

# ST. THERESA

# PARISH COMMUNITY

## ST. THERESA MISSION STATEMENT

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.

JANUARY 30, 2022

FOURTH SUNDAY  
IN  
ORDINARY TIME

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FAITH, HOPE, LOVE REMAIN,  
THESE THREE;  
BUT THE GREATEST OF THESE  
*is love.*

1 CORINTHIANS 13:13

30 MANDALAY ROAD --- OAKLAND, CA 94618 --- 510.547.2777

**MASS INTENTIONS - JANUARY 29 - FEBRUARY 6**

Sat. 5:00 pm † Peter & Virginia Cuttitta  
 Sun. 10:00 am Parish Community of St. Theresa

Mon. 8:30 am Shelley Farro  
 Tues. 8:30 am Shelley Farro  
 Wed. 8:30 am Special Intention  
 Thurs. 8:30 am  
 Fri. 8:30 am

Sat. 5:00 pm Parish Community of St. Theresa  
 Sun. 10:00 am Parish Community of St. Theresa

**KEEP IN TOUCH WITH US****Via email or text message:**

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**SUNDAY OFFERING**

**ONLINE GIVING :**  
*(January 17 - 23) 58 DONORS* **\$ 3,131.80**

**MASS/DROP-OFF/MAILED DONATIONS:**  
*(January 117 - 23) 36 DONORS* **\$ 2,801.00**

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**Bishop's Appeal 2021**

**St. Theresa Parish Goal - \$35,800**

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

Percentage Achieved **104.66%**

**\$37,470.00** as of January 15, 2022

**PARISH MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENT**

The second collection for the Parish Maintenance & Improvement Fund will be on February 5 & 6.

You may also use Online Giving for this collection.

**LOW GLUTEN HOSTS**

Low Gluten hosts are available at all weekend Masses. Please use the presider's communion station to receive a low gluten host.

**DECEASED**

Please remember in your prayers, those who have died especially Seamus Collins, Sr., the father of Michael Collins.

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

Matt Mercier, Heidi Parmelee, Aiden Farinella, Dolores Gomez, Alegria Hipolito, Betty Wharton, Hazel Villata, Juanita Estrella, Leslie Fischer, Mike Reilly, Dorothy Donnelly, Olga Lamberti, Matt White, Tom Sanford, Wendy Parmelee, Roger Baylocq, Ida Scodella, Alicia Gonzalez, Denise Moore, Mirella Baldo, Diana Martínez, Susan Springer, Margie Sullivan, Maddie Heitkemper, Lennox Peerson, Joan Simmons, Badri Nakhjavani, Eddie Bradford, Wendy Jones, Bob Rogers, Orlanda Gonzalez, Kevin Chapman, Diane Cerille, Ruth McCabe, Tom Wilberding, Shirley Roberts, Karen Milliman, Richard Nivens, Anita Perricelli, Danny Ramos, Mark Leonard, Christopher Rodriguez, Maryanne Walsh, Rhonda Santeen, Ricardo Sepulveda, Doris Fiumano, John Whatley, Bishop John Cummins, Fr. Bob McCann, Nancy Coyne, Kevin Stallone, Herman Carmassi, Paulette Tuckner, Della Spinelli, Patrick Nichols, Brittni White, Jennifer Taylor, Kelly Aeich, and all who have the corona virus throughout the world.

**LIVING STEWARDSHIP**

Give to God what's right—not what's left.

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

To request a Mass Intention contact Melody Marr at  
[melody@sttheresaokland.org](mailto:melody@sttheresaokland.org)  
 or 510.547.2777, ext. 120 (Tuesday - Thursday).

**BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINES**

January 30 bulletin is due by January 21 (Friday)  
 February 6 bulletin is due by January 28 (Friday)  
 February 13 bulletin is due by February 4 (Friday)  
 February 20 bulletin is due by February 11 (Friday)  
 Items must be received by 4:00 pm on the due date.  
 Email to [cathy\\_b@sttheresaokland.org](mailto:cathy_b@sttheresaokland.org).

