

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

**Facebook:** StTheresaChurch/Oakland

**YouTube:**

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCn5JX1e3QrQXTsa\\_7qmNClw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCn5JX1e3QrQXTsa_7qmNClw)

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**To arrange a Funeral**

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

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<https://sttheresaokland.org/calendar>

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# Palm Sunday

**SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 5:00 PM**  
**SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 9:00 AM**

THE LITURGIES WILL BEGIN IN THE VESTIBULE WITH THE READING OF THE GOSPEL OF JESUS' ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM, AND THE SOLEMN BLESSING OF PALMS AND PROCESSION INTO CHURCH.

BRING YOUR RICE BOWL DONATION TO MASS.

DURING THE COLLECTION YOU WILL BE INVITED TO COME FORWARD AND PLACE YOUR RICE BOWL IN A BASKET IN FRONT OF THE ALTAR.

## Holy Week Schedule

**HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 7:00 PM**  
 MASS OF OUR LORD'S SUPER  
 ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT IN THE VESTIBULE  
 FOLLOWING THE LITURGY, ENDING AT 10 PM

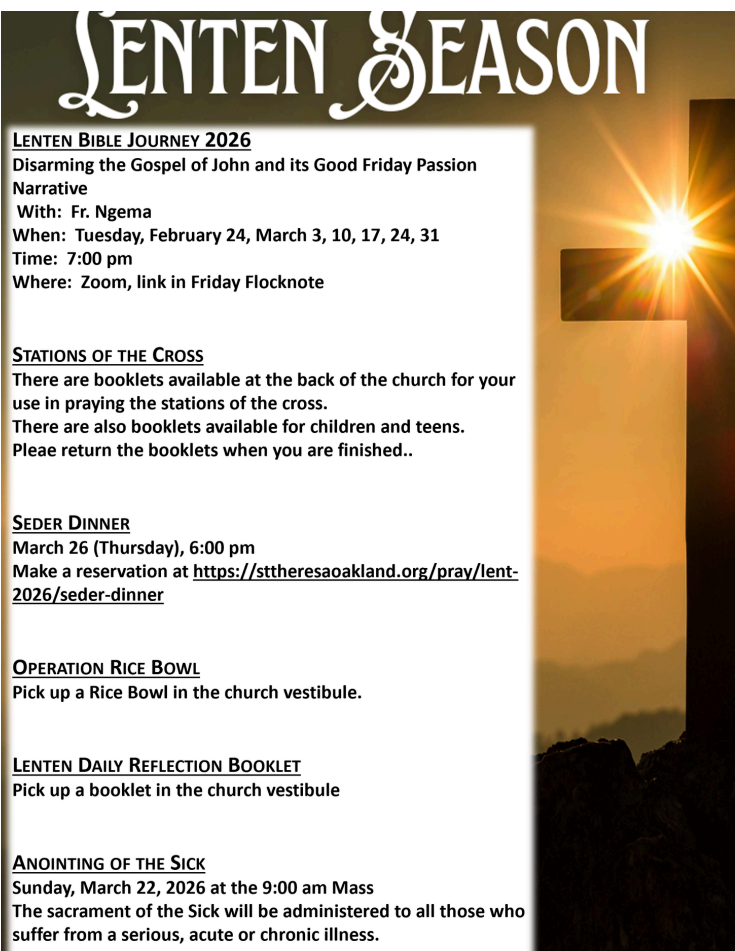
**GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 3**  
 12:00 PM ~ STATIONS OF THE CROSS  
 1:15 PM  
 LITURGY OF THE WORD  
 VENERATION OF THE CROSS  
 COMMUNION  
 THERE WILL BE A COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY LAND

**HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 4**  
 8:00 PM EASTER VIGIL

**EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5**  
 MASSES: 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

ALL SERVICES WILL BE LIVE-STREAMED, EXCEPT THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS ON GOOD FRIDAY AND THE 11AM EASTER SUNDAY MASS.

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO MORNING MASSES ON HOLY THURSDAY OR GOOD FRIDAY.  
 THERE IS NO RECONCILIATION OR 5:00 PM MASS ON HOLY SATURDAY



# 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://sttheresaokland.org/pray/len-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.



Come and help decorate the church for Easter on **Saturday, April 4th, starting at 9:00 am.**

Stay for one or two hours as we transform the church for the Easter season.



**April 1, 2026**  
**Easter Break**

**Mass Intentions - March 28 - April 5**

Sat.	5:00 pm	Parish Community of St. Theresa
Sun.	9:00 am	✠ Ellen Horton
Mon.	8:30 am	For a world where no one is hungry or homeless
Tues.	8:30 am	For all who give of their time and talent in the parish
Wed.	8:30 pm	✠ Michael McShane
Thurs.	7:00 pm	Parish Community of St. Theresa
Fri.		No Mass
Sat.	8:00 pm	Parish Community of St. Theresa
Sun.	9:00 am	Parish Community of St. Theresa
	11:00 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://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.*

