

ST. THERESA PARISH COMMUNITY

MAY 18, 2025

FIFTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER

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 or (direct line) 341.220.0077

After Hours Medical Emergency: 510.547.2777, Option #4

 Parish Website: www.sttheresaoakland.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@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.

Keri Nims ~ keri@sttheresaoakland.org

Middle School Youth Ministry (Grades 6-8)

Keri Nims ~ keri@sttheresaoakland.org

High School Youth Ministry/Confirmation

Keri Nims ~ keri@sttheresaoakland.org

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

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

Parish Organization Contacts

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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

If you volunteer in any of these ministries join us on June 9th.

St. Vincent de Paul
CYO
Men's Faith Sharing
Homebound/Hospital Ministry
Family Faith Formation
Pastoral Council
High School Youth Ministry
Parent Club
Consolation Ministry
Choir

Men's Club
Legion of Mary
Social Justice Committee
Kinderchurch
WINGS
Finance Committee
School Board
Memory Bears
Liturgical Ministry

PARISH MINISTRY CELEBRATION

ALL PARISH VOLUNTEERS

9:00 am Mass

We will acknowledge and bless all parish volunteers.

FOLLOWING THE 9:00 AM MASS

COMPLIMENTARY CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

Family members are welcome to join us.

PLEASE RSVP by Wednesday, June 4th to momaab@aol.com

number attending: _____

All offers of assistance will be gladly accepted



MINISTRIES of
HOPE
2025 BISHOP'S MINISTRIES APPEAL

Bishop's Ministries Appeal 2025

St. Theresa Parish Goal \$35,800

Percentage Achieved 5.35%

\$1,915.00 as of April 30, 2025

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

DONATION ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH
VESTIBULE

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



Confirmation

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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 17: FIRST COMMUNION, 5:00 PM MASS

We will celebrate the First Communion's that have been celebrated at St. Theresa over the past 100 years.

If you received First Communion at St. Theresa Church we are asking that you submit a picture that we will display at the Masses the weekend of May 17 & 18. Use the link on the Jubilee website page (see above) to submit a picture.

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

We will celebrate the Confirmations that have been celebrated at St. Theresa over the past 100 years.

If you received Confirmation at St. Theresa Church we are asking that you submit a picture that we will display at the Masses the weekend of May 30 & 31. Use the link on the Jubilee website page (see above) to submit a picture.

JUNE 8: PARISH MINISTRIES CELEBRATION

We will acknowledge and bless all parish volunteers at the 9:00 am Mass.

Following Mass, all parish volunteers and their families are cordially invited to join us for a Continental Brunch in the Event Center. See flyer for details

JUNE 14: MASS AND CELEBRATION WITH ARCHBISHOP PETER AND THE FIJI COMMUNITY

All are invited to the 5:00 pm Mass with Archbishop Peter and Fijian choir member from the Bay Area.

Following Mass there will be a celebration in the Event Center. All are welcome.

MASS INTENTIONS - MAY 17-25

Sat. 5:00 pm ✠ Elizabeth Brichetto
 Sun. 9:00 am Parish Community of St. Theresa

Mon. 8:30 am Pope Leo
 Tues. 8:30 am ✠ June Jones
 Wed. 8:30 am ✠ Diane Calcagno
 Thurs. 8:30 am ✠ Donnelly Family and Friends
 Fri. 8:30 am ✠ Peter Cuttitta

Sat. 5:00 pm ✠ Elizabeth Brichetto
 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 (MAY 5—11):**

ONLINE: 50 DONORS	\$ 4,932.00
MASS DONATIONS: 35 DONORS	\$ 2,516.00



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>

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 341.202.0077

KEEP IN TOUCH WITH US

- ♦ Receive the weekly Friday Flocknote
You will receive everything contained in the bulletin plus additional information.

- ♦ Unsubscribe anytime

Sign-up at: <https://sttheresaokland.org/about-us/contact-us>

OR

send an email to

cathy_b@sttheresaokland.org with a request to be added to the Friday Flocknote Group with your full name and email address.