## A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Last week I was at the rectory in isolation due to definite exposure to Covid. I had presided at a funeral Mass the Wednesday before and attended the family luncheon that followed. That night the person I sat next to call me very distraught that he had just tested positive to Covid and since I was next to him without a mask while eating for more than fifteen minutes, I had been exposed. I followed the current protocol and fortunately have not tested positive after five days of isolation. I would have spoken about the 'Sunday of the Word of God' had I been at Mass last weekend. It is still important to write about it a week later. Here is what the Irish bishops have on their website.:

"In his Apostolic Letter of 30 September 2019, *Aperuit illis* Pope Francis established that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be the Sunday of the Word of God. He had already proposed something similar at the end of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy. Sunday of the Word of God is a day to be devoted to the celebration, study, and spreading of the Word of God. Pope Francis is clear from the very first paragraph of this letter that the relationship between the Risen Lord, a community of believers, and sacred Scripture is essential to who we are as Christians.

The Sunday assembly gathering to celebrate the Eucharist is the unique moment in the week where a community gathers in a particular place and when their communal identity is nourished by Word and Sacrament. An important advance in 20th century theological reflection is that every sacramental celebration is founded and constructed upon the Word of God, and that every proclamation of the Word of God is sacramental.

Sunday of the Word of God is not a new feast! After all, the Word of God is proclaimed at every Sunday Eucharist, and one of the great blessings of the liturgical reform and renewal flowing from the Second Vatican Council is a greater appreciation of the foundational role of the Word of God in every liturgical celebration. The reform of the lectionary has led to much more scripture being proclaimed during our liturgical gatherings and a greater awareness of the role of the Word of God in the life of faith.

This Sunday builds on the texts and prayers of the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time and is conscious that it comes just after the celebration of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. While we are not yet united around the table of the Eucharist, we do share on many Sundays of the year the same scriptural readings in our different Christian assemblies. Pope Francis urges us to strengthen our bonds with the Jewish people and to continue our prayer for Christian unity.

This Sunday is a time when the community is called to give greater attention not just to the Word of God. It is also

urged to reflect on how we honor that Word in our celebrations, the books that we proclaim the Word from. Is the Gospel book carried in procession? Is it a well-made book that shows forth its life-giving content? Is it honored with incense, and do we sing during the Gospel procession? Are the readers who proclaim the Word formed in the art of proclamation, and the knowledge of what they are announcing?



Pope Francis suggests in his letter that this Sunday is an ideal time to reflect on these issues. For presiders, it is also a call to reflect once again on their preaching of the Word of God. This Sunday has in the past offered an appropriate opportunity to commission and bless those who serve the community as readers and initiate new ones to this essential ministry. If the parish community does not enthrone the Word of God every Sunday, maybe today is an opportunity to start. Another way of nourishing the role of scripture is praying quietly together in a *lectio divina* style of prayer.

We often identify the Bible as the Word of God. This is not wrong, but God speaks to our hearts in many ways. For instance, he speaks to us in prayer and through our conscience, and often through other people. Hence, the Word of God covers much more than a printed book. Nevertheless, the Bible is the privileged collection of communications between God and his people. These stories and poems have nourished the lives of the people of Israel and the Christian Church right through the centuries, and they continue to nourish us today. They tell the story of God's love and our salvation from ancient times onwards. The scriptural texts offer us both challenge and encouragement for our lives and are especially valuable to us through the hope they offer us at dark moments.

The Holy Spirit was at work in the whole process of the formation of the Scriptures. This is why, even though many people across different times and places contributed to the writing, we believe that the Scriptures are divinely inspired. But the Holy Spirit's work does not come to an end with the writing of the text. The Holy Spirit, who dwells in us by virtue of our baptism, is also at work in us as we listen to the text. Therefore, through the Spirit's inspiration, the words of Scripture can become a living Word of the Lord to us here and now."

Many thanks to all who participated a few weeks ago at the annual 'listening sessions. I hope as we learn more about the diocesan participation in the World Synod, all will be guided by the Word of God so the Church will flourish in the twenty-first century.