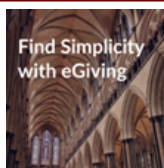
**Reception of the Precious Blood**

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 (March 16 - 22)**

Online: 48 Donors \$ 2,148.00  
 Mass Donations: 38 Donors \$ 3,118.00



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](mailto:admin@sttheresaokland.org) or 341.202.0077

**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.

**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, Olivia Cors, Evelyn Baca.



**Bishop's Ministries Appeal  
 2026 Parish Goal \$35,800**

<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

**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.

## A Word from our Pastor



Normally on Palm Sunday, I would speak about Holy Week that we begin today and remind all of the coming special commemorations of the Lord's Passion, death, and Resurrection. I invite all to participate. However, with a terrible war in the Holy Land, I want to spotlight the annual Good Friday collection that has supported the holy places where our commemorations actually took place, but is broadened by necessity this year. The Vatican gave this description, and I hope if you haven't regularly supported the Good Friday collection, you will do so this year. It is a terrible tragedy that so many sisters and brothers are now in dire need.

"The Prefect of the Dicastery for the Eastern Churches explains what the Good Friday Collection means in today's context of war: "For those who have lost everything in those lands, it is a matter of survival. As Christians, it is our duty to restore hope."

**By Stefano Leszczynski**

As every year, on Good Friday there will be a collection of offerings destined for the Holy Land—an important initiative of solidarity by the universal Church in support of the Churches and Christian communities of the Holy Land.

This year, the collection takes place in a context of war that seems to be spreading quickly, generating dramatic consequences for everyone in the region.

In a letter addressed to the entire Catholic Church to encourage contributions to the traditional Good Friday Collection, Cardinal Claudio Gugerotti, the Prefect of the Dicastery for the Eastern Churches, denounced the unceasing roar of weapons and invited everyone to reflect, so as not to become complicit with those who are setting the world on fire.

"I have the impression that most of the world does not realize the catastrophe that is striking our civilization. Those who promote war today are destroying everything that has been built since the Second World War," the cardinal stressed, "I am not speaking only of ideals, but also of people and things—even historical monuments of immense value."

### In this context, how should people understand the Collection for the Holy Land?

It is an assumption of responsibility toward our brothers and sisters who continue to die, struck by the senseless violence sweeping the world, and who have nothing to eat and nothing with which to care for themselves. We must take on their suffering, because they are not "other than us"—they are our very flesh.

Christian communities, which have always had the sense of being merely tolerated, now fear that they may no longer be tolerated at all. As a result, they want to flee.

Take what has happened in Syria, for example: in just a few years, we have lost 80% of Christians. This means that the Holy Land—the land where Jesus was born, where early Christianity developed, where the first liturgies were formed, where the first Fathers of the Church spoke to the world and enriched doctrine, where the Councils took place—is in danger of being emptied of the living Christian presence embodied by real men and women, which is an essential part of its identity.

As a Church, we cannot resign ourselves to this, nor can we abandon these communities—who are part of such a fate. Moreover, this discrimination does not affect only them, but all "minorities," which sooner or later are or will be threatened in the same way.

We are speaking of very ancient communities, with a clear and steadfast Christian faith, a strong spirit of solidarity, and a deep attachment to the Church, which has been a mother to all: caring for their children, finding housing so they could endure, supporting their small businesses, and above all keeping alive their faith and their sense of purpose. Where will they go? Who will welcome them? Who will preserve their identity, without which the Church itself would be deeply wounded?

**Normally, the proceeds of the collection are used for development projects, micro-enterprises, reconstruction, and the restoration of holy places. What are the priorities today?**

We are considering proposing to the Holy Father that part of the collection be allocated to paying school fees for Christian children attending our schools in the countries of the Holy Land and the Middle East.

These are poor families who go as far as to mortgage their homes in order to educate their children and ensure that their cultural heritage is not lost. Helping Christian families in this way also means helping them to remain and to guarantee a future for their children in their own lands. People have always been generous in contributing to the Holy Land Collection and knowing that their donations also enable children to return to school is certainly a strong encouragement to that generosity."

**Since many will not be able to attend on Good Friday when this collection is taken up, feel free to mark an envelope with 'Holy Land Collection' and drop it off new Sunday or anytime through the rectory mail slot. You can also use Online Giving to donate, <https://sttheresaokland.org/donate>, choose Good Friday Holy Land. Any and all amounts will make a difference!**

## Weekly Readings March 30 - April 5

### Monday:

Is 42:1-7

Ps 27

Jn 12:1-11

### Tuesday:

Is 49:1-6

Ps 71

Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

### Wednesday:

Is 50:4-9a

Ps 69

Mt 26:14-25

### Thursday:

Ex 12:1-8, 11-14

Ps 116

1 Cor 11:23-26

Jn 13:1-15

### Friday:

Is 52:13-53:12

Ps 31

Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9

Jn 18:1-19:42

### Saturday:

Gn 1:1-2:2

Gn 22:1-18

Ex 14:15-15:1

Is 54:5-14

Is 55:1-11

Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4

Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28

Rm 6:3-11

Lk 24:1-12

### Sunday:

Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Ps 118

1 Cor 5:6b-8

Easter Sequence

"Victimae paschali laudes"

Jn 20:1-9

## Parish Calendar

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