

# ST. THERESA PARISH COMMUNITY

SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

TWENTY-FIFTH 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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## 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

**We are bringing back our amazing food crew lead by Peter Boero and Peter Nutti !!**

**Choose from grilled Hamburgers or Hot Dog (includes salad, watermelon and chips).**


**We need MANY hands to make event like this happen.**

**Please help...there are spots from set-up/clean-up to helping at our prize table or even at the food station.**

**Use the link or QR Code below to order your meals and to volunteer.**

<https://sttheresaokland.org/about-us/st-theresa-feast-day-celebration>





## 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>]  
To donate an auction item, please contact Sophia Kassab:  
[so.campodonico@gmail.com](mailto:so.campodonico@gmail.com) or 510-604-5472.

### SVDP BAKE SALE NEXT WEEKEND

Your Fall favorite is back and bigger than ever! Yes, the St Vincent de Paul Fall Bake Sale is next weekend after the Saturday, 5pm Mass and then we'll go really big on Sunday at the Parish Feast Day Picnic! Homemade cookies, cakes, cupcakes, pies, pastries, jams/jellies, candy, and more are all on the menu. You'll need dessert at the picnic and we'll be there to satisfy every sweet tooth in your family! And, you'll want to take some home as well! So, come early and come often—you won't be sorry you did! Finally, if you happen to have a hankering to bake, we'd welcome your treats—just bring them to the Church hall on Saturday between 10 am and 11 am. See you next weekend after Mass and at the picnic!



### 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@mc.com](mailto:lddeck@mc.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](mailto:Keri@sttheresaokland.org)  
with questions or to register



**MASS INTENTIONS - SEPTEMBER 23 - OCTOBER 1**

Sat.	5:00 pm	✠ Virginia Cuttitta
Sun.	9:00 am	Parish Community of St. Theresa
Mon.	8:30 am	Sophia Aycock
Tues.	8:30 am	✠ Leo O'Brien
Wed.	8:30 am	✠ Albie Kostyrka
Thurs.	8:30 am	Special Intention
Fri.	8:30 am	For the youth of our parish
Sat.	5:00 pm	Parish Community of St. Theresa
Sun.	11:00 am	✠ Virginia Cuttitta

**MASS INTENTIONS**

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

**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.

**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 your full name and email address.

**SUNDAY OFFERING****ONLINE GIVING:**

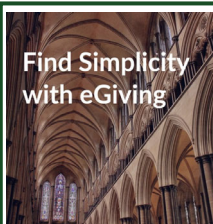
(September 11 - 17) 51 DONORS

**\$ 1,778.50**

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

(September 11 - 17) 42 DONORS

**\$ 3,974.00**



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*

**OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup> MASS TIME**

The St. Theresa Feast Day Celebration Mass on October 1<sup>st</sup> will be at 11:00 am on the lawn. There will not be a 9:00 am Mass that day.

**PARISH MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENT**

The second collection for the Parish Maintenance & Improvement Fund will be on September 30 & October 1.

You may also use Online Giving for this collection.

**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 **77.09%**

**\$27,600** as of September 15, 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

At the conclusion of the Mass, the priest or deacon sends us forth to carry what we have heard and with the nourishment of Word and Sacrament into the world. We are the 'Christ bearers. We are sent to transform the world by our daily lives as Christ would transform it. We bless as Christ blessed the children, we forgive as Jesus often forgave the sinner, we proclaim the Kingdom by what we say and do and feed the crowds with little that becomes enough for everyone to have their fill.



Most don't put on a roman collar or a nun's veil to do this. We simply radiate Christ by how we treat the members of our family, our co-workers at our jobs, the clerks we encounter in the stores and other places our week takes us. We have real guidance on how to treat our neighbor.

Last week, we re-commissioned the catechists in our parish in both our religious education program and in our parochial school. I ask all to pray for all our students and the teachers that reveal the mysteries of God's Kingdom by what they teach and how they conduct their classes and lives. May God's love, wisdom and compassion abound among us!

Continuing the reflections on the Eucharist, last week the column mentioned the road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35). \* "In the story of happenings on the road to Emmaus, Jesus walked beside two disciples. Although they walked together, something prevented the disciples from recognizing Jesus. On the journey the disciples talked about the recent events that had occurred in Jerusalem.

As the disciples appeared to be disappointed and confused, Jesus asked what they were discussing. Astounded that the stranger did not know what had happened one of them related the events and told him of confusing reports that Jesus' body was missing and that some of their group had been told by an angel that Jesus was alive.

Jesus then told them stories from the Hebrew Scriptures, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets,

explaining the passages in the Scriptures that referred to himself.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, the disciples asked the knowledgeable stranger to stay with them. As they began to share a meal, Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it, and handed it to them. At this, their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; but he vanished from their sight.

Startled by this amazing event, the disciples said to each other: *Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, he was opening the Scriptures to us?* (Luke 24:32.)

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the eleven gathered together. They were saying: *The Lord has risen indeed and has appeared to Simon.* The two disciples told their story of what had happened on the road to Emmaus and how they had recognized Jesus at the breaking of the bread.

There are many parallels between the Catholic Mass and this story:

- ♦ Christ is always with us, although we may not recognize his presence.
- ♦ It is not unusual to come to prayer perhaps disheartened and confused as to what God might be doing in our life.
- ♦ As Jesus explained the Scriptures so also at Mass the Scriptures are proclaimed in the readings and explained in the homily.
- ♦ At Mass we recognize Jesus as truly present in the bread blessed, broken and shared.
- ♦ Like the disciples on recognizing the risen Lord, the task of the Christian is to go out and tell others the Good News that Jesus is risen from the dead.

*(To be continued) \* From Call and Response: An Intro to the Catholic Faith, Australian Bishops Conference)*

## 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 25 - OCTOBER 1

Monday:	Tuesday:	Wednesday:	Thursday:	Friday	Saturday:	Sunday:
Ezr 1:1-6 Ps 126 Lk 8:16-18	Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20 Ps 122 Lk 8:19-21	Ezr 9:5-9 Ps Tb 13 Lk 9:1-6	Hg 1:1-8 Ps 149 Lk 9:7-9	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 Ps 138 Jn 1:47-51	Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a Ps Jer 31 Lk 9:43b-45	Ez 18:25-28 Ps 25 Phil 2:1-11 Mt 21:28-32