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 23, 2020
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mass Intentions - Feb. 22 - March 1

Sat. 5:00 pm → Jane Guzick
Sun. 9:00 am Frank Howell
11:00 am Parish Community of St. Theresa

Mon. 8:30 am → Matthew H. Mulholand
Tues. 8:30 am → Aldo Novi
Wed. 8:30 am Parish Community of St. Theresa
10:00 am St. Theresa School
7:30 pm Parish Community of St. Theresa
Thurs. 8:30 am → Gabriel Decker
Fri. 8:30 am → Seamus Hesson

Sat. 5:00 pm Parish Community of St. Theresa
Sun. 9:00 am Gerald Vuolo
11:00 am → Elsie Giuntoli

Parish Maintenance & Improvement
The 2nd collection for the Parish Maintenance & Improvement Fund will be on February 29 & March 1. Parishioners using Online Giving can sign on to their account and select the Parish Maintenance fund option.

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 Parmelee, 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 Parmelee, Roger Baylocq, Ida Scodella, Tom Jones, Sigrid Castaldo.

Living Stewardship
Make a list of enemies -- people who have harmed you personally or those you love, harmed our country, and harmed our world. Put this list in a place where you can pray for each one on it regularly for the next month.

February 8 & 9 Sunday Offering: ........ $ 3,699.57
Online: ........................................ $ 3,630.01

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. 126.

Question of the Week
Adult: What is the point of “turning the other cheek” in an argument, and why is it so hard to do?

Child: Who are the people you find it most difficult to forgive?

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Bishop’s Appeal 2020
St. Theresa Parish Goal - $35,800

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BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINES
February 23 bulletin was due by February 14 (Friday)
March 1 bulletin was due by February 21 (Friday)
March 8 bulletin is due by February 28 (Friday)
March 15 bulletin is due by March 6 (Friday)

Items must be received by 4:00 pm on the due date. Email to cathy_b@sttheresaoakland.org.
Welcome to the weekend before the great season of Lent begins! At today’s ‘Rise and Shine’ Mass we celebrate the gift of God in the Sacraments of the Church. The Lord wants to be with us at every moment of our life. The sacraments are gifts that assure us that the Lord is there.

I am sure all are worried with the news every day of the Coronavirus. We pray for all who have been infected and that it will soon be under control and a cure will be quickly found so people will not have to fear it. We all must do our part to make sure it is not spread.

Please do not come to church for Mass if you have a fever or are sick! The Church in its wisdom is very fast to say the obligation is dispensed under such circumstances. You may survive the flu, or virus, but we have people who are here each week that have their immunity compromised because they are receiving treatment for something not contagious such as cancer and the chemo therapy makes them very vulnerable to other complications. In fact, the bishops of Hong Kong have dispensed all communions for the time being and cancelled Sunday Masses in every Church. We will continue to monitor what is happening in our area and follow the guidelines that the diocese will send as it has other years if needed. I ask each of you to pray for the world to get through this and for each of us to do our part to help.

In addition, we should all practice good hygiene, like washing our hands thoroughly, blocking a sneeze with a tissue or our shirt sleeve. You have probably heard of these and other good practices and I hope we can help each other stay healthy by practicing them.

Lent begins this Wednesday and I hope you will avail yourselves of the several opportunities the parish is offering that can be found on the Lent table this week. The booklet that Cathy Brady so diligently prepares describes what is happening here over this Church season. The small meditation books or the emails that are possible from Dynamic Catholic.org, Bishop Robert Barron’s site and others all receive praise by those who use them.

We do not like to send out many Flocknote’s and try to respect those of you who have signed up by only sending something that is in the opinion of the parish staff something important that needs to get out in a timely fashion. Flocknote itself has prepared twenty-five very short notes during our Lenten journey and we have decided to send these out to you. You will receive one a day beginning with Ash Wednesday. Let us know what you think after you get them for a while.

