

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: 341.220.0077
 After Hours Medical Emergency:
 510.547.2777, Option #4

Parish Website: www.sttheresaokland.org

Facebook: [StTheresaChurch/Oakland](https://www.facebook.com/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@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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Parish Calendar:

<https://sttheresaokland.org/calendar>

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LENTEN SEASON

LENTEN BIBLE JOURNEY 2026

Disarming the Gospel of John and its Good Friday Passion Narrative

With: Fr. Ngema

When: Tuesday, February 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Time: 7:00 pm

Where: Zoom, link in Friday Flocknote

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

There are booklets available at the back of the church for your use in praying the stations of the cross.

There are also booklets available for children and teens.

Please return the booklets when you are finished..

SEDER DINNER

March 26 (Thursday), 6:00 pm

Make a reservation at <https://sttheresaoakland.org/pray/lent-2026/ seder-dinner>

OPERATION RICE BOWL

Pick up a Rice Bowl in the church vestibule.

LENTEN DAILY REFLECTION BOOKLET

Pick up a booklet in the church vestibule

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Sunday, March 22, 2026 at the 9:00 am Mass

The sacrament of the Sick will be administered to all those who suffer from a serious, acute or chronic illness.



St Theresa Parish Invites You

IRENE CROSETTI *RAVIOLI DINNER*

Saturday, March 21

Doors open at 6pm

Meal includes: Antipasti, Salad, and Ravioli

Italian Cookies for Dessert

Cash Bar

\$25 for adults

\$15
8th grade & younger



St. Theresa Event Center

Order Tickets on parish website by Sunday, March 15

https://sttheresaoakland.org/Ravioli_Dinner



Theme for the year:

“Pilgrims of Hope”

March 11, 2026

Barry Brown

Director, Formation Labs & Retreat Leader

The Descending Path Leading Upwards to Hope

Low Gluten Hosts

Low Gluten hosts are available at all weekend Masses. They are less than 20 parts per million gluten, under .002%. For additional information go to

<https://www.parishcrossroads.com/low-gluten.htm>

Please use the presider's communion station to receive a low gluten host.

SEDER DINNER
THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 6 PM

This is a wonderful event for the whole family. All who attend will be asked to prepare a side dish or dessert for the meal, and to bring a bottle of wine or grape juice to drink during the ritual. The parish will provide additional beverages for dinner as well as the main dish.

Seating limited, Reservations required.
RSVP at
<https://sttheresaoakland.org/pray/lent/ seder-dinner>

Mass Intentions - February 21 - March 1

Sat.	5:00 pm	✠	Frank Calamonaci
Sun.	9:00 am		Parish Community of St. Theresa
Mon.	8:30 am		For all who feel alone or isolated
Tues.	8:30 am		For all who are homeless
Wed.	8:30 pm	✠	For all deceased members for the parish
Thurs.	8:30 am		For victims of violence, terrorism, and war
Fri.	8:30 am		For peace in all the troubled areas of the world
Sat.	5:00 pm		Parish Community of St. Theresa
Sun.	9:00 am	✠	Art and Leah Mangini

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."

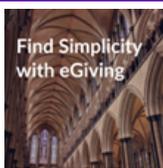
Sunday Offering

Sunday Collection (February 23 - March 1)

Online: 53 Donors	\$ 2,838.00
Mass Donations: 44 Donors	\$ 4,916.00

Parish Maintenance (February 2 - March 1)

Online Donations: 34 Donors	\$ 6,887.00
Mass Donation: 29 Donors	\$ 1,768.00



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

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

Catholic Relief Service Collection, March 14 & 15

Next weekend the Catholic Relief Services Collection is your opportunity to improve the lives of the most vulnerable people around the world and here in the United States. Your support funds organizations that aid travelers, people affected by war and natural disasters, others whose work or unique cultural circumstances require special pastoral support, and migrants and refugees displaced by conflict, persecution, or political instability.

Next week, please give generously to the collection and help Jesus in disguise. You may also use Online Giving.

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, Rick Arellano, Betsey Thornton, Karen May, Tom Wallace, John Cocores.

