

# ST. THERESA PARISH COMMUNITY

APRIL 28, 2024

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## 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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## Baptisms and Marriages

by appointment (call parish office 510.547.2777)

## To arrange a Funeral

call parish office 510.547.2777, or email  
[admin@sttheresaoakland.org](mailto:admin@sttheresaoakland.org)

## Family Faith Formation (Grades TK-5) & R.C.I.C.

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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

## ST. THERESA PARISH 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

The parish will celebrate its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in October 2025. There will be monthly events leading up to the Anniversary beginning this October.

If you would like to be a part of the planning process for these events, send an email to [anniversary@sttheresaoakland.org](mailto:anniversary@sttheresaoakland.org).

We would like to have a special logo for our anniversary. Let us know if you would like to help create or submit a logo design [anniversary@sttheresaoakland.org](mailto:anniversary@sttheresaoakland.org).



### ST. THERESA SCHOOL

It is time for the St. Theresa School 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.



## First Communion April 21, 2024



## WOMEN AND SYNODALITY WHERE CAN WE GO FROM HERE?

### ABOUT

"Women and Synodality: Where Can We Go from Here?" is a gathering that makes space for imagining the role of women in the future of the global Church. With keynotes and interactive break-out sessions, the event provides an opportunity for listening, dialogue, and building synodal bridges.

**7-9pm, Thursday, May 2, 2024 and 9am-8pm, Friday, May 3, 2024** at the Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University campus in Berkeley, CA.

### FEATURING:



**Cynthia Bailey Manns**  
Voting Member of the 2023 Synod, Director of Adult Faith Formation, St. Joan of Arc Catholic Community, Minneapolis



**Julia Oseka**  
Student, Voting Member of the 2023 Synod, St. Joseph University, Philadelphia



**And Many Other Speakers**  
Please see website for full schedule

### COST

Free for SCU students, staff, and faculty. \$10 for members of the public. The event is generously funded by a grant from the Jesuit Conference of Canada and the United States, as well as support from the Office of the President of Santa Clara University. There will be an opportunity to contribute to scholarships for women at JST-SCU. Due to limited space, we encourage prompt registration for those interested in attending.

**SYNDAL JOURNEY**  
JST-SCU 2024 EVENTS



### MORE INFO



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<https://bit.ly/43ihEnM>



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[bob.hernandez@mac.com](mailto:bob.hernandez@mac.com)

**MASS INTENTIONS - APRIL 27 - MAY 5**

Sat. 5:00 pm Olga Lamberti  
 Sun. 9:00 am Parish Community of St. Theresa  
 11:00 am Confirmation Candidates

Mon. 8:30 am † The Donnelly Family & Friends  
 Tues. 8:30 am † Michael Sean Donovan  
 Wed. 8:30 am † John McCole  
 Thurs. 8:30 am Lorainne Alberti  
 Fri. 8:30 am † Timothy Donnelly

Sat. 5:00 pm † Paul Duncan  
 Sun. 9:00 am Parish Community of St, Theresa

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*You will receive everything contained in the bulletin plus additional information.*

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**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 your full name and email address.

**SUNDAY OFFERING**

**SUNDAY COLLECTION:**  
 ONLINE (April 15 - 21) 56 DONORS **\$ 2,378.50**  
 MASS/DROP-OFF/MAILED DONATIONS:  
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**Bishop's Ministries Appeal 2024**



St. Theresa Parish Goal \$35,800

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

**MASS INTENTIONS**

To request a Mass Intention send an email to:  
[admin@sttheresaokland.org](mailto:admin@sttheresaokland.org)  
 or call 510.547.2777

**WINGS**



Theme for 2023/2024: **"Walking the Journey of Faith"**

**MAY 1<sup>ST</sup>**

**MARK DEVRO**  
**FOUNDER/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, JAILS TO JOBS,**  
**ANTHONY PEREZ**  
**SPECIAL GUEST & JAILS TO JOBS CLIENT**  
*God is in Your Every Kindness*

**PARISH CALENDAR**

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

**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, Tiffany Converse, Adrian McEvelly, Joan Marchi, Courtney Gaul Conway, baby Wayne.

**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.



## A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Congratulations to the newly confirmed. I have had the honor of interviewing each of the candidates and am impressed how the two-year process has helped them prepare for the commitment to God and the Church that they make today. I always ask what ministries they wish to be involved in now that they are fully initiated in the Church. We can all be proud when we witness their service to the Church and our community.



