

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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Parish Calendar:

<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.

1st Holy Communion

We invite you to join us on Saturday, May 2nd, at 5:00 p.m. to celebrate a special milestone: our second graders' First Holy Communion. Let's gather as a community to welcome them to the Table of the Lord




April 25, 2026

**Mass and Celebration
with
Archbishop Peter
and the Fiji
Community**

All are invited to the 5:00 pm Mass with Archbishop Peter and Fijian community from the Bay Area.

Following Mass there will be a celebration in the Event Center. All are welcome.



Theme for the year:
"Pilgrims of Hope"

April 22, 2026

Kiona Medina, MFT
Coordinator of Life and Social Justice Ministries
for the Diocese of Oakland

Trauma healing and the Eucharist

Mass Intentions - April 18 - 26

Sat.	5:00 pm		Parish Community of St. Theresa
Sun.	9:00 am	✠	Frank Calamonaci
Mon.	8:30 am	✠	Jeanne Cuttitta
Tues.	8:30 am	✠	Alex Ruiz
Wed.	8:30 pm		For the children of the parish
Thurs.	8:30 am		For peace and an end to warfare
Fri.	8:30 am		For all who suffer from mental health issues
Sat.	5:00 pm	✠	Janet Raju
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.

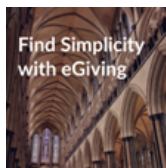
Reception of the Precious Blood

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 (April 6 - 12)

Online: 49 Donors \$ 3,668.00
 Mass Donations: 30 Donors \$ 2,439.00



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

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

A Word from our Pastor



Happy Easter! Christ is Risen! We continue to say these short salutations as words of hope for ourselves, all who we love and indeed all people. This is so unbelievable that the Church in its wisdom celebrates Easter for fifty (50) days.

I again thank all who made our Easter celebrations so wonderful! From the choir and musicians, environment decorators, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, greeters who welcomed larger gatherings at each Easter Mass this year to parish staff who diligently worked on behalf of all. We especially welcome the four adult women who are now fully part of us through Baptism and profession of faith. Thank you! Alleluia!

I have quoted Fr. Denis Hanly and find his Easter message worth reading again:

"I suppose all of us tend to think that the greatness of the Resurrection is in Jesus overcoming death.

Yet, at the same time, if that were true, why are we sitting here? Because that would have taken and happened a long, long time ago, almost two thousand years, and it would have been a fact in time.

For that is not why we are here. We are here because Jesus not only overcame death, not only rose from the dead, but is with us.

He has come to stay with us, as he promised. "For a short time, you will feel desperate," he told his disciples. "But I shall come again, and I shall be with you all days, even to the end of the world."

What keeps the church doors open is not a fact that Jesus rose from the dead and returned to his Father, something like perhaps we feel when we lose someone close to us, someone precious to us, and we mourn their passing, but we pray that they are happy in heaven with God Himself.

It is not that, it is... We do not speak of Jesus going to heaven. We speak of Jesus here and now, with us. It is the presence of Jesus, that he is with us, that makes us what we are and fills these lovely scriptures. It is he with us, to share our lives with us, to be with us every moment of those lives.

To be with us when we are happy and full of peace and contentment. To be with us in sorrow. To be with us when terrible things happen to us, like wars and rumors of wars, the destruction of peoples and cultures. And we know that he is even more present to us at those days, at those times, because it is a habit that all of us Christians have.

We become aware of the presence of Jesus, not so much when everything is going well, but when we're struck by fear, perhaps, or we need something and we need it desperately, and so then we run like children, frightened children, to Jesus who is our consolation.

And this is the way it should be. Think for a moment, though, how humiliating it is for God to become man. How terrible it is that He would become one of us, with all our limitations and our meanness.

When we speak of God's love, we speak of God saying: "I love them so much that I will become one with them, totally and completely." Not a God up in heaven waiting for us to die and join him there, but to walk with us and be with us as a human being.

It is his humanity that we reach out to. We hear the words he says, and we know that he comes from God, but the words are human words: "Love one another as I have loved you." "Do not be afraid." "I am with you all days, even to the end of time." "If you will come after me, you must pick up your cross and follow me."

These are the words that are spoken of wonderful, wonderful things, timeless things. But they are the words of a human being. And it's the words we treasure because his disciples wrote them down. So, today, what we're really celebrating is the joy of not something that happened so long ago, but the great joy of knowing that it happens every morning when we rise and we become aware that we are not alone."

On another note, the pope and the president and vice president have been in the news recently. I direct you to read comments from Msgr. Arthur Holquin, STL a retired priest friend of mine who is most articulate on these matters.

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Know I completely agree with Msgr. Holquin's words and am happy to speak with any of you further about them. I would also encourage all to watch the interview on 60 Minutes with the three active American Cardinals a week ago on that program. Continued Happy Easter to all!

Weekly Readings April 20 - 26

Monday:

Acts 6:8-15

Ps 119

Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday:

Acts 7:51-8:1a

Ps 31

Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday:

Acts 8:1b-8

Ps 66

Jn 6:35-40

Thursday:

Acts 8:26-40

Ps 66

Jn 6:44-51

Friday:

Acts 9:1-20

Ps 117

Jn 6:52-59

Saturday:

1 Pt 5:5b-14

Ps 89

Mk 16:15-20

Sunday:

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Ps 23

1 Pt 2:20b-25

Jn 10:1-10



Parish Calendar

Find out what is happening at the parish:

[https://
sttheresaokland.org/
calendar](https://sttheresaokland.org/calendar)