

ST. THERESA PARISH COMMUNITY

SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

TWENTY-FIFTH 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, Wednesday, 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

Cathy Brady ~ cathy_b@sttheresaoakland.org

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

ADDITIONAL PHOTO DIRECTORY SHOOT DATE OCTOBER 7

In celebration of the 100th jubilee of St. Theresa Parish, we will publish a new photo directory in 2025!

All parish families and individuals are asked to participate in this initiative, and we'd love to see you included in this directory to commemorate this vibrant moment in our history.

To schedule your photography appointment online, simply go to www.ucdir.com, click on photography appointment scheduling login on the right side, enter **ca150** in the Church Code field and enter **photos** in the Church Password field. Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time. If you have 6 or more in your family please use 2 consecutive

SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING FOR PARISH/SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

KEEPING OUR PROMISE
TO PROTECT
Child and Youth Protection



To renew or register for the first time, click on the link in your email or go to <https://www.virtusonline.org> or click on the link in the upper right corner of the parish website sttheresaokland.org.

Please remember that in order to volunteer at the parish in any capacity (Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Catechist, Choir Member, St. Vincent de Paul, Legion of Mary, CYO etc.), or school, you must complete the training. If you have any problems or questions contact Cathy Brady at cathy_b@sttheresaokland.org.

RECEPTION OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD

Reception of the Precious Blood Guideline from Bishop Barber, May 15, 2023. "Other than the priest, no communicant may ever dip the Sacred Host into the chalice to communicate himself."

PARISH CALENDAR

Find out what is happening at the parish:

<https://sttheresaokland.org/calendar>

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>

Upcoming Events

OCTOBER 5: ST. THERESA FEAST DAY FESTIVAL



Mass in the church at 11:00 am
Festival begins at noon

OCTOBER 25: ST. THERESA SCHOOL GALA AND AUCTION



Join us for this year's St. Theresa School Auction. We are celebrating the parish's 100th Year Jubilee with a 1920s theme!

The auction will be held on Saturday, October 25th at 6:00PM in the Event Center. Take advantage of early bird ticket pricing before September 19th. If you cannot join us, please consider a \$100 Legacy Sponsorship to help support our school community. If you participate any year, this is the one! More information is available in the Friday Flocknote and at StTheresaBenefit.com.

NOVEMBER 16: ST. THERESA JUBILEE MASS WITH BISHOP BARBER, 9 AM

MASS INTENTIONS - SEPTEMBER 13-21

Sat. 5:00 pm St. Theresa Parish Community
 Sun. 9:00 am † Noreen O'Neill

Mon. 8:30 am † Virginia Cuttitta
 Tues. 8:30 am † Robert Delucchi
 Wed. 8:30 am † Della Bonacini
 Thurs. 8:30 am Sophia Aycock
 Fri. 8:30 am For an end to gun violence

Sat. 5:00 pm St. Theresa Parish Community
 Sun. 9:00 am Mary Jane and Benton Gross

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-and-confession-times>

their name will be included in the weekly bulletin, Friday Flocknote, and Weekend Masses.

This form is not for Mass Intentions.

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 (SEPTEMBER 8-14):**

ONLINE: 46 DONORS \$ 2,948.00
 MASS DONATIONS: 28 DONORS \$ 2,490.00

DIOCESE PRIEST RETIREMENT:

ONLINE: 7 DONORS \$ 650.00
 MASS/DROP-OFF/MAILED: 20 DONORS \$ 1,367.00



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://sttheresaoakland.org/donate>

SCHEDULE A MASS INTENTION ONLINE!

<https://sttheresaoakland.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@sttheresaoakland.org or call 341.202.0077

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, 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 McEvilly, Joan Marchi, Diana Nelson Curtis, Charlie Schnellbacher, Maureen Carver, Vince Nims, Barrett Baker, Rick Fama, Eleanor Ceccarelli, Lois Johnson, Antoinette Tamburrino, Anne Marie Roseme, Greg Anderson, Judy Udove, Peter Boero, Mary McCole, baby Gianna Sorbello.

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://sttheresaoakland.org/about-us/contact-us>

OR

send an email to

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



MINISTRIES of
HOPE
2025 BISHOP'S MINISTRIES APPEAL

Bishop's Ministries Appeal 2025 Parish Goal \$35,800

Percentage Achieved **35.66%**

\$12,767 as of September 15, 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.

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

New York was a wonderful time for me to enjoy my last week of vacation with family and friends. The weather was pleasant, my brother and sister-in-law were wonderful hosts and Mass at St. Patrick's with Fr. Jim Martin, SJ memorable.



