

ST. THERESA PARISH COMMUNITY

MAY 21, 2023

PENTECOST SUNDAY

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)

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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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R.C.I.A. Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

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

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The Men's club is checking to see if there's any interest in having a Summer Musical outing at Woodminster this July. The play being considered is *Beautiful*, based on Carole King. OK, how many of you knew someone back then with a *Tapestry* album?

We're looking at **Sunday July 16**. Play is at 8:00 preceded by our regular pot-luck picnic beforehand inside the theater, above the stage. Doors open at 5:30. Parking is available in the lots immediately next to the theater.

The adult half-priced tickets will be \$28/each. We will need a minimum of 25 adults for the 50% group discount, which normally is never a problem. **IMPORTANT:** New this year are 75% discount tickets for kids 16 and under, which makes it only \$8 each. That's a pretty good deal, folks!

We don't need a firm commitment at this time (or the money), just trying to see if we should proceed with the planning. if you could give us an approximate number of tickets that you will request, I'd appreciate a response by June 5.

Contact Luigi Bonacini with your response: labona@sbcglobal.net

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>

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL BAKE SALE

You've been waiting for is all spring! The wait is over! The Saint Vincent de Paul Spring Bake Sale is **FINALLY** here! Our talented bakers are busy testing recipes and preparing some pretty fabulous treats for your enjoyment. We will be satisfying your sweet tooth outside the church after all Masses the weekend of June 3 & 4. Come prepared to fill your cookie jars and pantries with a variety of delicious pastries while supporting a wonderful charity that has long been a vital part of our parish community.

If, perchance, you are a Great British/American Bake-Off wannabe or just enjoy baking, we'd be thrilled to welcome you to our baking team! Please let Maureen Barbieri (510-547-4240) know and she'll provide you with bake sale details and drop off instructions.



See you at the Bake Sale!



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.

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. 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. 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 29 - JUNE 4

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 Ps 87 Jn 19:25-34	Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12 Ps 50 Mk 10:28-31	Wednesday: Zep 3:14-18a Ps Is 12 Lk 1:39-56	Thursday: Sir 42:15-25 Ps 3 Mk 10:46-52	Friday: Sir 44:1, 9-13 Ps 149 Mk 11:11-26	Saturday: Sir 51:12cd-20 Ps 19 Mk 11:27-33	Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9 Ps Dn 3 2 Cor 13:11-13 Jn 3:16-18
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MASS INTENTIONS - MAY 27 - JUNE 4

Sat.	5:00 pm	Parish Community of St. Theresa
Sun.	9:00 am	✦ Michael S. Donovan
Mon.	8:30 am	Peter Ernest Oliverez
Tues.	8:30 am	✦ Bob Ruggerio
Wed.	8:30 am	For victims of violence, terrorism, and war
Thurs.	8:30 am	Marc Suarez
Fri.	8:30 am	Diane Marie O
Sat.	5:00 pm	Parish Community of St. Theresa
Sun.	9:00 am	Parish Community of St. Theresa

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

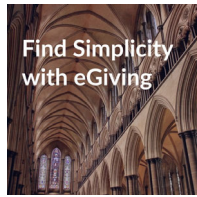
OR send an email to cathy_b@sttheresaokland.org with a request to be added to the Friday Flocknote Group with your full name and email address.

SUNDAY OFFERING

ONLINE GIVING:
(May 15 - 21) 53 DONORS **\$ 1,999.50**

MASS/DROP-OFF/MAILED DONATIONS:
(May 15 - 21) 40 DONORS **\$ 2,921.00**


CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS:
ONLINE: 2 DONORS **\$ 50.00**
MASS/DROP-OFF/MAILED: 21 DONORS **\$ 503.00**



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


Special thanks to Mary Lim from Genesis who inspired us about faith in action for Social Justice causes. She is the executive director for Genesis: A Regional Interfaith Community Organization in the Bay Area. Special thanks who all who attended our listening circle (May 18th) to discern and pray about root causes of injustices in our world. We prayed about how as a church community we can address anti-gun violence, help those with housing insecurities, address education disparities, reach out to youth living in poverty, be voices for immigration and injustices in other countries where there is non media coverage, address climate change, work for peaceful solutions instead of militarization. Ongoing prayers to turn faith filled hopes to action even if small steps!! Adelante!

Join us on: June 15th, Thursday at 7pm, Sister Anne Carrabino will share with us about what is happening with Oakland Catholic Worker and their good works for Social Justice. We will meet in the Meeting rooms.

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.

DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers, those who have died especially Baptista Brunetti and Bob Ruggerio.

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.

