

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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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

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<https://sttheresaokland.org/calendar>

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Serving Hearts in Times of Need: Join Our Consolation Ministry

Our parish family is built on supporting one another, especially during life's most difficult moments. The Consolation Ministry is looking for compassionate volunteers to help us provide comfort and hospitality to grieving families during funeral receptions. Whether you have a talent for baking or simply a willing set of hands, there is a place for you in this vital ministry.

How You Can Help

We are looking for volunteers to assist in the following areas:

- Bakers: Provide homemade cookies or light treats to add a personal touch to the reception.
- Setup Team: Help transform the Meeting Rooms or Event Center into a welcoming space before the family arrives.
- Reception Staff: Assist with serving food/drinks and offering a warm presence during the event.
- Cleanup Crew: Help with "take down" and restoring the rooms after the reception concludes.

Why Join?

The gift of a shared meal and a stress-free environment allows families to focus on honoring their loved ones and finding peace. Even if you can only help once or twice a year, your contribution makes a profound difference.

If this is something you think you would like to be a part of, please let Cecile Cuttitta know. She can be reached by email at cecile.cuttitta@att.net or feel free to talk with her after Mass.



Memory Bears

Christus resurrexit!
Cristo è risorto!
Christos Aneste!

In any language, Christ Is Risen! A very happy and blessed Easter season to all from St. Theresa's Memory Bear makers! Yes, we're still here and still sewing, stuffing and decorating bears for those suffering the loss of a loved one and for those in hospice care. So, if you, or someone you know, are mourning the loss of a loved one and would like a special remembrance of that person, we would be happy to make a small bear(s) out of a favorite article of their clothing at no cost to you. You'll have a lovely (or handsome) little bear filled with your memories and made with our love.

If you have questions, need additional information, or would like a bear made, please get in touch with Marlene McShane at 510-653-2688 or Cecile Cuttitta at cecile.cuttitta@att.net.



Theme for the year:

"Pilgrims of Hope"

April 8, 2026

Easter Break

Mass Intentions - April 4 - 12

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
Mon.	8:30 am	✠	Peter Cuttitta
Tues.	8:30 am	✠	Mario Nardi
Wed.	8:30 pm	✠	Ida & Nick Monti
Thurs.	8:30 am		Claudia Rizzo
Fri.	8:30 am	✠	June Jordan
Sat.	5:00 pm	✠	Carmela DiGrazia
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://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."

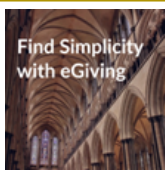
Sunday Offering

Sunday Collection (March 23 - 29)

Online: 47 Donors \$ 2,923.00
 Mass Donations: 42 Donors \$ 2,883.00

St. Vincent de Paul Collection

Online: 16 Donors \$ 997.00
 Mass Donations: 27 Donors \$ 1,325.00



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

Deceased

Please remember in your prayers, those who have died especially Richard Goss, cousin of Cecile Cuttitta; Mary Lynn Turano-Provenzano, aunt & great-aunt of Edward & Katie Turano; Judy Scuddeboom, cousin of Fr. Bob.

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 Coccores, 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 with a request to be added to the Friday Flocknote Group with your full name and email address.

A Word from our Pastor



Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Happy Easter to all and welcome one and all to our Easter Day Masses. We rejoice in the four adult women who were baptized, confirmed, and received the Eucharist at the Easter Vigil! How happy are we who celebrate the children's baptisms last night and for several in the weeks to come.

I offer some reflections again from Deacon Greg Kandra that I hope will help us celebrate.

"Several years ago, my wife and I made a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. One of the young women on the trip was a new Catholic; she had just joined the Church at the Easter Vigil.

I was curious and at one point asked her: "What was it that made you want to be Catholic?"

What she said surprised me. "It was my boss," she said. "I saw how he treated his family, his friends, those of us who worked for him. He's the kindest, most giving person I know. There is a light in him that never goes out."

That, she explained, is what it did. She summed it up:

"I wanted what he had." I've never forgotten that story. It challenges me every day.

