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.

February 9 2020
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

CYO Coaches and Athletes
CYO Mass, February 2, 2020
MASS INTENTIONS ~ FEBRUARY 8 - 16

Sat. 5:00 pm  Carlo Pernecco
Sun. 9:00 am  Parish Community of St. Theresa
            11:00 am  Art & Leah Mangini
Mon. 8:30 am  Deceased Members of St. Theresa
Tues. 8:30 am  Victims of war and injustice
Wed. 8:30 am  Michael Sean Donovan
Thurs. 8:30 am  Joseph & Clementina Brignole
Fri. 8:30 am  An increase in vocations to ministry
Sat. 5:00 pm  Parish Community of St. Theresa
Sun. 9:00 am  Parish Community of St. Theresa
            11:00 am  Parish Community of St. Theresa

SUNDAY OFFERING

FEBRUARY 1 & 2 SUNDAY OFFERING: .......... $6,542.48
                               ONLINE: ........................................ $5,139.91
PARISH MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENT: .... $1,976.00
                                ONLINE: JANUARY 6 - FEBRUARY 2: .......... $1,222.00

ONLINE GIVING

Online Giving is available for anyone who prefers to donate through automatic draft for their Sunday Offering, Building Maintenance and Second Collections.

Go to: https://giving.parishsoft.com/sttheresaoakland to sign up. Contact Cathy Brady with any questions. cathy_b@sttheresaoakland.org, 547.2777, ext. 26.

KEEP IN TOUCH WITH US

Via email or text message:
♦ Choose to receive updates from groups you’re interested in
♦ Unsubscribe anytime
      Sign-up at flocknote.com/StTheresa30  OR
      Text: STT  To: 84579

BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINES

February 9 bulletin was due by January 31 (Friday)
February 16 bulletin was due by February 7 (Friday)
February 23 bulletin is due by February 14 (Friday)
March 1 bulletin is due by February 21 (Friday)

Items must be received by 4:00 pm on the due date. Email to cathy_b@sttheresaoakland.org.

MASS INTENTIONS

You can now schedule Mass Intentions on the weekends following all Masses. Stop by the information desk in the vestibule if you would like to schedule a Mass Intention. or contact Melody in the Parish Office, melody@sttheresaoakland.org.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS ALL THOSE WHO ARE ILL ESPECIALLY:
Matt Mercier, Irene Clark, Daniel Sullivan, Dave DeMonte, Sven Cooper Little, Nadine McMillan, Heidi Parmeele, Denise Bridges, Fredrika May, Kristine Berman, Helen Buty, Aiden Farinella, Liza Mitra, Guido M., Jim Testa, Kevin Stallone, Dolores Gomez, Alegria Hipolito, Betty Wharton, Patricia Green, Hazel Villata, Juanita Estrella, Diane Longfield, Leslie Fischer, Mike Reilly, Dorothy Donnelly, Pat Tynan, Olga Lamberti, Michael Bamrick, Matt White, Mark Dreier, Tom Sanford, Maria Gabriel Decker, Fr. Alex Snyder, Wendy Parmeele, Roger Baylocq, Ida Scodella, Tom Jones, Sigrid Castaldo.

LIVING STEWARDSHIP

What are your deeds of salt and light? Do you serve your fellow parishioners? Are you involved with local charities or community action? Do you need to increase or change your involvement?

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Adult: In what way might you be hiding the light of Christ from others? What could you do to improve this?

Child: How can you let the light of Christ in you shine for others this week?

SUPPORT ST. THERESA CHURCH

By using smile.amazon.com and choosing St. Theresa Catholic Church, location: Oakland, CA as your charity when you shop, Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the parish.

BISHOP’S APPEAL 2020

Bishop’s Appeal 2020
St. Theresa Parish Goal - $35,800
A Word from our Pastor

Last week we welcomed many boys and girls and their coaches to celebrate the presence of CYO (Catholic Youth Organization) in our parish life. I want to thank all who helped make this a great success. The cover of the bulletin says it all!

Thanks also to all who are working this weekend to make the third annual ‘Irene Crosetti Ravioli Dinner’ and ongoing success in our parish life and calendar. Irene and Margaret Zimmerman have for years greeted us at the door as we arrived for the 9am Mass. They epitomize what we are all called to do as disciples of Jesus: welcome one another, help one another find the way, accompany one another through the joys and sorrows of life. I invite you to thank Margaret the next time you see her and to thank Irene by imitating her lifelong example of faith and love for this parish community.

