

ST. THERESA PARISH COMMUNITY

SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

TWENTY-FIFTH 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 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

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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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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

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



...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@sttheresaoakland.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@sttheresaoakland.org...reach out to learn more details.

Register at: [https://sttheresaoakland.org/Faith Formation Registration](https://sttheresaoakland.org/Faith%20Formation%20Registration)



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?

OCIA might be just what you are looking for.

A new inquiry session will begin in September.

Contact Cathy Brady at cathy_b@sttheresaoakland.org for more information, or to register for our sessions.



October 6
MASS AT 11 AM ON THE LAWN

GAMES | FOOD | LIVE MUSIC

BAKE SALE | CASH BAR



PRE-ORDER FOOD BY 9/30
USE LINK ON PARISH WEBSITE

PLACE FOOD ORDER AND SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER AT
<https://sttheresaoakland.org/about-us/st-theresa-feast-day-celebration>

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@sttheresaoakland.org

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@sttheresaoakland.org

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

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

Full details are in the Friday Flocknote Newsletter.

MASS INTENTIONS - SEPTEMBER 21-29

Sat. 5:00 pm Parish Community of St. Theresa
 Sun. 9:00 am † Virginia Cuttitta

Mon. 8:30 am Penny Isola
 Tues. 8:30 am † Larry Appel
 Wed. 8:30 am Sophia Aycock
 Thurs. 8:30 am † Ted Normart
 Fri. 8:30 am † McArtor Family & Friends

Sat. 5:00 pm Parish Community of St. Theresa
 Sun. 9:00 am † Donnelly Family & Friends

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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION

The St. Vincent de Paul, Fifth Sunday Collection is scheduled for September 28 & 29. Your continued support continues to help our neighbors in need. You may use Online Giving to donate.

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 (SEPTEMBER 9-15):
 ONLINE: 44 DONORS \$ 2,579.00
 MASS DONATIONS: 47 DONORS \$ 2,706.00

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 presider's communion station to receive a low gluten host.

Bishop's Ministries Appeal 2024



St. Theresa Parish Goal \$35,800
 Percentage Achieved **50.30%**
\$18,788 as of August 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 or call 510.547.2777, ext. 120 if you do not wish to use the online option.



The parish will celebrate its 100th 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.

The next planning meeting is on Wednesday, October 2nd 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.

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, Barrett Baker, Genevieve 'Beth' McElroy.

PARISH CALENDAR

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



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

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

As you can see when you come to Mass, the painting of the church building project is progressing. We are able to finally do this project thanks to your ongoing generosity to our parish building and maintenance collection. A couple of individuals have given substantial gifts, but every gift is important. A few glitches have caused higher costs as you all have experienced when doing a major project at home (two areas needed scaffolding that were not in the original contract, etc.) Your generosity will get it done and paid for so if you have not contributed, this would be a great time to contribute.



It is expected that the paint job will be done in a few weeks. We apologize for the inconvenience as doors are barred until the scaffolding is taken down.

We continue to have some staffing issues. We have sent a job description to the diocese and hope this coming week it will advertise an opening for a 'temporary parish secretary position.' The full ad can be found on the Diocese of Oakland website. Two amazing volunteers have covered the daily needs of the parish office and all that entails since April but it is time to hire someone temporarily with our current circumstances so our volunteers can get back some personal time in their lives. If you know of anyone, please let us know and direct them to the diocesan list of open jobs.

This Sunday, September 22, our parish Social Justice Committee with St. Joan of Arc Parish in San Ramon, the Jesuit School of Theology and the Oakland Catholic Worker is sponsoring a forum with three speakers titled:

Hope for the Common Ground and the Common Good A 2024 Election Forum. It will take place in the parish meeting rooms on Sunday from 1pm until 3pm. It is another opportunity for each of us to frame our decisions about who to vote for in the upcoming elections with the richness of our Catholic Social teachings.

Over one hundred and fifty years ago, popes started writing encyclicals (letters to the world) about the rights of people to work and be paid a day's wage that would allow each person who works to feed, clothe and shelter his or her family by the income earned. This started with a pope who encountered a world where this was more and more becoming the exception and the gospels are clear about how we as Christians are called to care for the poor, the immigrant, the sick and the elderly as facets of our whole ethic of respecting life from the moment of conception to a natural death at a ripe old age.

I encourage you to attend this if you can. I am also putting in this a link to an Evangelical Baptist sermon that several people sent me that tackles the prospect of Christian Nationalism. A narrow group of Fundamentalists are proposing this for our country, and I was happy to encounter a more mainstream preacher say what I also believe echoes our own Catholic Social Teaching. It is eighteen minutes long and you would never let us preach that long but it is worth listening to as you continue to discern.

https://youtu.be/Blph_2RSBno?si=YEtdtuhtLol47B89

May God help us and unite us so that we can praise God as one people transformed by God's love!

SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING FOR PARISH/SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS



It is that time of year when notices of expiring Virtus training will be arriving in your email. Please use the link in the email to log into Virtus and take the training that you have been assigned. Training must be renewed every three years.

To renew or register for the first time, click on the link in your email or go to <https://www.virtusonline.org> or click on the link in the upper right corner of the parish website sttheresaOakland.org.

Please remember that in order to volunteer at the parish in any capacity at the parish or school (Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Catechist, Choir Member, St. Vincent de Paul, Legion of Mary, CYO etc.), you must complete the training. If you have any problems or questions contact Cathy Brady at cathy_b@sttheresaOakland.org.

WEEKLY READINGS: SEPTEMBER 23-29

| Monday: | Tuesday: | Wednesday: | Thursday | Friday | Saturday: | Sunday: |
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| Prv 3:27-34 Ps 15 Lk 8:16-18 | Prv 21:1-6, 10-13 Ps 119 Lk 8:19-21 | Prv 30:5-9 Ps 119 Lk 9:1-6 | Eccl 1:2-11 Ps 90 Lk 9:7-9 | Eccl 3:1-11 Ps 144 Lk 9:18-22 | Eccl 11:9-12:8 Ps 90 Lk 9:43b-45 | Nm 11:25-29 Ps 19 Jas 5:1-6 Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48 |