

# ST. THERESA PARISH COMMUNITY

MARCH 31, 2024

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE  
RESURRECTION 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

Phone: 510.547.2777

After Hours Medical Emergency Line: 510.610.7715

 Parish Website: [www.sttheresaokland.org](http://www.sttheresaokland.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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## 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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## High School Youth Ministry/Confirmation

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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

# 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

**Final Session ~ April 7th**  
**How does the Resurrection shape my heart?**

## 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).

**APRIL 10<sup>TH</sup>**

**KATHLEEN O'BRIEN**

**MARYKNOLL MISSION FORMATION COORDINATOR**

*Using Catholic Social Teaching  
as a Guide for Living Out Our Faith*

# 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

## 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 30 - APRIL 7**

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

Mon. 8:30 am ⇄ Michael McShane  
 Tues. 8:30 am ⇄ Peter Cuttitta  
 Wed. 8:30 am ⇄ Tom Donnelly  
 Thurs. 8:30 am ⇄ Margaret Liston  
 Fri. 8:30 am ⇄ Philip Jelley

Sat. 5:00 pm ⇄ Carlo Pernecco  
 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](http://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 you full name and email address.

**SUNDAY OFFERING**

**ONLINE GIVING:**  
 (March 18 - 24) 55 DONORS **\$ 2,199.50**  
**MASS/DROP-OFF/MAILED DONATIONS:**  
 (March 18 - 24) 61 DONORS **\$ 5,064.00**



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://sttheresaokland.org/donate>

*Thank you for giving generously to St. Theresa Parish*



**Thank you** to all the volunteers who assisted with all the Holy Week services.

Lectors, Cantors, Choirs, Ushers, Greeters, Eucharistic Ministers, Videographers, Musicians, Environment team.

Your ongoing support of the parish is greatly appreciated.

**DECEASED**

Please remember in your prayers, those who have died especially Jim Diamantine, husband of Darcy and father of Katherine; James Emmanuel Allen, father of Margo Malone.

**FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION**



**April 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**9:00 am to 4:30 pm**  
 Benediction at 4:30 pm

**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.

## A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

### Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Alleluia!



Happy Easter to one and all. Our Christian journey has once again travelled through Lent and Holy Week, the Lord’s washing of feet and the institution for us of the Eucharist, his suffering and brutal death on the cross to this great feast. Jesus has conquered death. We celebrate that where he has gone, we too may be with him in glory in God’s Kingdom.

I want to thank all who made our Lent a special and uniting experience. I am especially grateful to Deacon Mike Tedone who guided the parish Lenten retreat and you can still attend the last session next Sunday. A million thanks to Fr. Ngema who once again broke open the scriptures for those who zoomed in on Tuesday nights. I again thank Cathy Brady, Keri Nims and so many volunteers who have made sure we celebrated a Seder Dinner, had various Stations of the Cross available to all, decorated the church for Lent, Palm Sunday and Easter and so many other behind the scene things that helped all of us. And thanks to all of you who remembered to wear red last Sunday and who make our Easter celebrations every more joyous by your presence.

I ask all for a simple prayer this week as forty individuals once again go and build a house for a homeless family in a single day. Los Amigos de Mercy carry your support and love to a family that has waited a long time to have a roof over their heads. Pray for safe travels, work and return!

Here is a great summary of what we celebrate today and for the next fifty days!

Taken from the Vatican News site written by Fr. Anthony Kadavil:

Easter is the greatest and the most important feast in the Church. It marks the birthday of our eternal hope. "Easter" literally means "the feast of fresh flowers." We celebrate it with pride and jubilation for three reasons:

**1) The Resurrection of Christ is the basis of our Christian Faith**, for it proves that Jesus is God. That is why St. Paul writes: *"If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain; and your Faith is in vain... And if Christ has not been raised, then your Faith is a delusion and you are still lost in your sins... But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep" (1 Cor 15:14, 17, 20).* In the words of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*: "The Resurrection of Jesus is the crowning truth of our Faith in Christ, a Faith believed and lived as the central truth by the first Christian community; handed on as fundamental by Tradition; established by the documents of the New Testament; and preached as an essential part of the Paschal mystery along with the cross..." (CCC # 638).

