 30) 56 DONORS **\$ 2,825.70**

MASS/DROP-OFF/MAILED DONATIONS:
(April 24 - 30) 43 DONORS **\$ 2,979.00**

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:
 ONLINE: 12 DONORS **\$ 496.00**
 MASS/DROP-OFF/MAILED: 26 DONORS **\$ 1,218.00**

 **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 or 510.547.2777, ext. 120

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE (SJC) CORNER

Thanks to everyone who joined our mini Earth Day Fair celebrating the Beauty of our Earth.

And special thanks to those that came out on Saturday to Frog Park for a neighborhood clean up and beautify morning.

Hurray for our Sunday team: Dee, Ela, Nina, Roseanne and Yvonne who helped organize our writing prayers for our Earth table, composting lessons from UC Master Gardeners, Earth Day themed yummy treats, other "how to carry out" Laudate Si materials.

More applause due to our Saturday team: Dee, Roseanne and Dan, Carolyn, Yvonne and Sheila and others who I might not have seen at Frog Park. We appreciate your helping hands.


Stay tuned for more Social Justice Committee happenings!!
 Lydia Deck

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.

 **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>

CATHOLIC CHARITIES ANNUAL COLLECTION

 **HOPE** Hearts like yours *Lives Here* make a big difference for East Bay families, children, and seniors with the fewest resources. Your gifts make it possible for Catholic Charities East Bay to give help and hope to people facing the economic consequences of housing insecurity, food insecurity, and violence and hopelessness among young people. Please give generously to this appeal on May 13th and 14th, during the second collection. You may also give using our Online Giving option.

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 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, Phil Stover, Charles Ostrofe, Laura Tom, Joey Smith.

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Today we welcome, Bishop Barber to our parish. He is celebrating the sacrament of Confirmation as he does every other year. This year Bishop Barber is marking his tenth anniversary as the Bishop of Oakland. We pray for him at every Mass that is celebrated every day when his name is mentioned in the course of the Eucharistic prayers. May our prayers for him continue to be answered as he shepherds this diocese. He has had many tough decisions to make over the decade. As he prays for the gifts of the Holy Spirit to come and strengthen the lives of our young candidate, may that same Holy Spirit guide our bishop.



As I hope you read recently in the April edition of our diocesan periodical, the MAP process is coming to the point of making decisions about all our parishes and schools so that the gifts we have in the diocese will be used in the best ways and continue to give honor to God as we face a very changeling world as the Body of Christ. The bishop has the burden of making the final decisions that will forever alter our diocese. May the good things the Lord has begun in our diocese continue a path to the fulfillment God desires for us!

Congratulations to our Confirmation candidates. Your diligence over the past two years of study, retreats, discussions, social justice service and meditation/prayer now comes to a major point as you become fully initiated members of the Church. We are very proud of you and look forward to seeing you now in the ministries that serve the whole parish. I have interviewed all of the candidates and am again delighted in recognizing the growth in the faith that has taken place in each one of them. Each candidate has carefully thought of the new name most are choosing as they are confirmed. They have made their choices not because it is a family name or tradition but because something or some words of the saint has touched their hearts to the point, they wish to follow the same or similar path the saint followed. As prayed for our diocese and bishop, may the good things the Lord has begun in each of the new confirmandi be brought to fulfillment!

It is with gratitude and praise that I thank Jenny Bruni and the whole Confirmation team for the care, guidance, and example you have given to these outstanding young people. You will never know the impact completely you have on them this day and how it will guide them to be closer to God for the rest of their lives. Our whole parish is grateful for your generous time and example to these students over the past few years.

A quick thanks again to all who put together and made the Ravioli dinner such a great success. Over two hundred people came and had a wonderful meal and wonderful time reconnecting with old friends and new friends. Peter Nuti, chef extraordinaire, commented that it was the first time he

worried that they might run out of food. That did not happen, but what happened was an event that seemed like the days before Covid. Thanks to Keri Nims and Jenny Bruni who made sure even with big challenges that it was a great event. Thanks to all the young people who volunteered time and energy to set up, serve and clean up the event center for this event. Thanks to the Men's Club for your ongoing service in making sure all kept hydrated. Since the school auction event bumped this event to a later date this year, plans are already in the works for next year's event. Since the school auction is going back to a November date, the Ravioli dinner will be moved back to an earlier date. Watch for the announcement about it soon!

Continuing to follow Pope Benedict's exhortation (*Sacramentum Caritatis*) after the Synod on the Eucharist that encompasses Eucharistic Revival in three clear components: a mystery to be believed, a mystery to be celebrated, and a mystery to be lived. I offer some words about the third component, 'a mystery to be lived' paraphrasing Paul Bernier, SSS from his excellent book on the Eucharist entitled: **Bread Broken and Shared, Broadening our vision of Eucharist.** The author writes:

"Each time we celebrate the Eucharist, we end with the words " through him, with him and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, forever and ever." We acknowledge that the only way to honor and please the Father is in, with and through Christ. If we are to develop a eucharistic mind and heart, we will recognize that Christ's way is the way of service to others. (When we receive, we become the living tabernacles and Christ's bearer to our family, friends, the world.) We will appreciate the fact that his generous gift is his presence within the community, for that is where we should be able to find strength and support, loving care, and concern. We are all meant to form part of that sharing Christian community which finds in the Eucharist the high point of its self-expression and the inspiration for continued growth.

After this, it's only a question of practice. Having reminded ourselves of true priorities, we can concentrate on two areas. The first is greater service and generosity, both within our own immediate community and without. Instead of examining our consciences each day on the things we have done wrong, we can look for what we have done right, how we have made the world a better and more Christlike place. We can strive to recognize Christ more easily in the poor and oppressed, remembering that Jesus himself identified with "the least of the brothers." Is it too much to expect some positive action each day on behalf of others?

Eucharist is the second area. We should celebrate with humility, knowing that we always fall short of the self-gift which it implies. Reminding ourselves that the failure of others to appreciate its community dimensions resulted in the severe judgment from Paul (see Letter to the Corinthians) will prevent us from