

# ST. THERESA PARISH COMMUNITY

NOVEMBER 26, 2023

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,  
KING OF THE UNIVERSE

## 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

A special time for women to gather with friends....  
A night to prepare for the coming of Christ  
with those special women in your life....  
A time to slow down and reflect....



Sunday Dec. 3rd at 6pm in the Church  
RSVP to [keri@sttheresaokland.org](mailto:keri@sttheresaokland.org)

Can you help with set-up and clean-up...let us know  
Invite a Friend!!



RSVP for Advent by Candlelight, Advent for Men and  
Family Advent Retreat

<https://sttheresaokland.org/pray/advent/advent-retreats-resources>

### ADVENT FOR MEN

GATHER FOR  
PRAYER ~ REFLECTION ~ FELLOWSHIP

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5TH  
7PM IN THE CHURCH  
HOSPITALITY & REFRESHMENTS FOLLOWING

RSVP USING THE VESTIBULE SIGNUP SHEET, PARISH WEBSITE, OR FLOCKNOTE

INVITE A FRIEND

QUESTIONS, CONTACT: [BOB.HERNANDEZ@MAC.COM](mailto:BOB.HERNANDEZ@MAC.COM)



Our theme for the 2023/2024 year is:  
"Walking the Journey of Faith"

NOVEMBER 29TH

**RABBI ALISSA MILLER**

**RABBI OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**  
**TEMPLE ISAIAH, LAFAYETTE**  
*Jewish Spirituality*



### Family Advent Retreat

Join us for a morning of  
Advent preparations  
family style!!

DEC. 3RD - 10AM-11:30AM  
IN THE CHURCH HALL

RSVP:  
[Keri@sttheresaokland.org](mailto:Keri@sttheresaokland.org)

Join us for the annual:

## Men's Club Pancake Breakfast

December 10th  
10:00am-11:30am

St. Theresa Parish Hall

Visit with Santa and  
take holiday photos.

**\$11/adult**  
**\$7/child**  
(8th grade and under)

Buy your tickets now!

Order your tickets using the QR Code above or at  
<https://sttheresaokland.org/Pancake%20Breakfast>

### WEEKLY READINGS: NOVEMBER 27 - DECEMBER 3

<b>Monday:</b> Dn 1:1-6, 8-20 Ps Dn 3 Lk 21:1-4	<b>Tuesday:</b> Dn 2:31-45 Ps Dn 3 Lk 21:5-11	<b>Wednesday:</b> Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28 Ps Dn 3 Lk 21:12-19	<b>Thursday:</b> Rom 10:9-18 Ps 19 Mt 4:18-22	<b>Friday:</b> Dn 7:2-14 Ps Dn 3 Lk 21:29-33	<b>Saturday:</b> Dn 7:15-27 Ps Dn 3 Lk 21:34-36	<b>Sunday:</b> Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7 Ps 80 1 Cor 1:3-9 Mk 13:33-37
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**MASS INTENTIONS - NOVEMBER 25 - DECEMBER 3**

Sat.	5:00 pm	Parish Community of St. Theresa
Sun.	9:00 am	Pamela Alston
Mon.	8:30 am	✠ Joseph Zimmerman
Tues.	8:30 am	✠ John McCole
Wed.	8:30 am	For all deceased members for the parish
Thurs.	8:30 am	For all who are homeless
Fri.	8:30 am	For victims of violence, terrorism, and war

Sat.	5:00 pm	✠ Ralph & Ida Duncan
Sun.	9:00 am	Parish Community of St. Theresa

**MASS INTENTIONS**

To request a Mass Intention contact Melody Marr at [melody@sttheresaokland.org](mailto: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](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:**

(November 6 - 12) 54 DONORS **\$ 3,079.50**

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

(November 6 - 12) 39 DONORS **\$ 2,905.00**

**ONLINE GIVING:**

(November 13 - 19) 54 DONORS **\$ 4,418.50**

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

(November 13 - 19) 51 DONORS **\$ 3,938.00**

**CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT:**

ONLINE: 3 DONORS **\$ 205.00**

MASS/DROP-OFF/MAILED: 21 DONORS **\$ 715.21**



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*

**PARISH MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENT**

The second collection for the Parish Maintenance & Improvement Fund will be on December 2 & 3.

