

ST. THERESA PARISH COMMUNITY

SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

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, ext. 120

After Hours Medical Emergency Line: 510.610.7715

 Parish Website: www.sttheresaoakland.org

 Facebook: [StTheresaChurch/Oakland](https://www.facebook.com/StTheresaChurch/Oakland)

 https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCn5JX1e3QrqXTsa_7qmNClw

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ST. THERESA SCHOOL

Alicia Ortegon, 510.547.3146 a_ortegon@sttheresaschool.org
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Baptisms and Marriages

by appointment, call parish office 510.547.2777, ext. 120,
or email admin@sttheresaoakland.org

To arrange a Funeral

call parish office 510.547.2777, ext. 120, or email
admin@sttheresaoakland.org

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

Keri Nims ~ keri@sttheresaoakland.org

Middle School Youth Ministry (Grades 6-8)

Joey Gutierrez ~ joey@sttheresaoakland.org

High School Youth Ministry/Confirmation

Joey Gutierrez ~ joey@sttheresaoakland.org

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

Cathy Brady ~ cathy_b@sttheresaoakland.org

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

Parish Organization Contacts

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Kinderchurch

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

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St. Theresa
EST. 1925
FAITH FORMATION
REGISTRATION PACKET

your child belongs

...in this church
...in this community
...in the body of Christ
...in Faith Formation

Register now for the upcoming Faith Formation year!!

KinderChurch (ages 3 1/2—6 yrs old during 9am Mass)	First Reconciliation and First Eucharist
Family Faith Formation (1st-5th grade following our 9am Mass)	Middle School Youth Ministry
	High School Confirmation Ministry

Use the link below to register online or visit our parish website to print out a packet
Questions: Keri@sttheresaokland.org

We need your help

Family Faith Formation and Kinderchurch are both in need of volunteers.

Consider helping as a class teacher for Family Faith Formation or as one of the volunteers in our KinderChurch Ministry.

You don't need to have a student in the program to volunteer.
Ask a friend to partner with you and team up!!!

God does not call the equipped....God equips those he calls
WHAT IS GOD CALLING YOU TO????

Keri@sttheresaokland.org...reach out to learn more details.
Register at: [https://sttheresaokland.org/Faith Formation Registration](https://sttheresaokland.org/Faith%20Formation%20Registration)




Sacrament Prep

Baptism
1st Reconciliation
1st Communion

For anyone past 2nd grade still needing Sacraments

I missed out on 1st Communion
You can do the Sacraments at any age
Classes start soon, contact Keri for details
I'm curious about Baptism

Questions or to register email...
Keri@sttheresaokland.org



O.C.I.A. ~ Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

formerly R.C.I.A

Are you or someone you know interested in joining the Catholic Church?
ARE YOU UNBAPTIZED, SEEKING A FAITH COMMUNITY?
OR
ARE YOU BAPTIZED IN ANOTHER FAITH?
OR
ARE YOU A BAPTIZED CATHOLIC SEEKING TO COMPLETE THE SACRAMENTS OF FIRST EUCHARIST AND/OR CONFIRMATION?
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OCIA might be just what you are looking for.  
A new inquiry session will begin in September.  
Contact Cathy Brady at [cathy\\_b@sttheresaokland.org](mailto:cathy_b@sttheresaokland.org) for more information, or to register for our sessions.

### HOPE FOR THE COMMON GROUND AND THE COMMON GOOD A 2024 ELECTION FORUM

The Oakland Catholic Worker – in collaboration with the Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University, the Franciscan School of Theology at the University of San Diego and the parishes of St. Theresa and St. Joan of Arc – is offering a forum in preparation for this year's November elections.

This forum is non-partisan and is intended to offer participants an opportunity to pray, share and learn more about how to apply our faith and the principles of Catholic Social Teaching as a primary lens for discernment towards voting.

