

ST. THERESA PARISH COMMUNITY

MARCH 17, 2024

FIFTH 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

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 Parish Website: www.sttheresaokland.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.

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Middle School Youth Ministry (Grades 6-8)

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Parish Calendar: <https://sttheresaokland.org/calendar>

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

30 MANDALAY ROAD -- OAKLAND, CA 94618 -- 510.547.2777

Palm Sunday

SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 5:00 PM
SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 9:00 AM

THE LITURGIES WILL BEGIN IN THE VESTIBULE WITH THE READING OF THE GOSPEL OF JESUS' ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM, AND THE SOLEMN BLESSING OF PALMS AND PROCESSION INTO CHURCH.

BRING YOUR RICE BOWL DONATION TO MASS.

DURING THE COLLECTION YOU WILL BE INVITED TO COME FORWARD AND PLACE YOUR RICE BOWL IN A BASKET IN FRONT OF THE ALTAR.

St. Theresa Parish Lenten Opportunities

DAILY REFLECTION BOOKLETS

Fr. Ngema, Lenten Bible Journey

March 19, 26

Zoom link is in the Friday Flocknote

LENTEN COMPANION

“WALKING WITH JESUS TO JERUSALEM”

Weekly Flocknote Reflection

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

March 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

RICE BOWLS

LENT IN A BAG

Check out the Lent page on the parish website for details.

<https://sttheresaokland.org/lent-2024>

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?



Scan QR Code for information and materials regarding the retreat

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



SEDER DINNER

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 6 PM

This is a wonderful event for the whole family. All who attend will be asked to prepare a side dish or dessert for the meal, and to bring a bottle of wine or grape juice to drink during the ritual. The parish will provide additional beverages for dinner as well as the main dish.

Seating limited, Reservations required.

RSVP at

https://sttheresaokland.org/pray_lent_seder-dinner

LAST DAY TO MAKE RESERVATIONS, MARCH 17TH (SUNDAY).

MASS INTENTIONS - MARCH 16 - 24

Sat. 5:00 pm Parish Community of St. Theresa
 Sun. 9:00 am † Art & Leah Mangini

Mon. 8:30 am Graciele & John Suarez
 Tues. 8:30 am † Dorothy Donnelly
 Wed. 8:30 am For all who feel alone or isolated
 Thurs. 8:30 am † The McArtor Family & Friends
 Fri. 8:30 am † Serge Chaumette

Sat. 5:00 pm Parish Community of St. Theresa
 Sun. 9:00 am Giovanna Dinello

MASS INTENTIONS

To request a Mass Intention contact
 Melody Marr at melody@sttheresaokland.org
 or 510.547.2777, ext. 120

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- ◆ 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 you full name and email address.

SUNDAY OFFERING

ONLINE GIVING:
 (March 4 - 10) 60 DONORS **\$ 4,349.50**
 MASS/DROP-OFF/MAILED DONATIONS:
 (March 4 - 10) 48 DONORS **\$ 2,602.00**

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICE:
 ONLINE: 8 DONORS **\$ 591.00**
 MASS/DROP-OFF/MAILED: 30 DONORS **\$ 1,444.00**






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

Holy Week Schedule

HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 7:00 PM
 MASS OF OUR LORD'S SUPER
 ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT IN THE VESTIBULE
 FOLLOWING THE LITURGY, ENDING AT 10 PM

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29
 12:00 PM ~ STATIONS OF THE CROSS
 1:15 PM
 LITURGY OF THE WORD
 VENERATION OF THE CROSS
 COMMUNION
THERE WILL BE A COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY LAND

HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 30
 8:00 PM EASTER VIGIL

EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31
 MASSES: 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

ALL SERVICES WILL BE LIVE-STREAMED, EXCEPT THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS ON GOOD FRIDAY.

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO MORNING MASSES ON HOLY THURSDAY OR GOOD FRIDAY.
 THERE IS NO RECONCILIATION OR 5:00 PM MASS ON HOLY SATURDAY

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 Bayloq, 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, Marley Malone, 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, James Lang, John Donovan, Mary & Leo Martinez, Sr., James Spalding, Bill Rielly, Tiffany Converse.

