

ST. THERESA PARISH COMMUNITY

MARCH 2, 2025

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

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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

St. Theresa Parish Lenten Opportunities

DAILY REFLECTION BOOKLETS

LENTEN RETREAT
 Sunday April 6 & 13 10:15 am in the church

Fr. Ngema, Lenten Bible Journey
 Enriching our Lenten Observance with Insights from Esther
 March 11, 18, 25, April 1, 8, 15
 Zoom link can be found in the Friday Flocknote

LENTEN COMPANION
“WALKING WITH MARY TO JERUSALEM”
 Weekly Flocknote Reflection
 Sign-up for weekly reflection at:
<https://sttheresaokland.org/pray/lent-2025/lenten-companion-walking-mary-jerusalem>

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
 March 21, 28, April 4, 11
 Provided by the school
 9:30 am & 2:30 pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS BOOKLETS
 These booklets are available at the back of the church for your use in praying the stations of the cross.

RICE BOWLS

LENT IN A BAG

ANOINTING OF THE SICK
 April 6, 9:00 am Mass

SEDER DINNER
 April 9, 6:00 pm

Check out the Lent page on the parish website for details.



ST. THERESA CHURCH 100TH JUBILEE CELEBRATION

The parish is celebrating its 100th Jubilee. There are 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



St Theresa Parish Invites You



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

MARCH 9: OCIA (FORMERLY RCIA) RITE OF SENDING, 9:00 AM MASS

MARCH 29: LENTEN SOUP AND CONCERT

MAY 17: FIRST COMMUNION, 5:00 PM MASS

MAY 31: CONFIRMATION, 5:00 PM MASS, WITH ARCHBISHOP PETER CHONG

MASS INTENTIONS - MARCH 1-9

Sat. 5:00 pm †	Elsie Giuntoli
Sun. 9:00 am	Parish Community of St. Theresa
Mon. 8:30 am	For an end to discrimination
Tues. 8:30 am †	Tina Bruno
Wed. 8:30 am	Parish Community of St. Theresa
10:00 am	St. Theresa School Community
7:00 am	Parish Community of St. Theresa
Thurs. 8:30 am	For the poor, and hidden within our own community
Fri. 8:30 am †	Patrick Caulfield
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>

SUNDAY OFFERING

SUNDAY COLLECTION (FEBRUARY 17-23):

ONLINE: 44 DONORS **\$ 2,189.00**

MASS DONATIONS: 41 DONORS **\$ 2,168.00**



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:

Thank you for giving generously to St. Theresa Parish

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>

100th Jubilee Video

St. Theresa Catholic Church

REQUEST FOR STORIES:

We need your help in identifying the most amazing stories to include in St Theresa's Centennial Celebration video.

We are looking for people in the Saint Theresa community who have heartfelt stories to share about their personal journeys, challenges, and faith, family, friendships, school and community experiences.

How have you benefited from being part of our community? How has the St. Theresa's experience shaped your life, family and informed your hopes for a better future? We really need your participation to make this celebration special and inspiring.

Think about the story you want to share and why you want to share it.

Include a photo with your completed questionnaire, contact information and what family mementos (photo's, movies, keepsakes) you're willing to share to illustrate your story.

Deadline for submissions April 1. Questionnaire is available on the website

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.

DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers, those who have died especially Elma Penaranda, the mother of Elmer Penaranda.

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 Bayloq, 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, Lois Johnson.



MARCH 5TH

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

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.

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

The saying goes that ‘March roars in like a lion.’ I hope you have your tickets for the Irene Crosetti Ravioli Feed as it is always a great night for our parish, and we have already exceeded past year’s reservations! Another tradition in March is to have a parish ‘workday.’ Please consider giving an hour or two to shine up the parish site we call our spiritual home. The date will either be Saturday, March 29 or Saturday, April 5 and will be settled on by next week.



