

ST. THERESA PARISH COMMUNITY

FEBRUARY 25, 2024

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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>

Parish Organization Contacts

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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

GOING TO THE HEART

A Lenten Sunday retreat series meeting at St. Theresa Catholic Church in Oakland. Presentation, prayer, and conversation led by Deacon Mike Tedone, SJ.

**SUNDAYS
10:15-11:15 AM**

- FEB 18** Do I have room in my heart?
- FEB 25** How can I make my heart and home a little Nazareth?
- MAR 3** How does Jesus shape hearts?
- MAR 10** How do I let Jesus heal in and through me?
- MAR 17** What kind of Messiah am I looking for?
- MAR 24** What does Jesus' crucifixion mean in my life?
- APR 7** How does the Resurrection shape my heart?

Join for one, a few, or all sessions
Spiritual direction opportunities available



Scan QR Code for information and materials regarding the retreat

**Parish / School Workday
March 9th**



We will have a work day where volunteers come together to help with facility and maintenance projects on the campus. Lunch will be provided.



Fast & Abstinence

The law of fasting allows one full meal and two smaller ones.

The law of abstinence prohibits the eating of meat. The Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence in the United States.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence.

The obligation of abstinence begins at age 14. The norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59.

WINGS



Theme for 2023/2024:

"Walking the Journey of Faith"

From 9:15-11:15am, on Wednesday's in the Meeting Rooms. If you have any questions, contact Denise at mollend@aol.com.

FEBRUARY 28TH

LINDSAY NIVENS-FORSINI

ART HISTORIAN

Women in the Bible

St. Theresa Parish Lenten Opportunities

PARISH LENTEN RETREAT "GOING TO THE HEART"

February 25, March 3, 10, 17, 24, April 7

DAILY REFLECTION BOOKLETS

Fr. Ngema, Lenten Bible Journey

February 20, 27, March 5, 12, 19, 26

Zoom link is in the Friday Flocknote

SEDER DINNER

March 20, 6:00 pm

Make a Dinner Reservation and/or volunteer to help:
<https://sttheresaokland.org/pray/lent-2024/seder-dinner>

LENTEN COMPANION "WALKING WITH JESUS TO JERUSALEM" Weekly Flocknote Reflection

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

February 23, March 1, 15, 22

Provided by the school

9:30 am & 2:30 pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS BOOKLETS

PRAYING THE STATION OF MERCY WITH POPE FRANCIS

THE MYSTERY OF THE CROSS

PRAYING THE STATIONS WITH POPE FRANCIS

PRAYING THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR HEALING

STATIONS OF HOPE

WALKING WITH JESUS ON THE WAY TO CALVARY

PRAYING THE STATIONS FOR CHILDREN

PRAYING THE STATIONS FOR TEENAGERS

These booklets are available at the back of the church for your use in praying the stations of the cross in the church.

If you have accidentally taken a booklet home, please return it the next time you are in church.

RICE BOWLS

LENT IN A BAG

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

March 17, 9:00 am Mass

Check out the Lent page on the parish website for details.
<https://sttheresaokland.org/lent-2024>

MASS INTENTIONS - FEBRUARY 24 - MARCH 3

Sat. 5:00 pm ✠ Flora Mazza
 Sun. 9:00 am Parish Community of St. Theresa

Mon. 8:30 am ✠ Patrick Corder
 Tues. 8:30 am ✠ Greg Wong
 Wed. 8:30 am ✠ Philip Jelley
 Thurs. 8:30 am ✠ McArtor Family & Friends
 Fri. 8:30 am ✠ Elsie Giuntoli

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

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

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:**

(February 12 - 18) 54 DONORS **\$ 1,928.50**

MASS/DROP-OFF/MAILED DONATIONS:

(February 12 - 18) 42 DONORS **\$ 4,269.00**

ASH WEDNESDAY:

ONLINE: 6 DONORS **\$ 165.00**

MASS/DROP-OFF/MAILED: 30 DONORS **\$ 1,704.00**

ParishSoft
Fasting Prayer Giving
 During Lent we are reminded to develop a more conscious spiritual life and share what we have with those in need. One practical way to achieve this goal is to make the change to eGiving for St. Theresa parish.

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 March 2 & 3.

You may also use Online Giving for this collection.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Adoration
 of the
 Blessed
 Sacrament



March 1st
9:00 am to 4:30 pm
 Benediction at 4:30 pm

DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers, those who have died especially Violet Chancey, the aunt of Cecile Cuttitta; Kevin Eason, Sr., Tom Greeves.

PARISH CALENDAR

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

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, 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, Bonnie & John Bouey, Susan Rubio, Fr. Paul Schmidt, Isabella Guillot Williams, 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, Mary Malloy, Peter Cuttitta.

ONLINE PRAYER REQUEST FOR THE SICK OR RECENTLY DECEASED

You can submit names for the Prayers of the Faithful for our Weekend Masses and the bulletin prayer list (*Prayers for the Sick or Recently Deceased*) online.

Please complete the form on the parish website page

<https://sttheresaokland.org/pray/mass-and-confession-times>
 their name will be included in the weekly bulletin and Weekend Masses.