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, Danny Ramos, Mark Leonard, Christopher Rodriguez, Maryanne Walsh, Rhonda Santeen, John Whatley, Nancy Coyne, Kevin Stallone, Della Spinelli, Susan Buller, Ann Springer, 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, Hal Lauth, Phil Stover, Joey Smith, Raymond Buckley, Jr., Norma Ninalga, Betty Jo Olson, Jennifer Walwark, Greg Govan, Anita Lim, Marilyn McCabe, 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, Lois Johnson, Antoinette Tamburrino, Anne Marie Roseme, Linda Arellano.

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

Happy First Communion Day to many of our second graders! This is one of my favorite celebrations each year and I again rejoice with the girls and boys in our midst who receive their First Holy Communion this weekend. May each of you always know how much God, and how much Jesus loves you. May the Eucharist nourish and guide you for the rest of your lives.



During the Lenten retreat in which I highlighted some of the inspirations that we can attribute to our patron, St. Theresa, we spent time reflecting on her comments about her own First Communion and what a gift she felt it was through her life. I asked those making the retreat and I ask everyone today to think again about your own First Communion and pray the weekly reception continues to be a source of knowing God's love for you in your life.

A priest in New Jersey wrote the following reflecting the writings of our patron: St. Theresa:

"My First Communion will always be a perfect memory. How lovely it was, that first kiss of Jesus in my heart – it was truly a kiss of love. I knew that I was loved and said, 'I love You, and I give myself to You forever.' Jesus asked for nothing, He claimed no sacrifice. Long before that, he and little Therese had seen and understood one another well, but on that day, it was more than a meeting – it was a complete fusion ... She felt so weak and frail that she wanted to unite herself forever to His Divine Strength. And her joy became so vast, so deep, that now it overflowed. Soon she was weeping to the astonishment of her companions ... It was beyond them that all the joy of Heaven had entered one small, exiled heart, and that it was too frail and weak to bear it without tears" (Story 41-43).

Can the Eucharist instigate this kind of transformation if it is merely a symbol or metaphor? Therese may have been an extraordinary child, but I don't know anyone,

child, or adult, who either felt this way about the Eucharist or experienced receiving Christ in quite this way. And yet, her outlook and experience should be the norm. I don't share this to make anyone feel bad or question their faith. I share it because in this time, our historical moment, it is imperative that we reassess our relationship with the Eucharist.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church quotes the Second Vatican Council Document *Lumen Gentium* which tells us that the Eucharist is the "source and summit of the Christian life" (CCC 1324). One aspect of this line from *Lumen Gentium* that the Catechism mistakenly leaves out by truncating the sentence to just a phrase is the Mass. The Eucharist doesn't exist separately from the Mass. The full sentence from *Lumen Gentium*, taken from the Vatican website says, "Taking part in the Eucharistic sacrifice, which is the font and the apex of the whole Christian life they [the faithful] offer the Divine Victim to God and themselves with It" (LG 11, emphasis mine).

This more complete understanding of what the Vatican fathers said helps us to look at the whole picture. If we are to truly reassess our relationship with the Eucharist, we must also take a deeper look at our participation in and our approach to the liturgy. We cannot attempt to climb to the summit if we do not have the right equipment and don't know the correct path. We cannot recognize the source, Christ hidden under the appearances of bread and wine, unless we seek him with the eyes of ever renewed faith and love. "

I pray our new pope; Pope Leo XIV will be blessed and continue to lead us on this amazing adventure that God provides for us in Christ. As I said after his election, I always knew we needed a Bob to be pope. May our prayers, support and attention to his teaching all make us a better Church and more importantly fulfill the work that God has called us to do in this age and at this time.

WEEKLY READINGS: MAY 19–25

Monday:	Tuesday:	Wednesday:	Thursday	Friday	Saturday:	Sunday:
Acts 14:5-18 Ps 115 Jn 14:21-26	Acts 14:19-28 Ps 145 Jn 14:27-31a	Acts 15:1-6 Ps 122 Jn 15:1-8	Acts 15:7-21 Ps 96 Jn 15:9-11	Acts 15:22-31 Ps 57 Jn 15:12-17	Acts 16:1-10 Ps 100 Jn 15:18-21	Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 Ps 67 Rv 21:10-14, 22-23 Jn 14:23-29