

ST. THERESA PARISH COMMUNITY

NOVEMBER 24, 2024

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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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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

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

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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



Advent by Candlelight
 Preparing our hearts for the advent season
 An evening for women to come together in prayer and fellowship
 Sunday December 8th, 6:00pm
 St Theresa Church
 All are welcome...invite a friend



Advent for Men
 Gather for
 Prayer- Reflection - Fellowship
 Tuesday Dec. 10th - 7pm in the Church
 Hospitality and Refreshments to follow
 Questions - Bob.hernandez@mac.com

SVdP's CHRISTMAS FOR THE KIDS 2024

Our SVdP parish conference is helping the Alameda County Community Center in downtown Oakland collect UNWRAPPED toys, books and games for 600 children (newborns – 16yrs old).

The Annual SVdP Christmas Celebration will take place Saturday, December 14 at the Community Center. Gift donations are needed by the weekend of December 9th.

Donations can be made online using either the Target or Amazon barcodes provided below, or they can be left in the SVdP donation box in the church vestibule.

Amazon Registry:



Target Registry:



Please know that the Social Justice Committee will be collecting gift cards in the vestibule after the December 14th weekend masses for Catholic Worker of Oakland, to help immigrant parents to purchase Christmas gifts for their families.

We know there are many worthy organizations doing good works every holiday season and appreciate our parishioners' generosity in helping bring Christmas joy to many communities. We present these as two worthy options from which to choose.



Family Advent Retreat
 Join us for a morning of Advent preparations family style!!
 Dec. 8th- 10AM-11:30am
 In the Meeting Rooms
 RSVP: Keri@sttheresaokland.org

ST. THERESA CHURCH 100TH JUBILEE CELEBRATION



The parish will celebrate its 100th Jubilee 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.

WINGS



Theme for the 2024/2025 year
"Living in Hope"

Through prayer, thought provoking presentations on a variety of subjects, and small group faith-sharing and discussion of how the Spirit is working in their lives, women journey together.

Our Fall session meetings, focusing on spirituality, each with a different expert speaker, takes place, from 9:15-11:15am, on Wednesday's in the Meeting Rooms. 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 Dee McDonough at deesigns@comcast.net.

NOVEMBER 27TH

THANKSGIVING BREAK

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."

MASS INTENTIONS - NOVEMBER 23–DECEMBER 1

- Sat. 5:00 pm Parish Community of St. Theresa
- Sun. 9:00 am For all who give of their time and talent in the parish

- Mon. 8:30 am † Kristen Swensen Fredo
- Tues. 8:30 am For all who are hurting in body, mind or spirit
- Wed. 8:30 am For the poor, and hidden within our own community
- Thurs. 9:00 am Parish Community of St. Theresa
- Fri. 8:30 am Ron Hoffmann

- Sat. 5:00 pm Parish Community of St. Theresa
- Sun. 9:00 am † Joan Olmos

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.

SUNDAY OFFERING

SUNDAY COLLECTION (NOVEMBER 11-17):
 ONLINE: 42 DONORS **\$ 1,548.00**
 MASS DONATIONS: 37 DONORS **\$ 2,470.00**

CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT:
 ONLINE: 6 DONORS **\$ 105.00**
 MASS/DROP-OFF/MAILED: 18 DONORS **\$ 828..00**

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.


Bishop's Ministries Appeal 2024



St. Theresa Parish Goal \$35,800
 Percentage Achieved **61.53%**

\$22,733 as of November 15, 2024


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



Thanksgiving Day Mass

Our Thanksgiving Day Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 am on Thursday, November 28th.

We invite you to bring the bread and wine for your Thanksgiving Meal for a special blessing.



PARISH MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENT

The second collection for the Parish Maintenance & Improvement Fund will be on November 30 & December 1.

You may also use Online Giving for this collection.

SCHEDULE A MASS INTENTION ONLINE!

<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.


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 McEville, Joan Marchi, Diana Nelson Curtis, Charlie Schnellbacher, Theresa Joyce, Maureen Carver, Ernestine Pernecco, Vince Nims, Barrett Baker, Genevieve 'Beth' McElroy, Rick Fama, Eleanor Ceccarelli, Maureen Querio.



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 we begin the full holiday season with Thanksgiving this week, it is an opportunity to say thank you to all the benefactors who sustained the parish and its mission throughout the whole year. This year we have been able finally to put a new roof and paint the church building as major projects that could never have happened without the ongoing weekly and on occasion special support you have generously contributed.



Last week there was a special Mass for all parishioners who have died, and all the ‘people of the parish’ are prayed for at a weekly Mass usually on the weekend. As I preside at this Mass, I always ask God to hear and answer your prayers and bless a hundred-fold the gift you have shared to make things happen and the many repairs you do not see but count on so we can continue the work and mission of our parish. I sincerely pray that God will abundantly bless you again and again.

I am sure you have received appeals from some of the other charities you have contributed to over the years reminding you that December 3 is ‘Giving Tuesday’. I have heard from the schools I’ve attended, Catholic Charities and other programs I have personally supported through the years. I will be sending out my annual letter asking you to consider an end of the year gift to the parish soon, but as long as the advertisements are out there, “Giving Tuesday’ is a great way to make that donation now.

I am sorry to say that as I write this, we have still not found a plan to repair the heating system in the church building. As soon as I know what we have to do, I will pass it along to you, but you can be sure we will need extra donations to cover it. As the calendar year nears completion, we have sustained office and parish staff, but the cost of these programs and personnel continues to rise and therefore we rely on the generosity you have so steadily maintained over many years. This is an amazing story we will spotlight and celebrate as we

approach our Jubilee Year of 100 years since the founding of our parish.

May those who have gone before us pray for us and may God bless each of you as you now ensure the legacy they established when the parish was founded and sustained since 1925!

With our Jubilee Committee up and running with plans for many moments of celebrations to come throughout next year, as we think about who we can invite to ‘Come home to the parish for Christmas’, I ask all to think about fellow parishioners who have moved away because of the fire, or a job transfer, or other reason and if you know how to contact them, please let us know. We would love to invite them to some of the celebrations that are coming in 2025. Watch for links through the Friday Flocknote and website to upload First Communion, Baptism, Wedding pictures that happened at the parish over the past hundred years and how to give the committee contact information so we can invite these friends who may be near or far but who should come celebrate with us.

I hope to see you at Mass on Thursday, Thanksgiving Day, at 9 am, please bring your bread and wine for a special blessing. If I don’t, have a great and wonderful time with family and friends. In addition to prayers of thanksgiving, here is a prayer you might add that reflects our Catholic understanding of gratitude and care for the other, paraphrased from ShareCatholic.com :

O God, when I have food, help me to remember the hungry.

When I have work, help me remember the jobless.

When I have a home, help me to remember those who have no home at all.

When I am without pain, help me to remember those who suffer,

And remembering, help me to help by word and deed those who need and want what I may take for granted. Amen.

WEEKLY READINGS: NOVEMBER 25–DECEMBER 1

Monday:	Tuesday:	Wednesday:	Thursday	Friday	Saturday:	Sunday:
Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5 Ps 24 Lk 21:1-4	Rv 14:14-19 Ps 96 Lk 21:5-11	Rv 15:1-4 Ps 98 Lk 21:12-19	Sir 50:22-24 Ps 138 1 Cor 1:3-9 Lk 17:11-19	Rv 20:1-4, 11-21:2 Ps 84 Lk 21:29-33	Rom 10:9-18 Ps 19 Mt 4:18-22	Jer 33:14-16 Ps 25 1 Thes 3:12-4:2 Lk 21:25-28, 34-36