

ST. THERESA PARISH COMMUNITY

OCTOBER 26, 2025

THIRTIETH 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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ST. THERESA SCHOOL
Alicia Ortegon a_ortegon@sttheresaschool.org
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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



ST. VINCENT de PAUL PRESENTS A FALL

SOCKtober Fundraiser

OCTOBER 1ST- OCTOBER 31ST

PLEASE BRING NEW SOCKS OF ALL SIZES - KIDS AND ADULT TO THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

ST. THERESA CATHOLIC SCHOOL
4850 CLAREWOOD DRIVE
OAKLAND, CA 94618

ST. THERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH
30 MANDALAY RD.
OAKLAND, CA 94618

For more information about this event please contact: BRENDA ADDISON (510) 593-5501

THANK YOU!
YOUR DONATIONS AND SUPPORT
MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE AND HELP
FAMILIES STAY WARM!
WE APPRECIATE YOUR GENEROSITY
VERY MUCH!

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 sttheresaoakland.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@sttheresaoakland.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://sttheresaoakland.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://sttheresaoakland.org/about-us/100th-jubilee>

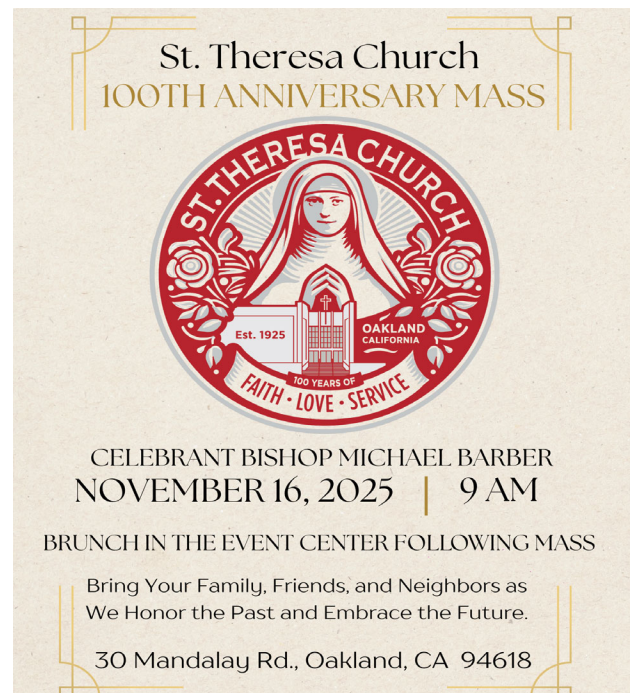
Upcoming Events

NOVEMBER 1 & 2: ALL SOULS

At the Masses on November 1 & 2 we will remember our dearly departed members of St. Theresa Parish. We will have a slideshow of those parishioners who have passed over the past 100 years.

You may submit a picture, by October 30, using the form on the Jubilee Page of the website.

NOVEMBER 16: JUBILEE MASS



St. Theresa Church
100TH ANNIVERSARY MASS

CELEBRANT BISHOP MICHAEL BARBER
NOVEMBER 16, 2025 | 9 AM

BRUNCH IN THE EVENT CENTER FOLLOWING MASS

Bring Your Family, Friends, and Neighbors as
We Honor the Past and Embrace the Future.

30 Mandalay Rd., Oakland, CA 94618

DECEMBER: ADVENT CELEBRATIONS

December 2: Advent for Men
December 7: Advent by Candlelight
December 7: Family Advent Event

DECEMBER 14: HOLIDAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

MASS INTENTIONS - OCTOBER 25—NOVEMBER 2

Sat. 5:00 pm ✠ Theresa Joyce
 Sun. 9:00 am ✠ Roman Staschenko

Mon. 8:30 am Parish Community of St. Theresa
 Tues. 8:30 am ✠ Mary Lou Jones
 Wed. 8:30 am ✠ Armando Diaz de Leon Lozano
 Thurs. 8:30 am For those who serve our parish
 Fri. 8:30 am For those who live in poverty

Sat. 5:00 pm Parish Community of St. Theresa
 Sun. 9:00 am ✠ Deceased Family Members for Last Year

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.



Theme for the 2025/2026 year
"Pilgrims of Hope"

OCTOBER 29TH

Joy Andrews-Hayter, Ph.D.

