# ST. THERESA COMMUNITY

JUNE 11, 2023

THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST *(CORPUS CHRISTI)* 

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.sttheresaoakland.org

Facebook: StTheresaChurch/Oakland

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCn5JX1e3QrqXTsa\_7qmNClw

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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@sttheresaoakland.org

Middle School Youth Ministry (Grades 6-8)

Jenny Bruni and Keri Nims: Co-Coordinators

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Parish Calendar: https://sttheresaoakland.org/calendar

#### **Parish Organization Contacts**

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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



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 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://sttheresaoakland.org/donate.



## Have You Heard?

## WE ARE IN THE MIDST OF A NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL!

The Church needs healing, and the world needs Jesus. The Holy Spirit is inviting us to return to the source and summit of our faith—the Eucharist.



eucharisticrevival.org



# CORPUS CHRISTI **EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION**

Sunday, June 11th

Immediately following Mass

The Most Precious Blood will be offered at this

#### MISSION ALIGNMENT PROCESS: PHASE ONE



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

https://www.oakdiocese.org/mission-alignmentprocess

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

#### WEEKLY READINGS: JUNE 12-18

Saturday: Monday: Tuesday: Wednesday: Thursday: Friday Sunday: 2 Cor 3:15-4:1, 3- Dt 7:6-11 2 Cor 1:1-7 2 Cor 1:18-22 2 Cor 3:4-11 2 Cor 5:14-21 Ex 19:2-6a Ps 100 Ps 34 Ps 119 Ps 99 6 Ps 103 Ps 103 Rom 5:6-11 Mt 5:17-19 Lk 2:41-51 Mt 5:1-12 Mt 5:13-16 Ps 85 1 Jn 4:7-16 Mt 9:36-10:8 Mt 5:20-26 Mt 11:25-30

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#### Mass Intentions - June 10 - 18

Sat. 5:00 pm & Tina Bruno 9:00 am Parish Community of St. Theresa Sun. 8:30 am & John Kelly Mon. Joseph & Clementina Brignole Tues. 8:30 am Wed. 8:30 am Marietta Blessent Thurs. 8:30 am For all who are homeless 8:30 am Fri. Robert Gabor Sat. 5:00 pm & Silvano Giuntoli Sun. 9:00 am All Fathers

#### 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@sttheresaoakland.org with a request to be added to the Friday Flocknote Group with you full name and email address.

#### **SUNDAY OFFERING**

#### ONLINE GIVING:

(May 29 - June 4) 62 DONORS \$ 3,975.70 MASS/DROP-OFF/MAILED DONATIONS: (May 29 - June 4) 49 DONORS \$ 3,879.00

#### PARISH MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENT:

Online: (May 8 - June 4) 34 Donors \$ 1,623.00 Mass/Drop-Off/Mailed: 30 Donors \$ 1,510.00



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://
sttheresaoakland.
org/donate

Thank you for giving generously to St. Theresa Parish

### SCAM ÅLERT

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.

#### FATHER'S DAY, JUNE 17 & 18

On Father's Day weekend, please join us in offering a spiritual bouquet to St. Joseph. Following each Mass, parishioners will be invited to write down their prayer intentions and offer them to St. Joseph along with flowers of thanksgiving



for his fatherly care and intercession. If you would like to participate, please bring a flower with you to Mass that weekend.

As we celebrate the gift of fathers and honor St. Joseph, we also recognize that Father's Day can be a difficult holiday for many. We hope this spiritual bouquet provides an opportunity to pray for the intentions brought to you heart by the occasion.

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

To request a Mass Intention contact Melody Marr at melody@sttheresaoakland.org

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

#### Join us on:

June 15<sup>th</sup>, 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-appealdonation-page

#### **Low Gluten Hosts**

Low Gluten hosts are available at all weekend Masses. They are less that 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 Dolores Neal.

#### **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@sttheresaoakland.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.

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## A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Today is the Feast of Corpus Christi (The Body and Blood of Christ). This Sunday morning, we will have a short procession with the Blessed Sacrament as many churches will also do in our diocese and in parishes throughout the world. Every procession, whether it is the entrance of the cross,



lectors, deacons and priests remind us that we are all walking along the way with Jesus himself. This feast puts a spotlight on what we do all the time and hopefully it is a good reminder in the midst of the Eucharistic revival the U. S. bishops have called us to participate in this and next year. Some background on the feast may help us with our celebration today.

