

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

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https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCn5JX1e3QrQXTsa_7qmNCIw

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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.

Martha Gamino ~ martha@sttheresaokland.org

Middle School Youth Ministry (Grades 6-8)

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O.C.I.A. Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

Lydia Deck ~ lydia@sttheresaokland.org

Parish Calendar:

<https://sttheresaokland.org/calendar>

Parish Organization Contacts

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Register for Faith Formation

Kinderchurch (3 yrs - Kinder)
Family Faith Formation (Grades 1-5)
First Reconciliation
First Eucharist
Middle School (Grades 6-8)

Click on the link below to register.
If you have any questions contact Martha Gamino at
martha@sttheresaoakland.org

REGISTER

**Interested in helping with KinderChurch or the Sunday
Religious Formation Classes?**

Please contact our Faith Formation Coordinator
Martha Gamino to find out how you can help.
martha@sttheresaoakland.org



O.C.I.A.

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

ARE YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW INTERESTED IN JOINING
THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?

ARE YOU UNBAPTIZED, SEEKING A FAITH COMMUNITY?
OR
ARE YOU BAPTIZED IN ANOTHER FAITH?
OR
ARE YOU A BAPTIZED CATHOLIC SEEKING TO COMPLETE THE
SACRAMENTS OF FIRST EUCHARIST AND/OR
CONFIRMATION?

OCIA might be just what you are looking for.
A new inquiry session will begin in September.

Contact Lydia Deck at lydia@sttheresaoakland.org
(starting July 26, 2026)
for more information, or to register for our sessions beginning in September.



Through Christ Our Lord

Please mark your calendars for a Saint Theresa
Men's Club regrouping
meeting on Sunday, September 13th at 8:00
AM in the Hall.

Our Men's Club has not formally met since the
start of the COVID pandemic, and it is now
time to reassemble and establish the club's future direction. At this meeting, we plan to address several key questions:

- Parish and School Events: What activities should the club undertake to assist with these events (e.g., parish picnic, back-to-school, pancake breakfast, school auction, ravioli dinner, others)?
- Social Activities: What social activities should the club host (e.g., Monday Night Football at Kingfish, golf, summer play in the park, others)?
- Other Activities: What other initiatives should the club conduct or support?
- Leadership: Who will serve as the club's officers?
- Meeting Schedule: How often should we meet, and when should the meetings be held?



Wed, Sept 30
9:30-11:30am at St. Theresa's Oakland
RSVP for details and directions:
<https://tinyurl.com/phoebeforum>
shannonekozubik.com

 Discerning Deacons

Best Regards, Basil Fedynyshyn 925-899-5404

Mass Intentions - September 12 - 20

Sat.	5:00 pm	Parish Community of St. Theresa
Sun.	9:00 am	Parish Community of St. Theresa
Mon.	8:30 am	For the sick and homebound of the parish
Tues.	8:30 am	Tim and Megan Szarmick & Family
Wed.	8:30 am	St. Theresa School Families
Thurs.	8:30 am	✠ Gladys Jones
Fri.	8:30 am	✠ Marcela Tabas
Sat.	5:00 pm	✠ Tom McDonough
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.

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 or herself."

Low Gluten Hosts

Low Gluten Hosts are available at all weekend Masses. Please speak with an usher or visit <https://sttheresaoakland.org/parish-crossroads> for information.

Sunday Offering**Sunday Collections (August 31 - September 6)**

Online Giving: 58 Donors	\$ 3,723.00
Mass Donation: 39 Donors	\$3,724.00

Parish Maintenance and Improvement Fund

Online Giving (Aug. 3 - Sept. 6): 43 Donors.	\$ 2,027.00
Mass Donation: 28 Donors	\$1,340.00

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://sttheresaoakland.org/donate>

Thank you for giving generously to St. Theresa Parish

Friday Flocknote and Bulletin Submission Deadlines

Bulletin and Friday Flocknote articles are due Tuesday evening for inclusion in the Friday and weekend publications. The publications are produced and printed on Wednesday.

