

# ST. THERESA PARISH COMMUNITY

DECEMBER 8, 2024

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## 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](http://www.sttheresaoakland.org)

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

 [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCn5JX1e3QrqXTsa\\_7qmNClw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCn5JX1e3QrqXTsa_7qmNClw)

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*St. Theresa School Principal*

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## Baptisms and Marriages

by appointment, call parish office 510.547.2777, ext. 120, or email [admin@sttheresaoakland.org](mailto:admin@sttheresaoakland.org)

## To arrange a Funeral

call parish office 510.547.2777, ext. 120, or email [admin@sttheresaoakland.org](mailto:admin@sttheresaoakland.org)

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

Keri Nims ~ [keri@sttheresaoakland.org](mailto:keri@sttheresaoakland.org)

## Middle School Youth Ministry (Grades 6-8)

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## High School Youth Ministry/Confirmation

Joey Gutierrez ~ [joey@sttheresaoakland.org](mailto:joey@sttheresaoakland.org)

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

Cathy Brady ~ [cathy\\_b@sttheresaoakland.org](mailto: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



**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.



Join us for the annual:  
**Men's Club Pancake Breakfast**  
 December 15th  
 10:00am-11:30am  
 St Theresa Event Center  
 Visit with Santa and take holiday photos.  
 \$11/adult  
 \$7/child (8<sup>th</sup> grade and under)  
 Buy your tickets now!  
<https://sttheresaokland.org/Pancake%20Breakfast>



**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 100<sup>TH</sup> JUBILEE CELEBRATION**  
 The parish will celebrate its 100<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:anniversary@sttheresaokland.org).

In celebration of St Theresa Church's 100th jubilee, we are planning a parish photo directory. This will include names, contact information, and a photo of families in our St. Theresa community. ALL individuals, households, and families in our parish and school are invited to participate. This form is to collect your feedback on what kind of directory will serve us best. <https://forms.gle/auk7AG681mv>

**MASS INTENTIONS - DECEMBER 7-15**

Sat. 5:00 pm Parish Community of St. Theresa  
Sun. 9:00 am David Clark

Mon. 8:30 am † Tina Bruno  
Tues. 8:30 am † Jason Roselius  
Wed. 8:30 am † John Kelly  
Thurs. 8:30 am † Gabriel Cors  
Fri. 8:30 am Sandy Hermerding

Sat. 5:00 pm † Filippo & Teresa Pernecco  
Sun. 9:00 am Parish Community of St. Theresa

**DECEASED**

Please remember in your prayers, those who have died especially Bishop John Cummins.

**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 25—DECEMBER 1):**  
ONLINE: 44 DONORS \$ 2,165.20  
MASS DONATIONS: 38 DONORS \$ 3,128.00

**PARISH MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENT FUND:**  
ONLINE: (NOV. 4—DEC. 1) 29 DONORS \$ 1,657.20  
MASS/DROP-OFF/MAILED: 25 DONORS \$ 1,405.00

**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 63.76%

\$22,827 as of November 30, 2024

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



*Feast of the*  
**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**  
December 9th  
Mass will be at 8:30 am  
The Mass will be live-streamed on our YouTube channel.

**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](mailto: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, 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, Karin Milliman.



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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

We mourn the passing of Bishop John S. Cummins but are sure he is rejoicing with family and friends and the angels and saints in heaven. Bishop John was a few months short of his 97<sup>th</sup> birthday and last spring marked his 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of being a bishop. That is a long tenure and an exceptionally long time for any bishop to celebrate. He was a loving shepherd in the Oakland diocese for over twenty-six years and was especially fond of St. Theresa Parish where he had many friends and families who he always remembered.



Bishop Cummins accepted me into the Oakland diocese in 1978 when I decided to leave New York. He ordained me to the diaconate in 1980 and to the priesthood in 1981 and gave me all my assignments throughout the past 44 years except the assignment to St. Theresa. When he heard Bishop Cordileone had transferred me to St. Theresa, Bishop John called me up immediately to extol the parish and many individuals who were part of it.

He spotlighted the faith, generosity, perseverance of the people of St. Theresa and always affirmed that asking about individuals whenever we spoke. He would remind me that it was individuals from St. Theresa's who started F.A.C.E., were instrumental in keeping St. Vincent DePaul, Alameda County operating at the fullest capacity, major supporters of St. Mary's Center and programs and who regularly had very important and skilled individuals washing pots and distributing food at the St. Vincent DePaul dining room, and the list went on of what he remembered, affirmed and praised.

I won't list names because there are so many of you whom he respected, admired, prayed for, and asked about on a regular basis. I don't have his gift of never forgetting someone's name. On one occasion, Fr. Tom Ryan's sister visited from Philadelphia and went to Mass at the Cathedral and spoke with him. She was amazed, when ten years later, the bishop spotted her in a crowd, walked over and called her by name! He did

this to so many who were amazed by his memory! He sincerely had a high regard for each of us.

He was close to Msgr. Lucid and was a frequent person who came to dinner here to be with Mike and Fr. Bill Macchi who served as his Vicar General for many years. Msgr. Moran was his classmate, and he commended Bernie's presence in the neighborhood when the Oakland Fire destroyed and displaced so many in our neighborhood. He let Fr. Patrick replace Msgr. Moran when Pat became the CFO for the diocese, and it shortened his commute from St. Raymond's.

Bishop Cummins attended most of the sessions of the Second Vatican Council and bragged that he sat near theologians Karl Rahner and Hans Kung. At the Council, he began a lifelong relationship with Fr. John Tracy Ellis who is the record keeper of so much American Church History of which his service is a part of our American Church history.

As bishop, he implemented with gusto the decrees of the Second Vatican Council especially in the areas of liturgy and empowering active lay participation in all areas of a until then clerical Church. He empowered the Lay Ecclesial Ministers Council and a Diocesan Pastoral Council to guide him, well before the Synod process was known anywhere else in the world. May those efforts and leadership continue to grow in our midst as we all are the Church.

I could say so many more things and have many stories about him. Bishop Cummins was a true and faithful disciple who did his best to get us all to heaven. May we now say a prayer or two for him in thanksgiving and that he now soars with all the angels and saints in heaven!

He would have loved and visited with everyone at our annual Pancake Breakfast. Be inspired by his example and be there next week!

### WEEKLY READINGS: DECEMBER 9-15

Monday:	Tuesday:	Wednesday:	Thursday	Friday	Saturday:	Sunday:
Gn 3:9-15, 20 Ps 98 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 Lk 1:26-38	Is 40:1-11 Ps 96 Mt 18:12-14	Is 40:25-31 Ps 103 Mt 11:28-30	Zec 2:14-17 Ps Jdt 13 Lk 1:26-38	Is 48:17-19 Ps 1 Mt 11:16-19	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 Ps 80 Mt 17:9a, 10-13	Zep 3:14-18a Ps Is 12 Phil 4:5-7 Lk 3:10-18