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JANUARY 29, 2023

FOURTH SUNDAY
IN
ORDINARY TIME



Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

MATTHEW 5:9

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MASS INTENTIONS - JANUARY 28 - FEBRUARY 5

Sat. 5:00 pm Parish Community of St. Theresa
 Sun. 9:00 am † Art & Leah Mangini

Mon. 8:30 am † Peter & Virginia Cuttitta
 Tues. 8:30 am
 Wed. 8:30 am
 Thurs. 8:30 am
 Fri. 8:30 am Paula Suarez

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

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- ♦ Receive the weekly Friday Flocknote
- ♦ Receive parish updates and notices of special events
- ♦ Unsubscribe anytime

Sign-up at: flocknote.com/StTheresa30
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SUNDAY OFFERING

ONLINE GIVING:
(January 16 - 22) 55 DONORS **\$ 2,693.50**


MASS/DROP-OFF/MAILED DONATIONS:
(January 16 - 22) will be in next weeks bulletin



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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



Bishop's Ministries Appeal 2022

St. Theresa Parish Goal - \$35,800

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

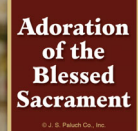

Percentage Achieved **62.48%**

\$22,369.50 as of December 15, 2022

"Feed my lambs, feed my sheep"
2022 BISHOP'S MINISTRIES APPEAL

PARISH MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENT

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

February 3rd

9:00 am to 4:30 pm

Benediction at 4:30 pm.

MASS INTENTIONS

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

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 president's communion station to receive a low gluten host.

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, Joan Simmons, Badri Nakhjavani, Wendy Jones, Bob Rogers, Orlanda Gonzalez, Kevin Chapman, Diane Cerille, Ruth McCabe, Tom Wilberding, Shirley Roberts, Karen Milliman, Danny Ramos, Mark Leonard, Christopher Rodriguez, Maryanne Walsh, Rhonda Santeen, John Whatley, Bishop John Cummins, Nancy Coyne, Kevin Stallone, 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, Laura Jones, Jeff Mills, Mary Pat Power, Bonnie & John Bouey, Susan Rubio, Martin Tierney, Denise Baylocq, Fr. Paul Schmidt, Marley Malone, John Lynch, Isabella Guillot Williams, Don Javete, Violet Chancey.

LIVING STEWARDSHIP

Bring hope and help to the poor.
 Close to home: Volunteer with a literacy organization, a job seekers' network, a food bank, or the Saint Vincent de Paul Society.
 Far away: Support the work of Catholic Relief Services, Kiva Microfunds, or Heifer International.
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BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINES

January 29 bulletin was due by January 20 (Friday)
 February 5 bulletin was due by January 27 (Friday)
 February 12 bulletin is due by February 3 (Friday)
 February 19 bulletin is due by February 10 (Friday)
 Items must be received by 4:00 pm on the due date.
 Email to cathy_b@sttheresaokland.org.

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Right after the new year, I taught an 'intersession course' at the Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley entitled: 'Parish Administration and Finance.' Intersession courses cover a semester long course in a very short period of time each January. I taught the required 42 hours of classroom work in seven days. A facet of parish administration that I cover in this course is always the presence of Catholic Schools which we celebrate at our parish this week.

I welcome all visitors who will tour our school building and classrooms today. I hope you will enjoy meeting students, teachers, administrators and parents of our school and the marvelous work they do each academic year in educating the whole person. Catholic schools started in the time of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, a convert to Catholicism who simply wanted a safe place for her children to go to school when the public schools at the time ridiculed and treated Catholic students as less than the rest.

Today a national network of schools from pre-Kindergarten through graduate schools are a gift to the whole nation. Back to my administration class, I invited our retired principal, Katie Murphy to present the background and mission of Catholic Schools. She affirmed what I have said that the goal and mission of Catholic schools is not simply to educate a child or adult in the required academic subjects, but to gift and empower any person in our schools to grow in body, mind, and spirit.

Reflecting on our recent listening sessions, a staff member commented that we need to continue to empower and engage people who join our parish to know that each person is a beloved child of God endowed with unique traits and gifts that they possess. The challenge ever present, like the goal of Catholic schools is how we can identify and help what each of us does best to become an empowered strength that will benefit the rest of us. Whether we do this for our children or the most senior member of our parish community, we

acknowledge God's love and the call that God's love has for us as individuals and a parish community.



I hope as you celebrate Catholic schools, you will also know the call to each of us to always grow in body, mind and spirit. Know as a school and parish, we are committed to helping that happen!

I want to say, 'Happy Lunar New Year' to all who celebrate! Another sign of getting past Covid is the return of the 'Chinese New Year Parade' in San Francisco. I know several parish families are planning to attend this event which has not happened since the pandemic put a hold on so many of our joyful and cherished occasions.

It is very sad and difficult to say this as I write just hearing of the news of a mass killing and shootings in Monterey Park, Half Moon Bay and Oakland. These and every tragedy like it can and should be fixed, but here we are again, praying for victims, and voicing all sorts of theories except a clear path to prevent it.

As members of our parish, one of the perks of membership is that we come together and act with fast, generous and amazing care when someone among us is in need. And we pray for one another as we travel through life's joys and sorrows. Let's pray for the families whose lives will never be the same due to these most recent tragedies and pray that such evil will always be kept very far from our families and lives!

