

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

**Facebook:** StTheresaChurch/Oakland

**YouTube:**

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCn5JX1e3QrQXTsa\\_7qmNClw](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@sttheresaoakland.org](mailto:admin@sttheresaoakland.org)

### To arrange a Funeral

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

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

### Parish Calendar:

<https://sttheresaoakland.org/calendar>

### Parish Organization Contacts

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**Mass Intentions - June 27-July 5**

|        |         |                                                    |
|--------|---------|----------------------------------------------------|
| Sat.   | 5:00 pm | Parish                                             |
| Sun.   | 9:00 am | Parish                                             |
| Mon.   | 8:30 am | For the youth of our parish                        |
| Tues.  | 8:30 am | For all who live in the shadow of war and violence |
| Wed.   | 8:30 pm | For all who are burdened by poverty                |
| Thurs. | 8:30 am | For all traveling on vacation                      |
| Fri.   | 8:30 am | ✠ Michael and Diane Stack                          |
| Sat.   | 5:00 pm | Parish                                             |
| Sun.   | 9:00 am | Parish                                             |

**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.*

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

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**July 3, 2026****9:00 AM - 4:30 PM****Benediction  
4:30 PM****Sunday Offering****Sunday Collection (June 15-21)**

Online: 47 Donors \$ 2,373.00  
Mass Donations: 40 Donors \$ 3,251.00

**Find Simplicity with eGiving**

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*

**Second Collection: Parish Maintenance**

The second collection for the Parish Maintenance and Improvement Fund will be on July 4 and 5. You may also use Online Giving for this collection.

**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

**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, Tom Salvatore.

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

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

Percentage Achieved 35%  
\$12,370 as of June 24, 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

By the time some of you read this, I will be on a plane flying to Miami and then on Wednesday to Bonaire. I have visited Bonaire (very close to Aruba and Curaçao) many times. I enjoy the quiet, the 40 or more places a snorkeler can walk into the ocean and immediately find coral reefs with all their beauty and hidden ocean creatures, in addition to friends, sleep, good food and no deadlines.



I will say my prayers for you as I do every day. I hope to return unblemished by the sun, rested and fully equipped to navigate the challenges confronting most parishes. With that renewed spirit, I plan to tackle some of the impediments that face us as a parish.

In August we will say farewell to Cathy Brady, who wrote to all of you about her retirement. After decades of excellent and faithful ministry and service to this parish community, Cathy deserves a sendoff like the farewells we have given all the priests who have ministered here over the years. She is very clear that she does not want that to happen in her case, and I must respect her wish. I assure you I have tried to change her mind on this a few times. I hope each of you that has benefited from her ministry and service will thank her in your own way. I plan on writing more about how she has guided us when I am back at the end of July.

We have interviewed a few people to become our director of Religious Education. We made an offer to one person who, with very sincere and legitimate reasons, has declined the offer. For now, I will review another person's references. Please say an extra prayer that the Holy Spirit will help us find the right person soon to guide our children and some adults in the inexhaustible treasures of our religion.

A few weeks ago, many of you were kind enough to vote for the possible change of our Sunday Mass time. As that survey was being completed, the bishop called me to say that he was thinking of adding an ethnic church community. This community is being displaced because of the imminent closure of their parish. This notice happened after the scheduling survey was distributed. If this call had happened earlier, we would not have asked for your opinion on the Mass schedule. If this community begins to use our parish facilities, we will not be able to change the schedule.

This is not a finalized agreement. I am waiting for the bishop's decision which would require negotiating an agreement about how we would work together and guarantee our parish's priorities. At this time, I cannot disclose more about this possibility. The ultimate decision belongs to the bishop who essentially steers the course and fate of all parishes. Again, please join me in prayers this summer that the Holy Spirit will guide the process.

We also need your prayers for a fair and just resolution of the diocesan bankruptcy situation. During a confidential meeting that all the pastors of the diocese were called to attend, we were advised to convene our Parish Finance Committees for their advice on the contribution each parish will be assessed when an agreement is finally reached and signed. Every parish will contribute, and others have already been told that they will be closing, so the property can be sold to fund the settlement. Some parishes have idle property that will be parceled off and sold. One parish inherited a house that was used for its youth ministry. They have been advised that the ministry will have to move because the house will be put on the market.

The expectation that was to be given to each parish last Monday has been delayed, but I wanted you to know that I met with our Finance Council last Wednesday. The letter may arrive during the next three weeks, but I wanted to advise you about what we have been told to communicate, and we will act within the time the diocese allows us.

Once again, be assured I have three fun books to read, the nightly libation lined up, hats and sun proof clothes to wear in and out of the water. Fortunately, my breviary and missal are on my iPad, so I will pray for you each day and ask that you pray for our parish, diocese, and me. On August 1, I will have tried to serve you for 15 years. I am not trying to beat the record of the first of your six pastors but have now jumped ahead of almost three of my predecessors. With gratitude for all your ongoing support, see you at the end of July!

Weekly Readings  
June 28-July 5

## Monday:

12: Acts 1-11

Ps 34

2 Tim 4:6-8, 17-18

## Tuesday:

Amos 3: 1-8; 4:11-12

Ps 5

Mt 8:23-27

## Wednesday:

Amos 5:14-15, 21-24

Ps 50

Mt: 8:28-34

## Thursday:

Amos 7:10-17

Ps 19

2 Cor 5:19

## Friday:

Eph 2:19-22

Ps 117

Jn 20: 24-29

## Saturday:

Amos 9:11-15

Ps 85

Mt 9: 14-17

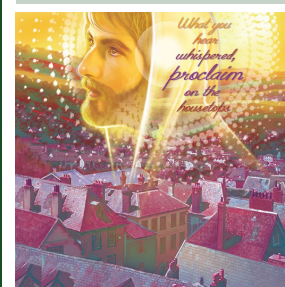
## Sunday:

2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a

Ps 89

Rom 6:3-4, 8-11

Mt 10:37-42

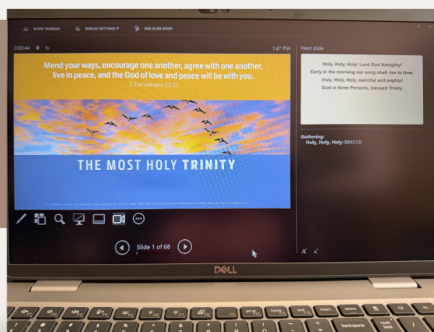


## Parish Calendar

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

# 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 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.

## 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.



### 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."



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APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE AT:  
SCHOOL FRONT DESK  
PARISH WEBSITE

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