

ST. THERESA PARISH COMMUNITY

OCTOBER 1, 2023

TWENTY-SIXTH 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

 Facebook: [StTheresaChurch/Oakland](https://www.facebook.com/StTheresaChurch/Oakland)

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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)

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High School Youth Ministry/Confirmation

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

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

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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

October 4

8:10 am

In the School Yard

Blessing
of Animals

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WINGS ~ WOMEN IN GOD'S SPIRIT

"WINGS commences this Fall on Wednesday mornings. Our theme for the 2023/2024 season is **"Walking the Journey of Faith."** This faith enhancement group for women encourages spiritual growth through prayer, scripture study, life-sharing and community. Our Fall session meetings, each with a different expert speaker generally focusing on different aspects of our faith, will take place from 9:15-11:15am, on Wednesday mornings. Our engaging speakers will uplift you and keep you informed. You'll experience a welcoming community as we support each other in our spiritual growth. Feel free to invite a friend! Women from local parishes and other denominations are most certainly welcome. If you're new to WINGS or wish to sample a meeting, feel free to attend the meeting at St. Theresa's. If you have any questions, contact Denise at mollend@aol.com."

**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 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 with any general questions. Call 510-547-0911 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>.

PARISH EDITION

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 or 510-604-5472.

WEEKLY READINGS: OCTOBER 2 - 8

Monday:	Tuesday:	Wednesday:	Thursday:	Friday	Saturday:	Sunday:
Zec 8:1-8	Zec 8:20-23	Neh 2:1-8	Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6,	Bar 1:15-22	Bar 4:5-12, 27-29	Is 5:1-7
Ps 102	Ps 87	Ps 137	7b-12	Ps 79	Ps 69	Ps 80
Mt 18:1-5, 10	Lk 9:51-56	Lk 9:57-62	Ps 19	Lk 10:13-16	Lk 10_17-24	Phil 4:6-9
			Lk 10:1-12			Mt 21:33-43

MASS INTENTIONS - SEPTEMBER 30 - OCTOBER 8

Sat.	5:00 pm	Parish Community of St. Theresa
Sun.	11:00 am	✠ Virginia Cuttitta
Mon.	8:30 am	For Peace and an end to warfare
Tues.	8:30 am	✠ Gloria Pricco
Wed.	8:30 am	✠ Dorothy Donnelly
Thurs.	8:30 am	Lisa Z. Oliverez
Fri.	8:30 am	Sylvia Ann Oliverez
Sat.	5:00 pm	Ida & Nick Monti
Sun.	9:00 am	✠ Parish Community of St. Theresa

MASS INTENTIONS

To request a Mass Intention contact Melody Marr at
melody@sttheresaokland.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

OR

Text: STT To: 84579

OR send an email to

cathy_b@sttheresaokland.org with a request to be added to the Friday Flocknote Group with your full name and email address.

SUNDAY OFFERING**ONLINE GIVING:**

(September 18 - 24) 51 DONORS

\$ 2,419.50

MASS/DROP-OFF/MAILED DONATIONS:

(September 18 - 24) 36 DONORS

\$ 2,259.00



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:



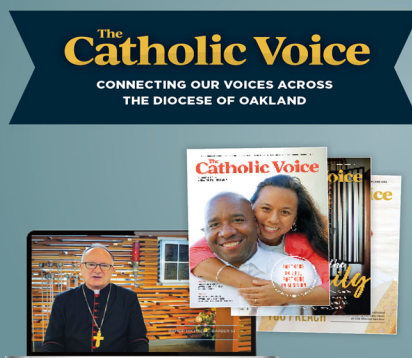
Text
510-876-9679
 Text "GIVE" to this number to receive a link to our online giving page.

Visit us at
<https://sttheresaokland.org/donate>

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DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers, those who have died especially Ann Lauth.

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://sttheresaokland.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, Fr. Paul Schmidt, Marley Malone, Isabella Guillot Williams, Violet Chancey, Ann Kirkman, Hal Lauth, Phil Stover, Joey Smith, Raymond Buckley, Jr., Norma Ninalga, Betty Jo Olson, baby Juanito.

**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

Happy Feast Day! Happy St. Theresa Day! I hope we all have a great time Sunday in our patron's honor at the parish picnic. St. Theresa was amazingly in awe and in love with the gift of the Eucharist and continuing with this theme this year, her witness I believe benefit all of us:



"St. John Paul singled out how Theresa identified that her vocation, and every vocation, was to be "love in the heart of the Church," a truth she grasped and exemplified. The "disarming simplicity" of her "little way," he underlined, helps us to perceive the essential "secret of all life," which is the love of God believed in, received, lived, reciprocated and shared with others.

