

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Happy Thanksgiving! I hope each of you will have a time to be with family and friends and time to spend a moment thanking God for all the gifts we receive be it family and friends, the food that nourishes us, the beauty that surrounds us and knowledge that we are God's beloved daughters and sons!



It is not a holy day, but if you can, I invite you to come to the morning Mass on Thanksgiving Day at 9:00 AM. Bring some of the bread and wine that will be served later at the Thanksgiving feast you attend or are preparing. This is a wonderful way to start the celebration and what it means as a country and as individuals and families.

This is a great time to acknowledge all who make our parish what it is and hopes to be. Citing our mission statement: We are a welcoming, active Catholic community united by our faith, open to transformation, growing spiritually and reaching out to love and serve others as Jesus taught us.

I am sincerely grateful for all who help us live and practice our mission statement! I am grateful for every donor who supports the work of the parish with your weekly contribution and who always gives more when a special need is announced. I am grateful and awed by each and every volunteer who makes sure the candles are lit, the readings are proclaimed loud and clear, the food bags are carried out to the car waiting to bring it to the pantry. I give thanks for those who pray the rosary every morning for the parish and other needs, for parents who make sure their children are learning about Jesus and the Church in our school and religious education programs and especially their homes, for our young people who are contemplating a lifelong commitment to Jesus and the Church by participating in the Confirmation program and for every child that sings out at our Masses and reminds us what Jesus meant when he said, 'unless you become like a little child. I am grateful for a committed and diligent staff that often go above and beyond job descriptions and expected hours to get the job done. I am grateful for the witness of faith that I have experienced in so many of you! There are many other things and individuals I thank God for, and I tried to pray for all of you during my retreat two weeks ago. I will leave this paragraph open because there is so much more to be grateful for this Thanksgiving.

Sometimes someone asks how long I have practiced being a priest. This week, I celebrate the forty second anniversary of my ordination as a priest. I give thanks to God for the gift of this call and that I have had the joy to serve that call here at St. Theresa's for the past twelve years. My prayer for all of us is a prayer I paraphrase that the bishop prayed over me at my ordination: "May God who have begun the good work in us, bring it to completion." Since I am still practicing, once again, if I have hurt anyone or not served as you needed, please forgive me. I hope the few more years that God gives me will only improve my practice.

I have been writing about Catholic Social Justice for the past few weeks to remind us how to build a just society and live lives of holiness at a time when wars ravage our planet. We can and do make a difference in our world! The 'two feet of love in action' calls us to respond to make that difference. The USCCB site sums up our actions (adapted for St. T) in the following terms:

St. Theresa of Calcutta wrote "It is not how much we do, but how much love we have..." So, the actions we might engage in:

- ✦ We **pray** individually and in community for the grace and guidance of the Holy Spirit and for those we serve.
- ✦ We **educate** by writing articles in our parish bulletin and flock notes, participating in the presentations sponsored by the St. Theresa Social Justice Committee, the California Catholic Conference and other Church and secular agencies.
- ✦ We **advocate** through opportunities provided by the California Catholic Conference. We use our voices to discuss social justice issues with our neighbors, family, fellow parishioners, and others who cross our path.
- ✦ We **act** by providing assistance to individuals and families in various ways throughout the year. (support for St. Vincent DePaul conference, sock, and backpack collections, giving tree at Christmas time, support for Corazon and sponsored immigrant families, etc.)

Have a great Thanksgiving if you are not here for Mass. Travel well and safely if you are on the move. As mentioned above: May the good things God has begun in us receive growth and perfection!

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.

ST. THERESA PARISH COMMUNITY

NOVEMBER 19, 2023

THIRTY-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 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>

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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



HELP DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR ADVENT!

Sunday, November 26th following
the 9:00 am Mass.

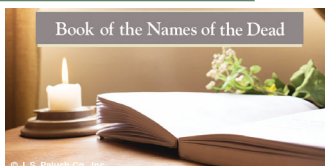
Many hands are needed to transform the
church for the Advent season.