Date and Time: September 22, 2024, 1-3 PM  
Location: St. Theresa Meeting Rooms  
General questions: [bob.hernandez@mac.com](mailto:bob.hernandez@mac.com)

**Full details are in the Friday Flocknote Newsletter.**

### The Gift & Grace of Parenthood

*How often do you take time out of your busy life to appreciate the gift of being a mother or father? How can I strengthen my faith and pass it on to my child?*


*Join other parents for a morning of reflection, as we appreciate our most important job, being a parent.*



**Who is invited: All TK & Kinder Parents**  
Catholic, non-Catholic, married, divorced, single,  
St. Theresa School & Faith Formation  
Both parents are encouraged to attend, parenting is a team effort

**When & Where: Sunday, September 29, 2024, 9am-12noon**  
9am Mass in St. Theresa Church  
10am Retreat in the Flex Meeting Rooms  
Childcare will be available

Please RSVP by Friday, September 13th - Jenny Bruni @ [j.bruni@sttheresaschool.org](mailto:j.bruni@sttheresaschool.org)

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

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

**The next planning meeting is on Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Hall, all are welcome.**


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@sttheresaokland.org](mailto:anniversary@sttheresaokland.org). Current logo design submitted by Renee Lorda.

### KinderChurch starts soon!

During the 9am Mass

Located in the Church Hall...all students must be signed in and out by a parent.

3.5 yrs old & potty-trained through 1st grade



Register on the parish website or email [keri@sttheresaokland.org](mailto:keri@sttheresaokland.org)

**Upcoming Dates**  
9/8  
9/22  
9/29  
10/20

Date Change

**MASS INTENTIONS - SEPTEMBER 7-15**

|                |                                                   |
|----------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| Sat. 5:00 pm † | Carlo Pernecco                                    |
| Sun. 9:00 am   | Parish Community of St. Theresa                   |
| Mon. 8:30 am † | Robert Zollicoffer                                |
| Tues. 8:30 am  | Penny Isola                                       |
| Wed. 8:30 am † | Tom Donnelly                                      |
| Thurs. 8:30 am | For the poor, and hidden within our own community |
| Fri. 8:30 am † | Tom McDonough                                     |
| Sat. 5:00 pm † | Silvano Giuntoli                                  |
| Sun. 9:00 am   | Parish Community of St. Theresa                   |

**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, Friday Flocknote, and Weekend Masses.

*This form is not for Mass Intentions.*

**RECEPTION OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD**

Reception of the Precious Blood Guideline from Bishop Barber, May 15, 2023. "Other than the priest, no communicant may ever dip the Sacred Host into the chalice to communicate himself."

**SUNDAY OFFERING****SUNDAY COLLECTION (AUGUST 26—SEPTEMBER 1):**

ONLINE: 42 DONORS \$ 1,810.20  
MASS DONATIONS: 42 DONORS \$ 3,270.00

**PARISH MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENT FUND:**

ONLINE: (AUGUST 5—SEPT. 1) 31 DONORS \$ 1,592.20  
MASS/DROP-OFF/MAILED: 27 DONORS \$ 1,397.00

**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 president's communion station to receive a low gluten host.

**Bishop's Ministries Appeal 2024**

St. Theresa Parish Goal  
**\$35,800**  
Percentage Achieved **45.8%**  
**\$17,263** as of July 31, 2024

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

**SCHEDULE A MASS INTENTION ONLINE!**

You can now schedule and pay for a Mass Intention online.

Use this link to schedule a Mass Intention:

<https://sttheresaokland.org/pray/mass-confession-times/mass-intention>

**Mass Intentions may only be made up to a year in advance.** You may only submit one Mass Intention per form. We will make every effort to use the date you have requested. If there is a conflict with the date we will contact you. If a date shows **BUSY** on the calendar, there is already a Mass Intention scheduled for that date.

You can also send an email to:

[admin@sttheresaokland.org](mailto:admin@sttheresaokland.org) or call 510.547.2777, ext. 120  
if you do not wish to use the online option.

**DECEASED**

Please remember in your prayers, those who have died especially Raphael Palacios, Jr. the great nephew of Carlos Palacios.

**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, 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, Diana Nelson Curtis, Charlie Schnellbacher, Theresa Joyce, Maureen Carver, Ernestine Pernecco, Vince Nims.

