

# ST. THERESA PARISH COMMUNITY

AUGUST 27, 2023

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME

## 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 SUMMER OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday - Thursday: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

The office is closed on Monday and Friday

Phone: 510.547.2777

After Hours Medical Emergency Line: 510.610.7715

 Parish Website: [www.sttheresaoakland.org](http://www.sttheresaoakland.org)

 Facebook: StTheresaChurch/Oakland

 [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCn5JX1e3QrQXTsa\\_7qmNCIw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCn5JX1e3QrQXTsa_7qmNCIw)

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*St. Theresa School Principal*  
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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](mailto:keri@sttheresaoakland.org)

## Middle School Youth Ministry (Grades 6-8)

## High School Youth Ministry/Confirmation

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

Cathy Brady ~ [cathy\\_b@sttheresaoakland.org](mailto:cathy_b@sttheresaoakland.org)

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

## Parish Organization Contacts

### Pastoral Council:

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Additional information and events can be found in the Friday Flocknote available on our website: <https://sttheresaoakland.org/Bulletin/Flocknote>

30 MANDALAY ROAD -- OAKLAND, CA 94618 -- 510.547.2777 -- STTHERESAOAKLAND.ORG



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

Are you or someone you know interested in joining the Catholic Church?

ARE YOU UNBAPTIZED, SEEKING A FAITH COMMUNITY?

OR

ARE YOU BAPTIZED IN ANOTHER FAITH?

OR

ARE YOU A BAPTIZED CATHOLIC SEEKING TO COMPLETE THE SACRAMENTS OF FIRST EUCHARIST AND/OR CONFIRMATION?

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RCIA might be just what you are looking for.  
A new inquiry session will begin in September.

Contact Cathy Brady at [cathy\\_b@sttheresaokland.org](mailto:cathy_b@sttheresaokland.org) for more information.

## ST. THERESA PARISH



October 1, 2023

### SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER

#### Laudate Si:

Join us as we pray with others during the Season of Creation. It is a time of prayer where we join our ecumenical family in prayer and action for our common home. We will use this time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation through celebration and commitment together. The season starts September 1<sup>st</sup>, with a day of prayer for Creation and ends October 4<sup>th</sup>, the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi the patron saint of ecology beloved by many Christian denominations. Throughout this month long celebration the world's 2.2 billion Christians come together to care and pray for our common home.

#### The Synod.

What is the Synod 2021-2024?

So what happened after those meetings we had in 2021?

The Social Justice Committee invites you to look at how the Bigger Church is trying to move forward. How is the Spirit moving? How is Pope Francis trying to set the stage for Institutional Church to listen to US... YOU.

It is a time of GRACE. We are being invited to Enlarge the space of our tent. "This tent is a space of *communion*, a place of *participation*, and a foundation for *mission*."

Stay tuned for Social Justice Committee Meetings coming soon. Question to Lydia Deck [ltdeck@me.com](mailto:ltdeck@me.com)



### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

**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. Your donation can be placed in the vestibule in the big baskets near the statue of St. Theresa.

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](mailto: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>.

The SVDP St. Theresa Conference monthly food drive and delivery is scheduled for Saturday, September 26.

## St Theresa FAITH FORMATION

### SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE....

#### KINDER - 8TH GRADE

##### Family Faith Formation:

Sunday mornings after the 9am Mass

A mix of grade level meeting days and whole family sessions

#### HIGH SCHOOL

##### Confirmation:

Sunday mornings after the 9am Mass twice a month

2 year preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation

#### BAPTISM, RECONCILIATION, EUCCHARIST

**RCIC/RCIT:**  
Rite of Christian Initiation of children/Teens

If you have a student still in need of one of the Sacraments this is the group for you!

SCAN TO REGISTER  
ONLINE



[Keri@sttheresaokland.org](mailto:Keri@sttheresaokland.org)  
with questions or to register



### OAKLAND CURSILLO WEEKEND

A Three-Day long experience to discover Christ in ourselves and in each other. The Message of the Cursillo Weekend: God loves you, you are worthy of God's love and God needs you to be a person of faith in the world and to reach others.

