

# ST. THERESA PARISH COMMUNITY

OCTOBER 8, 2023

TWENTY-SEVENTH 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*  
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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

**WINGS ~ WOMEN IN GOD'S SPIRIT**

"WINGS commences this Fall on Wednesday mornings. 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 [molland@aol.com](mailto:molland@aol.com)."



Our theme for the 2023/2024 year is:

**"Walking the Journey of Faith"**

**OCTOBER 11<sup>TH</sup>**  
**PRAYER SERVICE**

**SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER**

**THE SYNOD started October 4!!**

Did you know that this is a historic moment in the Church? Remember the Synod? Well, the Synod is still going on and Church leaders around the world will be convening this October to discuss the future of the Church. To view the working document, Instrumentum Laboris, that participants of the synod will use that was based on all the local churches' synod gatherings held last year, click here. Or copy and paste this link in your browser: [https://www.synod.va/content/dam/synod/common/phases/universal-stage/il/PAGINATED\\_ENG\\_INSTRUMENTUM-LABORIS-A4.pdf](https://www.synod.va/content/dam/synod/common/phases/universal-stage/il/PAGINATED_ENG_INSTRUMENTUM-LABORIS-A4.pdf)

This is a truly great document touching many of the issues of importance for the renewal of the church.


**Additional information 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 510-547-0911 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](mailto:so.campodonico@gmail.com) or 510-604-5472.

**WEEKLY READINGS: OCTOBER 9 - 15**

Monday:	Tuesday:	Wednesday:	Thursday:	Friday	Saturday:	Sunday:
Jon 1:1-2:2, 11 Ps Jon 2 Lk 10:25-37	Jon 3:1-10 Ps 130 Lk 10:38-42	Jon 4:1-11 Ps 86 Lk 11:1-4	Mal 3:13-20b Ps 1 Lk 11:5-13	Jl 1:13-15: 2:1-2 Ps 9 Lk 11:15-26	Jl 4:12-21 Ps 97 Lk 11:27-28	Is 25:6-10a Ps 23 Phil 4:12-14, 19-20 Mt 22:1-14

**MASS INTENTIONS - OCTOBER 7 - 15**

Sat.	5:00 pm	Ida & Nick Monti
Sun.	9:00 am	✠ Parish Community of St. Theresa
Mon.	8:30 am	Immigrants and Refugees
Tues.	8:30 am	Ryan Joseph Olivarez
Wed.	8:30 am	✠ Timothy Donnelly
Thurs.	8:30 am	✠ Joanne Remaley
Fri.	8:30 am	For an end to discrimination
Sat.	5:00 pm	Parish Community of St. Theresa
Sun.	9:00 am	✠ Tom & Dorothy Donnelly

**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 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**

**PARISH MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENT:**

ONLINE: (SEPT. 4 - OCT. 1) 33 DONORS **\$ 1,557.20**

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



**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](https://sttheresaokland.org/donate)

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

**PARISH HOLY HOUR**

**October 11, 2023 (Wednesday)**

**4:00 pm**

**Come and spend an hour in prayer, reflection, with music and scripture.**



**BELIEVE WHAT YOU READ**

**TEACH WHAT YOU BELIEVE**

**PRACTICE WHAT YOU TEACH**

WITH GRATITUDE TO GOD  
 THE ORDER OF FRIARS MINOR CAPUCHIN  
 AND THE SOCIETY OF JESUS  
 ANNOUNCE THE

**ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE OF**

**CHRISTOPHER E. ALT, SJ**

**NIKOLAS A. BARTH, OFM CAP**

**BRENDAN G. COFFEY, SJ**

**L. RYEN DWYER, SJ**

**DANIEL J. EVERSON, SJ**

**HONGCHEOL JEONG, SJ**

**CHIA-YANG "C-Y" KAO, SJ**

**DAVID KROL, SJ**

**BRYAN D. PAULSEN, SJ**

**MICHAEL J. TEDONE, SJ**

TO BE CONFERRED BY  
 MOST REVEREND MICHAEL C. BARBER, SJ  
 BISHOP OF OAKLAND  
 SATURDAY, THE TWENTY-FIRST OF OCTOBER  
 TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-THREE  
 AT TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING  
 THE CATHEDRAL OF CHRIST THE LIGHT  
 2121 HARRISON ST., OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

*Live streaming at [youtube.com/atcathedralstreams](https://youtube.com/atcathedralstreams)*

**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.

**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 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.



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>

## A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

A million thanks to all who participated, set-up, worked the game booths, cooked the picnic luncheon, served beverages, sang at the Mass on the lawn and played in the band, *Rock Solid*, who furnished music for a great afternoon! The St. Theresa feast day celebration was a great success because of each and every one of you! And so many of the girls and boys had a great time that it is well worth doing it again. And the scouts were dutifully stationed at every garbage unit to make sure we separated the disposables in the right place so we can avoid the fines that come quickly when we miss.



Special thanks has to go to Cathy Brady who coordinated the set-up, the programs, and preparations for the Mass. And very special thanks goes to Keri Nims who coordinated the whole event. She took care of the advertisement, purchase of food items, sign ups for meal options and just making it look like an effortless endeavor. Believe me, a lot of work went toward making this a success that just doesn't get seen. I hope all of us will say a prayer of praise for everyone involved last week.

As I mentioned, this was the 98<sup>th</sup> Celebration of our parish. In just two short years, we turn 100. Now is the time to start thinking about how we will celebrate this jubilee year of being a Catholic community under the banner and patronage of St. Theresa, the little flower.

Last week, I presented some of the fervent love that St. Theresa exhibited in receiving and speaking about the Eucharist. Her words help us continue to reflect on the great gift God has given us in Jesus' presence in Holy Communion. I again thank Fr. Roger Landry for these words:

### For St. Thérèse, the Holy Eucharist Is the Big Secret Behind the Little Way

"The Little Flower regarded the rare and precious gift of Holy Communion as something for which there was no price too high to pay.

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.

The poem witnesses to the depth of her Eucharistic faith but also to her prayerful familiarity with these objects as Church history's most famous sacristan.

She begged for faith like the tabernacle key, to open the place where the God of love resides and for the grace to burn like the sanctuary lamp to draw many souls to Christ's Eucharistic love.

She asked for her soul to be a fitting place, like the altar stone and the Bethlehem stable, for Christ to rest, and for her heart to be like a beautiful corporal to receive him purely.

She petitioned to be like a priest's paten to hold him, like a monstrance to reveal him, and like a chalice where his saving blood might flow anew.

She entreated to be a ripe grape crushed each day to unite her sufferings to Christ's blood, and a grain of wheat falling to the ground and dying so that she might be transformed into her Eucharistic spouse and with him bear much fruit.

As we celebrate the quasiquicentennial of St. Thérèse's birth into eternal life, we ask her intercession to live the Eucharistic lessons she teaches us, so that receiving the food of everlasting life with love like hers, we might come to experience alongside her the joy of the eternal banquet."

## 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.