## 2022 WINTER AUCTION

MARCH 13TH  
SEQUOYAH COUNTRY CLUB

**Join Us!**

**Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Sequoyah Country Club, 5:00 p.m.**

**Cocktail Reception & Silent Auction!  
Seated Dinner  
with Program & Live Auction!**

**See you there St. T's!**

**See the links below for more auction  
information and to purchase your  
tickets.**

Auction Website:

<https://www.sttheresaschool.org/fundraiser2022>

Purchase Tickets: <https://paybee.io/@sttheresa@25>

## WINGS ~ WOMEN IN GOD'S SPIRIT

WINGS is a faith enhancement group for women that encourages spiritual growth through prayer, Scripture study, life sharing and community. We meet on Wednesdays on the Zoom platform from 9:15-11:15am for the rest of this year. Our engaging speakers will uplift you and keep you informed. You'll experience a welcoming community as we support each other in our spiritual growth. Invite a friend! Women from local parishes and other denominations are welcome! If you were a member last year you will automatically receive a Zoom invitation. If you're new to WINGS or wish to sample a meeting, send your email address to Nancy Midlin [midlin.nancy@gmail.com](mailto:midlin.nancy@gmail.com). She will send you the link to Zoom.



*"Led by the Spirit"*

**FEBRUARY 2<sup>ND</sup>**

**GINA HENS-PIAZZA**

**JESUIT SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY OF SANTA CLARA AT THE  
GRADUATE THEOLOGICAL UNION**

***Just Reading or Reading as a Practice of  
Justice: How We Read the Bible Matters***

## VOLUNTEER TO HELP AT MASS

A dedicated group of 25 people have volunteered at our services for the last year and a half, some serving weekly with no break. We thank all of them who have helped to make our celebration of the liturgy safe, dignified and reverent. Their commitment to the parish has been a blessing.

We would like to increase the number of volunteers so people are schedule monthly for either the 5:00 pm Saturday or 10:00 am Sunday Masses.

- ✠ **Lector**
- ✠ **Eucharistic Minister** (must be fully vaccinated)
- ✠ **Sacristan**
- ✠ **Projectionist**
- ✠ **Videographer**  
(for live-stream at the 10:00 am Sunday Mass)
- ✠ **Greeter**
- ✠ **Usher**

Contact Cathy Brady to volunteer, [cathy\\_b@sttheresaoakland.org](mailto:cathy_b@sttheresaoakland.org)

## GREAT NEWS!

ST.THERESA SCHOOL IS NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR GRADES TK-8

WE ARE ALSO HOSTING IN-PERSON CAMPUS TOURS IN JANUARY!

AND

WE'RE INVITING YOU ALL TO OUR PROSPECTIVE PARENT OPEN HOUSE EVENT!\*

As you can tell, we are thrilled to have the opportunity to move forward with our admissions process in person.

Contact our Director of Admissions for more information.

[M\\_HALLIGAN@STTHERESASCHOOL.ORG](mailto:M_HALLIGAN@STTHERESASCHOOL.ORG)

\*proof of vaccination required



**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

**CURRENT NEEDS**

A big 'thank you' to our parishioners for their generous response to donating children's and infant clothes. Our SVDP Women's center is now sufficiently stocked with these items. We have a continued need for men's pant's (casual, work, denim, and work) and shoes in good condition, and women's hygiene articles. These donations are distributed through SVDP Clothes Closet in our Downtown Community Center.

We are still collecting nonperishable food in the basket next to the "Giving Tree" in the vestibule. This food is distributed to needy throughout Oakland.

Because of the Omicron surge in Covid cases, SVDP has temporarily shut down its downtown campus operations except for its lunch program serving 400 to 500 hot bag lunches from its big doorway. Volunteers are needed to prepare and distribute the lunches. Thus far, our food service volunteers have remained Covid free. You may contact the volunteer coordinator, Kristin Bernal, at 510-277-6435 for further information and for other volunteer opportunities that will open up after the shutdown.

Donations should be dropped off in the Church vestibule following the weekend Masses.

Our Parish SVDP Conference meets every other month on the third Saturday at 9:30 AM via Zoom. Please call Greg Govan at 510-547-0911 or Judy Bojorquez at jtsborjorques@yahoo.com to learn about our mission of serving the needy and to be added to our email distribution.

