

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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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

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Parish Calendar:

<https://sttheresaokland.org/calendar>

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January 1, 2026

Solemnity of Mary,
the Holy Mother of God

Join us for Mass at 9:00 am.

The Mass will be livestreamed



**Thank You to Everyone who participated in our
Christmas Liturgies!**

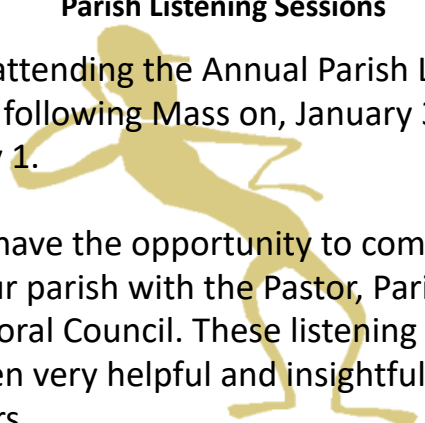


Liturgy is the work of the people and thanks to the work of many, our Christmas Liturgies were spiritually uplifting and joyful. Thank you to all the Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, Ushers, Greeters, Sacristans, Videographer, the Environment Team that gave of their time, and to all Choir members, who spent many hours in preparation for our Liturgies. Moreover, thank you to the parish community for your full participation in all our wonderful Christmas Liturgies.

Parish Listening Sessions

Plan on attending the Annual Parish Listening Sessions following Mass on, January 31
February 1.

You will have the opportunity to comment about our parish with the Pastor, Parish Staff and Pastoral Council. These listening sessions have been very helpful and insightful in the past years.



St. Theresa Church 100th Jubilee Celebration

The parish is celebrating its 100th Jubilee.

Final Jubilee Event

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 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 - December 27 - January 4

Sat.	5:00 pm		Parish Community of St. Theresa
Sun.	9:00 am	✠	Peter Boero
Mon.	8:30 am	✠	Diana Goss
Tues.	8:30 am	✠	Thomas H. Jones, Sr.
Wed.	8:30 pm		Parish Benefactors
Thurs.	8:30 am		Parish Community of St. Theresa
Fri.	8:30 am	✠	Carol Faye Lynn
Sat.	5:00 pm		Parish Community of St. Theresa
Sun.	9:00 am	✠	Donelly and McArtor Family & Friends

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 15 - 21):**

Online: 50 Donors	\$ 2,373.00
Mass Donations: 36 Donors	\$ 2,062.00



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

Parish Maintenance and Improvement Collection

The second collection for the Parish Maintenance and Improvement Fund will be on July 5 & 6. You may also use Online Giving for this collection.



January 2nd

9:00 am to 4:30 pm, Benediction at 4:30 pm

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 McEvelly, 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, Rick Arellano.

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 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.

Merry Christmas Everyone,

Christmas is almost here, which brings back so many memories. It has been nearly a year since I celebrated Christmas and New Year with you. I can imagine that you have already finalized your cooking plans and recipes for Christmas Eve. Those good memories are still fresh in my mind: you used to prepare a delicious dinner for dozens of people. Last year was so special because we had a small baby at the dinner party, symbolizing the presence of baby Jesus. I miss all those wonderful people and moments. Although I cannot cook for a crowd, I would be happy to join you virtually to help with setting the table or cleaning up after the party. I treasure those memories, as you truly make the festive season feel like a family gathering, warm and meaningful, bringing together many good people to celebrate in the spirit of Christ. Even though Ethiopian Christmas is on January 7th, and I will still be in Advent while you celebrate on December 25th, I will join you in spirit.

On my side, this Christmas, while the festive lights may seem dimmed by the shadows of struggle, we, as Christians, are not intimidated. The spirit of Christmas—the promise of peace on Earth and goodwill to all—shines brighter than ever and revives our hopes. We pray for a day when adversaries will cease warmongering and give nonviolence a chance, transforming sadness into joy and hatred into love. A better world is possible if Christians stand united in prayer for peace and justice. Let us continue praying for a coming year that is better for those facing challenges around the world.

Please send my greetings to all the staff, parish communities, and everyone who has sent me Christmas cards and gifts over the past seven years while I was at St. Theresa. I have so many wonderful memories.

Once again, though miles separate us, you are all deeply in my thoughts and prayers. Merry Christmas, and may you have peaceful times in the coming New Year. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Fr. Abraham



Weekly Readings Dec. 29 - January 4

Monday:

1 Jn 2:3-11
Ps 96
Lk 2:22-35

Tuesday:

1 Jn 2:12-17
Ps 96
Lk 2:36-40

Wednesday:

1 Jn 2:18-21
Ps 96
Jn 1:1-18

Thursday:

Nm 6:22-27
Ps 67
Gal 4:4-7
Lk 2:16-21

Friday:

1 Jn 2:22-28
Ps 98
Jn 1:19-28

Saturday:

1 Jn 2:29-3:6
Ps 98
Jn 1:29-34

Sunday:

Is 60:1-6
Ps 72
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6
Mt 2:1-12



Theme for the year:

"Pilgrims of Hope"

Parish Calendar

Find out what is happening at the parish:

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