

ST. THERESA PARISH COMMUNITY

APRIL 13, 2025

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION 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

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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

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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>

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

Palm Sunday

SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 5:00 PM

SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 9:00 AM

THE LITURGIES WILL BEGIN IN THE VESTIBULE WITH THE READING OF THE GOSPEL OF JESUS' ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM, AND THE SOLEMN BLESSING OF PALMS AND PROCESSION INTO CHURCH.

BRING YOUR RICE BOWL DONATION TO MASS.

DURING THE COLLECTION YOU WILL BE INVITED TO COME FORWARD AND PLACE YOUR RICE BOWL IN A BASKET IN FRONT OF THE ALTAR.

St. Theresa Parish Lenten Opportunities

Fr. Ngema, Lenten Bible Journey
April 15 - Zoom link is in the Friday Flocknote

STATIONS OF THE CROSS BOOKLETS

PRAYING THE STATION OF MERCY WITH POPE FRANCIS
THE MYSTERY OF THE CROSS

PRAYING THE STATIONS WITH POPE FRANCIS
PRAYING THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR HEALING
STATIONS OF HOPE

WALKING WITH JESUS ON THE WAY TO CALVARY
PRAYING THE STATIONS FOR CHILDREN
PRAYING THE STATIONS FOR TEENAGERS

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

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 2025



St. Theresa Parish Goal \$35,800

MINISTRIES of HOPE
2025 BISHOP'S MINISTRIES APPEAL

THERE WILL BE A COLLECTION FOR THE APPEAL ON THE WEEKEND OF APRIL 12 & 13.

Checks **MUST** be made out to the Roman Catholic Bishop of Oakland.



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

MAY 16: JUBILEE GOLF OUTING, SPONSORED BY THE ST. THERESA MEN'S CLUB



St Theresa Men's Club
Parish 100th Jubilee
Golf Outing
Friday May 16, 2025



*Foursome Scramble Format ~ Tee off 11:30 -12:30 with Box Lunch
Happy Hour with Hors d'Oeuvres to follow*

Mark your calendars for the 2025 St Theresa's Men's Club Parish 100th Jubilee Golf Outing, Friday May 16 at the Richmond Golf Club. All adult parish & school golfers are invited for a great day of golf, competition, food & drink, and community fun!



Richmond Golf Club ~ 1 Markovich Lane ~ Richmond, CA 94806

Golf Tournament cost is \$175 per player and \$700 per foursome which includes:
Warm up on driving range & practice green
Green and cart fees
Box lunch, beer, soda, and water included during golf
Happy Hour with 2 drinks and heavy hors d'oeuvres to follow

To reserve yours or your foursome spot email your name(s) and email to:

sttheresa.mensclub.golf@gmail.com

*** There are only 28 spots for golf. Reservations will be ordered by date and time email is received.

MAY 17: FIRST COMMUNION, 5:00 PM MASS

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

MASS INTENTIONS - APRIL 12-20

Sat. 5:00 pm Parish Community of St. Theresa
 Sun. 9:00 am † Tonino Fazio

Mon. 8:30 am For those who serve our parish
 Tues. 8:30 am † McArtor Family
 Wed. 8:30 am † Michael Stack
 Thurs. 7:00 pm Parish Community of St. Theresa
 Fri. No Mass

Sat. 8:00 pm Parish Community of St. Theresa
 Sun. 9:00 am Parish Community of St. Theresa
 11:00 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://sttheresaosakland.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.



Help to decorate the church for Easter on Saturday, April 19th starting at 9:00 am.
 Stay for one or two hours as we transform the church for the Easter season.

PARISH CALENDAR

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

SUNDAY OFFERING

SUNDAY COLLECTION (MARCH 31—APRIL 6):
 ONLINE: 59 DONORS \$ 4,022.00
 MASS DONATIONS: 40 DONORS \$ 2,871.00

PARISH MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENT FUND:
 ONLINE: (MARCH 3—APRIL 6) 40 DONORS \$ 2,042.00
 MASS/DROP-OFF/MAILED: 19 DONORS \$ 798.00



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://sttheresaosakland.org/donate>

Holy Week Schedule

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 7:00 PM

MASS OF OUR LORD'S SUPER
 ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT IN THE VESTIBULE
 FOLLOWING THE LITURGY, ENDING AT 10 PM

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 18

12:00 PM ~ STATIONS OF THE CROSS
 1:15 PM
 LITURGY OF THE WORD
 VENERATION OF THE CROSS
 COMMUNION

THERE WILL BE A COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY LAND

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 19

8:00 PM EASTER VIGIL

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 20

MASSES: 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

ALL SERVICES WILL BE LIVE-STREAMED, EXCEPT THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS ON GOOD FRIDAY AND THE 11AM EASTER SUNDAY MASS.

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO MORNING MASSES ON HOLY THURSDAY OR GOOD FRIDAY.

THERE IS NO RECONCILIATION OR 5:00 PM MASS ON HOLY SATURDAY

Envelopes for the Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land and Easter Sunday are available in the church vestibule.



Fast & Abstinence

Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence. The law of fasting allows one full meal and two smaller ones.

The law of abstinence prohibits the eating of meat. The Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence in the United States. The obligation of abstinence begins at age 14. The norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59.

