

St. Theresa

Parish Community

We are a welcoming, active Catholic community united by our faith, open to transformation, growing spiritually and reaching out to love and to serve others as Jesus taught us.

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 home-bound)

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.sttheresaokland.org

Facebook: StTheresaChurch/Oakland

YouTube:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCn5JX1e3QrQXTsa_7qmNClw

Baptisms and Marriages

by appointment, call parish office 510.547.2777, ext. 120, or email admin@sttheresaokland.org

To arrange a Funeral

call parish office 510.547.2777, ext. 120, or email admin@sttheresaokland.org

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

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Parish Calendar:

<https://sttheresaokland.org/calendar>

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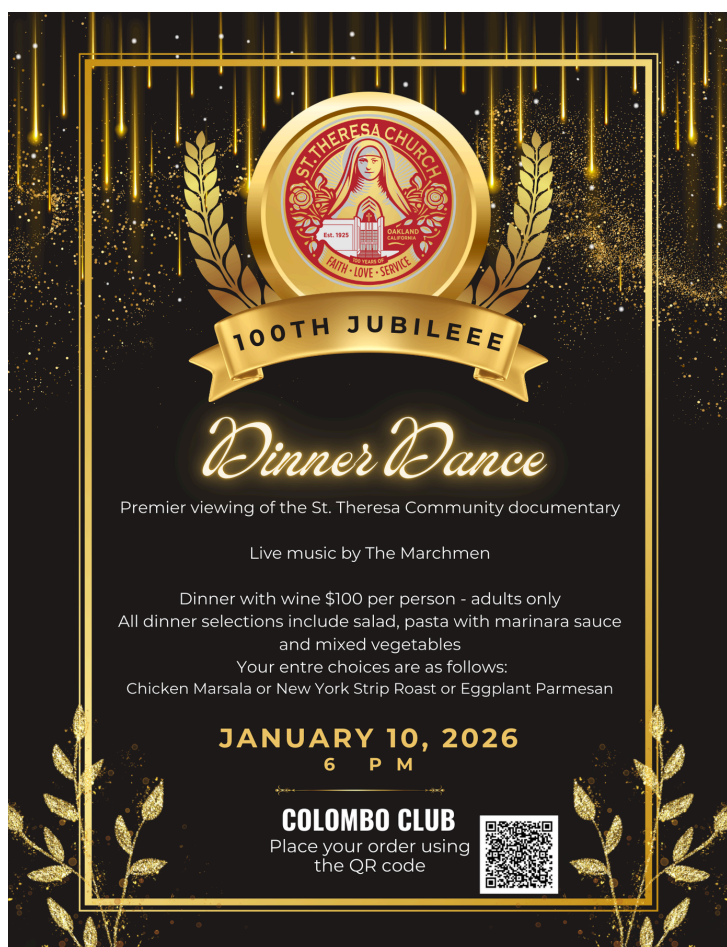
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OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA
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100 YEARS OF
FAITH • LOVE • SERVICE

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



COME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS



**Do you know people
friends, family, neighbors**
who used to be a part of this community, and who for various reasons no longer worship with us?

Shall we extend a gracious and loving invitation to these brothers and sisters to come home for Christmas?

Send them a personal invitation
Email/text them
Give them a call

INVITE THEM TO OUR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS LITURGIES



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://sttheresaokland.org/about-us/100th-jubilee>

Upcoming Events

December: Advent Celebrations

December 7: Family Advent Event



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: Pancake Breakfast



Join us for the annual:
**Holiday
Pancake
Breakfast**
December 14th
10:00am-11:30am
St Theresa Event Center
Visit with Santa and take holiday photos.

\$11/adult
\$7/child
(8th grade and under)

Buy your tickets now!

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Mass Intentions - November 29—December 7

Sat.	5:00 pm	✠	Sister Mary Leontia, OP
Sun.	9:00 am		Parish Community of St. Theresa
Mon.	8:30 am		Parish Community of St. Theresa
Tues.	8:30 am	✠	Donnelly Family and Friends
Wed.	8:30 am	✠	Tina Bruno
Thurs.	8:30 am	✠	John Kelly
Fri.	8:30 am	✠	Patricia Nebel
Sat.	5:00 pm	✠	Abbie Jeanne Clark

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.

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."

