

# 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](http://www.sttheresaokland.org)

**Facebook:** StTheresaChurch/Oakland

### YouTube:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCn5JX1e3QrQXTsa\\_7qmNClw](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](mailto:admin@sttheresaokland.org)

### To arrange a Funeral

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

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

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

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

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### High School Youth Ministry/Confirmation

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

Cathy Brady ~ [cathy\\_b@sttheresaokland.org](mailto:cathy_b@sttheresaokland.org)

### Parish Calendar:

<https://sttheresaokland.org/calendar>

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#### Consolation Ministry

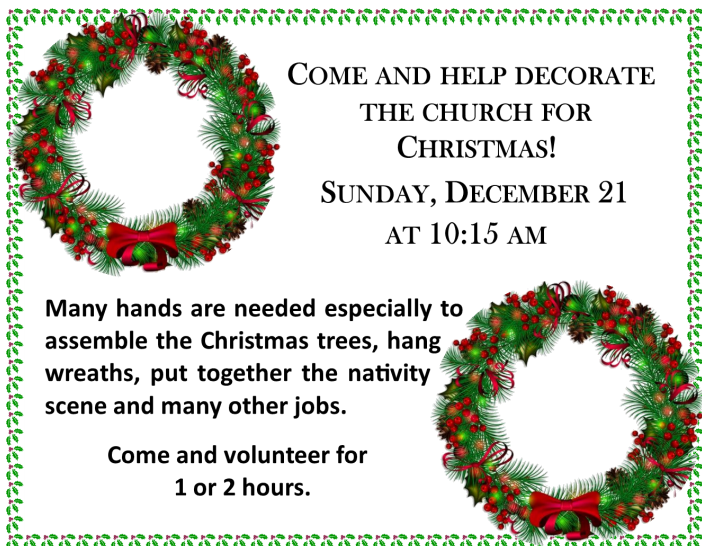
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COME AND HELP DECORATE  
THE CHURCH FOR  
CHRISTMAS!  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21  
AT 10:15 AM

Many hands are needed especially to  
assemble the Christmas trees, hang  
wreaths, put together the nativity  
scene and many other jobs.

Come and volunteer for  
1 or 2 hours.



please join us for

## *Christmas Mass*

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? Please share with us their names, and if  
you have it, the contact information for such people. We will  
send them an invitation to come home for Christmas.

[admin@sttheresaokland.org](mailto:admin@sttheresaokland.org)



January 1, 2026

Solemnity of Mary,  
the Holy Mother of God

Join us for Mass at 9:00 am.

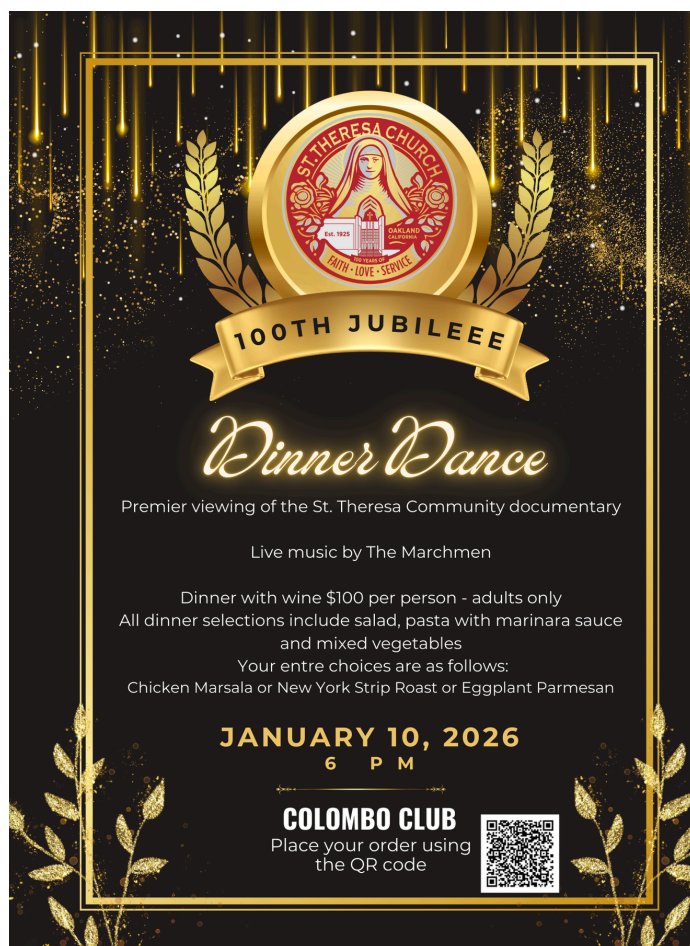
The Mass will be livestreamed



## St. Theresa Church 100<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Celebration

The parish is celebrating its 100th Jubilee.

