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JANUARY 1, 2023

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THE
HOLY MOTHER OF GOD



Mary
kept all these things,
reflecting on them
in her heart.

~ Luke 2:19

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MASS INTENTIONS - DECEMBER 31 - JANUARY 8

Sat. 5:00 pm Parish Community of St. Theresa
 Sun. 9:00 am Parish Community of St. Theresa

Mon. 8:30 am
 Tues. 8:30 am
 Wed. 8:30 am
 Thurs. 8:30 am
 Fri. 8:30 am

Sat. 5:00 pm † Deborah Martin
 Sun. 9:00 am Parish Community of St. Theresa

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SUNDAY OFFERING**ONLINE GIVING :**

(December 12 - 18) 55 DONORS \$ 2,218.50

MASS/DROP-OFF/MAILED DONATIONS:

(December 12 - 18) 35 DONORS \$ 2,594.00

Due to an early publishing date the donation information for December 24 & 25 will be in the January 8th bulletin.



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SEMINARY COLLECTION, JANUARY 7 & 8

The Diocese of Oakland is blessed to have many seminarians preparing for priesthood. The formation program for a seminarian can be up to nine years long, depending on the seminarian's prior education. The cost to the diocese of educating our future priests is substantial. Please make a personal investment in your future priests by generously contributing to the Seminary Collection using Online Giving.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS ALL THOSE WHO ARE ILL ESPECIALLY:

Matt Mercier, Heidi Parmelee, Aiden Farinella, Dolores Gomez, Alegria Hipolito, Betty Wharton, Juanita Estrella, Leslie Fischer, Mike Reilly, Dorothy Donnelly, Olga Lamberti, Wendy Parmelee, Roger Baylocq, Ida Scodella, Alicia Gonzalez, Denise Moore, Diana Martinez, Susan Springer, Margie Sullivan, Maddie Heitkemper, Joan Simmons, Badri Nakhjavani, Eddie Bradford, Wendy Jones, Bob Rogers, Orlanda Gonzalez, Kevin Chapman, Diane Cerille, Ruth McCabe, Tom Wilberding, Shirley Roberts, Karen Milliman, Anita Perricelli, Danny Ramos, Mark Leonard, Christopher Rodriguez, Maryanne Walsh, Rhonda Santeen, John Whatley, Bishop John Cummins, Nancy Coyne, Kevin Stallone, Herman Carmassi, Della Spinelli, Jeanne Cuttitta, Susan Buller, Amy Kantowitz, Ann Springer, Guy Wallace, Ray Bertolotti, William McCarthy, Cindy Crimmins, Fred & Lidia Loupy, Rebecca Rogers, Kathleen Guevara, Clarence Robinson, Armando Diaz de Leon, Fr. Ron Schmidt, Patty Estopinal, Msgr. Slade Crawford, Laura Jones, Jeff Mills, Mary Pat Power, Bonnie & John Bouey, Ann Maramba Farrell, Susan Rubio, Martin Tierney, Denise Baylocq, Fr. Paul Schmidt.

LIVING STEWARDSHIP

To find out more about refugees and ways to offer practical help, contact Jesuit Refugee Services or Catholic Relief Services. Pray for all refugees and prisoners of conscience.

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BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINES

January 1 bulletin was due by December 19 (**Monday**)
 January 8 bulletin was due by December 29 (**Thursday**)
 January 15 bulletin is due by January 6 (Friday)
 January 22 bulletin is due by January 13 (Friday)
 Items must be received by 4:00 pm on the due date.
 Email to cathy_b@sttheresaokland.org.

**Bishop's Ministries Appeal 2022**

St. Theresa Parish Goal - \$35,800

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

Percentage Achieved **62.48%**
\$22,369.50 as of December 15, 2022

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

HAPPY NEW YEAR! HAPPY 2023!

I hope everyone had a joyous Christmas day and the days of celebrating Christmas continue in your lives! Our prayer for all who belong to St. Theresa and for all who visit is that God will bless each of you abundantly with peace, good health, good friends and family, every blessing under heaven each day of 2023!

One staff member has said a few times that with the never ending Covid pandemic and other challenges and tragedies of the past year, it has seemed that 2020 has never ended. My prayer is that it will indeed end this year and as we are more and more getting back to a pre-pandemic normal, that trend will continue.

At the end of this last year, we had to postpone our school Christmas concert, keep each grade in their classrooms for the Immaculate Conception Mass. I concluded the school year with a prayer service over the PA system and then went to each classroom giving the St. Nicholas Blessing to every child. We did this because of the upswing of Covid, the flu and RSV even in our school and parish community. With common sense precautions, I pray we will have a fresh start now and a good year filled with good health. Another staff member expressed that if the Lord has been teaching us a lesson with the pandemic, our prayer is: 'we've learned the lesson, Lord, please move on to the next lesson of your love.'