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

**FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION**

February 4<sup>th</sup>  
 9:00 am to 4:30 pm  
 Benediction at 4:30 pm.



**LIVING GOD'S WORD**

We pray that we will hear when God sends a challenging word to us, calling us to expand our boundaries and allow God to work in new and surprising ways. Lord, let us be open to your Spirit who moves as the Spirit wills .

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**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 and Weekend Masses.

*This form is not for Mass Intentions.*

**WEEKLY READINGS**

*January 31 - February 6*

**Monday:**

2 Sm 15:13-14, 30;  
 16:5-13  
 Ps 3  
 Mk 5:1-20

**Tuesday:**

2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30  
 Ps 86  
 Mk 5:21-43

**Wednesday:**

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

**Thursday:**

1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12  
 Ps 1 Cgr 29  
 Mk 6:7-13

**Friday:**

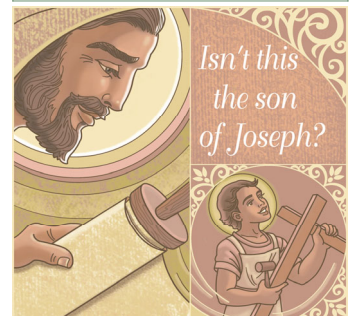
Sir 47:2-11  
 Ps 18  
 Mk 6:14-29

**Saturday:**

1 Kgs 3:4-13  
 Ps 119  
 Mk 6:30-34

**Sunday:**

Is 6:1-2a, 3-8  
 Ps 138  
 1 Cor 15:1-11  
 Lk 5:1-11



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**SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE (SJC) CORNER**

*"Life's most persistent and urgent question is 'What are you doing for others?'"*

Dr. Martin Luther King.

February is traditionally African American History month. Consider joining one of the many events happening in Oakland. See below for St. Columba's speaker series.

Stay tuned for Social Justice Committee meeting coming soon in February! For questions please email Lydia Deck at ltdeck@me.com



**St. Columba Catholic Church**  
6401 San Pablo Ave. Oakland



**African American Celebration Series 2022**



**"RADICALLY STEADFAST IN TRUTH"**

Sunday, January 16 (MLK Celebration)  
10:30am Mass VIRTUAL

<https://zoom.us/j/339316556?pwd=d0JvK1JXNXltNDNyZDBjWWtYUHpKZz09>

Meeting ID: 339 316 556      Password: 1898



**Bishop Emeritus Gordon D. Bennett S.J.**



**Fr. Kwame Assenyoh**

**Sunday, February 6**  
Karen Permillion, Parishioner  
St. Columba Catholic Church – Oakland, CA

**Sunday, February 13**  
Fr. Kwame Assenyoh, Parochial Administrator  
St. Charles Borromeo  
Catholic Community – Livermore, CA

**Sunday, February 20**  
Julie Hadnot, Parishioner  
St. Benedict Catholic Church – Oakland, CA

**Sunday, February 27**  
Ron Bazile, Parishioner  
St. Columba Catholic Church – Oakland, CA



**Karen Permillion**



**Ron Bazile**

**PLEASE NOTE:**  
In Person attendance at the February Celebrations will be determined at the end of January.



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# PARISH INFORMATION



## MASS SCHEDULE:

Face Masks are required for all people attending Mass, regardless of vaccination status.

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

**Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm**

**Sunday: 10:00 am**

## RECONCILIATION:

**Saturday: 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm**

Reconciliation is outside, not in the confessional

## PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS:

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

*Please ring doorbell for entrance to parish offices.*

**Phone: 510.547.2777**

**After Hours Medical Emergency Line: 510.610.7715**

**Parish Website: [www.sttheresaoakland.org](http://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](mailto:keri@sttheresaoakland.org)

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

Jenny Bruni and Keri Nims: Co-Coordinator

## High School Youth Ministry/Confirmation

Jenny Bruni ~ [jenny@sttheresaoakland.org](mailto:jenny@sttheresaoakland.org)

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

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

## Parish Organizations

### Pastoral Council:

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### Finance Council:

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### St. Vincent de Paul Society

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### CYO (Catholic Youth Organization):

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### St. Theresa Men's Club

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