

ST. THERESA PARISH COMMUNITY

MARCH 24, 2024

PALM SUNDAY OF THE
PASSION OF THE LORD

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

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 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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R.C.I.A. Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

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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

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.

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

MASSSES: 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

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

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



ST. THERESA SCHOOL

This week St. Theresa School begins its annual Tuition Assistance Drive. Over the past few years, the parishioners at St. Theresa's have been extremely generous with their contributions to help our families in need and who strive to provide a Catholic education to their children. We ask that if you are able to make a donation, please send in or drop off the envelope that you should have received in the mail to the school or place in the weekly collection baskets. We are also able to accept electronic donations using the QR code below. We thank you in advance for your support.



MASS INTENTIONS - MARCH 23 - 31

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

Mon. 8:30 am ✦ Elsie Giuntoli
 Tues. 8:30 am For our parish benefactors
 Wed. 8:30 am ✦ The Donnelly Family & Friends
 Thurs. 7:00 pm Parish Community of St. Theresa
 Fri. no Mass

Sat. 8:00 pm Parish Community of St. Theresa
 Sun. 9:00 am Parish Community of St. Theresa
 11:00 am Parish Community of St. Theresa

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 11 - 17) 55 DONORS **\$ 2,043.50**

MASS/DROP-OFF/MAILED DONATIONS:

(March 11 - 17) 43 DONORS **\$ 2,684.00**

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

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION, MARCH 30 & 31

The St. Vincent de Paul 5th Sunday Collection is scheduled for March 30 & 31. Your continued support continues to help our neighbors from being evicted from their homes, keep their utilities from being shut off, provide help with their rental down payments for those who are fortunate find new housing, and assistance with their other needs and necessities. Please be generous. The homeless will be forever grateful. You may use Online Giving to donate.

DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers, those who have died especially Diana Goss, cousin of Cecile Cuttitta.

St. Theresa Parish Lenten Opportunities**Fr. Ngema, Lenten Bible Journey**

March 26 - Zoom link is in the Friday Flocknote

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

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, 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, Jim Diamintine.

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Happy Holy Week! Happy Triduum! Welcome to this most important week when we celebrate the Paschal Mystery of Christ's sacrifice, passion, death, and Resurrection and by it become connected into the mystery so that in Jesus words, we might have life and life eternal to the fullest one day! And that is very much worth celebrating.



Therefore, I welcome you to this start of Holy Week and strongly encourage you to take this week at a different pace than 'business as usual.' Come to the celebrations of the Triduum and participate in the washing of feet, the anniversary of the gift of the Eucharist, the veneration of the cross and the sharing of the light that proclaims: Jesus is Risen!" If we share in these rituals and become more and more a part of Christ through the sacraments and the hearing of God's word, our hope can be firm that we will share it in the Resurrection when God calls us.

I offer the following reflection on the Paschal Mystery that was recently written about in Commonweal Magazine authored by Rita Ferrone. I hope this meditation will enrich the week ahead.

"Although the term 'Paschal Mystery' is not found in the scriptures, it rests upon the biblical witness. The New Testament places the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus at the absolute center of our understanding of the mystery of Christ and our salvation. The term arose in the early Church and came into prominence in the twentieth century through the writings of Odo Casel, Josef Jungmann, Louis Bouyer, and other luminaries. Pope Paul VI hailed it as an important historical and biblical synthesis anchored in our sacramental life: 'To participate in the Paschal Mystery is nothing other than to put oneself in real communion with him, dying with him, rising with him.' Our whole sacramental life has brought this insight into focus through the liturgical reform.

The Paschal Mystery not only describes the arc of Christ's self-emptying love leading to new life and glory; it also describes how believers enter into Christ's Passover through the sacraments. This is not a new idea. The Fathers of the Church, particularly St. Augustine, understood that the liturgy was not only about Christ's Pasch, but also our Passover from death to life, from sin to grace. The Paschal Mystery is the paradigm or pattern of the whole Christian life, expressed with eloquent symbolism in the liturgies of Holy Week, but also celebrated every Sunday. Pope Francis was right to affirm that the work of the Holy Spirit in the liturgy conforms us so closely to Christ that "we become him." One might reflect on this mystery endlessly without exhausting its treasures. Theologian Joseph Ratzinger in 1966 called the Paschal Mystery "perhaps the most fertile theological idea of our century."

Christ's passing over from death to life is what the liturgy celebrates, or else what are we doing? It is about sharing in Christ's perfect self-offering and offering ourselves to God in communion with him. The paschal character of the liturgy is found in the transformation of the elements of bread and wine into the living Christ, but it is no less about *our* transformation as partakers of his body and blood."

Please keep those in need in your prayers this week, especially those caught in war, suffering, illness, homelessness, and other trauma. May our transformation by the Paschal Mystery help us to bring and be Christ to those around us in need. As we wave our palms and sing Hosannas, may we do so one eternal day in the Kingdom our celebrations are all about.

And for something more mundane and completely different: the materials for our new roof on the church building will be delivered on Holy Thursday morning and the roof will be installed during the Easter Week break. Thank you for your ongoing contributions to the monthly maintenance fund which is making this possible and will keep us dry for another generation!

WEEKLY READINGS: MARCH 25 - 31

Monday:	Tuesday:	Wednesday:	Thursday	Friday	Saturday:	Sunday:
Is 42:1-7 Ps 27 Jn 12:1-11	Is 49:1-6 Ps 7 Jn 13:21-33, 36-38	Is 50:4-9a Ps 69 Mt 26:14-25	Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9 Ps 89 Rv 1:5-8 Lk 4:16-21	Is 52:13-53:12 Ps 31 Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9 Jn 18:1-19:42	Gn 1:1-2:2 Gn 22:1-18 Ex 14:15-15:1 Is 54:5-14 Is 55:1-11 Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4 Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28 Rm 6:3-11 Lk 24:1-12	Acts 10:34a, 37-43 Ps 118 1 Cor 5:6b-8 "Victimae paschali laudes" Jn 20:1-9