

# 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](https://www.facebook.com/StTheresaChurch/Oakland)

**YouTube:**

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

**Parish Main Line: 510.547.2777 (ext. 120)**

**Parish Office: (direct line) 341.202.0077**

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**Baptisms and Marriages**

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

**To arrange a Funeral**

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

**Family Faith Formation (Grades TK-5) & R.C.I.C.**

Keri Nims ~ [keri@sttheresaokland.org](mailto:keri@sttheresaokland.org)

**Middle School Youth Ministry (Grades 6-8)**

Keri Nims ~ [keri@sttheresaokland.org](mailto:keri@sttheresaokland.org)

**High School Youth Ministry/Confirmation**

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**R.C.I.A. Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**

Cathy Brady ~ [cathy\\_b@sttheresaokland.org](mailto:cathy_b@sttheresaokland.org)

**Parish Calendar:**

<https://sttheresaokland.org/calendar>

**Parish Organization Contacts**

**Pastoral Council:**

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## Welcome the Stranger-Summer 2026

The Corpus Christi Living Our Faith Committee in conjunction with St. Theresa's Social Justice Committee has agreed to accompany a family sponsored by the nonprofit organization, Welcome the Stranger. Welcome the Stranger (WTS) and its sister organization Shelter in Peace (SIP) were established as nonprofit organizations in 2017. The mission of Welcome the Stranger is to accompany families (immigrant or immigrant-descended) for a period of approximately one year, helping them to achieve financial, social and educational stability. Each family is given the opportunity to live in affordable housing and is additionally supported by an Accompaniment Team. The housing is arranged by SIP while the Accompaniment Team is arranged by WTS.

**Meet the Family:** Katherine, Carlos, Alexcia (5) and Amayrani (newborn), Living in Alameda until December, -Rent & Utilities covered through June

**What We've Done:** Connected with food bank resources & community college access, Connected with doula & midwife support, Created a family budget, Purchased baby essentials (car seat, stroller)

**Current Situation:** Family income should cover expenses after June, Saving toward financial independence by December, Still financially vulnerable to unexpected cost

**Our Commitment:** Ongoing guidance and support, Financial assistance through December 2026, if needed

**How You Can Help:** Contribute to 2026 Community Care Fund - goal: \$10,000 (to be held in trust through Living Our Faith at Corpus Christi), Enable us to cover (if needed) rent, utilities or other essential expenses

**How to Give:** Zelle (see QR Code), Check payable to Corpus Christi Church (Note 2026 Community Care Fund on the check)

**Questions:** Jim Beck ([Jimbeck282@gmail.com](mailto:Jimbeck282@gmail.com)) or Lydia Tinajero-Deck ([ltdeck@me.com](mailto:ltdeck@me.com))



Thank you for your generosity---Your support provides our family with stability, dignity and hope.

### St. Theresa Parish Sunday Mass Time Survey

"It is in listening to His word, in nourishing ourselves with His Body and His Blood, that He moves us on from being a multitude to being a community, from anonymity to communion." ~ Pope Francis

In the spirit of 'community in communion', we recognize that the Church is made of living stones—the people of this parish. As we look to make our Sunday Liturgy as vibrant and accessible as possible for our parish community, we are evaluating our Sunday morning Mass schedule. Your input is vital to this effort.

Please complete this brief survey by June 1st, 2026 to help us better serve our parish family.

Your responses will directly shape how we gather together on Sunday at the Table of the Lord. Please note that this survey is anonymous, and we appreciate your candid responses.

**Mass Survey Link:**

<https://forms.gle/2KoaUQvou1No8Yr58>



**Carousel** – In a late 19th-century coastal village in Maine, the carefree carnival barker Billy Bigelow marries gentle millworker Julie Jordan. Their lives take a tragic turn when Billy loses his job just as Julie reveals her pregnancy, leading him to commit a robbery out of desperation. Caught and facing a dark fate, Billy takes his own life, but is granted one day to return to Earth 15 years later. During this brief reunion, he meets his lonely teenage daughter, who has suffered under the weight of his tarnished legacy. Through this poignant encounter, Billy rekindles hope and dignity within both his daughter and Julie, showcasing the enduring power of love despite the shadows of his past.

This year our Men's Club Summer Outing at Woodmister will be Carousel on Sunday July 12.

The play is at 8:00 pm preceded by our optional regular picnic dinner beforehand inside the theater, above the stage. Doors open at 5:30 pm.

The adult half-price tickets are \$32/each. Please contact Luigi Bonacini at [labona@sbcglobal.net](mailto:labona@sbcglobal.net) with your request by Monday, July 6.