Sunday Offering**Sunday Collection (November 24 - 30):**

Online: 46 Donors	\$ 3,088.00
Mass Donations: 44 Donors	\$ 2,618.00

St. Vincent de Paul:

Online: 13 Donors	\$ 876.00
Mass/Drop-Off/Mailed: 28 Donors	\$ 1,657.00

Deceased

Please remember in your prayers, those who have died especially Joe Scodella and Leo Kizito, the older brother of Fr. Luke.



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:

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>

Thank you for giving generously to St. Theresa Parish



Feast of the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

December 8th

Mass will be at 8:30 am

Retirement Fund for Religious Collection

Elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others -- educating the young, comforting the sick, and ministering to the less fortunate. Today many are frail and need assistance. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps furnish medications, nursing care and more. Please give generously to the second collection on December 13 & 14.

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

Email cathy_b@sttheresaoakland.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 46.90%

\$16,790 as of NOVEMBER 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.

A Word from our Pastor

We continue our very quick and fast Advent journey.

Over twenty men of the parish took time out last Tuesday night and quietly reflected and focused on the meaning of Advent. Sunday night many women of the parish will do the same with Advent by Candlelight.

I hope you are enjoying the daily meditation book again. I am. Each day, the reflection is short but full of a facet of the season the Church celebrates. Deacon Greg Kandra gave a short interview on Advent after he composed one of those meditation books a few years ago. The following is a short interview about it:

"Each of Deacon Greg's reflections begins with the words from Psalm 46:10, "Be still, and know that I am God" because he knows that silence is a rare commodity in today's world unless we intentionally are available for it. He also cites the hymn "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel," because of its appropriateness for the season.

He says, "It's a song of anticipation, of yearning and longing. There's a mournful quality to it, also. Advent comes at the darkest time of the year. As the nights get longer, the days get shorter, and it gets colder. So, we string lights all around us to try and fill the darkness with light. But we need to look to Christ to be that light. That's really what we're yearning for."

Discovering that God-shaped hole inside each of us requires taking an honest look at ourselves, as well as reconnecting with a sense of wonder that many of us lose touch with when we reach a certain age – and especially in the cynical culture in which we live.

Deacon Greg states, "It comes down to trusting that there is a higher power, that there is a God who is looking out for us and who loves us." In addition, "[Advent] helps us to be more authentically what God wants us to be and what God made us to be. The other big part of [that] is generosity and centering ourselves. The more that we know ourselves and know who we are and what we're about, the more we're able to give to others, and do it joyfully and selflessly."

One person who gave of herself joyfully and selflessly was Mary, the Mother of Jesus.

"Mary is such a great example for all of us," he concludes. "So often we ask ourselves, 'What would Jesus do? WWJD?' I challenge people [in homilies], 'Ask yourself, WWMD? What would Mary do?' She accepted everything that God asked her to do, and did it unquestioningly, and with so much trust, love, and fidelity. That is part of our great challenge, particularly in the age that we live in now: to trust God, and to not be suspicious of Him, and to feel like whatever happens, God is going to get me through this. Mary did that with courage, conviction, and complete trust." May we follow her example and ask for her help.

On Monday, we celebrate the patronal feast of the Immaculate Conception. Under this title we entrust these United States of America. On Friday, we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Holy Mary says yes to the angel, and we all benefit as the Saviour is brought into the world. We owe her for this and the best way to honor her is to follow her example of trust, faith and hope in God and the promises made through time for all of us. Advent is also a time to do what she told the stewards at the Wedding of Cana: 'Do whatever he tells you!' As we honor her with two feasts this week, may we seek her intercession for ourselves, our family and our world and may we strive to follow her guidance and example as disciples.



Weekly Readings

Monday:

Gn 3:9-15, 20
Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12
Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday:

Is 50:1-11
Ps 96
Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday:

Is 40:25-31
Ps 103
Mt 11:28-30

Thursday:

Is 41:13-20
Ps 145
Mt 11:11-15

Friday:

Zech 2:14-17
Ps Jdt 13
Lk 1:26-38

Saturday:

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11
Ps 80
Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday:

Is 35:1-6a
Ps 146
Jas 5:7-10
Mt 11:2-11



Theme for the
year:
"Pilgrims of Hope"

December 10th

Christmas Brunch

Parish Calendar

Find out what is
happening at the
parish:

[https://
sttheresaokland.org/
calendar](https://sttheresaokland.org/calendar)