

# ST. THERESA PARISH COMMUNITY

JANUARY 21, 2024

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](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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*Pastor*

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*Coordinator for Early Childhood Catechesis & RCIC*

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*St. Theresa School Principal*  
website: [www.sttheresaschool.org](http://www.sttheresaschool.org)

## 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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### Finance Council:

Carolyn Mahoney [carolyn.mahoney675@gmail.com](mailto:carolyn.mahoney675@gmail.com)

### St. Vincent de Paul Society

Greg Govan [glgovan@comcast.net](mailto:glgovan@comcast.net)

### CYO (Catholic Youth Organization):

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### St. Theresa Men's Club

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### Legion of Mary

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### WINGS

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### Social Justice Committee (SJC)

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### Consolation Ministry

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### Men's Faith Sharing

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Shanon Ciston [s.ciston@gmail.com](mailto:s.ciston@gmail.com)

Additional information and events can be found in the Friday Flocknote available on our website: <https://sttheresaoakland.org/Bulletin/Flocknote>

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## Hope for the Future

### Sharing the experience of the Synod on Synodality



Join us for an afternoon of HOPE with Cardinal Robert McElroy of San Diego, who comes to share the magnificent pastoral experience of the SYNOD ON SYNODALITY in the Vatican, October 2023. A worldwide consultation preceded this event, surfacing the joys, sorrows and hopes of millions of Catholics. Synodality is grounded in conversion within the entire Church, leading us to embrace all God's people. Cardinal McElroy will lead us in understanding and transformation as each of us endeavors to best listen and respond to this call of the HOLY SPIRIT!

Date: February 4, 2024  
 Time: 1 - 3 p.m.  
 Where: Dominican Center  
 Cost: Donations gratefully accepted

Register: [HERE](#)



**Dominican Sisters**  
OF MISSION SAN JOSE

43326 Mission Circle, (Entrance Off Mission Tierra), Fremont, CA 94539

[www.msjdominicans.org](http://www.msjdominicans.org)

For more information, contact (510) 933-3546

#### VOLUNTEER FOR A LITURGICAL MINISTRY

Please consider volunteering for one of our Liturgical ministries. Liturgy is the work of the people and we need your assistance.

What is your gift, passion, what do you really like to do? Do you like to read, talk with people, serve people, work behind the scenes, electronics? Turn that passion into a ministry, there is something for everyone. Prayerfully consider one of the following ministries.

- ✠ Lector
- ✠ Eucharistic Minister
- ✠ Sacristan
- ✠ Altar Server (grade 3 and up)
- ✠ Projectionist
- ✠ Videographer (for the live-stream 9am Sunday Mass)
- ✠ Greeter
- ✠ Usher
- ✠ Altar Linens

Contact Cathy Brady to volunteer,  
[cathy\\_b@sttheresaokland.org](mailto:cathy_b@sttheresaokland.org)

#### WEEKLY READINGS: JANUARY 22 - 28

Monday:	Tuesday:	Wednesday:	Thursday:	Friday	Saturday:	Sunday:
2 Sm 5:1-7, 10 Ps 89 Mk 3:22-30	2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19 Ps 24 Mk 3:31-35	2 Sm 7:4-17 Ps 89 Mk 4:1-20	Acts 22:3-16 Ps 117 Mk 16:15-18	2 Tm 1:1-8 Ps 96 Mk 4:26-34	2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17 Ps 51 Mk 4:35-41	Dt 18:15-20 Ps 95 1 Cor 7:32-35 Mk 1:21-28

**MASS INTENTIONS - JANUARY 20 - 28**

Sat.	5:00 pm	Parish Community of St. Theresa
Sun.	9:00 am	Brendan Huey
Mon.	8:30 am	✠ The McArtor Family & Friends
Tues.	8:30 am	For the poor and those in need
Wed.	8:30 am	For peace, may it prevail in all the war torn places in our world
Thurs.	8:30 am	✠ Michelle Corbett
Fri.	8:30 am	✠ Tim Cutler
Sat.	5:00 pm	✠ Arnold Bruni
Sun.	9:00 am	Parish Community of St. Theresa

**MASS INTENTIONS**

To request a Mass Intention contact

Melody Marr at [melody@sttheresaoakland.org](mailto:melody@sttheresaoakland.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](http://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:**

(January 8 - 14) 53 DONORS **\$ 2,869.50**

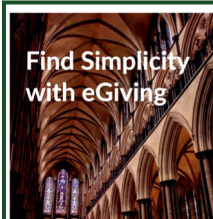
**MASS/DROP-OFF/MAILED DONATIONS:**

(January 8 - 14) 41 DONORS **\$ 3,221.00**

**DIOCESAN SEMINARY COLLECTION:**

ONLINE: 9 DONORS **\$ 265.00**

MASS/DROP-OFF/MAILED: 21 DONORS **\$ 955.00**



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*

**PARISH CALENDAR**

Find out what is happening at the parish.

<https://sttheresaoakland.org/calendar>

**SOCIAL JUSTICE & ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

Information and activities for the Social Justice committee and St. Vincent de Paul can be found in the Friday Flocknote.

If you do not receive the Friday Flocknote it is available on the parish website <https://sttheresaoakland.org/>, click on the Bulletin/Flocknote link at the top of the page.