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, Danny Ramos, Mark Leonard, Christopher Rodriguez, Maryanne Walsh, Rhonda Santeen, John Whatley, Nancy Coyne, Kevin Stallone, Della Spinelli, 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, Bonnie & John Bouey, Susan Rubio, Fr. Paul Schmidt, Marley Malone, Isabella Guillot Williams, 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, John Donovan, Mary Martinez, James Spalding, Tiffany Converse, Adrian McEvelly, Joan Marchi, Diana Nelson Curtis, Charlie Schnellbacher, Theresa Joyce, Maureen Carver, Vince Nims, Barrett Baker, Rick Fama, Eleanor Ceccarelli, Maureen Querio, Karin Milliman, Lois Johnson, Antoinette Tamburrino, Anne Marie Roseme.

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Happy Holy Week! Happy Palm Sunday!



We are all called to stop regular activities and business as best as we can. At the parish we ask that all groups, scouts, sports, men’s club cancel regular meetings so we can spend the week thinking and praying about what has initially brought us together: the passion, betrayal, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

The Church sets up this time to be our annual retreat as we focus in on the story of our redemption and the cause for our hope in the resurrection. I therefore invite you to take time for yourselves to reflect on what God has done for us and participate in the sacred liturgies of the Triduum beginning on Thursday night.

On Tuesday of this week, priests and parishioners gather at the Cathedral for the Chrism Mass. At this liturgy, the holy oils are blessed by the bishop and priests for us during the sacraments that require oil for their administration during the rest of the year until Holy Week, 2026. The oil of Catechumens anoints the unbaptized and welcomes them to the path of Baptism. The Oil of the Sick is used to anoint and pray for healing for all seriously afflicted in body, mind, or spirit whenever that is needed. The bishop physically breathes in his own spirit into this fragrant oil that is used at Baptisms, Confirmations and Holy Orders.

This weekend, we sing Hosannas and wave palms and sing all glory, laud, and honor to Jesus Christ our King. The Liturgy calls on all of us to process. Processions remind us that we are all on the way throughout our lives following Christ to his death and then to his and our resurrection.

Holy Thursday celebrates the last time Jesus has supper with his disciples before the cross and we commemorate the institution of the Eucharist. Jesus washes the feet of his disciples and invites us to renew our service to one another following his example.

Then we sit and watch into the night as his disciples tried long ago. This moment of adoration is the most appropriate time for this practice in the whole year. It also gives us time to ask ourselves if we can continue and do more for the poor and those who need God’s mercy. Several years ago, we sponsored a family fleeing certain death from Afghanistan. We are reminded that there are still many families in need of

refuge and support as our world continues to wage senseless wars and purges.

Good Friday confronts us with the cross. The death of Jesus and the kind of death he died is so appalling, horrific, and grotesque that we ought to be shocked by it. We should be stunned into speechlessness at the thought that the Lord of the Universe, the Creator of the World, Word-made-flesh, and Splendor of the Father ended his ministry of love choking out his last agonized words on a Roman cross.

The wisdom of unveiling the cross on this day invites us to view the cross not as a fashion item or a phenomenally successful piece of branding by the Church, but as the awful reality of the saving love God showed us in his Son. God gave his beloved Son so our sins would be forgiven, and we would have an open path to eternal life.

The ancient liturgy of Good Friday helps us grasp this love.

Good Friday only makes sense if we continue to the proclamation of Easter. The cross teaches us the truth that God took upon Himself the true pain of the sins of the world, but we are also reminded that sin and pain and death do not have the last word. Rather, God has the last word; and as His first word was the word of creation, so this last word is a word of re-creation and new life.

As Christians, we do not say that death is nothing at all. Jesus wept at the death of his friend Lazarus and at the sorrow that his death caused those who loved him. Death is no illusion; but for us who are Christ’s friends, death is not the end of the story, but the beginning of the last and most glorious chapter of our life stories. Not just an awkward interruption in our lives, death – the disastrous result of human sin – has been transformed by God into the gateway to an utterly new kind of life.

So come and hear this proclaimed in the many readings of the Great Vigil. Renew your own commitment to Christ as you witness, our brother, Francis, among us who is baptized and fully initiated into the Church. Taste anew the Bread of Life that has come down from heaven to give us eternal life.

May each of you find the time and the ability to make this week holy. May each of us, pray for one another and support one another by word and deed so that God’s plan may be fulfilled in each of us! May God’s mercy that we celebrate this year, be especially present in our lives this week so that it will guide our every step in this life and to the life to come.

WEEKLY READINGS: APRIL 14–20

Monday:	Tuesday:	Wednesday:	Thursday	Friday	Saturday:	Sunday:
Is 42:1-7 Ps 27 Jn 12:1-11	Is 49:1-6 Ps 71 Jn 13:21-33, 36-38	Is 50:4-9a Ps 69 Mt 26:14-25	Ex 12:1-8, 11-14 Ps 116 1 Cor 11:23-26 Jn 13:1-15	Is 52:13-53:12 Ps 31 Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9 Jn 18:1-19:42	Gn 1:1-2:2 Gn 22:1-18 Ex 14:15-15:1 Is 54:5-14 Is 55:1-11 Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4 Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28 Rm 6:3-11 Lk 24:1-12	Acts 10:34a, 37-43 Ps 118 1 Cor 5:6b-8 Easter Sequence “Victimae paschali laudes” Jn 20:1-9