**PARISH CALENDAR**

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

**SCAM ALERT**

A number of people have received phony emails from Fr. Bob asking for gifts cards. If you receive an email from him requesting help with gifts, gift cards, money ..... PLEASE IGNORE and DELETE. It's a scam! He will never request help from any of you in this manner.



Find Simplicity  
with eGiving

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](https://sttheresaokland.org/donate)

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

## A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

As you arrive this weekend, you will immediately notice the scaffolding on the church building. I have spoken about painting the outside of the church for several years, but we are finally doing it!



We are able to deal with these deferred maintenance and upkeep issues thanks to your ongoing generosity to the weekly collection and to the support you give monthly to the 'Parish Facility and Maintenance' collection. I again thank each of you who have made small to major contributions to these collections. This allows us to continue the mission of the parish and diocese aptly summed up in the diocesan mission statement: "To know Christ better, and to make him better know."

The roof project, the building painting, reflooring the parish hall/STEP area, and many smaller unseen but important projects are done for the good of all and to witness in themselves that we are a welcoming community that cares for all who come here and so that all feel welcome and comfortable.

When I was assigned to St. Theresa's parish as pastor, the parish still had a debt on the 'Event Center/Gym' that you and the help of many paid off in a few years. Then, when the discovery of major issues and flaws were discovered, I put off many of the projects we are finally dealing with because of the risk that our finances would be severely in debt to bring the event center and meeting room buildings up to a safe and ready site that you intended when it was originally built. Thank you for your patience and not giving up and hopefully having joy as we see the progress that has been made that has been a blessing to every child that has a CYO game, every family that holds a post funeral lunch, everyone who participates in WINGS, faith formation, Confirmation preparation, the annual Auction, Christmas concert and the list goes on.

Our parish buildings are used by many and keeping them safe and clean, welcoming, and beautiful are all part of living out our mission. May God who has begun this good work, bless us all and bring it to completion.

Next week, we celebrate an important part of who we are as we bless all who teach others about Jesus, God, and our Church. We will bless all the catechists in both parish and school and pray for all who help us along the path. This tradition has been part of our being Church from the earliest of days and I highlight one early saint that we are just getting to remember recently: St. Phoebe.

*(Taken from Catholic Online)* " Phoebe (also spelled Feben or Phebe) was a notable first-century Christian woman mentioned in the Epistle to the Romans by the Apostle Paul (Romans 16:1-2). She held a prominent position within the church of Cenchreae and was entrusted by Paul to deliver his letter to the Romans.

In Paul's commendation, Phoebe is described as both a "servant" or "deacon" (Greek diakonos) and a helper or patron of many (Greek prostatis), making her the only woman in the New Testament to be specifically referred to with these distinctions. Paul introduces Phoebe as his emissary to the church in Rome, providing her with credentials due to their lack of acquaintance.

Paul's letter to the Romans was composed in Corinth between the years 56 and 58 AD, with the intention of garnering support for an upcoming missionary journey to Spain.

In his letter, Paul commends Phoebe as a deacon of the church in Cenchreae, urging the Roman Christians to receive her warmly and assist her as needed, highlighting her beneficence towards many, including himself.

Unfortunately, little else is known of St. Phoebe primarily due to the lack of further mention and the long history that is passed from her time to the present age."

### WEEKLY READINGS: SEPTEMBER 9-15

| Monday:                              | Tuesday:                             | Wednesday:                           | Thursday                                    | Friday                                       | Saturday:                                        | Sunday:                                           |
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| 1 Cor 7:25-31<br>Ps 45<br>Lk 6:20-26 | 1 Cor 6:1-11<br>Ps 149<br>Lk 6:12-19 | 1 Cor 7:25-31<br>Ps 45<br>Lk 6:20-26 | 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13<br>Ps 139<br>Lk 6:27-38 | 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27<br>Ps 84<br>Lk 6:39-42 | Nm 21:4b-9<br>Ps 78<br>Phil 2:6-11<br>Jn 3:13-17 | Is 50:5-9a<br>Ps 116<br>Jas 2:14-18<br>Mk 8:27-35 |