# ST. THERESA COMMUNITY

### FEBRUARY 16, 2025

## SIXTH 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 Searish Website: <a href="https://www.sttheresaoakland.org">www.sttheresaoakland.org</a> Facebook: <u>StTheresaChurch/Oakland</u> https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCn5JX1e3QrqXTsa 7qmNClw PARISH STAFF: 510.547.2777 Parish Office: ext. 120 Rev. Robert J. McCann, ext. 121 rjmccann@sttheresaoakland.org Pastor Rev. Ngema W. Enow, ext. 128 ngemawil.enow@gmail.com In Residence Cathy Brady, ext. 126 cathy b@sttheresaoakland.org Liturgy Director Rob Cakebread, ext. 127 rob@sttheresaoakland.org Music Ministry Director Joey Gutierrez, ext. 123 joey@sttheresaoakland.org Youth Ministry Coordinator, Middle School & High School Keri Nims, ext. 124 keri@sttheresaoakland.org Coordinator for Early Childhood Catechesis & RCIC ST. THERESA SCHOOL Alicia Ortegon, 510.547.3146 a\_ortegon@sttheresaschool.org St. Theresa School Principal website: www.sttheresaschool.org

#### Baptisms and Marriages by appointment, call parish office 510.54

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To arrange a Funeral call parish office 510.547.2777, ext. 120, or email <u>admin@sttheresaoakland.org</u>

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

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**R.C.I.A.** Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Cathy Brady ~ cathy\_b@sttheresaoakland.org

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

**30 MANDALAY ROAD** 

OAKLAND, CA 94618



## St. Theresa Church 100<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Celebration

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

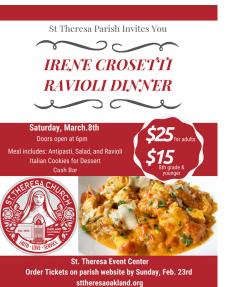
Check out the Jubilee website to see many of the events that are being planned. <u>https://sttheresaoakland.org/about-us/100th-jubilee</u>

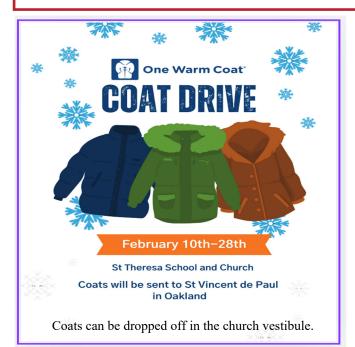
If you would like to be a part of the planning process for these events, send an email to:

anniversary@sttheresaoakland.org.

## **Upcoming Events**

March 8:	Irene Crosetti Ravioli Dinner			
	Order your tickets at <u>https://</u> sttheresaoakland.org/Ravioli_Dinner			
March 9:	OCIA (formerly RCIA) RITE OF SENDING, 9:00 am Mass			
March:	Lenten Soup and Concert			
May 17:	First Communion, 5:00 pm Mass			
May 31:	Confirmation, 5:00 pm Mass, with Archbishop Peter Chong			







#### 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 <u>deesigns@comcast.net</u>.

#### FEBRUARY 19<sup>TH</sup>

DR. MAHJABEEN DHALA ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF ISLAMIC STUDIES, GRADUATE THEOLOGICAL UNION

Fatima, an Early Muslim Female Theologian

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#### MASS INTENTIONS ~ FEBRUARY 15-23

Sat.	5:00 pm	t	David Galashvily
Sun.	9:00 am		Parish Community of St. Theresa
Tues. Wed.	8:30 am 8:30 am 8:30 am 8:30 am 8:30 am	t	Violet Chancey For all effected by recent storms For all who are burdened by poverty For the youth of our parish For all who are hurting in body, mind or spirit
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://sttheresaoakland.org/pray/mass-andconfession-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: <u>https://sttheresaoakland.org/calendar</u>

#### 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 (FEBRUARY 3—9):	
Online: 49 Donors	\$ 3,379.00
Mass Donations: 42 Donors	\$ 4,253.00

#### Bishop's Ministries Appeal 2024

St. Theresa Parish Goal \$35,800 Percentage Achieved 72.27%

\$25.872.05 as of January 31, 2025 https://www.oakdiocese.org/bishops-appeal-donation-page

#### DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers, those who have died especially Enrique Cateriano.

#### **SCHEDULE A MASS INTENTION ONLINE!**

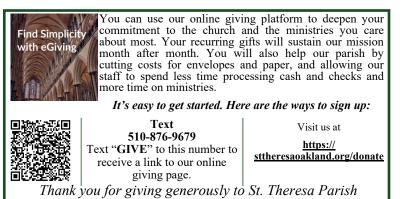
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Mass Intentions may only be made up to a year in advance. You may only submit one Mass Intention per form. We will make every effort to use the date you have requested. If there is a conflict with the date we will contact you. If a date shows **BUSY**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

You can also send an email to: <u>admin@sttheresaoakland.org</u> 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, 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 McEvilly, 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.



#### A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

I am happy to report that I have finally received a longer email from Fr. Abraham. He was sad to leave us earlier than he had planned, but our current broken Immigration situation put him in a difficult,



no appeal status. Leaving before the end of January levels a penalty that he cannot enter the U. S. for three years. Had he stayed longer as he had originally intended, the penalty would have been a ten-year ban.

I want to share some of the email that I received from Fr. Abraham in Ethiopia:

" I cannot express enough gratitude for everything you and St. Theresa's have done for me during my stay. Your generosity and the way you treated me have truly helped me succeed in my studies, and that is something I will always treasure. ... I have come to know wonderful people who have supported me in both my physical and spiritual wellbeing.

I am deeply moved by how the people showed their love and appreciation after my last Masses at St. Theresa. I am grateful for the farewell gifts, which have been immensely helpful.

Currently it is the dry season here in Ethiopia, with temperatures from 80 to 90F during the day and cooler at night. This is the best season for hiking, and I am maintaining my ritual of late afternoon hikes, covering about 8 miles every day.

Please say hello to all especially to the weekday Mass crowd. For now, my internet access is limited, but I will try to email whenever possible.

Peace, Fr. Abraham"

Fr. Abraham told us before he left that internet access is limited. He also said that on many days there is simply no electricity for eight or more hours. I will write back to him with regards from all. Through most of the 100 years, St. Theresa always had a second and sometimes a third priest assigned to work in the parish. Fr. Luke Ssemakula was the last associate formally assigned to us. I am so grateful for the presence of Fr. Abraham, Fr. Ngema, Fr. Teghi who just stopped to visit us, Fr. now Archbishop Peter and others through the years who find housing and support living here while helping us out with some of the needs of the parish. Let's keep them in our prayers and hope the Lord protects and sustains them in their current ministries.

Unfortunately, it is difficult going forward to keep welcoming these priests who come at the request of their superiors or bishops to work for a higher degree so they can return and be a benefit to their communities and dioceses. I affirm the right of our nation to write laws that will keep us safe and ensure the care of our citizens, but the system is broken, and it needs to be fixed.

I don't care who you voted for or what politics you embrace, the Immigration laws in our country are broken and politics on all sides keeps preventing them from being fixed. Our Holy Father and Church have strong teaching on this, and I would encourage you to be open to the age-old teachings of the Church that some politicians think they are expert on and are not. I encourage you to contact your representatives and to vote for people who will put aside the politics and fix problems that are fixable. We can reach the moon, eradicate Ebola, produce abundant food so we should be able to fix a system that is broken respecting the basic dignity of every person made in God's image and likeness while maintaining our national interests.

The Social Justice committee is working on some presentations that will offer some of the basics of Church teaching on these matters and I hope you will be open and will attend these opportunities.

		WEEKLY	READINGS: FEE			
Monday:	Tuesday:	Wednesday:	Thursday	Friday	Saturday:	Sunday:
Gn 4:1-15, 25 Ps 50 Mk 8:11-13	Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10 Ps 29 Mk 8:14-21	Gn 8:6-13, 20-22 Ps 116 Mk 8:22-26	Gn 9:1-13 Ps 102 Mk 8:27-33	Gn 11:1-9 Ps 33 Mk 8:34-9:1	1 Pt 5:1-4 Ps 23 Mt 16:13-19	1 Sam 26:2-7, 12-13, 22-23 Ps 103 1 Cor 15:45-49 Lk 6:27-38