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.sttheresaoakland.org

Facebook: StTheresaChurch/Oakland

YouTube:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCn5JX1e3QrqXTsa_7qmNClw

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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.

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https://sttheresaoakland.org/calendar

Parish Organization Contacts

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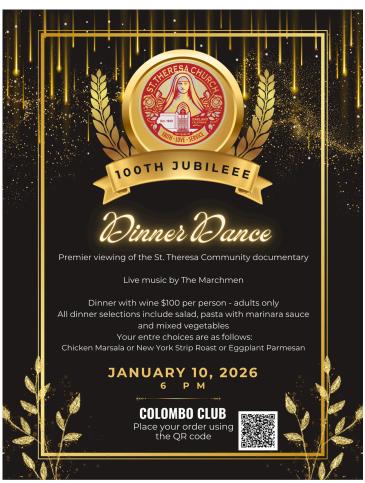
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Third Sunday of Advent December 14, 2025





Invite them to our Advent and Christmas liturgies

St. Theresa Church 100th Jubilee Celebration

The parish is celebrating its 100th Jubilee.

Upcoming Events





December 14, 2025 Third Sunday of Advent

Mass Intentions ~ November 29—December 7

Sat.	5:00 pm	Ť	Abbie Jeanne Clark
Sun.	9:00 am		Parish Community of St. Theresa
Mon. Tues. Wed. Thurs. Fri.	8:30 am 8:30 am 8:30 am 8:30 am	ቴ ቴ	Marilyn McCabe Marilyn McCabe Dee Humm McArtor Family Sylvia Oliverez
Sat.	5:00 pm	Ŷ	Peter Oliverez, Sr.
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://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.

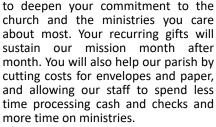
Reception of the Precious Blood

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 (December 1 - 7): Online: 64 Donors Mass Donations: 35 Donors		4,353.00 1.946.00
Parish Maintenance & Improvement: Online: 43 Donors (Nov. 3 - Dec. 7)	٠.	7,122.00
Mass/Drop-Off/Mailed: 21 Donors	\$	886.00
Immaculate Conception:		
Online: 3 Donors	\$	135.00
Mass/Drop-Off/Mailed: 11 Donors	\$	544.00
You can use our online giv	ing	platform





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



Schedule a Mass Intention Online!

https://sttheresaoakland.org/pray/mass-confession-times/massintention

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

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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.

Third Sunday of Advent December 14, 2025

A Word from our Pastor

Gaudete: rejoice, the Lord is near!

This Gaudete Sunday, I want to quickly acknowledge all who have responded to my appeal letter. A number of special donations have already arrived and our Finance Committee which met this past week is breathing easier as our everyday expenses have increased and several of our major donors have passed away or moved away. We are running at a deficit as we look for more ways to go forward, but every donation makes that easier and I just want to say thank you and will give a full report in the New Year.

Gaudete Sunday is the third Sunday of Advent, named after the Latin word for "rejoice". It signifies a break from the penitential nature of Advent to rejoice in the imminent arrival of Jesus for Christmas. This joy is reflected by wearing rose color vestments and lighting the third candle, known as the "Gaudete" or "Shepherd's" candle, on the Advent wreath.

The third candle on the Advent wreath is lit, symbolizing the joy of the shepherds and the growing anticipation for Christ's birth.

Theologians tell us It is a time to focus on the joy of Christ's first coming and to anticipate his second coming. It reminds believers that joy is found in God's presence, even amidst difficulties.

Gaudete Sunday is a counterpart to Laetare Sunday in the liturgical season of Lent. It provides a similar break about midway through a season and signifies the nearness of the Lord's coming.

While the theme of Advent is a focus on the coming of Jesus in three ways: His first, His present, and His final Advent, the readings for Gaudete Sunday focus on rejoicing in the Lord — Christian joy — as well as the mission of St. John the Baptist and his connection with Advent.

Joy vs. Happiness

Theologian Henri Nouwen described the difference between joy and happiness. While happiness depends on external conditions, joy is "the experience of knowing that you are unconditionally loved and that nothing — sickness, failure, emotional distress, oppression, war, or even death — can take that love away." Thus, joy can be present even amid sadness.

Pope Francis's Words of Wisdom

In his 2014 Gaudete Sunday homily, Pope Francis said that Gaudete Sunday is known as the "Sunday of joy" and that instead of fretting about "all they still haven't" done to prepare for Christmas, people should "think of all the good things life has given you."

So, I invite you all to rejoice and celebrate with joy. A good start is with the pancake breakfast today in the Event Center. There might be a line like any breakfast place on a Sunday morning, but you will be with fellow parishioners who everyday are celebrating and demonstrating God's presence with us today.

Then, after some Sunday time for relaxation, think about what made past Christmases in your family and among your friends memorable. I would guess the Lord's presence just received in hearing God's Word and being nourished by the Sacrament fueled that joy and the love you treasure from those moments. Then follow Pope Francis' advice found above:think of all the good things life has given you." And say AMEN and then REJOICE!

Weekly Readingss December 15 - 21

Monday:

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a Ps 25 Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday:

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13 Ps 34 Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday:

Gn 49:2, 8-10 Ps 172 Mt 1:1-17

Thursday:

Jer 23:5-8 Ps 72 Mt 1:18-25

Friday:

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a Ps 71 Lk 1:5-25

Saturday:

Is 7:10-14 Ps24 Lk 1:26-38

Sunday:

Is 7:10-14 Ps 24 Rom 1:1-7 Mt 1:18-24



year: "Pilgrims of Hope "

December 17th

Christmas Break

Parish Calendar

Find out what is happening at the parish:

https://
sttheresaoakland.org/
calendar