

ST. THERESA PARISH COMMUNITY

MAY 14, 2023

SIXTH 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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Rise & Shine

A
youth-friendly
and
youth-involved Mass
ALL ARE WELCOME!



9am Sunday, May 14th
This Sunday we honor all mothers,
especially
Our Blessed Mother Mary

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.

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.



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.



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: there is a monthly Food Drive to feed the hungry in the Sacred Heart Parish area for the weekend of May 27-28. Cans of all sorts of food, bags of rice and beans, pasta and other non-perishables are needed. The donations should be dropped off in the vestibule up to and including Friday, the 26th. The needy people have expressed their appreciation and thanks for the gifts that help them keep food on their tables as their government aid runs out at the end of each month.

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 15 - 21

Monday:	Tuesday:	Wednesday:	Thursday:	Friday:	Saturday:	Sunday:
Acts 16:11-15 Ps 149 Jn 15:26-16:4a	Acts 16:22-34 Ps 138 JN 16:5-11	Acts 17:15, 22-18:1 Ps 148 Jn 16:12-15	Acts 18:1-8 Ps 98 Jn 16:16-20	Acts 18:9-18 Ps 47 Jn 16:20-23	Acts 18:23-28 Ps 47 Jn 16:23b-28	Acts 1:1-11 Ps 47 Eph 1:17-23 Mt 28:16-20

MASS INTENTIONS - MAY 13 - 21

Sat.	5:00 pm	✠ Aldo Perrucci
Sun.	9:00 am	Mothers
Mon.	8:30 am	Margaret McAuliffe
Tues.	8:30 am	✠ Mary Amoriello
Wed.	8:30 am	Parish Community of St. Theresa
Thurs.	8:30 am	Immigrants & Refugees
Fri.	8:30 am	✠ Elizabeth & Dominic Catanzarite
Sat.	5:00 pm	Parish Community of St. Theresa
Sun.	9:00 am	✠ Thomas & Dorothy 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 your full name and email address.

SUNDAY OFFERING**ONLINE GIVING:**

(May 1 - 7) 67 DONORS **\$ 4,859.50**

MASS/DROP-OFF/MAILED DONATIONS:

(May 1 - 7) 54 DONORS **\$ 5,541.00**

PARISH MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENT:

ONLINE: (APRIL 26 - MAY 7) 41 DONORS **\$ 1,728.20**

MASS/DROP-OFF/MAILED: 33 DONORS **\$ 2,384.00**



**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

Let us continue to pray for peace in our world.

UPCOMING GATHERINGS IN PERSON AT ST. THERESA:

May 18th Thursday at 7pm, Mary Lim Lampe from Genesis will be able to meet with us to discuss the fine art of organizing for Social Justice causes.

She is the executive director for Genesis: A Regional Interfaith Community Organization in the Bay Area

June 15th Thursday at 7pm we will have Sister Anne Carrabino come share with us about what is happening with Oakland Catholic Worker and their good works for Social Justice.

Please RSVP:

Lydia Deck ltdeck@me.com

RESPONSE TO HARM CAUSED BY CLERGY SEXUAL ABUSE

Learn about the Diocese's efforts, including filing for Chapter 11 bankruptcy:

oakdiocese.org/chapter-11



Bishop's Ministries Appeal 2023

St. Theresa Parish Goal \$35,800

Percentage Achieved **22.49%**

\$8,050 as of April 30, 2023

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

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS CAMPAIGN

Next weekend our special collection supports the Catholic Communication Campaign. Your support helps spread the Gospel message! To learn more, visit usccb.org/committees/catholic-communication-campaign.

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

Happy Mother's Day! Today we honor our mother, grandmothers, godmothers, great grandmothers, expectant mothers, and anyone who has shown us the wonderful love that only a mother can shower on us! Our prayer is that everyone who has this special place in our lives will be honored and blessed today and every day!



For centuries, the scriptures and saints have spoken and written about God's love as being in part the same love that a mother shows her children.

Not only does God love like our mother, but we experience God's love in our mother's love. Mother is an image of God, an icon of God's presence, a window into God's mystery, a tangible embrace of God's gentleness. **God as a mother loves us into being and embraces us with Her kindness.**

Richard Rohr writes about the mother side of God depicted clearly in the writings of Julian of Norwich. In honor of our moms, I offer it so we can better appreciate their presence and love in our lives, for when we experience it, we experience God.