You may also use Online Giving for this collection.

**DECEASED**

Please remember in your prayers, those who have died especially Sylvia Pilat.

**PARISH CALENDAR**

Find out what is happening at the parish.

<https://sttheresaokland.org/calendar>

**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, Wendy Jones, Orlanda Gonzalez, Kevin Chapman, Diane Cerille, Tom Wilberding, Shirley Roberts, Danny Ramos, Mark Leonard, Christopher Rodriguez, Maryanne Walsh, Rhonda Santee, 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, Isabella Guillot Williams, Violet Chancey, Ann Kirkman, Hal Lauth, Phil Stover, Joey Smith, Raymond Buckley, Jr., Norma Ninalga, Betty Jo Olson, Jennifer Walwark, Greg Govan, Anita Lim, Karl Zahihaas-Libnee, Herbert Abeles, Marilyn McCabe, Helen Lightner-Smith.



I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS

**Bishop's Ministries Appeal 2023**

**St. Theresa Parish Goal \$35,800**

Percentage Achieved **83.10%**

**\$29,750** as of November 15, 2023

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



## A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

I hope all have a lovely Thanksgiving. I continue to give thanks for all of you and as we end the Church year this week look forward to continuing the journey to the Lord together. Once again, I am sending out an end of the year appeal message asking for support for our parish and the work we do. I hope you can give it a kind response. The feast of Christ the King ends the year and next Sunday we wait with the very short season of Advent for the 'King of Kings' to be born in our midst.



Thinking about that, I present once again some words of Deacon Greg Kandra reflecting on Christ's kingship:

"We are realizing again and again that so much has changed this year. Nothing is what it was. It can be frustrating and depressing. But thank God, literally, for today. In the middle of all this comes this Sunday and a message for this moment.

This remains constant: **Jesus Christ is King — yesterday, today, and forever.**

This is something that cannot be altered by a pandemic, or election results, or war, or the weather or inflation or changes in our neighborhoods or school. In an uncertain time, this is certain: Jesus Christ is King. How we need this now!

And how we need the message in this Gospel. Today's Gospel, the beautiful passage from Matthew 25, tells us: we have already seen him.

*"Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you as a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?" And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.'"*

**The King is among us. Around us. Close to us every day.**

He doesn't wear a crown or sit on a throne. He sits on the floor and begs with a cup on a street corner. He sleeps in an ICU, unable to speak to anyone, because of the virus or other illness. The King is a child, separated from his parents at the border, frightened and alone. The King is a grandmother, miles from her family, isolated in a nursing

home, forgotten and afraid. The King is an unborn child — discarded, tossed aside, trashed.

*"Whatever you did for one of the least, you did for me."*

On the one hand, this Gospel shocks us, because it tells us in no uncertain terms that the King who rules over us, the one who will judge us, comes to us as the smallest, humblest of people. The greatest is found among the weakest. We will see this again in just a few weeks, when we remember how God entered human history as a helpless baby in a manger, in a world that didn't have room for him. He came for all those that the world doesn't have room for. But on the other hand, this Gospel convicts us. **How have we treated the King?**

What have we done to him? What have we done for him? During this difficult moment in our history, this Gospel asks hard questions. What can we do now, for the least among us? What can we do for the King?

The coming season of Advent offers us an invitation and an opportunity. As we get ready to greet the King in Bethlehem, look for him here and now. Look for him in the haunted eyes of the lonely, the sick, the hungry, the confused. And not just those we see huddled on some street corners. We need to look for him everywhere.

Look for him in our families, in those who are scared about the next round of the virus, or worried about losing their job.

Look for him among our coworkers every encounter is a chance to offer a word of hope and compassion and sympathy to someone you may be able to see

**Christ is there.**

Mother Teresa famously said Jesus often comes to us "in the distressing disguise of the poor." On this Feast of Christ the King, as we prepare to receive the King in a sliver of bread, may we also look for him among all who are small, all who are considered the least.

Let us have the courage to look for Christ the King with new eyes, to see with possibility, compassion, and hope. Look around. Soon and very soon, we will see him.

Because he is closer than we realize.

## 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.