As we come through an early Easter Season and prepare to celebrate the great feasts of Pentecost, Corpus Christi, and the feast of the Trinity, I heed Pope Francis' call to pray each day as the Church heads toward the next Synod meeting in the fall. A short reminder about the Synod from St. Michael's University in Toronto is offered as we pray:

"Pope Francis has declared that synodality is what God expects of the Church in the 21st century. He has put his own transformative stamp on the meaning and conduct of synods, saying that a synod involves mutual listening in which everyone has something to learn.

Synods are not new. They have been around since the early days of the Church. History records that bishops of neighboring churches in the second century gathered together to find solutions to their common problems. It was not always stated when or if the laity participated. We know, for example, that bishops, presbyters, deacons, and laity attended the Synod of Elvira around about the year 305. The Synod of Whitby in 664 was convened by a layman, King Oswiu, who ruled that the decisions of the synod were to apply in his kingdom. A modern historian has written that Vatican I (1869–1870) was the first ecumenical council "without direct lay participation."

The irony is that, 10 years earlier, Father John Henry Newman had famously written about the necessity of consulting the faithful in matters of doctrine. In 1917 the Code of Canon Law limited attendance at diocesan synods to priests and bishops. But the Code left ajar the door to lay participation. It allowed diocesan bishops to invite "others" at their discretion but did not define "others." Shortly before the end of the Second Vatican Council in 1965 Pope Paul VI established the Synod of Bishops as a permanent institution. Attendance was extended to representatives of religious institutes and to "clerics who are experts." There was no provision for lay participation.

Then, only eight days after the formal close of Vatican II, the Bishop of London in Ontario made a startling announcement. His diocese was to hold a synod, to which everyone in the diocese— clergy, religious and lay—was invited. He was not concerned that the laity would be in the majority; indeed, he welcomed it. He was bent on letting the people of the diocese absorb and receive the teaching

of the council. And he planned to be a listening bishop. He used this phrase often because he wanted to hear the opinions of the people on how the diocese should move forward. The voice of the people mattered because he took seriously what the council had taught him about the infallibility of the people of God. His other oft-repeated remark was that the Spirit would speak where the Spirit wished to speak.

More than half a century later this pioneering diocesan synod can be seen in conformity with the call of Pope Francis for a synodal church. Everyone in the church, clergy, religious and lay, has to listen to the others in order to discern the will of the Spirit. It requires an act of faith which is based on the conviction that God is at work in world history. Francis referred to the prophet Elijah who learned that the Lord was not in the wind, nor in the earthquake, nor in the fire, but rather in a tiny whispering sound. "This is how God speaks to us," said Francis, and "we need to open our ears to hear that tiny whispering sound."

Since his election Pope Francis has convened synods dealing with the family, young people, and the Amazonian region. Bishops, priests, and laity attended them all in limited numbers. Now Francis has launched a synod of the whole Church. It is an ambitious project which will last two years, until 2023. Francis wants to hear the voice of the entire Church, so this synod is an exercise in mutual listening. It starts in the dioceses where all are invited to offer their thoughts and opinions. Each diocese will forward a synthesis to the local bishops' conference. From there a further synthesis will go forward to the Synod of Bishops in 2023. After that, the action moves back to the dioceses for the implementation phase.

Pope Francis opened the synod in October last year. He felt sure that the Spirit would guide the church and "give us the grace to move forward together, to listen to one another and to embark on a discernment of the times in which we are living." He stressed that the synod was neither a parliament nor an opinion poll, but an ecclesial event. "If the Spirit is not present there will be no synod." He emphasized the participation of all because participation was a requirement of the faith received in baptism. Baptism was our "identity card," and his call for all to participate includes those on the fringes. "Enabling everyone to participate is an essential ecclesial duty," he said.

The subject of this synod is synodality. When we place that alongside two prominent sayings of Francis, a diverting discovery emerges. Firstly, says Francis, synodality is the way of the Church in the 21st century. Secondly, the point of a synod is to discern where the Spirit is leading the Church. We can see then that Francis is inviting the Church to consider and discern synodality, the very subject that is at the heart of his pontificate. He has thrown it wide open. This is a valiant venture with an uncertain end result."

### WEEKLY READINGS: APRIL 29 - MAY 5

Monday:	Tuesday:	Wednesday:	Thursday	Friday	Saturday:	Sunday:
Acts 14:5-18 Ps 115 Jn 14:21-26	Acts 14:19-28 Ps 145 Jn 14:27-31a	Acts 15:1-6 Ps 122 Jn 15:1-8	Acts 15:7-21 Ps 96 Jn 15:9-11	1 Cor 15:1-8 Ps 19 Jn 14:6-14	Acts 16:1-10 Ps 100 Jn 15:18-21	Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 Ps 98 1 Jn 4:7-10 Jn 15:9-17