Spiritual Director, Centering Prayer & Wisdom
 Retreat Leader
"The Welcoming Practice"

SUNDAY OFFERING**SUNDAY COLLECTION (OCTOBER 13—19):**

ONLINE: 50 DONORS **\$ 2,313.00**

MASS DONATIONS: 40 DONORS **\$ 3,381.00**

WORLD MISSIONS:

ONLINE: 3 DONORS **\$ 165.00**

MASS/DROP-OFF/MAILED: 18 DONORS **\$ 787.00**



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>

REMEMBER ALL SOULS THROUGHOUT NOVEMBER

The month of November is traditionally reserved in the Church for remembering loved ones who have died. Throughout the month there will be a book in the sanctuary which will include any name you submit or that you write in yourself. You may submit your All Souls envelope with the names of the people you wish to remember now, so we may enter them in the book for the All Souls Mass on November 2. Please feel welcome to write the names of your beloved in this book at any time during the month.



Beginning November 2nd there will also be a table in the sanctuary where you may place free standing framed pictures of your beloved dead. The table will be up for the month of November. Please make sure your name and phone number are on the back of the picture.

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 341.202.0077

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE ~ NOVEMBER 2

All are invited to attend the All Souls Day Mass on November 2nd at 9:00 AM (Sunday), where we will remember your loved ones who have died.

Please bring photographs of the people you are remembering to place on a table in the sanctuary.

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 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 **38.64%**

\$13,832 as of October 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

Each year as we come to the end of the Liturgical year, we celebrate two important commemorations at the beginning of November, All Saints Day and All Souls Day.



The saints' calendar is once again getting full of recent young saints added to our devotions. Yet, heaven is packed and most who are saints will never be presented to the whole Church as examples to follow and as individuals who will intercede on our behalf. All Saints day covers everyone who has made it to where we all want to be one day: Heaven. I know many of our own parishioners are there!

We have been encouraging all to send in pictures of parishioners who we know are with God. They are examples of faith, perseverance, and love in our own parish. I encourage you to say a prayer during our anniversary year asking for their prayers so our mission and being a parish can succeed in the next hundred years.

All Souls acknowledges that maybe some of us need more time before we enter the beatific vision and encounter with God. The official doctrine simply states: Purgatory exists. The Church has never fully described it, but literature and speculators have (Dante, etc.).

(from Franciscan communications: Saint of the day.)

"The Church has encouraged prayer for the dead from the earliest times as an act of Christian charity. "If we had no care for the dead," Augustine noted, "we would not be in the habit of praying for them." Yet pre-Christian rites for the deceased retained such a strong hold on the superstitious imagination that a liturgical commemoration was not observed until the early Middle Ages, when monastic communities began to mark an annual day of prayer for the departed members.

In the middle of the 11th century, Saint Odilo, abbot of Cluny, France, decreed that all Cluniac monasteries offer special prayers and sing the Office for the Dead on November 2, the day after the feast of All Saints. The custom spread from Cluny and was finally adopted throughout the whole Roman Church.

The theological underpinning of the feast is the acknowledgment of human frailty. Since few people achieve perfection in this life but, rather, go to the grave still scarred with traces of sinfulness, some period of purification seems necessary before a soul comes face-to-face with God. The Council of Trent affirmed this purgatory state and insisted that the prayers of the living can speed the process of purification.

Superstition easily clung to the observance. Medieval popular belief held that the souls in purgatory could appear on this day in the form of witches, toads, or will-o'-the-wisps. Graveside food offerings supposedly eased the rest of the dead.

Observances of a more religious nature have survived. These include public processions or private visits to cemeteries and decorating graves with flowers and lights. This feast is observed with great fervor in Mexico.

Reflection

Whether or not one should pray for the dead is one of the great arguments which divide Christians. Appalled by the abuse of indulgences in the Church of his day, Martin Luther rejected the concept of purgatory. Yet prayer for a loved one is, for the believer, a way of erasing any distance, even death. In prayer we stand in God's presence in the company of someone we love, even if that person has gone before us into death."

WEEKLY READINGS: OCTOBER 27—NOVEMBER 2

Monday:	Tuesday:	Wednesday:	Thursday	Friday	Saturday:	Sunday:
Rom 8:12-17 Ps 68 Lk 13:10-17	Eph 2:19-22 Ps 19 Lk 6:12-16	Rom 8:26-30 Ps 13 Lk 13:22-30	Rom 8:31b-39 Ps 109 Lk 13:31-35	Rom 9:1-5 Ps 147 Lk 14:1-6	Rv 7:2-4, 9-14 Ps 24 1 Jn 3:1-3 Mt 5:1-12a	Wis 3:1-9 Ps 23 Rom 5:5-11 Jn 6:37-40