## JOIN THE ALTAR SERVER MINISTRY

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE AT:  
SCHOOL FRONT DESK  
PARISH WEBSITE

**TRAINING IN APRIL**

QUESTIONS, EMAIL: [J\\_BRUNI@STTHERESASCHOOL.ORG](mailto:J_BRUNI@STTHERESASCHOOL.ORG)

**Mass Intentions - June 1 - 7**

Sat.	5:00 pm	Parish Community of St. Theresa
Sun.	9:00 am	✠ Alex Ruiz
Mon.	8:30 am	Mark Suarez
Tues.	8:30 am	Diane Marie Oliverez
Wed.	8:30 pm	Sandy Hermerding
Thurs.	8:30 am	Jim Hermerding
Fri.	8:30 am	✠ Justin Aycock
Sat.	5:00 pm	Parish Community of St. Theresa
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://sttheresaoakland.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.*

**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.

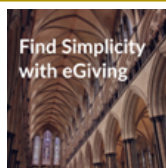
**Reception of the Precious Blood**

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 (May 18-24)**

Online: 43 Donors	\$ 2,013.00
Mass Donations: 32 Donors	\$ 2,986.00



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://sttheresaoakland.org/donate>

*Thank you for giving generously to St. Theresa Parish*

**Schedule a Mass Intention Online!**

<https://sttheresaoakland.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@sttheresaoakland.org](mailto:admin@sttheresaoakland.org) or 341.202.0077

**Parish Maintenance and Improvement Collection**

The second collection for the Parish Maintenance and Improvement Fund will be on June 6 & 7 . You may also use Online Giving for this collection.

**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 McEville, 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, Aglaia Panos, Keri Nims, Jerome Deck, Sr.



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

<https://www.oakdiocese.org/bishops-appeal-donation-page>

Percentage Achieved 17%  
\$6,069 as of April 30, 2026

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://sttheresaoakland.org/about-us/contact-us>

OR

**Email** [cathy\\_b@sttheresaoakland.org](mailto:cathy_b@sttheresaoakland.org) with a request to be added to the Friday Flocknote Group with your full name and email address.

**A Message from Cathy Brady**

May 29, 2026

Dear St. Theresa Community,

Life is full of beautiful seasons of change, and after much prayer and reflection I believe the time has come for me to move into my next one and officially retire. The decision hasn't been an easy one, being a part of the staff and leadership of St. Theresa for the past 21+ wonderful years as Liturgy Director and OCIA Director has been a great honor.

It has been an absolute privilege and blessing to serve this parish family. When I first began this ministry over two decades ago, I could not have anticipated how deeply this community would shape my own faith and life.

In my role with the Liturgy, my goal has always been to help our community encounter the living God through beautiful, reverent worship. From coordinating our weekend Masses to navigating the rich complexities of Holy Week, your devotion and participation have been a constant source of inspiration to me. I am incredibly grateful to our past and present pastors, as well as the hundreds of volunteer lectors, Eucharistic ministers, ushers, sacristans, altar servers, greeters and the numerous people who have worked to create the beautiful church environment and all who have labored alongside me to make our liturgies a true offering of praise.

In my role with OCIA (formerly RCIA), I have had the sacred honor of walking alongside numerous inquirers on their journey into the Catholic Church. Witnessing the Holy Spirit transform lives, seeing Elect stand at the font during the Easter Vigil, and watching them and the candidates become vibrant members of our parish has been a great joy. You have allowed me to witness the miracle of conversion up close, year after year.

My retirement will take place in mid-August, an exact date has not been set. We are working to make sure everything is covered before I retire. There are many areas beyond Liturgy and OCIA that need to be covered.

Thank you for your trust, your partnerships in ministry, and your prayers over the last 21 years. Please continue to pray for me as I begin this next chapter, and know that you will remain always in my prayers.

May the Lord continue to bless our parish and guide us.

With deep gratitude and affection in Christ,

*Cathy Brady*

Director of Liturgy and OCIA  
St, Theresa Parish

**Weekly Readings  
June 1 - 7**

**Monday:**

2 Pt 1:2-7  
Ps 91  
Mk 12:1-12

**Tuesday:**

2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18  
Ps 90  
Mk 12:13-17

**Wednesday:**

2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12  
Ps 123  
Mk 12:18-27

**Thursday:**

2 Tm 2:8-15  
Ps 25  
Mk 12:28-34

**Friday:**

2 Tm 3:10-17  
Ps 119  
Mk 12:35-37

**Saturday:**

2 Tm 4:1-8  
Ps 71  
Mk 12:38-44

**Sunday:**

Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a  
Ps 147  
1 Cor 10:16-17  
Jn 6:51-58



**Parish Calendar**

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