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 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 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

Happy Pentecost! Thanks for wearing red today. Here is a great reflection from Deacon Greg Kandra on this feast.



"It's different from most big feasts in the Church: We don't hang lights or exchange gifts. We don't wear fancy hats or eat lots of candy. There are no big Pentecost sales at Macy's. But maybe there should be.

I don't think we give this feast the credit or attention it deserves. Part of that may be because the one who dwells at the center of this great feast, the Holy Spirit, is surprisingly low key. Despite arriving with a roaring of wind and tongues of fire, the Spirit is very much someone who likes to stay in the background. He works behind the scenes.

To many of us, the Holy Spirit seems to be the quietest member of the Blessed Trinity. After all, in sacred scripture, the Father speaks often, and so does Jesus. But you'd be hard-pressed to find famous quotes from the Holy Spirit. It sometimes seems as if the Spirit is the Trinity's silent partner.

I'd like to suggest that, in fact, the Spirit does speak. Eloquently. Passionately. Fearlessly. It began in the Acts of the Apostles, and the account of Pentecost: "They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim."

Moments after his descent, the Spirit gave the disciples a voice – a voice that could not be contained in that upper room. A voice that needed to be spread to the wider world. Despite the wide range of cultures and languages gathered in Jerusalem that day, everyone present heard and understood. Someone even exclaimed, incredulously: "We hear them speaking in our own tongues of the mighty acts of God." Those "mighty acts" transcend time, place, language, culture. God's work is infinite. It is "catholic" in the truest sense of what that word means: it is universal. It is limitless. And it is timeless.

Look around you and know this: Pentecost never stopped. It is still going on. Here and now. And every one of us is a part of it. Pentecost is the parent bringing a newborn child to be baptized — bending over that font to see that first splash of water on the head of a child and hear the first astonished cry from a brand new Christian.

Pentecost is the teenager approaching the bishop to have her head marked with oil — feeling the sense of pride and gratitude that comes with being confirmed, fully initiated in the Catholic Church. But that is just the beginning.

Pentecost is the sister in Iraq spreading the faith to school children whose lives may have begun in world of terror and war, but who are standing up to embrace the Prince of Peace. Pentecost is the lay catechist in Ethiopia helping adults learn the Gospel and memorize the catechism.

Pentecost is Mother Teresa bathing a beggar, Father Damien giving communion to lepers, Maximilian Kolbe

stepping forward for a husband and father and saying, "Take me, instead."

It is Father Ignatius Maternowski, who volunteered to parachute into France on D-Day, many years ago. While working to set up a hospital to treat the wounded of both sides, he was shot and killed by a German sniper — the only Catholic chaplain to die on D-Day.

Pentecost is all those who are expressing faith, hope, and love in the face of persecution, martyrdom, and war — and doing it today just as they did 2,000 years ago.

Pentecost is more than just courage or defiance. It is hope. Resounding, tireless hope.

It is the tens of thousands around the world who entered the Church this past Easter, seeing beyond the scandals and betrayals of our own age to glimpse instead something wondrous, miraculous, and beautiful — the grace of God, something as small and simple as a sliver of bread and as vast as the universe.

Our tradition tells us that Pentecost began 50 days after Easter. But nowhere in scripture does it say it ever ended.

It goes on. It goes on every time someone leaves the confessional with their sins forgiven, full of grace and mercy and the desire to begin again. It goes on every time a patient in hospice is anointed. It goes on every time we leave this church carrying within ourselves the Body of Christ — *becoming* the body of Christ — to transmit the Gospel in the world, "glorifying the Lord with our lives."

Pentecost can't be stopped.

We Christians have been around for 2,000 years. But know this: the Holy Spirit is just getting started.

Come Holy Ghost, creator blest, and in our hearts take up thy rest.

Despite our problems, our weaknesses, our broken parts and sinful history, the Spirit continues to abide with us, support us, uplift us, encourage us. He raises up popes and saints, missionaries, and martyrs — countless witnesses to God's goodness in the world, a great cloud of witnesses that includes, incredibly, each of us.

So, Happy Pentecost. Happy birthday of the Church. Savor the abundant gifts and graces of this day. Celebrate this day and give it its due. Remember God's never-ending love for the human race and the Holy Spirit's untiring commitment to us.

But remember, too, that it is more than just one day. On one day 20 centuries ago, the fire fell. But it hasn't stopped burning.

We also celebrate as a nation Memorial Day. Let us never forget all who died while serving in the armed services of our country. Say a prayer for them and say a prayer that all wars will cease, and all leaders will stop using war for any reason. They simply don't work!