Mark your calendars and join the parish/school community in celebrating "Homecoming". The annual auction which benefits our school will be a night not to miss in our Event Center on Saturday, February 25! Also put April on your reserve list for our Irene Crosetti Ravioli Feed. Both events demonstrate that as a parish we know how to pray and how to enjoy each other's company at social events.



Tickets on sale now!

Join us Saturday, February 25th
St. Theresa Event Center

Reception and Silent Auction



Dinner with Program and Live Auction

Follow the links below for auction tickets and information.

<https://paybee.io/@sttheresa>



“SOUPER” BOWL SUNDAY FEBRUARY 12TH

BRING IN SOUP DONATIONS FOR OUR
LOCAL ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY



WINGS ~ WOMEN IN GOD'S SPIRIT

WINGS meetings, take place on a Zoom platform from 9:15-11:15am, on Wednesdays. If you need the zoom link contact Denise Mollen at mollend@aol.com. She will send you the link to Zoom. Our theme for the 2022/2023 year is: *"Abide in God's Love"*



FEBRUARY 1ST
FR. TOM BONACCI, C.P.
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The Sounds of Silence: The Presence of God in our Lives



Catholic Schools Week Mass
Sunday, January 29, 9:00 am

Open House following the Mass

Check out the school Facebook page to see all the Catholic Schools Week activities.

<https://www.facebook.com/StTheresaSchoolOakland>

What do I do with my old Blessed PALMS from past Palm Sundays?



The Confirmation students will be burning last year's palms in preparation for this year's Ash Wednesday.

Please bring any PALMS from past Palm Sundays to be added to a collection that will be burned to make ashes for this year. A collection basket will be available in the vestibule Saturday, January 28th – Sunday, February 12th. Thank you!



St. Theresa Parish invites you to join us for the

Irene Crosetti

RAVIOLI DINNER

APRIL

6:00

ST. THERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH,
EVENT CENTER

30 Mandalay Road, Oakland

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE (SJC) CORNER

Happy. New Year!

Excerpts from a prayer by John Henry Cardinal Newman

God has created me to do Him some definite service;
 He has committed some work to me which
 He has not committed to another.
 I have my mission—
 I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next,
 ...I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons.

I have a dream that one day “every valley shall be exalted, every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plain, and the crooked places will be made straight, and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.” – Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Consider joining “Just Faith” groups this year. Many are starting this month. And quite a few are virtual.

Just Faith groups take a topic and weave our faith into the discussion.

Check out the national groups that is tackling “Want to talk: Communication Tools for Divided Times. <https://justfaith.org/want-to-talk-winter-2023-national-small-group/>

Program: Want to Talk? Communication Tools for Divided Times
 Facilitators: Leslye Colvin and Lisa Whiting-Dobson
 Meeting Day/Time: Mondays 6:30 – 8:30 pm ET
 Start Date: Jan 23rd (9 consecutive meetings)

Check out some local groups: St. Perpetua; starts **Sacred Water Monday, January 23:7-9pm** virtual: <https://justfaith.org/sacred-water-oceans-and-ecosystems/>

Newman Center in Berkeley: <https://www.calnewman.org/#find-your-home> There will be a three-hour **Saturday kick-off retreat** starting Saturday January 21 at 9am to Noon here at Newman. Faith and Racial Equity. Exploring Power and Privilege.

Stay tuned! At our January meeting we talked about ways we can do small works of mercy for those in the community. We would like to do a project where we might take food to an encampment in late February. Please read this article below and join our next meeting on, February 8th Wednesday at 7pm. Be on the look out for a zoom link. Send questions to Lydia Deck. ltdeck@me.com

<https://www.sfchronicle.com/opinion/openforum/article/wood-street-encampment-oakland-17686080.php>

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 30 - February 5

Monday:

Heb 11:32-40
 Ps 31
 Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday:

Heb 12:1-4
 Ps 22
 Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday:

Heb 12:4-7, 11-15
 Ps 103
 Mk 6:1-6

Thursday:

Mal 3:1-4
 Ps 24
 Heb 2:14-18
 Lk 2:22-40

Friday

Heb 13:1-8
 Ps 27
 Mk 6:14-29

Saturday:

Heb 13:15-17, 20-21
 Ps 23
 Mk 6:30-34

Sunday:

Is 58:7-10
 Ps 112
 1 Cor 2:1-5
 Mt 5:13-16



God's Word for Children

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Write in the name of each picture.
Then read the hearts from top to bottom to see what you are to God!

Jesus went up on a mountain to teach his disciples important things. Find your way up the mountain by coloring the numbers that count from one to twenty.

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Blessed are the clean of heart, / for they will see God.
Matthew 5:8



FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT

At the Last Supper Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever remains in me . . . will bear much fruit" (John 15:5).

What did Jesus mean when he spoke of us bearing fruit? Certainly not fruit that grows on trees. He meant that if we remain close to him and follow his teachings, we will be able to do many good things. The Church teaches that when we try to good things—to produce good fruit—the fruits of the Holy Spirit will flourish in us (see Galatians 5:22-23).



One of the Spirit's fruits is joy. Think of some of the things you do, for others and for yourself, that bring you joy. It might be sharing something, giving a gift, or helping someone who is sad or is hurt. When you do these things you produce something good that creates joy in you. Some other fruits of the Spirit are named in the circles. Write or draw a picture showing something you might do or say that would bring that fruit of the Holy Spirit to you.

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-streamed on our YouTube channel for the sick and homebound)

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

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

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Baptisms and Marriages

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.

Keri Nims ~ keri@sttheresaoakland.org

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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