"God Is Our True Mother Wednesday, May 13, 2020

In Chapter 54 of Julian of Norwich's *Showings*, we find what I consider the best description I have read of the union of the soul inside of the Trinity. Julian writes, "[God] makes no distinction in love between the blessed soul of Christ and the least soul that will be saved." [1] God can only see Christ in us, it seems, because we are the extended Body of Christ in space and time. Christ is what God sees and cannot *not* love and draw us back into the Divine Dance of Love. Julian continues:

And I saw no difference between God and our substance, but, as it were, all God; and still my understanding accepted that our substance is *in* God, that is to say that God is God, and our substance is a creature *in* God. For the almighty truth of the Trinity is our Father, for he made us and keeps us in him. And the deep wisdom of Trinity is our mother, in whom we are enclosed. And the high goodness of the Trinity is our Lord, and in him we are enclosed and he in us. [emphasis mine —RR]. [2]

Describing God as both mother and father was quite daring in Julian's time. She called Jesus our "true Mother" from whom we receive our beginning, our true being, protection, and love. Even in terms of gender, mystics tend to be expansive. In chapter 59 she reflects:

Our high Father almighty God, who is Being, he knew us and loved us from before-any-time. Of which knowing, in his full marvelous deep Charity, by the foreseeing endless counsel of all the blessed Trinity, he willed that the second Person should become our mother, our brother, and our Savior.

Whereof it follows that as truly as God is our Father, so truly is God our mother. Our Father wills, our mother works, our good Lord the Holy Ghost confirms. And therefore, it belongs to us to love our God, in whom we have our being . . . for in these three is all our life. . . .

And therein is a fourth spreading, by the same grace, of a length and breadth, of a height and a deepness without end [see Ephesians 3:18–19]. And all is one love. [3]

After spending years contemplating her visions, Julian finishes her text with this confident description of God's meaning:

So, I was taught that love is our Lord's meaning. And I saw very certainly in this and in everything that before God made us [God] loved us, which love was never abated and never will be. And in this love . . . [God] made all things profitable to us, and in this love our life is everlasting. . . . In this love we have our beginning, and all this shall we see in God without end." [4]

References:

[1] Julian of Norwich, *The Fourteenth Revelation*, Ch. 54 (Long Text), *Julian of Norwich: Showings*, trans. Edmund College and James Walsh (Paulist Press: 1978), 285.

[2] Ibid.

[3] *The Fourteenth Revelation*, Ch. 59 (Long Text). See *The Revelations of Divine Love of Julian of Norwich*, trans. James Walsh (Harper and Brothers: 1961), 162.

[4] *The Sixteenth Revelation*, Ch. 86 (Long Text), College and Walsh, 342–343.

Adapted from Richard Rohr, *Intimacy: The Divine Ambush*, disc 7 (Center for Action and Contemplation: 2013), [CD](#), [MP3 download](#), and [Things Hidden: Scripture as Spirituality](#) (Franciscan Media: 2008), 45–46."

I hope as many will take mom out today or prepare a meal and celebration, we can appreciate this rich and fuller description of God and honor our moms for showing God by their love. Part of what mom's wonderfully do for us has feed us. That is a great segway into a short continuation of the gift of the Eucharist that we have been thinking about during this time of revival.

Have you ever noticed that if you look at all of the gospels, some of the most important revelations, healings and events involving Jesus are in the context of a meal. Jesus doesn't scold or preach to Zacchaeus, He said he will dine with Jesus and Zacchaeus is forever changed. When Jesus is at a wedding, he reveals himself at the bequest of his mother when the party is running out of wine. We hear the words of the institution at every Mass that is directly from one of the accounts of the Last Supper. After the resurrection, when Jesus is at the shore about to reveal himself and commission Peter, he is cooking breakfast over an open fire. I'll bet you can find even more times that involve Jesus and a meal. When Jesus goes in with the two disciples on the road to Emmaus, they finally recognize him when he breaks bread as they start their meal.

As a mom nourishes us in her womb and they continues to feed us as we grow to maturity, Jesus feeds us with his own Body and Blood along the way. God provided manna to Moses and the Jews during the forty years they travelled to the promised land. In the Eucharist, Jesus gives us bread to sustain us on our journey to paradise. He gives his blood to fortify us for any suffering we may endure along the way.

We eat all kinds of foods and drinks, so we grow, stay healthy and have energy to live. Jesus gives us spiritual food to do the same for our spiritual lives. I remember reading of several martyrs who when the authorities were threatening to kill them and when told to stop participating in the Mass, replied to their persecutors, that they would die if they could not have the Eucharist every week and would rather die at their hands if they were to be denied it.

During this time of Eucharistic revival, I pray we all have that same belief and commitment to celebrating Mass often. How long can you go without food? What did your mother feed you when you had the flu or were terribly sick? God unites us to Jesus in the Eucharist, so we may all have life and life to the fullest for eternity.