Would anyone say that about me? I know my light sputters and flickers and sometimes it can be hard to see. But would anyone see that and see Christ? Would anyone say about me, "I want what he has?" Would anyone say that about any of us?

The Gospel today and for the next weeks of Easter will continue to try to describe what we celebrate: "At that time, Jesus revealed himself again to his disciples..."

Fundamentally, this is a story of revelation. Of realization. Of discovery. We read these accounts of the appearances of Jesus after the resurrection, and we are amazed and moved. They fill us with wonder. But we may forget:

Jesus hasn't finished revealing himself to a waiting world.

He didn't just appear to the women outside the tomb, or the apostles in the Upper Room, or the people on the way to Emmaus or the fishermen by the seashore.

He reveals himself today. And not just through the scripture we hear or the Eucharist we are about to receive.

He does it through us. All of us. In every walk of life. In our own day, Jesus reveals himself through religious sisters caring for lepers in Calcutta.

He reveals himself through volunteers at the Catholic Worker, feeding the helpless or the hopeless with bread and with the Word of God.

He reveals himself through a parent welcoming a new child into the world. Through a woman praying a rosary in an empty church. Through a priest getting up from his dinner table to hear a confession of a dying man in hospice. Through thirty five parishioners who travel to a poor place to build a house via Corazon for a family that has waited.

He reveals himself through a boss who treats his workers with dignity and compassion and something resembling love.

Wherever the Gospel is lived, wherever love is proclaimed, wherever life is affirmed, and mercy is offered, Jesus is revealed.

The fact is: part of our baptismal call is to live in such a way that we make Christ present to others, through us. When we are baptized, the priest or deacon hands over a flickering candle, the light of Christ, and asks us to keep it burning.

How well are we doing that? How sure is the flame of faith? How bright is the light?"

Let us not allow the current hostilities to continue to have grave repercussions on the civil population, by now at the limit of its endurance, and above all on the children. How much suffering we see in the eyes of the children: the children in those lands at war have forgotten how to smile! With those eyes, they ask us: Why? Why all this death? Why all this destruction? War is always an absurdity; war is always a defeat! Let us not allow the strengthening winds of war to blow on Europe and the Mediterranean. Let us not yield to the logic of weapons and rearming. Peace is never made with arms, but with outstretched hands and open hearts. Pope Leo last week boldly reaffirmed this truth of Catholic beliefs.

May the Risen One make the light of his face shine upon migrants and on all those who are passing through a period of economic difficulty and offer them consolation and hope in their moment of need. May Christ guide all persons of good will to unite themselves in solidarity, in order to address together the many challenges which, loom over the poorest families in their search for a better life and happiness.

May the light of the resurrection illumine our minds, convert our hearts, and make us aware of the value of every human life, which must be welcomed, protected and loved."

Thanks to all who travelled and prayed with our parish this Lent! Fr. Ngema's Bible study received rave reviews, the Seder Dinner was a wonderful, relaxed moment among friends, decorating for Lent, Palm Sunday and today, Easter was effective and easy with many who came to help. I hope a few of St. Theresa's wisdom will guide us beyond this time!

Remember, Easter is not just today, but because it is so central to our faith the Church celebrates for the next six weeks and then some. I too say: "A happy Easter to all!"

Weekly Readings April 6 - 12

Monday:

Acts 2:14, 22-33
Ps 16
Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday:

Acts 2:36-41
Ps 33
Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday:

Acts 3:1-10
Ps 105
Lk 24:13-35

Thursday:

Acts 3:11-26
Ps 8
Lk 24:35-48

Friday:

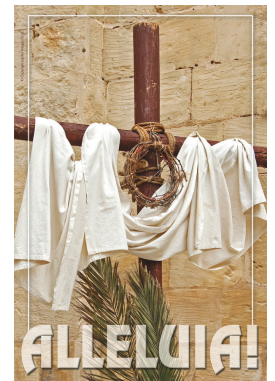
Acts 4:1-12
Ps 118
Jn 21:1-14

Saturday:

Acts 4:13-21
Ps 118
Mk 16:9-15

Sunday:

Acts 2:42-47
Ps 118
1 Pt 1:3-9
Jn 20:19-31



Parish Calendar

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