

ST. THERESA PARISH COMMUNITY

JANUARY 12, 2025

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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)

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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.

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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>

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ST. THERESA CHURCH 100TH JUBILEE CELEBRATION

The parish will celebrate its 100th Jubilee beginning January 2025. There will be monthly events leading up to the Anniversary .

Check out the Jubilee website to see many of the events that are being planned. <https://sttheresaoakland.org/about-us/100th-jubilee>

If you would like to be a part of the planning process for these events, send an email to:

anniversary@sttheresaoakland.org.

Upcoming Events

JANUARY 26: CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

We will celebrate Catholic Schools Week on at the 9 am Mass. Followed by an Open House at the School.

JANUARY 26: 8TH GRADE OPEN HOUSE LUNCHEON

FEBRUARY 9: CYO MASS AND CELEBRATION

"The Catholic Youth Organization (CYO), through the vehicle of sports, provides youth with an opportunity to practice Christian attitudes and responsibilities and to become friends with other children throughout the diocese. CYO activities should be examples of the meaning of Christian sportsmanship." --CYO Code of Conduct

We will celebrate the CYO program our athletes and coaches at the 9 am Mass.

MARCH 8: IRENE CROSETTI RAVIOLI DINNER

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. f 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.

JANUARY 15TH

KATHLEENA GORGA

FOUNDER, CONSCIOUS BEAUTY

My Spiritual Path with A Mahatma

MASS INTENTIONS - JANUARY 4-12

Sat. 5:00 pm	Parish Community of St. Theresa
Sun. 9:00 am	Parish Community of St. Theresa
Mon. 8:30 am †	Ida & Nick Monti
Tues. 8:30 am	Judy Espovich
Wed. 8:30 am	Mary Feeny
Thurs. 8:30 am	For the youth of our parish
Fri. 8:30 am †	Dermot McMillan Harris
Sat. 5:00 pm	Parish Community of St. Theresa
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.

PARISH CALENDAR

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

DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers, those who have died especially Frank Fixter, father of Paulette Tuckner.

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.

SUNDAY OFFERING

SUNDAY COLLECTION (DECEMBER 30—JANUARY 5):	
ONLINE: 53 DONORS	\$ 3,500.20
MASS DONATIONS: 36 DONORS	\$ 5,189.00

PARISH MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENT FUND:	
ONLINE: (DEC. 2—JAN. 5) 47 DONORS	\$ 2,847.20
MASS/DROP-OFF/MAILED: 19 DONORS	\$ 967.00

NEW YEAR'S, MARY MOTHER OF GOD:	
ONLINE: 3 DONORS	\$ 125.00
MASS/DROP-OFF/MAILED: 12 DONORS	\$ 343.00

Bishop's Ministries Appeal 2024



St. Theresa Parish Goal \$35,800
Percentage Achieved 67.96%

\$24,331 as of November 30, 2024

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

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.

The St. Theresa class of 2025 warmly invites you to our Fiesta Luncheon. This special event, hosted by our 8th Grade class, aims to raise funds for their Graduation Dinner Dance and a gift to our wonderful school. Come fill your belly with delicious food while enjoying the wonderful company of our community and delightful performances from our talented students - past and present!

Order your tickets before they sell out!

[_https://paybee.io/quickpay.html?handle=sttheresa&ppid=119#optionList](https://paybee.io/quickpay.html?handle=sttheresa&ppid=119#optionList)

Note: children 6 and under are free.

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, 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 McEvelly, 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.



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

Happy New Year! Happy Jubilee Year! Happy Parish 100th Anniversary Year!



I want to thank all who made a special donation to the parish at the end of the year last year! No matter what you gave, it helps us continue to do what we are called to do by Jesus as a parish and every gift makes a difference! I will have more to say about this when I and the Finance Council give a report on last year's finances.

Thanks to all who will stay after Mass this weekend for our annual listening sessions. I can honestly say that each year the parish staff have considered your comments and many things have happened because of your suggestions as a result of these sessions.