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.

A Word from our Pastor

Lent is a time of prayer! I ask all to spend time each day for the rest of Lent to pray for peace and an end of all wars. (On a much more minor note, I ask prayers especially this week and through next weekend for a safe and successful build of a house by forty of our fellow parishioners and friends via the Corazon organization.)

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Pope Leo and our bishops have strong words about the war against Iran. I almost copied them here, but you can find them on the Vatican news website and the USCCB.org website. I encourage you to read and study them as you commit to the prayer time I am asking from all of us. Instead, I put in some reflections about living in Jerusalem at this time.:

Fr. Ibrahim Faltas, Head of Schools of the Custody of the Holy Land, laments the outbreak of further violence in the Middle East, saying children cannot understand the inhuman reasons we give for war.

By Fr. Ibrahim Faltas*

“In Jerusalem, fear is palpable and almost tangible. Empty streets, inaccessible places of worship, and closed shops of the Old City, and the wounded and destruction in so many cities of the Holy Land have once again become the images of the suffering of this martyred land. They are tangible scars and invisible wounds that reveal the pain and trauma of what has happened with the new and repeated outbreak of an endless war.

Breaking the silence of a deserted city is the sound of sirens, which causes anguish while waiting for missiles that will bring yet more death and destruction. Fear returned with force, or perhaps it had never really disappeared, on Saturday morning—it was a Saturday like that tragic October 7, 2023. Together with teachers and school staff, we managed to maintain the calm needed to reassure the children while waiting for their parents, who had only just left their children at the school entrance.

It was not easy for the teachers to hold back their tears as they reassured the children, who had just recited together the simple prayer of Saint Francis before entering the classroom.

I looked at the children, the hidden trauma in their sad eyes; I felt the awareness and responsibility of the adults, their suffering because the return of violence would bring a renewed distancing from the welcoming serenity of the school: these thoughts and these worries crowd my mind and heart.

Near the Holy Places, we live an apparent normality because we believe, pray, and hope, but the deafening noise of war always brings us back to painful reality.

Children do not understand violence; they do not know the inhuman reasons for violence, and they continue to be the innocent victims of the absurdity of evil.

Children understand and recognize only goodness. In these moments they tremble, and it is evil that makes them tremble; it is the fear of something they do not know that extinguishes their smiles—the smiles of all the children who suffer and die in countries that are scenes of war. They die and suffer in Gaza, in Tehran, in Kyiv, in Tel Aviv.

They are frightened, they are sad, they suffer from hunger and from the cold, they are afraid under the shelter of wet tents, they are isolated in the darkness of shelters and bunkers, they are buried under the rubble of schools and homes, they do not play, and they do not use pens and colored pencils.

This is the inhuman result of war.

My lived experience in the Holy Land still leads me to believe in and hope in the hearts of human beings who love their neighbor without preconceptions and without limits, who offer a friendly hand, attentive listening, an embrace that warms the soul.

This is the humanity in which every human being should recognize himself; this is the humanity that the international community must represent.

Rights and duties, responsibility and respect are essential elements to remain human, to believe, to have trust and hope in humanity, and to eliminate the din of war and give voice to the sound of peace.”

*Head of Schools of the Custody of the Holy Land

I look forward to sharing Corazon stories with you at the Irene Crosetti Ravioli dinner in two weeks, March 21st.



Weekly Readings March 9 - 15

Monday:

2 Kgs 5:1-15b
Ps 42
Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday:

Dn 3:25, 34-43
Ps 25
Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday:

Dt 4:1, 5-9
Ps 147
Mt 5:17-19

Thursday:

Jer 7:23-28
Ps 95
Lk 11:14-23

Friday:

Hos 14:2-10
Ps 81
Mk 12:28-34

Saturday:

Hos 6:1-6
Ps 51
Lk 18:9-14

Sunday:

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7,
10-13a
Ps 23
Eph 5:8-14
Jn 9:1-41



Parish Calendar

Find out what is happening at the parish:
<https://sttheresaOakland.org/calendar>