That open secret of the Christian life as a communion of love had, for her, its root and fruit in the awesome gift of what Jesus himself called, in his apparitions to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, the "Sacrament of Love," his Eucharistic presence. As the Church in the United States enters more deeply into its three-year Eucharistic Revival, it's fitting to focus on what St. Thérèse teaches about how to relate to Jesus in the Eucharist so that through participation in his Eucharistic self-giving, he can make us, like her, love in the very heart of the Mystical Body.

St. Thérèse's Eucharistic love began very young, in the Eucharistic piety of her parents, Sts. Louis and Zélie Martin, who were daily Mass-goers and frequent recipients of Holy Communion at a time in which — because of the residue of the Jansenist heresy in France that excessively focused on human sinfulness and unworthiness to receive Communion — most Catholics, including daily Mass attendees and cloistered religious, received but a few times a year. The Martins would bring little Thérèse along with them to Mass each morning and her father would take her on afternoon walks, which would always climax in a visit to the Blessed Sacrament in some church or chapel.

She rejoiced to participate in Eucharistic processions and delighted to be able to throw rose petals before Jesus' path. She would make 15-minute visits to the Blessed Sacrament on her own during recess at school and eagerly took part in Benediction.

Children at the time were able to make their Holy Communion only in the year in which they were 10 on Jan. 1. Because St. Thérèse was born on Jan. 2, she needed to wait until she was 11. But after years of spiritual communions and intense longing, her day finally came on May 8, 1884.

She called it "the most wonderful day of my life ... that first kiss of Jesus in my heart — it was truly a kiss of love. I knew that I was loved and said, 'I love you, and I give myself to you forever.'"

It was a brutal shock to her after she entered Carmel at 15 that the superior, influenced by Jansenism, would only allow the nuns to receive on a few set days a year. Thérèse considered it the hardest cross of her time in religious life. She prayed through St. Joseph for a change and in late 1890, Pope Leo XIII took such authority away

from religious superiors and gave it to confessors; her confessor, however, intimidated by the superior, kept Holy Communion infrequent. The only respite came during the influenza pandemic of 1891-92, when the confessor gave Thérèse "the unspeakable consolation of receiving Holy Communion every day," a privilege lost once the pandemic abated and the superior was out of the infirmary.

For Thérèse, the question wasn't simply one of human desire, but of divine.

"It is not to remain in a golden ciborium that [Jesus] comes to us each day from Heaven," she declared. "It's to find another heaven, infinitely dearer to him than the first: the heaven of our soul, made to his image, the living temple of the adorable Trinity!"

As a 16-year-old, she wrote to her 19-year-old cousin, Marie Guérin, who because of scrupulosity was refraining from receiving Jesus regularly:

Dear little sister, receive Communion often, very often. ... Jesus hasn't placed this attraction in your soul for nothing! ... It is impossible that a heart that rests only at the sight of the tabernacle offends Jesus to the point of not being able to receive him; what offends him and what wounds his heart is the lack of confidence!

For her, Holy Communion was something for which there was no price too high to pay. In the throes of the tuberculosis that would end her life, she would still go down to the chapel, and forsake medication that was deemed to break the Eucharistic fast, on the days on which the nuns were permitted to receive. "There is not suffering too great to gain one Communion!" she stated.

Thérèse left us a guide as to how she would prepare for Holy Communion:

I picture my soul as a piece of land and beg the Blessed Virgin to remove from it any rubbish that would prevent it from being free; then I ask her to set up a huge tent worthy of heaven, adorning it with her own jewelry; finally, I invite all the angels and saints to come and conduct a magnificent concert there. It seems to me that when Jesus descends into my heart, he is content to find himself so well received and I, too, am content.

The year before she died, she wrote a beautiful poem entitled *My Wishes Before the Tabernacle*, in which she compared herself to the tabernacle key, the sanctuary lamp, the altar stone, the corporal, the monstrance, the paten for the host, the chalice and the grapes and wheat that are the raw materials for the Eucharistic sacrifice.

Father Roger Landry Father Roger Landry, Catholic chaplain at Columbia University, is ecclesiastical assistant to Aid to the Church in Need USA. Father Landry, a priest of the Diocese of Fall River, Massachusetts, has been appointed by the U.S. bishops a "National Eucharistic Preacher."

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.

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.

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.