

# 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)**

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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.

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

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### High School Youth Ministry/Confirmation

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

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### Parish Calendar:

<https://sttheresaokland.org/calendar>

### Parish Organization Contacts

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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.

*Volunteers Needed*  
*to run the slideshows at Mass*

Contact Rob Cakebread to volunteer for this vital ministry.  
Training will be provided.  
[rob@sttheresaoakland.org](mailto:rob@sttheresaoakland.org)

**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 out 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.

**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.”

**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 6 - 14**

Sat.	5:00 pm	Parish Community of St. Theresa
Sun.	9:00 am	Parish Community of St. Theresa
Mon.	8:30 am	For Peace in our World
Tues.	8:30 am	For the children of the parish
Wed.	8:30 pm	✠ Pat Tynan
Thurs.	8:30 am	For all traveling on vacation
Fri.	8:30 am	✠ John Kelly
Sat.	5:00 pm	Parish Community of St. Theresa
Sun.	9:00 am	Parish Community of St. Theresa

**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

**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.*

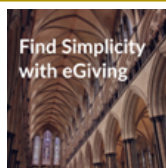
**Sunday Offering**

**Sunday Collection (May 25 - 31)**

Online: 41 Donors \$ 1,743.00  
 Mass Donations: 41 Donors \$ 2,736.00

**St. Vincent de Paul**

Online: 10 Donors \$ 691.00  
 Mass Donations: 30 Donors \$ 1,590.00



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*

**Catholic Communications Campaign**

Next week our special collection supports the Catholic Communication Campaign. This campaign connects people with Christ and builds Catholic communities in the United States and developing countries using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half of the money collected remains here in the Oakland Diocese to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the Gospel message! To learn more, visit [www.usccb.org/cc](http://www.usccb.org/cc).



**Deceased**

Please remember in your prayers, those who have died especially John Ospitel.

**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, 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 33%  
 \$11,720 as of May 31, 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://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

Congratulations are in order to our graduating class of 2026 from our school this past Friday and to all parishioners who are graduating at this time. You deserve the accolades for your diligence and success, and we pray whatever school or job the next phase is in your life that God will bless you and help you in the next adventures.

Last week you heard about some more staff changes that are approaching. In the coming week, we will be interviewing a couple of candidates to come on the parish staff as a Religious Education coordinator. Your prayers will be helpful for us to find the right candidate to hire. I will have more to say in the coming weeks.

I mentioned Pope Leo's encyclical and continue to read the whole text. I hope in the fall; we can have several forums to discuss these matters. I offer the following today, a completion of several secular comments to again tell you what it is about and encourage you to read the whole text.

"Humanity, created by God in all its grandeur, is today facing a pivotal choice: either to construct a new Tower of Babel or to build the city in which God and humanity dwell together."

The opening words of Pope Leo XIV's first encyclical, Magnifica humanitas: On Safeguarding the Human Person in the Time of Artificial Intelligence, summarize its underlying reasons and purpose.

Published on Monday, May 25, the Pope signed the encyclical on May 15, the 135th anniversary of the promulgation of Pope Leo XIII's *Rerum novarum*.

Pope Leo XIV has taken up the legacy of his predecessor, writing a social encyclical which addresses one of the principal challenges of the contemporary age: artificial intelligence.

Divided into five chapters, Magnifica humanitas has an underlying premise: technology is not "a force antagonistic to humanity", nor is it "inherently evil". However, "technology is never neutral, because it takes on the characteristics of those who devise, finance, regulate, and use it.

Therefore, Pope Leo XIV appeals for people to build "for the common good" and to "remain human," following a courageous mentality of shared responsibility and communion, so that the world "will come to recognize the human heart as the place where God desires to dwell".

Katie Prejean McGrady sums it up this way on her [Substack](#):

It is well worth reading in full, because it is a wonderfully written, deeply thoughtful, clearly prayed through text that I think will stand the test of time. Leo's first encyclical shows us his heart, and invites us to consider what is happening in this current age and how each of us is uniquely grand, dignified, valuable, and loved.

