

# ST. THERESA PARISH COMMUNITY

SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

TWENTY-SECOND 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*  
website: [www.sttheresaschool.org](http://www.sttheresaschool.org)

## 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](http://STTHERESAOAKLAND.ORG)

**ST THERESA FEAST DAY PICNIC**

Oct. 1st Food, Music and Fun



11:00 am: Mass on the Lawn  
12:00 - 3:00pm: Games, Picnic, Live Music, Men's Club Drink Table, St Vincent de Paul Bake Sale

**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.

## SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER



The season starts September 1st, with a day of prayer for Creation and ends October 4th, the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi the patron saint of ecology beloved by many Christian denominations.

Join the Global Ecumenical Prayer Service on September 1st at 6am. Go to the Season of Creation website for the link and to sign up. <https://seasonofcreation.org/>



**How can the Church of our time better fulfill its mission through greater recognition and promotion of the baptismal dignity of women?**

During the month of September, the Social Justice Committee at St. Theresa will join 100+ Catholic communities around the globe in celebrating St. Phoebe's feast day. On September 13th, we will have a prayer service.

**Additional information for either of these events can be found in the Friday Flocknote.**

Question? Want to get involved contact 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>.

**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, EUCHARIST**  
**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**  
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.

**Rock the 80s Auction News**

ST. THERESA AUCTION | NOVEMBER 4TH, 6PM

**Join Us in Celebrating St. Theresa School!**

**You are invited to join us for an unforgettable evening of celebration and giving!**  
This year's auction promises to be a night jam-packed with fun, including:

- Cocktails and silent auction
- Fabulous dinner buffet and drinks
- Best 80's outfit prizes
- Heads or Tails Game
- Exciting program and live auction hosted by the one and only FRANCO FINNI!

And much more! Feeling some extra Titan spirit (or can't attend)? You can sponsor a teacher or staff member's ticket too! Check out the link below and reserve your tickets today!

**Other Ways to Support the St. Theresa School Auction**  
**Donate!** Your generous contribution of goods, services and experiences will help to build our live and silent auction lots, and all proceeds support St. T's! If you are interested in contributing to our auction, the deadline to donate is **October 13th!**  
**Some popular auction items include:**

- Vacation Home Stays
- Hotel Stays
- Sports Tickets/Swag/Memorabilia
- Wine Tastings/Bottle Donations
- Golf/Country Club Passes
- Memberships - Zoo, Fairyland, etc.
- Theme Park Passes
- Airline Miles
- Spa Passes/Packages
- Movie or Concert Venue Passes

**Sponsor Our Auction**  
The auction committee invites you to consider a sponsorship of our 2023-2024 St. Theresa Auction! We have a range of sponsorship levels to fit all giving levels with valuable sponsor benefits. To find out more, check out the link below. The St. Theresa School is deeply grateful for the support of the St. Theresa parish community.

**For Auction tickets and information, click the links below.**



For tickets and sponsorships, click [HERE](https://paybee.io/@sttheresa). [\[https://paybee.io/@sttheresa\]](https://paybee.io/@sttheresa)  
To donate an auction item, please contact Sophia Kassab: [so.campodonico@gmail.com](mailto:so.campodonico@gmail.com) or 510-604-5472.

**MASS INTENTIONS - SEPTEMBER 2 - 10**

|        |         |                                 |
|--------|---------|---------------------------------|
| Sat.   | 5:00 pm | Parish Community of St. Theresa |
| Sun.   | 9:00 am | ✦ Tom and Dorothy Donnelly      |
| Mon.   | 8:30 am | Corinne Henning                 |
| Tues.  | 8:30 am | April Stack Erskine             |
| Wed.   | 8:30 am | ✦ Gordon Fearnley               |
| Thurs. | 8:30 am | George Henning                  |
| Fri.   | 8:30 am | Special Intention               |
| Sat.   | 5:00 pm | ✦ Silvano Giuntoli              |
| Sun.   | 9:00 am | Parish Community of St. Theresa |

**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 21 - 27) 54 DONORS

**\$ 2,439.50**

MASS/DROP-OFF/MAILED DONATIONS:

(August 21 - 27) 42 DONORS

**\$ 2,590.00**



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*

**PARISH/SCHOOL WORK DAY**

There is a work day planned on Saturday, September 9 beginning at 9:30 am. We will work on things that need to be cleaned, fixed and replaced around the school and parish buildings. All are welcome to come and work for an hour or for a few hours. Please sign up either on the link on the Friday Flocknote or in the back of the church today so we have enough brooms, lightbulbs, wheelbarrows, and the right tools for the tasks we can tackle.



