

# ST. THERESA PARISH COMMUNITY

SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

TWENTY-SIXTH 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](http://www.sttheresaoakland.org)

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

 [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCn5JX1e3QrqXTsa\\_7qmNCIw](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](mailto:admin@sttheresaoakland.org)

## To arrange a Funeral

call parish office 510.547.2777, ext. 120, or email  
[admin@sttheresaoakland.org](mailto:admin@sttheresaoakland.org)

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

Keri Nims ~ [keri@sttheresaoakland.org](mailto:keri@sttheresaoakland.org)

## Middle School Youth Ministry (Grades 6-8)

Keri Nims ~ [keri@sttheresaoakland.org](mailto:keri@sttheresaoakland.org)

## High School Youth Ministry/Confirmation

Keri Nims ~ [keri@sttheresaoakland.org](mailto:keri@sttheresaoakland.org)

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

Cathy Brady ~ [cathy\\_b@sttheresaoakland.org](mailto: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>

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**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](http://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 time slots.

**OCTOBER 5<sup>TH</sup> MASS TIME**

The St. Theresa Feast Day Celebration Mass on October 5<sup>th</sup> will be at 11:00 am in the church. There will not be a 9:00 am Mass that day.

**SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING FOR PARISH/SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS**

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](http://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](mailto: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 100<sup>TH</sup> JUBILEE CELEBRATION**

The parish is celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> 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**

Order Food and Volunteer to help.

<https://sttheresaokland.org/about-us/st-theresa-feast-day-celebration>

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 100<sup>th</sup> Year Jubilee with a 1920s theme!

The auction will be held on Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM in the Event Center. Take advantage of early bird ticket pricing before September 19<sup>th</sup>. 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](http://StTheresaBenefit.com).

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

**MASS INTENTIONS - SEPTEMBER 27—OCTOBER 5**

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

Mon. 8:30 am † Peter Boero  
 Tues. 8:30 am † Jerome Pauson  
 Wed. 8:30 am † Joanne Remaley  
 Thurs. 8:30 am † Dan Borghi  
 Fri. 8:30 am Msgr. C. Slade Crawford

Sat. 5:00 pm St. Theresa Parish Community  
 Sun. 9:00 am Lisa, Lily, & Peter Oliverez



**Feast of St. Theresa**  
**October 1, 2025**  
**8:30 am Mass**

**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.*

**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 15—21):**

ONLINE: 50 DONORS \$ 2,278.00

MASS DONATIONS: 27 DONORS \$ 2,390.00

**GAZA RELIEF:**

MASS/DROP-OFF/MAILED: 22 DONORS \$ 2,079.22



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>

**PARISH MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENT**

The second collection for the Parish Maintenance & Improvement Fund will be on October 4 & 5.

You may also use Online Giving for this collection.

**DECEASED**

Please remember in your prayers, those who have died especially Peter Boero, the husband of Linda Boero.



**October 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**9:00 am to 4:30 pm**  
 Benediction at 4:30 pm

**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](mailto:admin@sttheresaokland.org) or 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, 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://sttheresaokland.org/about-us/contact-us>

**OR**

email [cathy\\_b@sttheresaokland.org](mailto:cathy_b@sttheresaokland.org) with a request to be added to the Friday Flocknote Group with your full name and email address.



**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

This coming Wednesday, we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the canonization of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus, who is the patron given to our parish when we were established by the then Archdiocese of San Francisco on October 15, 1925.



Each year we have been celebrating her feast day on the weekend nearest to her feast day, October 1. All are welcome to our 8:30am Mass on Wednesday, the actual day of her feast, and I hope all will feel welcome and come **next Sunday to Mass at 11am instead of 9am** and then events, drink, and food at our annual festival.

When I arrived here, I immediately heard about how Msgr. Bernie Moran had orchestrated a visit of the relics of St. Theresa. Several individual have made requests of the Carmelites for this to happen again, but her schedule was too packed for a side visit to us this year. However, St. Theresa's relics will visit our Cathedral on October 22 and if you are interested, I encourage you to attend. The following is an article that has been put out to all the diocese about the short visit that will occur as well and so reflections about our patron.

by Jay Sorgi

One hundred years after the canonization of St. Thérèse of Lisieux, her "story of a soul" is coming to Oakland in powerful form.

Pilgrims can encounter her relics, including some of her bones, at the Cathedral of Christ the Light on Wednesday, Oct. 22, from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The visit comes as part of a national tour making 40 stops in 11 states from October until early December, including stops at 10 dioceses in California. St. Thérèse's relics last came to America in 1999 and 2000, when more than one million people experienced them. Tour organizers say that the opportunity to venerate her relics those years led to miracles, conversions and calls to the priesthood and religious life.

"In the heart of Thérèse, the grace of baptism became this impetuous torrent flowing into the ocean of Christ's love and dragging in its wake a multitude of brothers and sisters," said Pope Francis. He canonized both her parents, Louis and Zélie Martin, in 2015.

Born in January 1873 in Alençon, France, St. Thérèse endured the loss of her mother at four years old, along with her own numerous ailments which led to a fragile childhood.

She entered the Carmelite order at an unusually young age of 15 years old, after both her father and church leaders acquiesced to her request.

Taking the name "Thérèse of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face," she focused her life on small, humble, loving actions, all as ways of overcoming obstacles like the ones she physically faced — including tuberculosis.

She spent her short life of 24 years offering her pain to God, writing often about the need to trust in the Lord despite her challenges, even using her pain to draw closer to God. Those writings became a major part of her autobiography, *Story of a Soul*.

"When something painful or disagreeable happens to me, instead of a melancholy look, I answer by a smile," she said. "At first I did not always succeed, but now it has become a habit which I am glad to have acquired."

Thérèse died in September 1897. Twenty-eight years later, Pope Pius XI canonized her.

"Thérèse of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face is the youngest of all the 'doctors of the Church,' but her ardent spiritual journey shows such maturity," said Pope St. John Paul II, who declared her a doctor of the Church in 1997.

"The insights of faith expressed in her writings are so vast and profound that they deserve a place among the great spiritual masters."

The tour offers pilgrims the chance to venerate her relics, visible links to a saint and the grace that directly moved through her life and still moves through her example. Catholics have often honored relics in a way that doesn't worship the saint — worship belongs to God alone — but to honor the saint and all that God has done through them.

Her relics remind pilgrims of the grace God has brought the world through the story of St. Thérèse, the universal call to simply love one another that was the hallmark of her short but incredibly inspiring life."

Happy Feast Day! Let's celebrate our patron and again ask her to intercede on our behalf!

### WEEKLY READINGS: SEPTEMBER 29—OCTOBER 5

Monday:	Tuesday:	Wednesday:	Thursday	Friday	Saturday:	Sunday:
Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 Ps 138 Jn 1:47-51	Zec 8:20-23 Ps 87 Lk 9:51-56	Neh 2:1-8 Ps 137 Lk 9:57-62	Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12 Ps 19 Mt 18:1-5, 10	Bar 1:15-22 Ps 79 Lk 10:13-16	Bar 4:5-12, 27-29 Ps 69 Lk 10:17-24	Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4 Ps 95 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14 Lk 17:5-10