She offers 10 takeaways on the encyclical and concludes:

We are not without hope in the age of AI. In fact, we should never be without hope when facing change. Because it is precisely in the face of change that God shows the strength of his arm, and the scattering of the proud, as he casts down the mighty, lifts up the lowly, fills the hungry with good things, and sends the rich away empty-handed. This is what Mary proclaims, what she prays, when faced with a challenge and a wild change in her life. She "bursts into a hymn of praise and joy. Her soul magnifies the Lord, and her spirit rejoices in God her Savior, because he chose a young, poor, and humble girl for his plan of salvation." (MH 243). In the age of AI, we must do the same. Just like Mary, we can see God's invisible work in history and among mankind and ultimately direct our gaze to His Face.

"So-called artificial intelligences do not undergo experiences, do not possess a body, do not feel joy or pain, do not mature through relationships and do not know from within what love, work, friendship or responsibility mean," Leo writes.

The document is the fruit of 10 years of dialogue on ethics between the Vatican and the tech industry, a source engaged in the church's outreach to the tech industry but not authorized to speak publicly on the encyclical said ahead of its release. Tech leaders "were interested in wisdom from the church" regarding "how best to serve humanity," the source said. "We are trying to engage all these companies with the wisdom of the church and the wisdom of anybody of goodwill."

In the encyclical, Leo said AI must be freed from an "armed" logic of competition driven by the pursuit of geopolitical and commercial dominance.

"To disarm does not mean rejecting technology, but preventing it from dominating humanity," he wrote.

[EWTN's news agency](#) noted:

According to Pope Leo, the central question — safeguarding our humanity — is something everyone should have a role in answering.

The encyclical's 245 paragraphs are broken down into an introduction and five chapters, with the first two dedicated to an explanation of the development of the Church's Social Doctrine from Pope Leo XIII to today, the main principles of that doctrine, and how they can be applied to the current technological age.

Chapter three introduces "the technocratic paradigm" of artificial intelligence and the imbalance of digital power.

Chapter four turns to the importance of safeguarding truth, democracy, work, education, and human freedom in the age of AI, while the fifth chapter is dedicated to an analysis of the normalization of war, the fight for power, and how everyone has a responsibility to help build a civilization of love through the cultivation of peace and justice.

Throughout the encyclical, Leo draws on the image of construction to ask how humanity will respond to the new technological age. Humanity, he says, must choose between building the Tower of Babel ([Genesis 11:1-9](#)) and building a city where God and humanity can dwell together, as Nehemiah gathered together people to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem after the Babylonian exile ([Nehemiah 2-6](#)).

"In light of these two images, the Holy Spirit challenges us today regarding our relationship with technology and the ongoing digital revolution," he writes. "Technology has the power to heal, connect, educate and protect our common home; but it can also divide, exclude and generate new forms of injustice."

"In practice, however, technology is never neutral, because it takes on the characteristics of those who devise it, finance it, regulate it and use it," he writes.



## Weekly Readings June 8 - 14

### Monday:

1 Kgs 17:1-6  
Ps 121  
Mt 5:1-12

### Tuesday:

1 Kgs 17:7-16  
Ps 4  
Mt 5:13-16

### Wednesday:

1 Kgs 18:20-39  
Ps 16  
Mt 5:17-19

### Thursday:

Acts 11:21b-26  
Ps 65  
Mt 5:20-26

### Friday:

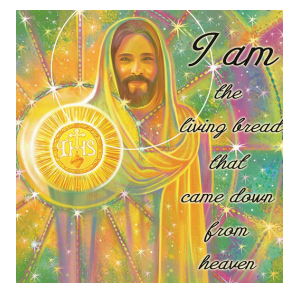
Dt 7:6-11  
Ps 103  
1 Jn 4:7-16  
Mt 11:25-30

### Saturday:

1 Kgs 19:19-21  
Ps 16  
Mt 5:33-37

### Sunday:

Ex 19:2-6a  
Ps 100  
Rm 5:6-11  
Mt 9:36-10:8



## Parish Calendar

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