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**DIOCESAN PRIEST RETIREMENT BENEFIT TRUST**

Let us remember our retired priests. Although they are officially retired, some of the priests in this category are still "laboring in the vineyard" as chaplains, pastor emeriti, spiritual directors and more.

On **September 9 & 10** we will have the opportunity to contribute to the Diocesan Priest Retirement Benefit Trust. Prayerfully consider how you can match their generosity to the Church.

You may also use Online Giving for this collection. Choose the Diocesan Priest Retirement - September fund option

**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 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, 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., 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

Many thanks to all who made the annual 'Back to School' Mass and concert such a success last week. Special thanks to parish and school staff that secured permits from the city and facilitated the wonderful band.



A special shout out to Keri Nims who coordinated the efforts and made it all work. I am so happy that we had school children and their families from many schools who had their backpacks blessed with the prayer that this will be a great school year. Let us continue to remember our children in their school endeavors throughout the year.

As you may have heard, we are planning on having a 'workday' beginning at 9:30am on Saturday, September 9. All are welcome to come and work for an hour or for a few hours. The list of tasks is growing as you identify things we might address. Please sign up either on the link on the Friday Flocknote or in the back of the church today so we have enough brooms, lightbulbs, wheelbarrows, and the right tools for the tasks we can tackle. Many blessings will be awarded for this service that will benefit our whole community.

We continue to search and pray for several part time jobs at the parish. We are in need of a maintenance person, bookkeeper, and Confirmation program coordinator. If you know of anyone or have some time yourself, please contact me directly at: 510-547-2777 x121 or [rjmccann@sttheresaokland.org](mailto:rjmccann@sttheresaokland.org). No one will ever get rich working for the Church, but I assure you that there are benefits no other work can achieve! To reflect on the call God gives us, Deacon Greg Kandra has this succinct reflection:

"Last Sunday, Jesus stood before each of us and asks, "Who do you say that I am?" as he asked Peter and the other disciples. He doesn't ask us what we think, what we ponder, what we speculate. He asks us: What do you say?

What do we proclaim — not just with our words, but with our actions? What do we announce to others — by how we live and what we say — about Jesus Christ? Do we honor God with the way we live our lives? Do we make clear that we are people of faith, hope, and charity? That we follow the Christ of compassion and forgiveness, of justice and mercy?

In a violent and unjust world, what do we say? Do we stand up for the victimized, the vulnerable, the weak? Do we defend the defenseless? The unborn, the persecuted, the poor? Do we give a voice to the ones who might be too afraid to speak up, the ones who have no one to speak for them?

Do we have the courage of Peter, the courage to profess our faith? Like Peter, at times we sink after we have challenged the Lord to help us walk on water. We are all imperfect. We struggle with limitations, weakness, fears, frailties, sin. Like Peter, we can doubt. We can let fear overwhelm us. We can sink when we try to walk.

**But that doesn't have to define us.** That doesn't have to be the end of the story.

The great call of our lives as Christians is the call to live as disciples of Christ in spite of all that. It is a call to go out into the world and proclaim the Good News daily — to speak and live the Gospel even when it is hard, and to let God's grace work through us to do the rest.

## 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: SEPTEMBER 4 - 10

| Monday:                               | Tuesday:                                  | Wednesday:                       | Thursday:                        | Friday:                                | Saturday:                         | Sunday:                                          |
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| 1 Thes 4:13-18<br>Ps 96<br>Lk 4:16-30 | 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11<br>Ps 27<br>Lk 4:31-37 | Col 1:1-8<br>Ps 52<br>Lk 4:38-44 | Col 1:9-14<br>Ps 98<br>Lk 5:1-11 | Mt 5:1-4a<br>Ps 13<br>Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 | Col 1:21-23<br>Ps 54<br>Lk 6:1-15 | Ez 33:7-9<br>Ps 98<br>Rom 13:8-10<br>Mt 18:15-20 |