A quick thanks to all who transformed the church back to ordinary time last week. We did not have as many volunteers to put it up, but I was amazed that before I had come back in to take off my vestments that the tall trees were already down and being boxed. When many do something, the work is light and quick!

Today we celebrate our baptism in the feast of the Baptism of Jesus. Today as a parish celebrating the 100th year during which close to 3700 persons have been baptized, it is good to celebrate and remember that the main reason for a parish to exist is to get us on the road to paradise. For us as Catholics the start is always Baptism!

St. Hippolytus reflected in a homily long ago on Baptism this past Tuesday in a reading selected for the Office of Readings (Breviary) that gave me some good thoughts on what it means to be baptized. We bless ourselves with holy water every time we enter the church building, and this gesture reminds us that this is our home, we belong here because we have been baptized. I share Hippolytus' sermon with you for your reflection:

“That Jesus should come and be baptized by John is surely cause for amazement. To think of the infinite river that gladdens the city of God being bathed in a poor little stream of the eternal, the unfathomable fountainhead that gives life to all being immersed in the shallow waters of this transient world! He who fills all creation, leaving no place devoid of his presence, he who is incomprehensible to the angels and hidden from the sight of man, came to be baptized because it was his will. And *behold, the heavens opened, and a voice said: This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased.*”

The beloved Father begets love, and spiritual light generates light inaccessible. In his divine nature he is my only Son, though he was known as the son of Joseph. *This is my beloved Son.* Though hungry himself, he feeds thousands; though weary, he refreshes those who labor. He has no place to lay his head yet holds all creation in his hand. By his passion, he frees us from the passions (unleashed by disobedience); by receiving a blow on the cheek he gives the world its liberty; by being pierced in the side he heals the wound of Adam.

I ask you now to pay close attention, for I want to return to that fountain of life and contemplate its healing waters at their source.

The Father of immortality sent his immortal Son and Word into the world; he came to us to cleanse us with water and the Spirit. To give us a new birth that would make our bodies and souls immortal, he breathed into us the spirit of life and armed us with incorruptibility. Now if we become immortal, we shall also be divine; and if we become divine after rebirth in baptism through water and the Holy Spirit, we shall also be coheirs with Christ after the resurrection of the dead.

Therefore, in a herald's voice I cry: Let peoples of every nation come and receive the immortality that flows from baptism. This is the water that is linked to the Spirit, the water that irrigates Paradise, makes the earth fertile, gives growth to plants, and brings forth living creatures. In short, this is the water by which a person receives new birth and life, the water in which even Christ was baptized, the water into which the Holy Spirit descended in the form of a dove.

Whoever goes down into these waters of rebirth with faith renounces the devil and pledges him/herself to Christ. He repudiates the enemy and confesses that Christ is God, throws off his servitude, and is raised to filial status. He/She comes up from baptism resplendent as the sun, radiant in purity, but above all, comes as a son and daughter of God and coheir with Christ.

To the Father, Son and most holy and life-giving Spirit be glory and power now and forever. Amen.”

I hope the pictures you have sent will bring a smile to your face and joy that we have been made God's beloved through our baptism. I sometimes suggest to new parents who come to the Baptism Class that they write to their child a note at this time expressing what their hope is for their child and why they are having them baptized. I suggest they give their child this note when they are preparing for Confirmation or wondering why they should practice the faith. You might think about what your parents and godparents hoped for you. I assure you it is filled with love.

WEEKLY READINGS: JANUARY 13-19

Monday:	Tuesday:	Wednesday:	Thursday	Friday	Saturday:	Sunday:
Hb 1:1-6 Ps 97 Mk 1:14-20	1 Heb 2:5-12 Ps 8 Mk 1:21-28	Heb 2:14-18 Ps 105 Mk 1:29-39	Heb 3:7-14 Ps 95 Mk 1:40-45	Heb 4:1-5, 11 Ps 78 Mk 2:1-12	Heb 4:12-16 Ps 19 Mk 2:13-17	Is 62:1-5 Ps 96 1 Cor 12:4-11 Jn 2:1-11