## Final Jubilee Event



### *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 entree 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



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

Last day to make a reservation, Sunday,  
December 18, 2025

**Mass Intentions - November 29—December 7**

Sat.	5:00 pm	✠	Peter Oliverez, Sr.
Sun.	9:00 am		Parish Community of St. Theresa
Mon.	8:30 am		Marilyn McCabe
Tues.	8:30 am	✠	Frances Goldstrom
Wed.	5:00 pm		Parish Community of St. Theresa
	10:00 pm		Parish Community of St. Theresa
Thurs.	10:00 am		Parish Community of St. Theresa
Fri.	8:30 am	✠	Alicia Gonzales
Sat.	5:00 pm		Parish Community of St. Theresa
Sun.	9:00 am	✠	Peter Boero

**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."

**Sunday Offering****Sunday Collection (December 8 - 14):**

Online: 49 Donors	\$ 3,688.00
Mass Donations: 44 Donors	\$ 2,910.00

**Religious Retirement Fund:**

Online: 8 Donors	\$ 296.00
Mass/Drop-Off/Mailed: 23 Donors	\$ 1,195.00



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:

**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>

*Thank you for giving generously to St. Theresa Parish*

**JOY to the WORLD****Christmas Mass Schedule****December 24**

5:00 pm Children's Liturgy  
9:00 pm Concert \*\*  
10:00 pm Mass \*\*

**December 25**

10:00 am Mass

\*\* Service will be live streamed for the sick & homebound

**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, 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](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 47.81%

\$17,115 as of December 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 Christmas Week! The fourth Sunday of Advent is pushed out quickly with Christmas on Thursday. Even the Advent readings and music shifts to themes of joy and peace as we celebrate the wonderful thing God has done for us in sending us Jesus. Jesus becomes like us, so that one day we may become like him: eternal, without pain, suffering and death, but with glory and the hope of forever youth!

In Jesus, we now have a clear path to be with God forever. This is truly worth celebrating from now through January 6 or even when the tree and manger scene come down. The Vatican keeps these scenes up through February 2. (I am not advising this, especially if you have a real tree!)

On behalf of myself and the entire staff at St. Theresa's, we wish you and your entire family the best wishes for a joyful Christmas season. May the peace that God wants for all of us reign in your hearts and in every member of your family and friends and carry you through to the moment God will perfect that love for you in eternity!

Long after any remembrance of Christmas is gone and replaced with Valentines in just a week by the merchants, try to keep the spirit of Christmas alive in your hearts and homes. I've told you, a friend of mine keeps a small Christmas tree up all year to remind him of God's love when that is not so evident at times in any given new year.

This season always brings out great charity. I am grateful to all of you for your ongoing support of our parish and our parish charities. I am grateful for your ability to find a little more when there is a need. Many families in our midst are feeling the effects of a tighter budget and your support of the St. Vincent dePaul annual Christmas drive and the gift cards brought via our Social Justice Committee has brought some needed joy to these families. I am impressed that you remember them throughout the year as the needs are there beyond Christmas.

Plans are already in full swing preparing for the building of two houses on March 14 through Corazon via the group that spun off from our parish a few years ago, Los amigos de Mercy. If you are still looking for someplace to donate an end of the year gift, this is a great group to support. Contact George Donovan or Paulette Tucker.

We welcome the visitor and traveler at all our Christmas Masses. May you find joy and peace with us and in our celebrations and worship. Know that you are always welcome to join us. If you have been away and live nearby, please know we will always have a place for you. It is now more than ever a time to be together for change in our Church and for the well-being of our world. We will only be stronger when you walk more often by our side.

There is little time left in Advent. Here is a prayer/blessing for all as Christmas is so near:

Lord Jesus, master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas. We who have so much to do seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day. We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us. We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of your kingdom. We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence. We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light. To you we say, "Come, Lord Jesus!"—Henri J. M. Nouwen



## Weekly Readings December 22 - 28

### Monday:

1 Sm 1:24-28  
Ps 1 Sm 2  
Lk 1:46-56

### Tuesday:

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24  
Ps 25  
Lk 1:57-66

### Wednesday:

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16  
Ps 89  
Lk 1:67-79

### Thursday:

Is 62:11-12  
Ps 97  
Ti 3:4-7  
Lk 2:15-20

### Friday:

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59  
Ps 31  
Mt 10:17-22

### Saturday:

1 Jn 1:1-4  
Ps 97  
Jn 20:1a, 2-8

### Sunday:

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14  
Ps 128  
Col 3:12-21  
Mt 2:13-15, 19-23



Theme for the year:

"Pilgrims of Hope"

December 24<sup>th</sup>

Christmas Break

## Parish Calendar

Find out what is happening at the parish:

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