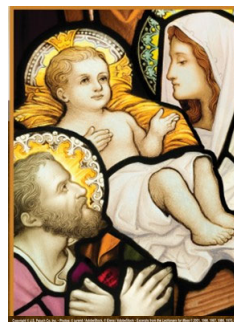
Many thanks to all who came to celebrate Christmas last weekend and to all who decorated the Church the Sunday before, the choirs who practiced throughout Advent, the lectors, ushers, Eucharistic ministers, sacristans, sound and video ministers and greeters. Each of you made our celebration great as we praised God for sending his Son to save us! I say it again, remember, Christmas is not one day a year, it is acknowledging God's unconditional love by becoming like us. God became like us so that one day we can be more like God. This reminds to

keep practicing by showing God's love to our world by what we say and do.



This past year we had a full four weeks to mark Advent. With that configuration, December 30 was designated to be the day to celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. Today we honor Holy Mary as the Mother of God and pray for world peace. Often the Holy Family is celebrated on the Sunday following Christmas. Since it is tucked into a weekday this cycle, I ask God to bless every family in our parish and print Pope Francis' prayer of a few years ago to the Holy Family:

PRAYER TO THE HOLY FAMILY



*Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
in you we contemplate
the splendor of true love; to you
we turn with trust.*

*Holy Family of Nazareth,
grant that our families too
may be places of communion
and prayer, authentic schools
of the Gospel*

and small domestic churches.

Holy Family of Nazareth,

*may families never again experience violence,
rejection and division;*

*may all who have been hurt or scandalized find
ready comfort and healing.*

Holy Family of Nazareth,

make us once more mindful

*of the sacredness and inviolability of the family,
and its beauty in God's plan.*

*Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Graciously hear our
prayer.*

Amen.

Again, the entire staff of St. Theresa sends new year greetings and blessings to all!

MEMORY BEARS

*Buon Anno,
Bonne Annee,
Frohes Neues Jahr,
Hau'oli Makahiki Hou
— in any language,
a very happy new year to
all from the
St. Theresa's Memory
Bear makers!*



We want you to assure you that we are still around and are beavering away making bears for families who have lost loved ones, for ill children, and for those in hospice care. If you or someone you know are mourning the loss of a cherished family member or dear friend and would like a special remembrance of that person, we would be more than happy to make a little bear(s) out of a favorite article of their clothing at no charge to you. You'll have a lovely (or handsome) handmade little bear filled with memories and made with our love. Last December, we made this Santa Bear for a family whose late husband/father loved Christmas! If you would like a bear made, or would like more information about our ministry, please get in touch with either Marlene McShane (510-653-2688) or Cecile Cuttitta (cecile.cuttitta@att.net).

Parish Listening Sessions

Plan on attending the Annual Parish Listening Sessions following the Masses on, January 14 & 15.

You will have the opportunity to comment about our parish with the Pastor, Parish Staff and Pastoral Council. These listening sessions have been very helpful and insightful in the past years.

MASS INTENTIONS

To request a Mass Intention contact Melody Marr at melody@sttheresaokland.org or 510.547.2777, ext. 120

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS



The Parish Offices will be closed January 2 (Monday).

ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES

Assisted Listening available at Weekend Masses
There are two ways to enjoy crisp, clear audio in the church for our weekend Masses.

Option 1: Download the app, connect to the church wireless network, put in your earbuds, open the app and you are set.

The WiFi password you will need to connect to our wireless network will be available at the sound system desk before and after Mass.

Option 2: Assisted Listening Devices are available at our weekend Masses. You can check out a device at the sound system desk prior to Mass.

If you have any questions contact Cathy Brady at cathy_b@sttheresaokland.org

LOW GLUTEN HOSTS

Low Gluten hosts are available at all weekend Masses. They are less than 20 parts per million gluten, under .002%

Please use the presider's communion station to receive a low gluten host.

VOLUNTEER FOR A LITURGICAL MINISTRY

Please consider volunteering for one of our Liturgical ministries. Liturgy is the work of the people and we need your assistance.

What is your gift, passion, what do you really like to do? Do you like to read, talk with people, serve people, work behind the scenes, electronics? Turn that passion into a ministry, there is something for everyone. Prayerfully consider one of the following ministries.

- ✠ Lector
- ✠ Eucharistic Minister
- ✠ Sacristan
- ✠ Altar Server (grade 4 and up)
- ✠ Projectionist
- ✠ Videographer (for the live-stream 9am Sunday Mass)
- ✠ Greeter
- ✠ Usher
- ✠ Altar Linens

Contact Cathy Brady to volunteer, cathy_b@sttheresaokland.org

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE (SJC) CORNER

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

New Year's Resolution time...

Think about resolutions that are a positive force for helping the world.

Think about resolutions toward racial equity.

Love all your neighbors.

Donate blood this year.

Resolve to recycle and be kinder to Mother Earth.

Link your fitness goals to a cause. Maybe train for a race or walk to help others.

Practice mindful eating.

Donate to your local food bank.

Cultivate compassion.

Strengthen your relationship with God. Pray more and put your faith into action.

**** And stay tuned for Social Justice Committee meetings and projects in 2023**

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

CURRENT NEEDS

Volunteers Needed for the Dining Room at the Direct Services Campus in West Oakland: 8:30am to 1pm Tuesday through Saturday. Volunteers help prepare, and bag warm meals for our guests and serve the meals at the gated entrance to the courtyard. Contact Volunteer Coordinator, Kristen Bernal: Email kbernal@svdp-alameda.org 510-277-6435.