Please join us for our monthly
RISE & SHINE Mass
at 9am on Sunday,
November 11th.
This is a youth-friendly and
youth-participatory Mass.

REMEMBER ALL SOULS THROUGHOUT NOVEMBER

The month of November is traditionally reserved in the Church for remembering loved ones who have died. Throughout the month there will be a book in the sanctuary which will include any name you submit or that you write in yourself. You may submit your All Souls envelope with the names of the people you wish to remember now, so we may enter them in the book. Please feel welcome to write the names of your beloved in this book at any time during the month.



Beginning November 2nd there will also be a table in the sanctuary where you may place free standing framed pictures of your beloved dead. The table will be up for the month of November. Please make sure your name and phone number are on the back of the picture.



ST. THERESA SCHOOL

CONSIDERING YOUR SCHOOL OPTIONS FOR THE '24-'25 ACADEMIC YEAR? CONTACT US TO LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR:

- Rigorous academic curriculum
- Engaging enrichment courses
- Integrated service learning program
- Athletic and extracurricular offerings

TK - 8TH GRADE
2024-2025

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

510.547.3146
admissions@sttheresaschool.org
sttheresaschool.org/admissions

Want to learn more about St. Theresa School? Visit us at www.sttheresaschool.org/admissions and sign up for an info session or campus tour. We look forward to welcoming you.

WINGS ~ WOMEN IN GOD'S SPIRIT

"WINGS is a faith enhancement group for women that encourages spiritual growth through prayer, scripture study, life-sharing and community. Our meetings, each with a different expert speaker generally focusing on different aspects of our faith, takes 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 have any questions, contact Denise at mollend@aol.com."

Our theme for the 2023/2024 year is: **"Walking the Journey of Faith"**
NOVEMBER 22ND

THANKSGIVING BREAK

PARISH CALENDAR

Find out what is happening at the parish.
<https://sttheresaoakland.org/calendar>

WEEKLY READINGS: NOVEMBER 20 - 26

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-62 Ps 119 Lk 18:35-43	Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31 Ps 3 Lk 19:1-10	Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31 Ps 17 Lk 19:11-28	Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29 Ps 50 Lk 19:41-44	Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-58 Ps 1 Chr 29 Lk 19:45-48	Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13 Ps 9 Lk 20:27-40	Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17 Ps 23 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28 Mt 25:31-46
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MASS INTENTIONS - NOVEMBER 18 - 26

Sat. 5:00 pm Parish Community of St. Theresa
 Sun. 9:00 am ✚ Tom & Dorothy Donnelly

Mon. 8:30 am ✚ Angeline & Amieal Delucchi
 Tues. 8:30 am Peter Joshua Oliveres
 Wed. 8:30 am ✚ The Donnelly Family & Friends
 Thurs. 9:00 am Parish Community of St. Theresa
 Fri. 8:30 am ✚ Anna & Bruno Henning

Sat. 5:00 pm Parish Community of St. Theresa
 Sun. 9:00 am Pamela Alston

MASS INTENTIONS

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

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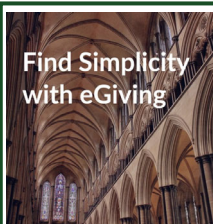
Text: STT To: 84579

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

**The Sunday offering information for
 November 11 & 12
 will be in the November 26th bulletin.**



**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>

Thank you for giving generously to St. Theresa Parish

Thanksgiving Day Mass

Our Thanksgiving Day Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 am on Thursday, November 23rd.

We invite you to bring the bread and wine for your Thanksgiving Meal for a special blessing.

For the blessing you will be asked to hold the items.

**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, Jennifer Walwark, Greg Govan, Anita Lim, Karl Zahihaas-Libnee.



I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS

Bishop's Ministries Appeal 2023

St. Theresa Parish Goal \$35,800

Percentage Achieved **80.87%**

\$28,0950 as of October 31, 2023

<https://www.oakdiocese.org/bishops-appeal-donation-page>