

ST. THERESA PARISH COMMUNITY

SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

TWENTY-THIRD 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

 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@sttheresaoakland.org

Middle School Youth Ministry (Grades 6-8)

Keri Nims ~ keri@sttheresaoakland.org

High School Youth Ministry/Confirmation

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

Cathy Brady ~ cathy_b@sttheresaoakland.org

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

Parish Organization Contacts

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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

ST THERESA FEAST DAY PICNIC

Oct. 1st Food, Music and Fun

Rock Solid

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.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops call us to:

1. Reaffirm our Vocation as Stewards of Creation
2. Thank God for His Wonderful Handiwork
3. Implore God's Help and Ask His Pardon



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.

St. Phoebe Day Celebration

When: Wednesday, September 13th at 9am

Where: Meeting rooms at St. Theresa

**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 FINN!

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]  
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 9 - 17**

Sat. 5:00 pm ✠ Silvano Giuntoli  
 Sun. 9:00 am Parish Community of St. Theresa

Mon. 8:30 am Special Intention  
 Tues. 8:30 am Special Intention  
 Wed. 8:30 am ✠ Pat Tynan  
 Thurs. 8:30 am Special Intention  
 Fri. 8:30 am Special Intention

Sat. 5:00 pm ✠ Tina Bruno  
 Sun. 9:00 am Parish Community of St. Theresa

**MASS INTENTIONS**

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

**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@sttheresaoakland.org](mailto: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:**

(August 28 - September 3) 59 DONORS **\$ 3,390.70**

**MASS/DROP-OFF/MAILED DONATIONS:**

(August 28 - September 3) 47 DONORS **\$ 4,205.00**

**PARISH MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENT:**

ONLINE: (AUGUST 7 - SEPT. 3) 33 DONORS **\$ 1,557.20**

MASS/DROP-OFF/MAILED: 33 DONORS **\$ 886.00**



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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://sttheresaoakland.org/donate>

*Thank you for giving generously to St. Theresa Parish*

**Holy Hour Against Racism**

September 13, Wednesday

7:00 pm

**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.

**PARISH CALENDAR**

Find out what is happening at the parish.

<https://sttheresaoakland.org/calendar>

**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., Norma Ninalga.



I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS

**Bishop's Ministries  
Appeal 2023**

St. Theresa Parish  
 Goal \$35,800

Percentage Achieved **76.93%**

**\$27,540** as of August 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

Sincere thanks to the volunteers who helped at the 'workday' last Saturday. It is gratifying when I witness parishioners take ownership of the parish and care for a patch of the facilities that all who come here to pray or learn will immediately notice how this parish community welcomes and cares for all who come to us every week or on occasion or for an event like a wedding, funeral, First Communion, or other parish event.



Again, I advertise and hope by word of mouth we can find a part-time handyperson, bookkeeper, and young adult catechetical coordinator. I ask as Keri did at Mass a few weeks ago, that even if we don't know someone, we pray all of these positions will soon be filled.

You have noticed in the past few flock notes that the diocese continues to hold events during the three-year Eucharistic revival call. This coming week and for the rest of the school year each month there will be a 'holy hour' on Wednesdays in the church with exposition and a theme that will be meditated on during the hour. The actual Rite for Exposition does not call for silent prayer throughout the hours we have the exposition as we do on First Fridays from 9am to 4:30pm. I encourage you to come and experience this on Wednesday night. We will be using a service provided by the USCCB during our revival.

An important facet of the revival is also to understand the theology of this most precious gift God gives us. I wrote and have received permission from the Australian Bishops' Conference to reprint some of a very short book on our faith. I will include some parts of the chapters on the Eucharist this week and over the next few weeks.

"Eucharist stems from a Greek word meaning 'thanksgiving'. In Holy Communion, the Eucharist, Jesus Christ is really present under the appearance of bread and wine. This

teaching has been consistent since Jesus shared the Last Supper with the Apostles. (cf. Mark 14:22-24)

At Mass, Catholics receive Holy Communion, the Body and Blood of the risen Lord under the appearance of bread and wine. Over the last 100 years, there have been extraordinary developments in the field of interpreting the Scriptures. One principle that has developed for interpreting Scripture is the idea of working to understand the intention of the sacred author when he wrote the Gospel. That is what was the author trying to communicate to his original audience?

Scripture scholarship has confirmed, enriched, and enlivened our understanding of the Eucharist. The scholars tell us that the use of the symbols of *bread and wine* and *blood and covenant* in the context of a meal, draws on a rich tradition in Jewish teaching and practice.

At the Last Supper, through symbolic action, Jesus brought together six related but separate things: **1.** The Passover, when the Hebrews captive in Egypt marked the doorposts of their homes with the blood of a lamb; upon seeing this sign, the spirit of the Lord *passed over* these homes saving them from a terrible plague (Exodus 12:21-28). **2.** The Exodus of the Hebrews from slavery in Egypt and the food (manna) provided by God in the desert. (Exodus 16) **3.** meals that Jesus shared with the outcasts of society (Luke 19:1-10; Mark 14:3-9). **4.** His death on the cross (Mt. 27:32-55; Mark 15:21-40; Jn 19:17-37; Luke 23:26-49). **5.** His rising from the dead (Mt 28, Mark 16, Luke 24, Jn 20 and 21). **6.** The image of the huge banquet where he will preside when he brings creation to completion at the end of time (Lk 14:15-24; Mt. 22:1-14).

In the Eucharist, at the one time, the Passover, the Exodus, Jesus' dining with outcasts, the Last Supper, the Crucifixion, the Resurrection, and an anticipation of the return of Christ in glory are all remembered and made present in the Body and Blood of the risen Lord under the appearance of bread and wine. *(To be continued)*

## 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 11 - 17

| Monday:                            | Tuesday:                           | Wednesday:                         | Thursday:                                        | Friday                                    | Saturday:                            | Sunday:                                               |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| Col 1:24-2:3<br>Ps 62<br>Lk 6:6-11 | Col 2:6-15<br>Ps 145<br>Lk 6:12-19 | Col 3:1-11<br>Ps 145<br>Lk 6:20-26 | Nm 21:4b-9<br>Ps 78<br>Phil 2:6-11<br>Jn 3:13-17 | 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14<br>Ps 16<br>Jn 19:25-27 | 1 Tm 1:15-17<br>Ps 113<br>Lk 6:43-49 | Sir 27:30-28:7<br>Ps 103<br>Rom 14:7-9<br>Mt 18:21-35 |