

ST. THERESA PARISH COMMUNITY

NOVEMBER 30, 2025

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

ST. THERESA CHURCH 100TH JUBILEE CELEBRATION



The parish is celebrating its 100th Jubilee.

Check out the Jubilee website to see many of the events that are being planned.

<https://sttheresaoakland.org/about>

Upcoming Events

DECEMBER: ADVENT CELEBRATIONS

December 7: Family Advent Event

Advent for Men

Gather for
Prayer - Reflection - Fellowship

Tuesday, Dec. 2nd—7pm in the Church

Hospitality and Refreshments to follow

Questions - Bob.hernandez@mac.com

Advent by Candlelight

Preparing our hearts for the advent season

An evening for women to come together in prayer and fellowship

Sunday, December 7th, 6:00pm
St. Theresa Church

All are welcome...invite a friend

DECEMBER 14: HOLIDAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST



JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST

December 14th
10:00 am to 11:30 am

In the Event Center

\$11 adults ~ \$7 child (8th grade and under)

order your tickets @ [https://](https://sttheresaoakland.org/about-us/100th-jubilee)

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100TH JUBILEE

Dinner Dance

Premier viewing of the St. Theresa Community documentary

Live music by The Marchmen

Dinner with wine \$100 per person - adults only
All dinner selections include salad, pasta with marinara sauce and mixed vegetables
Your entre choices are as follows:
Chicken Marsala or New York Strip Roast or Eggplant Parmesan

JANUARY 10, 2026
6 P M

Colombo Club
Place your order using the QR code

Use the QR code or this link to place your dinner order.
<https://sttheresaoakland.org/about-us/100th-jubilee>

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.

MASS INTENTIONS - NOVEMBER 29—DECEMBER 7

Sat. 5:00 pm Parish Community of St. Theresa
 Sun. 9:00 am † Peter Boero

Mon. 8:30 am For the poor and those in need
 Tues. 8:30 am For our parish benefactors
 Wed. 8:30 am † Chris Cutler
 Thurs. 8:30 am For all who feel alone or isolated
 Fri. 8:30 am † Louis J. Brunel, Jr.

Sat. 5:00 pm † Sister Mary Leontia, OP
 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.

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>

SUNDAY OFFERING**SUNDAY COLLECTION (NOVEMBER 17—23):**

ONLINE: 47 DONORS \$ 2,183.00

MASS DONATIONS: 41 DONORS \$ 3,453.00



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with eGiving



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.

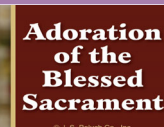
Visit us at

<https://sttheresaokland.org/donate>

PARISH MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENT

The second collection for the Parish Maintenance & Improvement Fund will be on December 6 & 7.

You may also use Online Giving for this collection.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

December 5th
9:00 am to 4:30 pm
 Benediction at 4:30 pm



Theme for the year: **"Pilgrims of Hope"**
DECEMBER 3RD

Gina Henz-Piazza, Ph.D.

Professor of Old Testament Theology, Santa Clara University
"Journeying as a Pilgrim of Hope? Start with the Feet"

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

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, 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, Mary Ann Giuntoli.

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 **44.97%**



\$16,100 as of NOVEMBER 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

Happy Advent! Happy beginning to a new Year of Grace!



Thanks to all who came or stayed last week after Mass to change the church's environment to reflect that we have entered into a new but very short season of Advent. In spite of the world celebrating Christmas before Thanksgiving has taken place, we have this wonderful start to a new Church year that helps us meditate on what it is all about: the coming of our God into our world and existence. A priest who actually grew up in my home parish in New York, Fr. Denis Hanly, who dedicated his life as a missionary for Maryknoll gives this wonderful reflection:

"There are really three Comings of the Lord and each one in its own way is very important for us to understand.

The word Advent — it's a Latin word, *advenio* — means "the coming." Not "he came" but "the coming." It has an idea of a constancy in it and not just arrival at one time and not at another. If you look at the whole Old Testament and you look at the readings, you can understand what this means.

The First Coming is God comes in weakness, God comes in the quiet of the night, God comes like a helpless child, in need of men and women to take care of him, to watch over him, to feed him, to do all these unbelievable things when you think that the Blessed Mother and Joseph are raising a child who is God Himself.

It is the custom to kind of downplay the commercial side of Christmas, but everybody knows that seeing through the commercial side of Christmas is the gift of God, His Son, the gift of God who comes himself, weak, helpless and needy, that we might know that in the mystery of God there is a great yearning to experience the way that we experience, to feel the things that a human being feels and to become one with us.

The Second Coming, when will it come? No one knows. Jesus says, "Only the Father knows."

"I will come in a cloud with the angels. And I will come and begin the new world."

The world where love triumphs over hate, the love where people really begin to understand each other and care for each other and love each other, for this is the world that God has intended, and this is the world that will be initiated when Jesus comes the second time.

For us, this means that we are in this world awaiting that world to take place.

And what are we supposed to do?

Sit around, talk about it, or celebrate Christmas and then forget, or hear the end of the world and wonder when it is going to come?

The purpose of Jesus living with us was to teach us how to love, how to live, how to care, how to be human beings, not when the end of the world comes, but here and now, and move history

forward to that great day when all will be changed, and God will finally triumph.

And now we have that elusive Third Coming.

And the Third Coming is that Jesus is with us. The Risen Lord will be with us on the journey, down through the years, no matter how long it takes, will be at our side, never abandon us.

And, of course, this is the real joy of Advent: the knowing of, and the loving of, this Messiah who comes to lead us safely home.

Maybe we once felt that our world was a wonderful place and now we are a little frightened because things seem to be changing and all things we put our trust in and our hope in and our love in are beginning to deteriorate or at least tarnish a bit and we wonder what the future holds.

When we think of these things, we think more of the dark side of life, in the darkness, and what is to become of us and what will happen, what will the future bring. And all these questions are open. And what about our children and what about our future?

But we have Advent and Advent is the season of hope, because the promise is no matter what happens one truth will last: "I will be with you all days, even to the consummation of the world."

And we know that it is Jesus with us, guiding us. That no matter how dark it gets, we know that his light will shine through. It is his light that we follow.

And so, in times of worry, we search for the light, and we look for the light.

And what is the light? The light is to find God.

And what is it to find God and where do we find Him?

And Jesus says look into each other's eyes, and you will find God because you will find me, for I have come to be one with each and every one of you.

Advent is the time when we discover hope in the midst of complete desolation.

Advent is the time when we answer the question "What am I supposed to do?"

We say that Jesus has come to teach us how to love, Jesus has come to teach us how to live, Jesus has come to teach us what it means to be a human being.

And all these things are true. But Christmas is the time to recognize that the little child in the crib, the little boy born to save the world, will die on the cross, desolate and alone, and this is also a Christmas.

For this is what he came to do: to teach us how, when, and where to love, and to love as God loves.

WEEKLY READINGS: DECEMBER 1-7

Monday:	Tuesday:	Wednesday:	Thursday	Friday	Saturday:	Sunday:
Is 4:2-6 Ps 122 Mt 8:5-11	Is 11:1-10 Ps 72 Lk 10:21-24	Is 25:6-10a Ps 23 Mt 15:29-37	Is 26:1-6 Ps 118 Mt 7:21, 24-27	Is 29:17-24 Ps 27 Mt 9:27-31	Is 30:19-21, 23-26 Ps 147 Mt 9:35-10:1-5a, 6-8	Is 11:1-10 Ps 72 Rom 15:4-9 Mt 3:1-12