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 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, 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, Susan Buller, Ann Springer, Ray Bertolotti, William McCarthy, Cindy Crimmins, Fred & Lidia Loupy, Rebecca Rogers, Kathleen Guevara, Clarence Robinson, Armando Diaz de Leon, Bonnie & John Bouey, 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, 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, Tom Salvatore, and Pauline Shear

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 admin@sttheresaoakland.org with a request to be added to the Friday Flocknote Group with your full name and email address.

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

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

Percentage Achieved 46%
\$16,540 as of JAugust31, 2026

Donation Envelopes are available in the church vestibule
Checks must be made out to the Roman Catholic Bishop of Oakland

A Word from our Pastor



This weekend marks 25 years since the 9/11 attack on the World Trade Center.

Sadly, as a people or country, we have still not learned that war solves nothing. I recently wondered why my dad never spoke about his experiences during World War II. He was on the ground in Europe after assisting pilots during the Normandy Invasion. My Godfather was wounded in Belgium, and this forever changed his life. He too could not speak of the horrors he witnessed.

Pope Leo continues to reiterate what popes have been saying for decades: In his Message for the 11th World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, Pope Leo warns that war has consequences that destroy far beyond the battlefield and says that We are to imitate the Lord's offering of peace, to work toward peace in the world.

By Deborah Castellano Lubov (from the Vatican news page)

"In place of the weapons of war, the God of peace grants us the strength to heal, to reconcile and to build a civilization of love." Pope Leo said this in his *Message for the 11th World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation*, published on Thursday by the Holy See Press Office. The Church observes the World Day on September 1st, with this year's theme: "They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks," (Isaiah 2:4).

In this way, the Holy Father insisted, we are called to safeguard the many "ecosystems" entrusted to us: the ecosystems of creation, of human relationships and of the human heart itself. "The true tools for building peace," Pope Leo underscored, "are not weapons of destruction: instead, they are truth, dialogue, patience, goodness, justice, mercy, understanding, care and love," which he said, "flow from hearts shaped by the Gospel and sustained by God's grace."

Healing Wounds of our World

Only these qualities, he acknowledged, possess the power to transform individuals, renew communities and heal the wounds of our world. The Holy Father confirmed that the path before us is not easy but is clear. "We are called," he said, "to allow our hearts to be renewed, so that we might seek peace and care for creation."

Called to Collaborate with God to combat Crises and Suffering

In his message, the Holy Father observed that if we take up this task with humility and faith, we will become collaborators in God's work of renewal. He lamented that today we are witnessing many crises and much human suffering. At the same time, he noted that it seems the disruption to the harmonious balance of creation is accelerating.

The Path of Authentic Ecological Conversion

"What has been used for destruction," he reflected, "can be redirected toward life, toward the care of the poor, the nourishment of the hungry, and the safeguarding of creation." With this as the path of authentic ecological conversion and "where the effects of our encounter with Jesus Christ become evident in our relationship with the world around us," he said, "Peace begins in the heart and flows outward to our relationships, communities and the broader world." Despite the "enormous" challenges, Pope Leo reassures that God does not leave us without the means of healing and transformation.

Finally, he prayed: "May the Lord grant us the courage to walk along this path, so that in our time, swords may indeed be beaten into plowshares, and the promise of the Gospel may take deeper root in our world, and the peace of Christ may reign over all of creation."

Pray for an end of all war! Pray for peace each day! Work for peace and justice!

Weekly Readings September 14-20

Monday:
Numbers 21:4b-9
Ps 78
John: 3:13-17

Tuesday:
1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a
Ps 100
John 19: 25-27

Wednesday:
1 Cor 12:31 – 13:13
Ps 33
Luke 7:31-35

Thursday:
1 Cor 15: 1-11
Ps 118
Matt 11:28

Friday:
1 Cor 15: 12-20
Ps 17
Luke 8:1-3

Saturday:
1 Cor 15: 35 - 37, 42-49
Ps 56
Luke 8:4-15

Sunday:
Isaiah 55:6-9
Ps 145
Phil 1:20c-24,27a
Matt 20:1-16a

Parish Calendar

Find out what is happening at the parish:

sttheresaOakland.org/calendar