

ST. THERESA PARISH COMMUNITY

FEBRUARY 23, 2025

SEVENTH 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.sttheresaokland.org

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

 https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCn5JX1e3QrqXTsa_7qmNCIw

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Baptisms and Marriages

by appointment, call parish office 510.547.2777, ext. 120,
or email admin@sttheresaokland.org

To arrange a Funeral

call parish office 510.547.2777, ext. 120, or email
admin@sttheresaokland.org

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

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Joey Gutierrez ~ joey@sttheresaokland.org

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

Cathy Brady ~ cathy_b@sttheresaokland.org

Parish Calendar: <https://sttheresaokland.org/calendar>

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Additional information and events can be found in the Friday Flocknote available on our website: <https://sttheresaokland.org/Bulletin/Flocknote>

30 MANDALAY ROAD -- OAKLAND, CA 94618 -- 510.547.2777

ASH WEDNESDAY

Lent Begins

MARCH 5, 2025

MASS SCHEDULE
8:30 AM
10:00 AM (SCHOOL MASS)
7:00 PM



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COAT DRIVE



February 10th–28th

St Theresa School and Church

Coats will be sent to St Vincent de Paul in Oakland

Coats can be dropped off in the church vestibule.



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://sttheresaokland.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@sttheresaokland.org.

Upcoming Events

- MARCH 8:** **IRENE CROSETTI RAVIOLI DINNER**
Order your tickets at https://sttheresaokland.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**

St Theresa Parish Invites You

IRENE CROSETTI RAVIOLI DINNER

Saturday, March. 8th
Doors open at 6pm

Meal includes: Antipasti, Salad, and Ravioli
Italian Cookies for Dessert
Cash Bar

\$25 for adults
\$15 8th grade & younger



St. Theresa Event Center
Order Tickets on parish website by Sunday, Feb. 23rd
sttheresaokland.org

MASS INTENTIONS - FEBRUARY 22—MARCH 2

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

- Mon. 8:30 am Ron Hoffmann
- Tues. 8:30 am Immigrants and Refugees
- Wed. 8:30 am Carol Hoffmann
- Thurs. 8:30 am For all deceased members for the parish
- Fri. 8:30 am For an end to discrimination

- Sat. 5:00 pm † Elsie Giuntoli
- 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.



FEBRUARY 19TH
BARRY BROWN
DIRECTOR, FORMATION LABS
Hopeful Living in Uncertain Times:
John 14:1

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 10—16):
 ONLINE: 46 DONORS \$ 2,768.00
 MASS DONATIONS: 36 DONORS \$ 2,570.00

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>



HELP DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR LENT

We will be decorating for Lent following Mass on March 2nd.

Come and spend an hour helping transform the church environment for the season of Lent.

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.

PARISH CALENDAR

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

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.



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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

We are grateful for the rain and hope that we will receive the annual average. The rain makes things grow and it is getting to the time of year to schedule a ‘parish workday’ so we can keep our site pristine and welcoming and save the extra money that it would cost to pay for this service.



On the last work day, the children’s garden areas received more good compost and soil, the growth on the hill behind the hill was trimmed so their eating area was not constantly showered with leaves and berries from the plants that overhang that area, the sump pumps by the hall were cleaned out and many sandbags were put into new bags as a season of rain and heat destroys them. Light bulbs were replaced on the event center that had burned out and the purple flower vine that hangs on the fence from the playground gate to the event center was trimmed. Two leaky pipes were repaired, and thousands of dollars were saved, which helped us to paint the church and put a new roof on it last year.

I have a date in March that is tentative, but many are saying we should wait for better weather in April which will clean up things in time for Easter which is April 20th this year. Please watch for the date once it is set and if you can contribute an hour or more, many tasks that are back on the list will be tackled.

Our bookkeeper has prepared the budget for this year. The Finance Committee has approved, and it has been submitted to the diocese as required. Unfortunately, we will again operate with a deficit and have to tap savings to pay the bills. Insurance costs on the whole property rose over fifteen percent and I just got the annual bill from the Oakland Fire Department, which sends someone to make sure we are up to code. For less than an hour, we have bill for \$500. I or someone on the finance committee will make a presentation soon to the parish and if anyone wants to see the budget and the actual spending from last year, I am happy to make that available.

Once again, I thank all who support the parish and ask if you can increase it, that will always help. If you are not contributing, now would be a great time to support the mission Jesus has given us.

Lent will soon be here (March 5) and as we pray for Pope Francis and his recovery from double pneumonia, I include some words that we might begin to pray about as our year progresses. Pope Francis wrote wonderful meditations on Christmas and the Nativity and in the chapter about the ‘baby Jesus’ he writes:

“When we contemplate the Infant Jesus placed in a manger, we are invited to reflect, How do we welcome the tenderness of God? Do I allow myself to be taken up by God, to be embraced by God, or do I prevent him from drawing close? “But I am searching for the Lord --- we could respond. Nevertheless, what is most important is not seeking God, but rather allowing God to seek me with tenderness. The question put to us simply by the Infant’s presence is: do I allow God to love me?”

More so do we have the courage to welcome with tenderness the difficulties and problems of those who are near to us, or do we prefer impersonal solutions, perhaps effective but devoid of the warmth of the Gospel? How much the world needs tenderness today! The patience of God, the closeness of God, the tenderness of God.

The Christian response cannot be different from God’s response to our smallness. Life must be met with goodness, with meekness. When we realize that God is in love with our smallness, that he made himself small in order to better encounter us, we cannot help but open our hearts to him, and beseech him: “ Lord, help me to be like you, give me the grace of tenderness in the most difficult circumstances of life, give me the grace of closeness in the face of every need, of meekness in every conflict.”

Excerpt from Pope Francis: Christmas and the Nativity, New City Press, 2023

WEEKLY READINGS: FEBRUARY 24–MARCH 2

Monday:	Tuesday:	Wednesday:	Thursday	Friday	Saturday:	Sunday:
Sir 1:1-10 Ps 93 Mk 9:14-29	Sir 2:1-11 Ps 37 Mk 9:30-37	Sir 4:11-19 Ps 119 Mk 9:38-40	Sir 5:1-8 Ps 1 Mk 9:41-50	Sir 6:5-17 Ps 119 Mk 10:1-12	Sir 17:1-15 Ps 103 Mk 10:13-16	Sir 27:4-7 Ps 92 1 Cor 15:54-58 Lk 6:39-45