**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 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, 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, Marilyn McCabe, Helen Lightner-Smith, Steve Lauth.

**Bishop's Ministries Appeal 2023**

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

Percentage Achieved **91.54%**

**\$32,770** as of December 31, 2023

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



"For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body." - 1 Cor 12:13

# BRINGING THE SYNOD HOME

A synodal moment co-sponsored  
by the Diocese of Oakland  
and the Jesuit School of Theology  
of Santa Clara University.

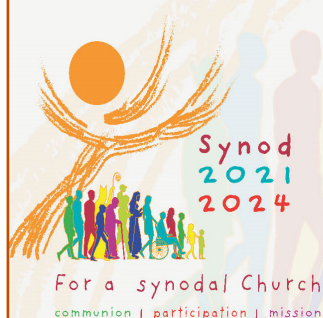


## INFO

DATE: February 1, 2024

TIME: 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM

LOCATION: Santa Maria Parish Hall, Orinda 40 Santa Maria Way, Orinda, CA



## ABOUT THE SYNOD AND THIS EVENT

In October 2023, the universal Church celebrated the first phase of the Synod on Synodality on the theme of communion, participation, and mission. In an atmosphere of listening, dialogue, and discernment, the delegates reflected on matters of vital importance in the Church. Ahead of the second phase in October 2024, the People of God are invited and encouraged to sustain the synodal dynamism. ***This event offers the faithful of Oakland Diocese an opportunity to experience the spirit of the Synod, deepen the insights from the Synod, and discern good practices that represent visible and concrete signs of synodality in the local Church.***

## ABOUT THE SPEAKER



Fr. Agbonkhianmeghe E. Orobator, S.J., voting member of the 16th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops on Synodality and dean of the Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University.

## QUESTIONS?

Reach out to Joseph Nufable  
by emailing  
[jnufable@oakdiocese.org](mailto:jnufable@oakdiocese.org)

## REGISTER BY GOING TO

<http://tinyurl.com/BringingSynodHome>



## WINGS



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

This faith enhancement group for women encourages spiritual growth through prayer, scripture study, life-sharing and community. Our Winter session meetings, each with a different expert speaker generally focusing on scripture and different aspects of our faith, takes place, from 9:15-11:15am, on Wednesday's in the Meeting Rooms. 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](mailto:mollend@aol.com).

JANUARY 24<sup>TH</sup>

## OUTREACH PROJECT

## 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.

## A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

I want to again thank all who stayed after the Masses last week for the annual 'listening sessions.' All staff and pastoral council members who took notes will collate the comments and consider what actions might be taken in the coming weeks and months. A couple of ideas may be brought forward back to you for your consideration such as:



Are there some who can now step up and help at the weekend liturgies as lectors, ministers of the Eucharist, greeters, altar servers and those who can hand out the Lenten day by daybook and the Advent/Christmas book?

How can we enliven our weekly worship with participation, music and song and preaching? Is it time to look at changing the Sunday Mass schedule? And this is just to name a few of the good comments that were presented. Stay tuned and be ready to continue the conversation and volunteer in a possible new way in the coming year.

I also ask you to present ideas on how we will celebrate the parish's hundredth anniversary next year. Please let me or a staff member know.

This week marks the third year since Pope Francis designated the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time as the Sunday of the Word of God. You might want to look at the short letter Pope Francis wrote three years ago entitled: *Aperuit illis*. Here are a few paragraphs from the introduction for Mass which reminds us of the role of the Word of God in the life of each of us, the Church:

"In hearing of God's word, the Church is built up and grows, and in the signs of the liturgical celebration God's wonderful, past works in the history of salvation are presented anew as mysterious realities. God in turn makes use of the congregation of the faithful that celebrates the Liturgy in order that his word may speed on and

be glorified and that his name be exalted among the nations.

Whenever, therefore, the Church gathered by the Holy Spirit for liturgical celebration, announces and proclaims the word of God, she is aware of being a new people in whom the covenant made in the past is perfected and fulfilled. Baptism and confirmation in the Spirit have made all Christ's faithful into messengers of God's word because of the grace of hearing they have received. They must therefore be the bearers of the same Word in the Church and in the world, at least by the witness of their lives.

The word of God proclaimed in the celebration of God's mysteries does not only address present conditions but looks back to past events and forward to what is yet to come. Thus, God's word shows us what we should hope for with such a longing that in this changing world our hearts will be set on the place where our true joys lie.  
(Preamble 7)

When God shares his word with us, God awaits our response, that is our listening and our adoring "in Spirit and in truth" (John 4::23). The Holy Spirit makes our response effective, so that what we hear in the celebration of the liturgy we carry out in the way we live: "Be doers of the word and not hearers only." (James 1:22)

The liturgical celebration and the faithful's participation receive outward expression in actions, gestures, and words. These derive their full meaning not simply from their origin in human experience but from the word of God and the economy of salvation, their point of reference. Accordingly, the faithful's participation in the liturgy increases to the degree that as they listen to the word of God made flesh in Christ. They endeavor to conform their way of life to what they celebrate in the liturgy, and then in turn to bring to the celebration all that they do in life. "