

ST. THERESA

PARISH COMMUNITY

MAY 21, 2023

THE ASCENSION
OF THE LORD

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>

Parish Organization Contacts

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MISSION ALIGNMENT PROCESS: PHASE ONE



The Mission Alignment Process Implementation Report for Phase One has been released and is available to read online:

<https://www.oakdiocese.org/mission-alignment-process>

There are no changes for St. Theresa parish with phase one.



Join the California Catholic Conference’s Novena for Migrants and Asylum Seekers at the US Border to pray for the migrants and asylum-seekers at the border now that Title 42 has expired and many are expected at the southern U.S. Border each day.

<https://www.wewerebornready.com/novena>

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 22 - 28

Monday: Acts 19:1-8 Ps 68 Jn 16:29-33	Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27 Ps 68 Jn 17:1-11a	Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38 Ps 68 Jn 17:11b-19	Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11 Ps 16 Jn 17:20-26	Friday: Acts 25:13b-21 Ps 103 Jn 21:15-19	Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31 Ps 11 Jn 21:20-25	Sunday: Acts 2:1-11 Ps 104 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 Jn 20:19-23
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MASS INTENTIONS - MAY 20 - 28


Sat. 5:00 pm Parish Community of St. Theresa
 Sun. 9:00 am † Thomas & Dorothy Donnelly

Mon. 8:30 am For all who give of their time and talent in the parish

Tues. 8:30 am † Peter Cuttitta
 Wed. 8:30 am † For Peace and an end to warfare
 Thurs. 8:30 am † Edward Madison
 Fri. 8:30 am † Marietta Blessent

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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.

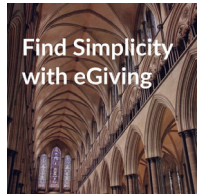
SUNDAY OFFERING

ONLINE GIVING:
 (May 8 - 14) 54 DONORS **\$ 3,124.50**

MASS/DROP-OFF/MAILED DONATIONS:
 (May 8 - 14) 33 DONORS **\$ 2,605.00**

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF THE EAST BAY:

ONLINE: 4 DONORS **\$ 190.00**
 MASS/DROP-OFF/MAILED: 23 DONORS **\$ 773.00**



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

"Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which he looks compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good. Yours are the hands through which he blesses all the world."

St Teresa of Avila

UPCOMING GATHERING IN PERSON AT ST. THERESA:

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.

Bring a friend.

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 **23.6%**
\$8,450 as of May 15, 2023

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

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.

UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION

Do you need to register, have you changed your email address, have a new telephone number, do you receive our Friday Flocknote Newsletter?

Let us know so we can update our parish database and keep you current with all upcoming events, news and year-end reports or send you a registration form.

Call/Email Melody Marr
 510.547.2777, ext. 120
melody@sttheresaokland.org

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, Raymond Buckley, Jr.

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

As you have heard on the news or read in the paper, the Diocese of Oakland filed for Chapter 11, bankruptcy protection last week. A few have had questions about this development, and I would direct you to the diocesan website <https://www.oakdiocese.org/chapter-11> where many of the answers of these questions



can best be found. I can state that it will not affect our parish or school at this time. There is always a risk that properties will be ordered to be sold, but no bankruptcy court to date has ordered this for other dioceses that have followed this path. Please check out what the diocese has posted about these matters.

The first phase of the MAP changes have been announced <https://www.oakdiocese.org/mission-alignment-process>. Several parishes around us will be sharing resources or joining with another for a better use of resources. Neither St. Theresa Parish nor St. Theresa School are part of this first phase. I deliberately say first phase because this is only the first phase of what appears will be a five-year implementation of many changes. As soon as I know anything, you will know.

Continuing our discussion about the Eucharist, I found these wonderful words of Pope Francis.:

“The words and gestures of the Lord touch our hearts: He takes the bread in his hands, pronounces the blessing, breaks it, and offers it to the disciples, saying: “Take; this is my body” (v. 22).

And thus, with simplicity, Jesus gives us the greatest sacrament. His is a humble gesture of giving, a gesture of sharing. At the culmination of his life, he does not distribute an abundance of bread to feed the multitudes but breaks himself apart at the Passover supper with the disciples. In this way Jesus shows us that the aim of life lies in self-giving, that the greatest thing is to serve. And today once more we find the greatness of God in a piece of Bread, in a fragility that overflows with love, that overflows with sharing. *Fragility* is precisely the word I would like to underscore. Jesus becomes fragile like the bread that is broken and crumbled. But his strength lies precisely therein, in his fragility. *In the Eucharist fragility is strength*: the strength of the love that becomes small so it can be welcomed and not feared; the strength of the love that is broken and shared so as to nourish and give life; the strength of the love that is split apart so as to join all of us in unity.

And there is another strength that stands out in the fragility of the Eucharist: the strength to love those who make mistakes. It is *on the night he is betrayed* that Jesus gives us the Bread of Life. He gives us the greatest gift while he feels

the deepest abyss in his heart: the disciple who eats with Him, who dips the morsel in the same plate, is betraying Him. And betrayal is the worst suffering for one who loves. And what does Jesus do? He reacts to the evil with a greater good. He responds to Judas’ ‘no’ with the ‘yes’ of mercy. He does not punish the sinner, but rather gives His life for him; He pays for him. When we receive the Eucharist, Jesus does the same with us: he knows us; he knows we are sinners; and he knows we make many mistakes, but he does not give up on joining his life to ours. He knows that we need it, because the Eucharist is not the reward of saints, no, it is *the Bread of sinners*. This is why he exhorts us: “Do not be afraid! *Take and eat.*”

Each time we receive the Bread of Life, Jesus comes to give new meaning to our fragilities. He reminds us that in his eyes we are more precious than we think. He tells us he is pleased if we share our fragilities with him. He repeats to us that his mercy is not afraid of our miseries. The mercy of Jesus is not afraid of our miseries. And above all he heals us from those fragilities that we cannot heal on our own, with love. What fragilities? Let’s think. That of feeling resentment toward those who have done us harm — we cannot heal from this on our own; that of distancing ourselves from others and closing off within ourselves — we cannot heal from that on our own; that of feeling sorry for ourselves and complaining without finding peace; from this too, we cannot heal on our own. It is He who heals us with His presence, with His bread, with the Eucharist. The Eucharist is an effective medicine for these closures. The Bread of Life, in fact, heals rigidity and transforms it into docility. The Eucharist heals because it unites with Jesus: it makes us assimilate his way of living, his ability to break himself apart and give himself to brothers and sisters, to respond to evil with good. He gives us the courage to go outside of ourselves and bend down with love toward the fragility of others. As God does with us. This is the logic of the Eucharist: we receive Jesus who loves us and heals our fragilities in order to love others and help them in their fragilities; and this lasts our entire life. In the Liturgy of the Hours today, we prayed a hymn: four verses that are the summary of Jesus’ entire life. And they tell us this: as Jesus was born, he became our travelling companion in life. Then, at the supper he gave himself as food. Then, on the cross, in his death, he became the “price;” he paid for us. And now, as he reigns in Heaven, he is our reward; we go to seek the One who awaits us [cf. Hymn at Lauds on *Corpus Christi, Verbum Supernum Prodiens*].

May the Blessed Virgin, in whom God became flesh, help us to embrace the Eucharist with a grateful heart and to make a gift of our life too. May the Eucharist make us a gift for all others.