If you ever doubt that one person can have an impact on the world, you need to hear the story of Juliana of Liège. It has relevance for every one of us here today.

Juliana was born in Belgium in the 12<sup>th</sup> century —in 1192 or 1193. Her parents died when she was very young. At the age of five, she and her twin sister were sent to a convent and hospice, to be raised by nuns.

As a young girl, Juliana developed a deep and abiding love for Christ's presence in the Eucharist. By the time she was 13, her devotion was so deep, she decided to become a nun herself.

She made it her life's work to make all treasure, honor, and revere Jesus' gift to us with a yearly feast that would help us realize the wonder of this gift. (Eucharistic revival in the 12<sup>th</sup> Century!) It wasn't easy. Priests, bishops, and her own superiors opposed the proposal. But the Bishop of Liège gradually embraced the idea and inspired by Juliana's fervor, established the feast in his diocese.

Despite difficulties and setbacks, Juliana's love for the Lord in the Sacrament never dimmed. Though many clergy dismissed her, one influential person did not: Jacques Pantaleon — the archdeacon of a village in Belgium. He saw for himself the fruits of this devotion as the feast were celebrated in Liège. It moved him and inspired him.

In 1261, he was elected pope, becoming Pope Urban IV. Three years later — six years after Juliana's death, and just a few months before his own death — Pope Urban IV formally established the Feast of Corpus Christi, the Body of Christ.

He asked Thomas Aquinas to compose prayers for the feast — and the result gave us two of the greatest hymns in the Church, *Tantum Ergo* and *Panis Angelicus*.

The Gospel we heard a few moments ago tells of the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes — a miraculous sign of God's boundless love and his desire to feed all those who hunger. In the same way, devotion to the Eucharist, particularly on Corpus Christi, has also multiplied around the world. The hungry are being fed today. Grace is everywhere.

On this feast, Processions go on in cities, villages, suburban towns. *Tantum ergo* is sung, incense rises, bells peal. We mark the feast with wonder and in awe, realizing anew that Jesus Christ is truly present — body and blood, soul, and divinity, in something as small and humble as a sliver of bread.

As Pope Urban reminded the world when he created this feast, Jesus himself promised, "I am with you always to the end of the age." And so, he is. Here. Today. Now and always.

And we need to proclaim it to the world. But this feast is more than a proclamation or a procession. It is a challenge for every one of us.

Every Mass ends with some form of: "Go in peace, glorifying the Lord with your life." How do we do that? We do it by becoming living tabernacles, carrying the Jesus we have received in the Eucharist out those doors and into the world.

Last year on this feast, Pope Francis said: "The procession with the Blessed Sacrament reminds us that we are called to go out and bring Jesus to others. To go out with enthusiasm, bringing Christ to those we meet in our daily lives. Let us open wide our hearts in love ... Let us break the bread of our lives in compassion and solidarity, so that through us the world may see the grandeur of God's love."

The fact is: Corpus Christi isn't just one day, one Sunday, one moment on the calendar. Every day of our lives should be, must be, Corpus Christi.

Every day of our lives must be the day we bring Christ to the world. We need to bring our Lord into the workplace, the marketplace, the office, the BART platform. We need to make him present to those who feel he is absent. Especially the marginalized. The anxious. The weak. The forgotten. Our Lord doesn't forget. He is with them. He is with us.

I hope you have thought and volunteered to be a Eucharistic minister to do this as a witness to all and an example to follow as the Mass sends us forth each week.

Six hundred years after her death, Juliana of Liège was canonized and became St. Juliana. Yet, she is largely unknown to most Catholics. In death, as in life, she is often overlooked and forgotten. This day, let us remember. Remember what she helped do, the feast she helped to give us. And remember what it all means. Christ is truly present. He is truly with us — "always, to the end of the age." May we leave this sacred space and take him into the world —

holding in our hearts something St. Augustine once put so beautifully: "We become what we receive."

We are the Body of Christ. And because of that, the Corpus Christi procession doesn't happen just once a year. It happens, in fact, every day.