I was there over 9/11, and it was very powerful to see the two blue beams travelling high into the night sky in memory of the tragedy that occurred in 2001. When I visited my mother's and brother's grave on that day, two graves in the row behind them both held the remains of one young fireman and another soul lost on that day. I said a prayer with my brother, John for all of them.

History is supposed to teach lessons. How sad that might, power, bullying, fear, and falsehoods haven't been shown again and again to fail. God weeps when humans treat other humans so poorly, so sinfully. Let us all pray that our prayers, profession and attempts to live as disciples of Jesus who had many words on these matters will one day change our world into God's Kingdom!

Pope Leo XVI recently spoke to pilgrims who have suffered violence and included two testimonies from women who have suffered an especially traumatic loss of a loved one. Here is one of them:

Lucia Di Mauro Montanino shared the pain she and her daughter endured after her husband, a security guard, was murdered by a group of young men in the Italian city of Naples.

A few years after the youngest of the group, 17-year-old Antonio, was sentenced to 22 years in prison, he asked to meet Ms. DiMauro Ando to ask her forgiveness.

"In front of me I found a boy who was trembling, who was crying, who was asking forgiveness, and the only possible thing was a long embrace," she said. "There I felt within me the desire and the possibility to transform pain into something new."

When Antonio was released under supervision 14 years early, Mrs. Di Mauro accompanied him and his new family "on his winding path of rebirth."

"Reconciliation requires an active encounter, and it is what allowed Antonio to build a new life and me to make sense of my husband's death," she said.

Lucia Di Mauro Montanino shared her story at the prayer vigil (@Vatican Media)

In his address, Pope Leo reflected on humanity's need for comfort and consolation amid the many wars and personal losses people endure every day.

"In times of darkness, even when all outward appearances suggest otherwise, God does not abandon us," he said. "Rather, it is precisely in these moments that we are invited more than ever to place our hope in the closeness of the Savior who never forsakes us."

The Pope noted that those who suffer look around for someone to offer some form of consolation but often find no one.

At times, he added, tears are the only consolation we find, a consolation of which he said we should never be ashamed, since they express our weak and tested humanity's silent cry.

We may find ourselves questioning the nature of evil and how God can let evil exist. Yet, said the Pope, we should turn to Sacred Scripture to help us journey from questioning to faith.

If we turn our questions into pleas and supplications for justice and peace from God, we turn our hope to Jesus, who is the bridge between God and humanity.

"Consolation is found when faith stands 'firm and stable,' where it was once 'unformed and hesitant' like a boat in a storm," said Pope Leo. "Where there is evil, we must seek the comfort and consolation that can overcome it and give it no respite."

Forgiveness keeps pain from turning to violence

The Pope noted that the testimonies of Ms. Foley and Ms. Di Mauro Montanino reveal the truth that "pain must not give rise to violence," since love can conquer hatred.

Forgiveness, he said, offers us a foretaste of the Kingdom of God on earth, breaking the cycle of evil and establishing justice grounded in God's mercy.

"The Church, some of whose members have unfortunately hurt you, kneels with you today before our mother," he said. "May we all learn from her to protect the most vulnerable with tenderness!"

Pope Leo XIV invited everyone to allow God to comfort us in our pain, rather than relying on our own strength of will.

"Our loved ones who have been separated from us by sister death are not lost and do not fade into the void," he said. "Their lives belong to the Lord, the Good Shepherd, who embraces them and holds them close."

In conclusion, the Pope appealed for an end to the crushing weight of violence, hunger, and war that are causing immense suffering to entire populations.

"Even in the midst of so much arrogance," said Pope Leo, "we are certain that God will inspire hearts and hands to provide help and consolation: peacemakers who can comfort those who are in pain and sadness."

WEEKLY READINGS: SEPTEMBER 22-28

| Monday: | Tuesday: | Wednesday: | Thursday | Friday | Saturday: | Sunday: |
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| Ezr 1:1-6 Ps 126 Lk 8:16-18 | Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20 Ps 122 Lk 8:19-21 | Ezr 9:5-9 Ps TB 13 Lk 9:1-6 | Hg 1:1-8 Ps 149 Lk 9:7-9 | Hg 2:1-9 Ps 43 Lk 9:18-22 | Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a Ps Jer 31 Lk 9:43b-45 | Am 6:1a, 4-7 Ps 146 1 Tm 6:11-16 Lk 16:19-31 |