Cursillo Weekend Schedule:

Men's #348, Sept. 14-17, 2023; Women's #349, Sept. 21-24, 2023

Location: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church  
4001 Stoneridge Drive, Pleasanton

Please take a brochure with information about the Cursillo Weekend from the information table in the vestibule. Contact Geri Tong at [geritong1944@gmail.com](mailto:geritong1944@gmail.com) for more information.



### A Concert For Maui

Join the Dominican Sisters and Friends  
in supporting the relief work in Maui.

100% of proceeds will go to Maui Relief.



Patrick  
Landeza

Jesse  
Manibusan

Dominican Center  
Saturday, September 2, 2023  
4 pm

RSVP and \$30 donation by 8/31/23

Register here

(If you are unable to attend,  
please consider a donation.)



Dominican Sisters  
OF MISSION SAN JOSE

43326 Mission Circle, (Entrance Off Mission Tierra), Fremont, CA

[www.msjdominicans.org](http://www.msjdominicans.org)

For more information, contact (510) 933-3546

**MASS INTENTIONS - AUGUST 26 - SEPTEMBER 3**

|        |         |                                 |
|--------|---------|---------------------------------|
| Sat.   | 5:00 pm | Parish Community of St. Theresa |
| Sun.   | 9:00 am | ✠ Tavaita Ganilau               |
| Mon.   | 8:30 am | ✠ Pat Tynan                     |
| Tues.  | 8:30 am | Rose Stack                      |
| Wed.   | 8:30 am | ✠ Benito Suarez                 |
| Thurs. | 8:30 am | ✠ Charles Ostrofe               |
| Fri.   | 8:30 am | Mark Anthony Oliverez           |
| Sat.   | 5:00 pm | Parish Community of St. Theresa |
| Sun.   | 9:00 am | ✠ Tom and Dorothy Donnelly      |

**MASS INTENTIONS**

To request a Mass Intention contact Melody Marr at  
[melody@sttheresaokland.org](mailto:melody@sttheresaokland.org)  
 or 510.547.2777, ext. 120

**PARISH CALENDAR**

Find out what is happening at the parish.  
<https://sttheresaokland.org/calendar>

**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](https://flocknote.com/StTheresa30)

OR

Text: STT To: 84579

OR send an email to

[cathy\\_b@sttheresaokland.org](mailto: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:**

(August 14 - 20) 52 DONORS

**\$ 1,983.50**

MASS/DROP-OFF/MAILED DONATIONS:

(August 14 - 20) 45 DONORS

**\$ 3,086.00**

**ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY:**

ONLINE: 5 DONORS

**\$ 150.00**

MASS/DROP-OFF/MAILED: 14 DONORS

**\$ 522.00**



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*

**MAUI RELIEF**

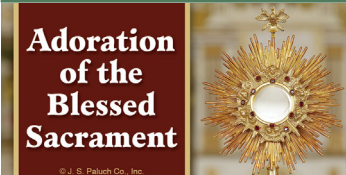
Catholic Charities of Hawaii has set up a fund for the relief efforts on Maui. You can make a donation at:

<https://www.catholiccharitieshawaii.org/maui-relief/>

OR [tinyurl.com/MauiCatholic](https://tinyurl.com/MauiCatholic)

**PARISH/SCHOOL WORK DAY**

There is a work day planned on Saturday, September 9. We will work on things that need to be cleaned, fixed and replaced around the school and parish buildings.

**FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION**

**September 1<sup>st</sup>**

**9:00 am to 4:30 pm**

Benediction at 4:30 pm

**PARISH MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENT**

The second collection for the Parish Maintenance & Improvement Fund will be on September 2 & 3.

You may also use Online Giving for this collection.

**LOW GLUTEN HOSTS**

Low Gluten hosts are available at all weekend Masses. They are less than 20 parts per million gluten, under .002%. For additional information go to <https://www.parishcrossroads.com/low-gluten.htm>.

Please use the presider's communion station to receive a low gluten host.

**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, 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, Phil Stover, Joey Smith, Raymond Buckley, Jr., Dante Gambardella, Norma Ninalga.