This form is not for Mass Intentions.

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://sttheresaokland.org/>, click on the Bulletin/Flocknote link at the top of the page.

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

An Update on the Synod

ROME – With his lengthy and debated Synod of Bishops on Synodality set to wrap later this year, Pope Francis took several steps this weekend to bolster the process in the lead up to a meeting that will bring four years of global consultation to a close.



The results of that consultation were discussed at the continental level in seven different regional assemblies, and conclusions from those meetings were then addressed at a universal level last October, when bishops, clergy, religious, and laypeople from around the world gathered in Rome for the entire month to discuss how to implement synodality in every facet of church life.

Titled, “For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission,” the synod is focused on how to transform Church life and structures to make Catholicism a more dialogic, collaborative, and welcoming home for all believers. It will formally close with this year’s fall discussion.

Pope Francis also named several new consultors to the General Secretariat of the Synod of Bishops. He also named several women as consultors, including Sister Birgit Weiler, a professor of theology at the Pontifical Catholic University in Peru; Ms. Tricia Bruce, president of the Association for the Sociology of Religion; and Ms. Maria Clara Lucchetti Bingemer, professor of theology at the Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro.

In addition, the pope Saturday also issued a chirograph establishing different study groups that will collaborate with various departments of the Roman Curia, called dicasteries, in delving into some of the themes that emerged during last year’s October synod discussion.

Though a variety of issues were explored during last year’s session, such as poverty, climate change, and the need for peace amid the many ongoing wars and violent conflicts throughout the world, the most passionate and divisive issues addressed were the role of women and outreach to the LGBTQ+ community.

Issues that drew the most varied and emotional input were women’s priestly ordination, the female diaconate, and whether or not to allow blessings for same-sex couples.

Pope Francis from the start took two of these issues – women’s priestly ordination and blessings for same-sex couples – off of the table in his responses to a set of *dubia*, or doubts, put to him by five conservative cardinals shortly before the synod began.

In his responses, which the Vatican made public, Francis offered a cautious opening to the blessing of same-sex unions and a seemingly firm “no” to women’s ordination.

He further cemented this openness to same-sex blessings in December, when the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith, led by

papal friend and confidant Cardinal Víctor Manuel Fernández, a fellow Argentine, issued the controversial declaration *Fiducia Supplicans* on the pastoral nature of blessings.

In that document, the DDF with Pope Francis’s approval outlined the circumstances in which blessings could be given to couples in irregular situations, including divorced and remarried couples with no annulment and same-sex couples, provided the latter were not done in formal liturgical settings and did not cause confusion with the Catholic sacrament of marriage.

Fiducia Supplicans generated a wave of controversy and backlash reflective of the fiery debate that happened in the synod hall during last year’s discussion, though on a much larger scale.

By publishing the text in the interim before the second Rome-based synod session begins this year, Francis has taken another step to ensure that discussion this fall will not get bogged down by irreconcilable differences on one specific issue.

Similarly, Francis this year has seemed to take a direct and personal interest in the issue of women, choosing to dedicate the two most recent meetings of his Council of Cardinals to the role of women in the church.

Called the “C9,” the Council of Cardinals is a select group of cardinals from around the world who advise Pope Francis on matters of church governance and reform. In both their December and February sessions, the group was addressed by a panel of women on how to better facilitate the presence of women in the church, especially in positions of decision-making and leadership.

One of the women who participated, Spanish nun Linda Pocher, has said that while the topic of women’s priestly ordination is not being discussed, Pope Francis supports the women’s diaconate and is studying methods for its implementation.

In a recent interview with *Europa Press*, Pocher said the pope “is very much in favor of the female diaconate,” and that she and the two other women invited to speak during the February C9 meeting, including an Anglican bishop, specifically addressed this topic.

By delving into this topic so intentionally with his closest group of advisors, it is possible that Pope Francis is planning to act unilaterally on it in much the same way as he did same-sex blessings, taking a divisive issue off of the table before the synod begins so participants don’t get hung up on differences of opinion about an issue that in all likelihood, no one will agree on.

What happens on that issue come October, or even beforehand, remains to be seen, but there are plenty of other topics that the new dicasterial working groups will explore, including other aspects of women’s involvement in the church.

By establishing these working groups, Pope Francis has taken one concrete step in ensuring that the spirit of synodality will remain an active force within the Vatican even after the Synod on Synodality itself concludes.

Elise Ann Allen on X: [@eliseannallen](#)

WEEKLY READINGS: FEBRUARY 26 - MARCH 3

Monday:	Tuesday:	Wednesday:	Thursday	Friday	Saturday:	Sunday:
Dn 9:4b-10 Ps 79 Lk 6:36-38	Is 1:10, 16-20 Ps 50 Mt 23:1-12	Jer 18:18-20 Ps 31 Mt 20:17-28	Jer 17:5-10 Ps 1 Lk 16:19-31	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a Ps 105 Mt 21:33-43, 45-46	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 Ps 103 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32	Ex 20:1-17 Ps 19 1 Cor 1:22-25 Jn 2:13-25