Men's Clothing (casual, work, denim, and work pants, and shoes in good condition) and women's hygiene articles can be dropped off in the Church vestibule. These donations are distributed through SVDP Clothes Closet in our Downtown Community Center.

Nonperishable, non-expired food donations: Our on-going food collections for the needy people in the Sacred Heart Parish have been graciously acknowledged by those who have been served. This is becoming a regular opportunity for us to feed the hungry, especially during these difficult economic times. We bring the food to Sacred Heart around the third Sunday of the month. Food donations may be left in the back of the vestibule in various baskets next to the "Giving Tree at any time.

Our Parish SVdP Conference meets bimonthly, every third Saturday at 9:30am. If interested in learning more about our Conference's work, contact Judy Bojorquez at jtsbojorquez@yahoo.com to be added to email distribution or with any questions.

You may use online giving to make a donation to the St. Theresa St. Vincent de Paul conference. <https://sttheresaokland.org/donate>.

WEEKLY READINGS

January 2 - 8

Monday:

1 Jn 2:22-28
Ps 98
Jn 1:19-28

Tuesday:

1 Jn 2:29-3:6
Ps 98
Jn 1:29-34

Wednesday:

1 Jn 3:7-10
Ps 98
Jn 1:35-42

Thursday:

1 Jn 3:11-21
Ps 100
Jn 1:43-51

Friday

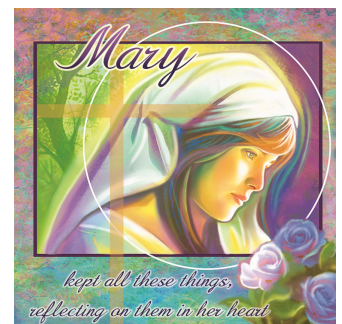
1 Jn 5:5-13
Ps 147
Mk 1:7-11

Saturday:

1 Jn 5:14-21
Ps 149
Jn 2:1-11

Sunday:

Is 60:1-6
Ps 72
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6
Mt 2:1-12



January 1
Mary, the Holy Mother of God

St. Paul tells us about God's special plan of salvation. Think of the one word you can write in the blanks below that will explain it. You can read Paul's letter in your Bible at Galatians 4:4-7.


God's only _____ was sent to us so that through him ...

Now that you know-
Pass It On!

We could become God's _____s and daughters, too!

God puts the _____'s spirit into our hearts!

And to prove we are _____s and daughters,




"And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart."

- Luke 2:19



The shepherds are returning from seeing Baby Jesus.
They are praising God!
Match each shepherd to his shadow.




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CATHOLIC CORNER

THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES

Today we honor Mary as the mother of Jesus, that is, the mother of God. Five "joyful" events in Mary's life as Jesus' mother are recalled in the Joyful Mysteries of the rosary. As his mother, Mary was very important in Jesus' life as a little boy. She taught him to love God, to pray, and to love the Jewish scriptures.

Using a separate sheet of paper, draw a picture for each of the stories of the Joyful Mysteries.



1. *The Annunciation.* The angel Gabriel came to Mary to announce to her that God had chosen her to become the mother of Jesus (Luke 1:26-38). Draw Mary and the angel.



2. *The Visitation.* The angel also told Mary that her cousin, Elizabeth, was also about to have a baby. Mary went to visit Elizabeth and help her prepare (Luke 1:39-49). Draw Mary and Elizabeth greeting each other.



3. *The Nativity.* The story of the birth of Jesus (Luke 2:6-12). Draw the baby Jesus with his mother, Mary.



4. *The Presentation.* When Jesus was forty days old, Mary and Joseph took him to the temple to present him to God. They offered two doves as a part of their prayer. There they met a holy man, Simeon, and a prophet, Anna, who told Mary that Jesus would be a light to the world (Luke 2:22-35). Draw Mary carrying Jesus and Joseph carrying a basket holding two doves.



5. *The Finding of Jesus in the Temple.* When Jesus was twelve years old he went to Jerusalem with Mary and Joseph. On the way home they thought he was lost. They found Jesus in the temple, talking with the rabbis (Luke 2:41-51). Draw how Mary might have looked when she thought Jesus was lost.

PARISH INFORMATION



MASS SCHEDULE:

Face Masks are required for all unvaccinated people attending Mass.

Weekday: 8:30 am (Mon.-Fri.)

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am
(live-stream on our YouTube channel)

RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm

PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS:

Monday: 12:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Tuesday - Thursday: 10:00 am - 2:30 pm

Phone: 510.547.2777

After Hours Medical Emergency Line: 510.610.7715

Parish Website: www.sttheresaoakland.org

f Facebook: [StTheresaChurch/Oakland](https://www.facebook.com/StTheresaChurch/Oakland)

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by appointment (call parish office 510.547.2777)

To arrange a Funeral

call parish office 510.547.2777, ext. 120

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

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Middle School Youth Ministry (Grades 6-8)

Jenny Bruni and Keri Nims: Co-Coordinators

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

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