I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS

**Bishop's Ministries  
Appeal 2023**

**St. Theresa Parish  
Goal \$35,800**

Percentage Achieved **68.55%**

**\$24,540** as of July 31, 2023

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

**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.



## A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Welcome back to all students, families, vacationers, and travelers!

I hope the summer was a good break for many and we are ready for a good school year and Fall.



The school faculty was here the week before on freshly cleaned carpets to get ready for a new school year. Our enrollment is up and with a few staff changes, it promised to be a good year, hopefully free from anything that can slow it down.

It is great that we start the year off with a Mass to welcome and bless all students, teachers, administrators, and those who support them. I invite you to help us live up to the goal of any Catholic school and nourish the whole child and person in body, mind, and spirit. Regular Mass attendance is primary to that spiritual part. The 'Rise and Shine' Masses that are coming up and the wonderful feasts we celebrate (St. Theresa's Day on October 1, Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas, etc.) all help us with our spiritual growth and foundation.

Hearing God's Word and being nourished with Holy Communion aide our personal growth and growth as a whole community. Ask any family that tries to be here on most weekends. They are filled with stories and testimonies of blessings, nurturing, and feeling a part of something special because of the sacrifice they make to be here. All are welcome was last week's theme that was loud and clear in the scriptures that were proclaimed. I hope each of you is assured that is our believe and practice at St. Theresa's.

As part of being a member we are invited to take a personal interest in each other's spiritual growth as well

as the facilities that help us on this path here at 30 Mandalay Road. Some parishes actually offer a small part of the landscape to a family to keep it neat, tidy, and beautiful. There are many things around our own campus that we are not getting done since we lost our 'maintenance person.' I want to invite one and all to a '**Parish Workday**' on Saturday, September 9.

I have a few lists from staff, parishioners and neighbors and we have something I am sure most can do. The plan is to start at 9:30am and finish with what we can do by midafternoon. I am asking some to provide a simple lunch for all who are working and if you have special skills and tools, bring them along and we can together really make a difference in our facility's appearance and upkeep.

(Sweeping cobwebs in many places, cutting down dry weeds, changing outside special lights, making sure the sandbags are ready for another rainy season, and the list grows are a few of the tasks people might undertake on the 9<sup>th</sup>.) We can't put a new roof on the church or paint it, nor are we ready to change some rooms in the school, but for all of you who own homes, you know there is always something. I am asking all parishioners and school families to give a few hours of this day and I know it will make a good difference. More details next week.

Our prayers continue to go for an end of wars, recovery in Maui and other places hit with a natural disaster, that every child that comes on our campus will know they are beloved of God and that God will help them in the new school year. We also pray that we will diligently care for what and who God entrusts to us so that all will feel welcome and a cherished part of the St. Theresa Family.

### SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING FOR PARISH & SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS



For many parish and school volunteers it is time for you to renew your training. You will or have received an email reminder with a link for you to complete the online training. Please complete the training by the renewal date in the email.

If you have any problems or questions contact Cathy Brady at [cathy\\_b@sttheresaokland.org](mailto:cathy_b@sttheresaokland.org).

To renew or register for the first time, click on the link in your email or go to <https://www.virtusonline.org> or click on the link in the upper right corner of the parish website [sttheresaokland.org](http://sttheresaokland.org).

Please remember that in order to volunteer at the parish in any capacity (Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Catechist, Choir Member, St. Vincent de Paul, Legion of Mary, CYO etc.), or school, you must complete the training.

### WEEKLY READINGS: AUGUST 28 - SEPTEMBER 3

| Monday:                                      | Tuesday:                             | Wednesday:                             | Thursday:                             | Friday                              | Saturday:                             | Sunday:                                          |
|----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10<br>Ps 149<br>Mt 23:13-22 | 1 Thes 2:1-8<br>Ps 139<br>Mk 6:17-29 | 1 Thes 2:9-13<br>Ps 139<br>Mt 23:27-32 | 1 Thes 3:7-13<br>Ps 90<br>Mt 24:42-51 | 1 Thes 4:1-8<br>Ps 97<br>Mt 25:1-13 | 1 Thes 4:9-11<br>Ps 98<br>Mt 25:14-30 | Jer 20:7-9<br>Ps 63<br>Rom 12:1-2<br>Mt 16:21-27 |