This week we begin the season of Lent which started a long time ago as an intense period for those who would be baptized on Easter and join the Church. Now it is a season for all of us to reflect on our Baptism and membership in the Church. Fr. Dennis Hanley was a Maryknoll priest who actually spent some of his youth in my hometown parish before I was born. He is one of the twenty-six who were ordained priests who grew up in St. Ignatius Parish in Hicksville, NY. He gives a good description of Lent:

Happy Lent! Most people don’t know what the word “Lent” means, yet I’m sure they’ve gone through it all their lives. Lent means springtime. Believe it or not, it means springtime. And what it is short for lengthening, you see. And lengthening days, now that’s a sign that winter is over, and the springtime draws near, so that’s what Lent means.

Most people have very dark thoughts about Lent. So, the first thing to learn about Lent is it’s not meant to be a dark period. It’s supposed to be filled with hope, just as Advent.

Christians are people who live on hope. They don’t live on money; they don’t live on good friends; they live on hope.

And that means that we hear often about faith, and we hear often about love, but hope is the person that gets up every morning and says, “Give it another try.”

Lent is a time where we’re supposed to give up things. But many years ago, I met a priest. He said, “You should stop saying what you should give up and start asking what we can do.”

And he had a whole list: you can be compassionate to the rest of the family or be compassionate to those who are suffering. You can try to love and understand when all love and understanding seems empty, when the people which you are with or the people that you love but they can’t seem to get things straight...

Compassion is God’s — God’s own special virtue. He is the compassionate one. Sometimes we think of God as creating sort of like little difficulties that we might overcome and gain merit or whatever that was. It’s not true. God can only love.

He can’t hate. He can’t hold grudges. Although when you read the Old Testament, a way of understanding God is to see His negative side, so they always talk about God as complaining about His people not living up to their promises and all of these things. And it’s true. But he says in the depths of great love He bargains with His people.

The Jews had a great understanding about God. They saw Him as a bargainer. Abraham used to pray to God in this way. He would say, “You’ve got to help my cousin Lot, who is in terrible condition in one of those evil cities.”

And God would say, “Well, why should I help him, he never even thinks about me?”

And then Abraham pulls the string, he says, “But you’re God. You have to help.”

Everybody else can live life totally be selfish and awful and that, but not God. He’s not allowed, even if He could be. But He can’t be, He doesn’t know how to be. God doesn’t know how to be angry, fierce, and destructive — or small minded.

Remember that: God loves, God lives, God serves. What are we supposed to do? We’re supposed to live, love, and serve. It’s lasted two thousand years. That’s the doctrine of the Messiah.

Why did Jesus come? “I came to love, to live with you and to serve.”

You ask the saints, “What should I do to be a saint?” Love, live with people, open your heart to people. One is to learn how to be patient with people, and the second one is to learn how to bring yourself and others a new flowering of hope.

And it will give you the best gift of all, which is to face yourself so that you can live with wonderful opening faith, with great love in your heart, but, most of all, to keep your hope strong and let no one take away from you what God has given to you, which is how to have faith, how to have hope and, most of all, how to love each other.”

Let us pray this Lent for all who are approaching the Sacraments of Initiation that will make them part of us as a Church. Let us pray for all who are struggling in body, mind and or spirit. May they find comfort in this season and know God’s love by our care, concern, and love.

WEEKLY READINGS: MARCH 3–9

Monday:	Tuesday:	Wednesday:	Thursday	Friday	Saturday:	Sunday:
Sir 17:20-24 Ps 32 Mk 10:17-27	Sir 35:1-12 Ps 50 Mk 10:28-31	Jl 2:12-18 Ps 51 2 Cor 5:20-6:2 Mt 6:1-6. 16-18	Dt 30:15-20 Ps 1 Lk 9:22-25	Is 58:1-9a Ps 51 Mt 9:14-15	Is 58:9b-14 Ps 86 Lk 5:27-32	Dt 26:4-10 Ps 91 Rom 10:8-13 Lk 4:1-13