Keeping in mind our call, I invite you to attend an upcoming Pancake breakfast on Sunday, February 23rd. So many commented at the pre-Christmas pancake breakfast that they wish we had more pancake breakfasts throughout the year. Well, we have listened, and I hope you will all plan on attending. Your presence will support not only this community, but others who may be far away.

Last week we celebrated 40 days since Christmas and proclaimed that Christ is the light of the world. For most of us, the tree is down, the Christmas lights are put away and we wait for more rain and spring. Here is a short reflection on this feast we often miss unless it falls on a Sunday.

Welcomed by people of simple faith

The story of Jesus’ birth is unsettling. According to Luke, Jesus was born in a village where there was no place to receive him. The shepherds had had to look for him through all Bethlehem until they found him in a remote place, resting in a manger. Luke felt it necessary to compose a second story in which the child is rescued from anonymity, to be welcomed publicly. What place is more appropriate than the Temple of Jerusalem so that Jesus would be solemnly welcomed as the Messiah sent by God to God’s people?

But again, Luke’s story ends up unsettling. When the parents come to the Temple with the child, none of the high priests or other religious leaders come out to meet him. In just a few years they will be the ones who will hand him over to be crucified. Jesus doesn’t find a welcome in a dogmatic religion too secure and forgetful of the suffering of the poor.

Nor is he welcomed by the teachers of the Law who preach their traditions in the plazas of that Temple. Years later they will reject Jesus for healing the sick, breaking the law of the Sabbath. Jesus doesn’t find a welcome in doctrines and religious traditions that don’t help us live a more dignified and healthy life.

The ones who welcome Jesus and recognize him as the One Sent by God are two elderly people of simple faith and open heart who have lived their lives away from God’s salvation. Their names seem to suggest that they are symbolic characters. The old man is called Simeon («the Lord has listened»), the old woman is called Anna («Gift»). They represent so many people of simple faith who in every village of all times live with their trust placed in God.

These two belong to the more healthy environments of Israel.

They are known as the «Group of the Lord’s Poor».

They are people who have nothing but their faith in God.

They don’t think about their fate or their welfare.

They only hope from God for the «consolation» that the people need, the «liberation» that they’ve been looking for throughout the generations, the “light” that enlightens the shadows in which the people of the earth live.

Now they feel that their hopes are being fulfilled in Jesus.

This simple faith that hopes in God for the definitive salvation is the faith of the majority. A faith that’s barely formed, that is almost always formulated in awkward and distracted prayers, that is expressed in heartfelt prayers, that is awakened above all in difficult times of hardship. A faith that God has no problem understanding and welcoming.

(José Antonio Pagola)
Please join us for our monthly **RISE & SHINE Mass** at 9am on Sunday, February 23rd.
This is a youth-friendly and youth-participatory Mass.

**Mardi Gras Pancake Breakfast**
Sunday, February 23rd
10am - 12:45pm
Event Center

This is a HSYM fundraising event supporting a Lenten service project building homes for those in great need.

**Memory Bears**
If you or someone you know has lost a loved one and would like a cherished remembrance of them, the St Theresa memory bear makers would be honored to take an article of their clothing and transform it into a small bear or bears. With the sorrow of the passing of a loved one, our memory bears can be a source of comfort to young and old alike. Happy memories are often associated with a favorite shirt, dress, jacket, or, even jammies. For our part, we consider it an honor to give those grieving a small, sunny remembrance of their family member or friend. We hasten to add that the bears are made at no expense to those requesting them. We also welcome anyone who would like to join us in making memory bears and comfort bears (for those in hospice care). We meet for an hour, twice a month in the church hall. No sewing skills are necessary. We are scheduled to meet at 7:00 pm in the Hall on Monday, February 24. If would like to request a memory bear or have any questions, please get in touch with Marlene McShane at 510-653-2688 or Cecile Cuttitta at Cecile.Cuttitta@att.net.

**SAVE THE DATES!!**
**St. Theresa Parish Lenten Retreat**
Monday, March 23rd - Thurs., March 26th

Sessions will be held each morning after the 8:30am Mass, and repeated each evening, 7:00-8:30pm. Mark your calendars for this community faith event.
*Details of the program to follow*

**St. Theresa School News**
Sunday, January 26th was the beginning of Catholic Schools Week. On that day, we had many students, alumni, and guests in attendance at our Open House and at the *Rise and Shine Mass*. Many of the Eucharistic Ministers as well as ushers were St Theresa School graduates. The celebrations continued all week, with different themed dress days organized by the Student Leadership team. It was a bit crazy with each day’s dress, but they did a great job to meet the expectations each day and the freedom to create new looks.