**2) Easter is the guarantee of our own resurrection.** Jesus assured Martha at the tomb of Lazarus: *"I am the Resurrection and the Life; whoever believes in Me will live even though he dies"* (Jn 11:25-26). Christ will raise us up on the last day, but it is also true, in a sense, that we have already risen with Christ. By virtue of the Holy Spirit, our Christian life is already a participation in the death and Resurrection of Christ (CCC #1002, #1003).

**3) Easter is a feast which gives us hope and encouragement in this world of pain, sorrows, and tears.** It reminds us that life is worth living. It is our belief in the Real Presence of the Risen Jesus in our souls, in His Church, in the His Word and Sacrament and when two or three gather in His name, and in Heaven that gives meaning to our personal, as well as to our common, prayers. Our trust in the all-pervading presence of the Risen Lord gives us strength to fight against temptations and freedom from unnecessary worries and fears. The prayer of St. Patrick, the Apostle of Ireland, reads: *"Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ within me, never to part."*

**Reasons why we believe in the Resurrection of Jesus:** (a) **Jesus himself testified to his Resurrection from the dead** ([Mark 8:31](#); [Matthew 17:22](#); [Luke 9:22](#)). (b) **The tomb was empty on Easter Sunday** ([Luke 24:3](#)). Although the guards claimed ([Matthew 28:13](#)) that the disciples of Jesus had stolen the body, every sensible Jew knew that it was impossible for the terrified disciples of Jesus to steal the body of Jesus from a tomb guarded by a 16-member team of armed Roman soldiers. (c) **The initial disbelief of Jesus’ own disciples** in his Resurrection, in spite of his repeated apparitions. This serves as a strong proof of his Resurrection. It explains why the apostles started preaching the resurrected Christ only after receiving the anointing of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost. (d) **The transformation of Jesus’ disciples: The disciples of Jesus were almost immediately transformed from men who were hopeless and fearful after the crucifixion** ([Luke 24:21](#), [John 20:19](#)) **into men who were confident and bold witnesses of the Resurrection** ([Acts 2:24](#), [3:15](#), [4:2](#)). (e) **The Jews and the Romans could not disprove Jesus’ Resurrection by presenting the dead body of Jesus.** (f) **The apostles and early Christians would not have faced martyrdom if they were not absolutely sure of Jesus’ Resurrection.** (g) **The Apostle Paul’s conversion from a persecutor of Christians into a zealous apostle, preaching the Good News of Jesus throughout much of the Gentile world supports the truth of Jesus’ Resurrection** ([Galatians 1:11-17](#), [Acts 9:1](#), [Acts 9:24-25](#), [Acts 26:15-18](#)). (h) **The sheer existence of a thriving, empire-conquering early Christian Church, bravely facing three centuries of persecution, supports the truth of the Resurrection claim.** (i) **The New Testament witnesses do not bear the stamp of dupes or deceivers. The apostles and the early Christians were absolutely sure about the Resurrection of Jesus.**

Christ is risen! Blessings to you and yours in this Holy Season! Thank you for your continuing support. May the Easter season bring joy and hope to you and your families! May it bring peace to a war-torn world still waiting for the fullness of redemption.

### WEEKLY READINGS: APRIL 1 - 7

Monday:	Tuesday:	Wednesday:	Thursday	Friday	Saturday:	Sunday:
Acts 2:14, 22-33 Ps 16 Mt 28:8-15	Acts 2:35-41 Ps 33 Jn 20:11-18	Acts 3:1-10 Ps 105 Lk 24:13-35	Acts 3:11-26 Ps 8 Lk 24:35-48	Acts 4:1-12 Ps 118 Jn 21:1-14	Acts 4:13-21 Ps 118 Mk 16:9-15	Acts 4:32-35 Ps 118 1 Jn 5:1-6 Jn 20:19-31