I again encourage you to plan on attending the parish Lenten retreat. The team has been working for many months on the opportunity of helping all of us during this season. Lent originally started as a forty days retreat for anyone preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist). Now the whole Church takes time to reflect on our life with God and the relationship established due to our Baptism. The retreat will begin on Sunday March 22 at all the Masses. Expect a special friend to be with us to start it off. It will continue each day, Monday through Thursday in the mornings at just after the 8:30am Mass in the Meetings rooms and each of those weekday evenings at 7pm also in the meeting rooms. If you can come one morning and then the next evening, that will be fine as the same presentations will happen at both sessions.

Pancakes were a traditional food that people ate on the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday as years ago the fasting during Lent was much stricter. In that spirit, I hope you will enjoy the pancake breakfast that is offered at the event center this Sunday. Proceeds will help eighty of our parishioners perform an amazing act of mercy for two families in dire need.

Since we do not have the stricter fast, I hope you will continue to support the annual eighth grade pasta dinner. Sundays are days of rest and time to be with families. Let’s get together to cheer on another class as they will soon disperse to many high schools. This dinner will ensure that they have a fitting sendoff.

So, eat, enjoy each other’s company and may it be a wonderful Lent for us all!
Please join us for our monthly **RISE & SHINE Mass**
at 9am on Sunday, March 29th.
This is a youth-friendly and youth-participatory Mass.

**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 you would like to request a memory bear or have any questions, please get in touch with Marlene McShane at 510-653-2688 or Cecile Cutitta at Cecile.Cuttitta@att.net.

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**Parish Lenten Retreat**

Where Do You Find God in the Everyday?

A DIP INTO IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY

This year’s Parish Lenten Retreat will begin with the weekend Masses on March 21st and 22nd, and continue Monday through Thursday of that week. AJ Rizzo, SJ, will preside at the weekend Masses, and open the retreat on Monday.

Weekday sessions will be held in the Event Center meeting rooms each morning after the 8:30am Mass and repeated in the evening from 7:00-8:30pm. Sessions will include a presentation, testimonial, time for personal reflection, faith sharing, and will end with a prayer ritual.

**Monday, March 23rd *
- It's All About God’s Love
  * Lenten Soup at 6:15pm followed by the program

**Tuesday, March 24th
- How Do You Nurture God’s Love?

**Wednesday, March 25th
- How Do You Mess Up?

**Thursday, March 26th *
- How Do You Manifest God's Love?
  * Lenten Soup at 6:15pm followed by the program

We look forward to sharing this year’s Lenten Retreat with you, Laura Bennett, Sharon Chipman, Cindy Crimmins, Lydia Deck, Nina Green, Bob Hernandez, and Fr. Bob McCann.

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**Stations of the Cross**

Stations of the Cross have been a long standing tradition during Lent. The school invites you to join the school children in the church to pray the Stations of the Cross on March 6, 13, 27, April 3; 9:50 am (primary grades) & 2:30 pm (middle school).
**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 26TH**

**ASH WEDNESDAY GATHERING**

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.

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**CONFIRMATION & HSYM**

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

- **SUN, Feb. 23** - good Sunday HABITS - Year I & II in addition to any HS student, Mardi Gras Pancake Breakfast Event... more details to come
- **SUN, March 22** - Years I and Year II, Meeting Rooms
- **SUN, March 29** - Church Hall, class TBD

For more information, please contact:

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

**DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR LENT**

You are invited to help decorate the church for Lent on Sunday, February 23rd following the 11:00 am Mass.

**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.
We pray to God to continue to pour the Holy Spirit into our hearts so that we can love with God’s own love, when our own ability to love fails us. We pray that we can grow into that full maturity that we see in Jesus, who prayed for his enemies from the cross.
Parish Information

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
After Hours Medical Emergency & Emergency Line: 510.610.7715
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Facebook: SrTheresaChurch/Oakland

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website: www.sttheresaschool.org

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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