Each day we praised our students as the “Good News.” They are Christ’s presence among us. Father Bob had also invited student to share good news at Mass on Sunday. We prayed for all students in our Catholic schools in the Diocese of Oakland in order for the children to recognize that our school community is part of a much bigger picture of education in the United States.

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**8th Grade Annual PASTA DINNER**
Supporting the Class of 2020 Graduation Activities

**CASH BAR RAFFLE**
**SUNDAY, MARCH 15**
5:30 – 7:30 PM
St. Theresa Event Center

**ADULTS: $15**
**CHILDREN: $12**
**KIDS UNDER 3 FREE**
WINGS is a faith enhancement group that encourages spiritual growth through prayer, Scripture study, life sharing and community. We gather on Wednesdays in Meeting Room 1 at 9:15am from October through May with hospitality, followed by the guest speaker and program until 11:15am. 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. Bring a friend! Women from local parishes and other denominations are welcome! Say “Yes” to WINGS!

The theme for the year is: “Walking With God”

FEBRUARY 12TH

AMEENAA JANDALI
ISLAMIC NETWORK GROUP

“A Muslim Woman Discusses Her Holy Scriptures”

WINGS ~ WOMEN IN GOD’S SPIRIT

CONFIRMATION & HSYM

High Schoolers and Parents, please note the following dates and remember that all Sunday Sessions begin with 9am Mass:

♦ SUN, Feb. 9 - Confirmation Year I - 10am-12noon, Meeting Rooms

♦ SUN, Feb. 23 - good Sunday HABITS - Year I & II in addition to any HS student, Mardi Gras Pancake Breakfast Event… more details to come

For more information, please contact:

Jenny Bruni
HSYM Coordinator
jenny@sttheresaoakland.org
(510) 547-2777 x 123

INFANT/CHILD BAPTISM

If you are interested in having your child/children baptized at St. Theresa Church, Baptism classes for parents and godparents are held once a month in the rectory from 7:00 - 8:00 pm. These classes are for adults only. Contact the parish office to register, melody@sttheresaoakland.org or 547.2777, ext. 120.

DO YOU NEED TO REGISTER, HAVE YOU CHANGED YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS, HAVE A NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER, DO YOU RECEIVE OUR FLOCKNOTE EMAILS & TEXTS?

Let us know so we can update our parish database and keep you current with all upcoming events, news and year-end reports or give you a registration form.

You can stop by the Information Desk in the church following all Masses on the weekend or the Parish Office (2nd floor of the Parish Center), Monday - Thursday or call/email Melody Marr 510.547.2777, ext. 120 melody@sttheresaoakland.org.

Low Gluten Hosts

Prior to the start of the liturgy there will be a small container of the hosts next to the bread and wine on the table in the back of the church. Take a host from the container and place it in the glass bowl. At communion you will receive Eucharist from one of the ministers in the center aisle.
LIVING God’s Word

A dancer named Lillian is always saying, “Give it up,” and she doesn’t mean, “Throw up your hands in despair.” She means, “Whatever you have, share it for the good of all.” Isn’t that what God has done for us in Christ crucified, and wants to do through us, the Body of Christ?
Mass Schedules:
Monday - Friday: 8:30 am
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 9:00 am & 11:00 am
unless otherwise noted in bulletin

Reconciliation:
Saturdays 4:00-4:30 pm
or by appointment

Parish Center Office Hours:
Monday - Thursday: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
THE PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED ON FRIDAY
Phone 510.547.2777 ~~~ Fax 510.653.3575
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Parish Information

Baptisms and Marriages
by appointment

Confirmation (High School)
Sunday Sessions
Year 1: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Year 2: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

R.C.I.A.
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, Contact
Cathy Brady - cathy_b@sttheresaoakland.org

Kinderchurch
Preschoolers and Kindergarteners
9:00 am Sunday Mass

Family Faith Formation (Grades 1-5)
Sunday, 10:00 am (twice a month)

Middle School Youth Ministry (Grades 6-8)
Sunday 6:30 pm (once a month)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
First Friday of the month (September - May)

Parish Organizations

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