

# ST. THERESA PARISH COMMUNITY

SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

TWENTY-FOURTH 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 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.facebook.com/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)

Keri Nims ~ [keri@sttheresaoakland.org](mailto:keri@sttheresaoakland.org)

## 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

# 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

## HAMBURGERS AND HOT DOGS

PLACE YOUR FOOD ORDER BY USING THE LINK OR QR CODE  
DETAILS ARE ON THE ORDER FORM.

<https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Form/6951080c-cb81-4d93-b537-be99ae9c6871>





## 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. Throughout this month-long celebration, the world's 2.2 billion Christians come together to care and pray for our common home.

Read about why we should divest from fossil fuels. On the Laudato Si Movement- Catholics for our Common Home website.  
<https://laudatosimovement.org/divestment/>

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

Additional information can be found in the Friday Flocknote.

Question? Want to get involved contact Lydia Deck [lddeck@me.com](mailto:lddeck@me.com)

# 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:

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.



## 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:**

|                                   |                                      |
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| • Vacation Home Stays             | • Memberships - Zoo, Fairyland, etc. |
| • Hotel Stays                     | • Theme Park Passes                  |
| • Sports Tickets/Swag/Memorabilia | • Airline Miles                      |
| • Wine Tastings/Bottle Donations  | • Spa Passes/Packages                |
| • Golf/Country Club Passes        | • 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 16 - 24**

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

Mon. 8:30 am ✦ Gladys Buie Jones  
 Tues. 8:30 am ✦ Peggy Gunitrier  
 Wed. 8:30 am Laura Jones  
 Thurs. 8:30 am ✦ Robert Delucchi  
 Fri. 8:30 am ✦ Maria & Arnold Tira

Sat. 5:00 pm ✦ Virginia Cuttitta  
 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:**

(September 4 - 10) 55 DONORS

**\$ 3,729.50**

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

(September 4 - 10) 35 DONORS

**\$ 2,550.00**

**DIOCESAN PRIEST RETIREMENT FUND:**

ONLINE: 4 DONORS

**\$ 185.00**

MASS/DROP-OFF/MAILED: 22 DONORS

**\$ 949.00**



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://sttheresaoakland.org/donate>

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

**PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE**

The Finance Committee has a need for someone whose background includes being a controller.

It will not be a big time commitment but we need your skills. If you'd like to explore this, please call Carolyn Mahoney at 510-918-1987.

**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://sttheresaoakland.org/donate>.

**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 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, Betty Jo Olson, baby Juanito.



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

I again want to thank all who spent some time doing many tasks on the 'workday' last week. You can immediately see some of the efforts by looking into the planters at the entrance to the church with the maple trees. A lot of debris has been removed and the bed has been filled with wood chips. The vine with the purple flowers on the fence in front of the grass field where we will have our October 1 Mass has been expertly pruned. Broken window units in every classroom were repaired or replaced. The ramp and other areas that get a lot of traffic have been power washed. You may not easily see, but an overflowing girl's bathroom has been snaked and cleared. The trees by the hill along the classrooms and in the back by the garden generated enough branches to fill up two large trash bins and sweeping and cleaning of the blacktop has really spruced up the site. Some pictures of the day will be posted, and we can all be very proud of the work completed and those who made it possible. A big thank you to all who worked and let us all say a prayer of thanksgiving for their service!



The visitor notices how a community cares for its property. There is always something left to still do as any person knows about their home, but all the efforts last week are a physical sign of the real reason we have a site, we are a community that takes care of one another and needs as we can. Thank you leads right into the ongoing reflection

about the Mass and the Eucharist revival we are part of in the Church right now.

*(Continued from last week)* "The Catholic Church teaches what Jesus taught about the gift of the Eucharist. That is, Jesus is the bread that has come down from heaven, his flesh is real food, and his blood is real drink, and anyone who eats this bread will live forever. Holy Communion is indeed a great gift to every member of the Catholic Church.

Unlike Baptism and Confirmation, which are sacraments that we receive only once, Catholics are welcome to participate in Mass and receive the Bread of God, Holy Communion, every day.

Eucharistic adoration is also possible in our churches many hours of the day. (Here at St. Theresa, the church doors are open before 8am and are closed around 5pm. Many stop in for a few moments during any day and seeing the candle lit near the tabernacle, are comforted by a special intimacy and communion with God.

For Catholics, the celebration of the Eucharist, the Mass, is the center of their life of faith. The Mass is the summit towards which the activity of the Church is directed. It is also the heart and soul of the Church. The gospel account of the encounter with Jesus by two disciples on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35) puts a spotlight on the Mass. *(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 18 - 24

| Monday:                          | Tuesday:                            | Wednesday:                           | Thursday:                              | Friday:                           | Saturday:                           | Sunday:                                                  |
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| 1 Tm 2:1-8<br>Ps 28<br>Lk 7:1-10 | 1 Tm 3:1-13<br>Ps 101<br>Lk 7:11-17 | 1 Tm 3:14-16<br>Ps 111<br>Lk 7:31-35 | Eph 4:1-7, 11-13<br>Ps 19<br>Mt 9:9-13 | 1 Tm 6:2c-12<br>Ps 49<br>Lk 8:1-3 | 1 Tm 6:13-16<br>Ps 100<br>Lk 8:4-15 | Is 55:6-9<br>Ps 145<br>Phil 1:20c-24, 27a<br>Mt 20:1-16a |