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Happy St. Patrick’s Day, Happy St. Joseph’s Day, and Happy Passiontide!



This year with an early Easter (March 31) we celebrate these great saints as we begin what used to be called Passiontide. When I was growing up, all of the statues of the saints and the crucifix would be covered in purple cloth. It meant that Palm Sunday would be next week and the beginning of Holy Week. Boisterous parades, meals and celebrations were not to occur. This is never an easy rule to keep, especially for the ethnic groups who hold these two saints so dear when Easter is so early.

The practice of veiling images was an attempt to alert us that something is different, it can be startling at first, but the last two weeks of Lent are a time of immediate preparation for the celebration of the Sacred Triduum. The veils served as a reminder to get ready! Even if most parishes do not utilize this practice anymore, we still can make this a time of special focus for all that Christ has done for us by his cross and Resurrection. I encourage you to push aside the daily chores of life and the distractions as best you can and read, meditate, and listen as the account of what God has done for us in Christ’s passion is fervently remembered.

Passiontide builds within us a longing for Easter Sunday. The longer readings, the emphasis on the passion and Jesus’ own struggle in the Garden after the Last Supper help remind us of what Christ has done for us. Similarly, the suppression of the Alleluia during Lent effectively demonstrates that we are in exile from our true home, where the angels sing Alleluia without ceasing.

When the cross is unveiled on Good Friday before the Easter Vigil, we are reminded that we, in a sense, live in a veiled world. It is through our own death that we are able to see our true home, and the veil is lifted. Christ lifts the veil through His Resurrection to see what it is we live for, what it is that the Resurrection promises.

Jesus told her, “I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. John 11:25-26

Both St. Patrick and St. Joseph become champions of our faith. As all the saints, they give us an example of what it means to be a disciple and embrace the passion, death, and resurrection of Christ.

St. Joseph cares without ever saying a word, for Jesus and Mary. He refuses to follow the customs and law that would permit him to divorce Mary when she is found to be with child, he safely guides them to Bethlehem, and then Egypt and then Nazareth. We can only imagine how he teaches Jesus to be a good carpenter and how to care for his mother when Joseph dies. In death, Jesus experiences what we experience when we lose someone in death. St. Joseph is moved to act by his dreams. This is a great feast to ask Joseph to help us with some of our dreams and to help the ‘Dreamers’ who pathetically remain in political limbo. The second issue could and should have been resolved a long time ago by both parties.

St. Patrick turns a horrible situation, being kidnapped, and enslaved into a quest to bring the good news of the faith to a people who have not heard about it or been invited to embrace it. St. Patrick’s ‘breastplate’ is a beautiful hymn and poem about putting Christ on every part of our body and soul: heart, mind, body. The good news is that Jesus came to save all peoples and Patrick could have gone another way and led a productive disciple’s life, but he passionately embraces a people, and they now embrace him.

In the spirit of both of these saints, I ask you to invite someone to that good news, it is indeed good news. I again remind and ask you to invite someone to come to Church with you this Easter. I also invite you with the entrance into Passiontide that you figure out this week how you will do next week: Holy!

WEEKLY READINGS: MARCH 18 - 24

Monday:	Tuesday:	Wednesday:	Thursday	Friday	Saturday:	Sunday:
Dn 13:1-9, 15-17 19-30, 33-62 Ps 23 Jn 8:1-11	2 Sm 7:4-5a. 12-14a, 16 Ps 89 Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22 Mt 1:16, 18-21	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 Ps Dn 3 Jn 8:31-42	Gn 17:3-9 Ps 105 Jn 8:51-59	Jer 20:10-13 Ps 18 Jn 10:31-42	Ez 37:21-28 Ps Jer 31 Jn 11:45-56	Mk 11:1-10 Is 50:4-7 Ps 22 Phil 2:6-11 Mk 14:1-15:47