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.

March 8, 2020
Second Sunday of Lent

From the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.”

MATTHEW 17:5
Mass Intentions - March 7 - 15

Sat. 5:00 pm  Mabel Delucchi
Sun. 9:00 am Parish Community of St. Theresa
11:00 am  Frances Ree

Mon. 8:30 am  Ida Monti
Tues. 8:30 am  Victor Bautista Jorta
Wed. 8:30 am  Deceased Member of St. Theresa
Thurs. 8:30 am  Jerry McCabe
Fri. 8:30 am  Bernita Cassady

Sat. 5:00 pm Patrick Joyce (7th Anniv.)
Sun. 9:00 am Parish Community of St. Theresa
11:00 am Parish Community of St. Theresa

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, Alegría Hipolito, Betty Wharton, Patricia Green, Hazel Villata, Juanita Estrella, Diane Longfield, Leslie Fischer, Mike Reilly, Dorothy Donnelly, Pat Tynan, Olga Lambert, Michael Bamrick, Matt White, Mark Dreier, Tom Sanford, Maria Gabriel Decker, Fr. Alex Snyder, Wendy Parmelee, Roger Baylocq, Ida Scodella, Tom Jones, Sigrid Castaldo, Markos Addam.

**Deaths**

Please remember in your prayers, those who have died especially, Victor Bautista Jorta, the brother of Juanita Oliverez; Raphael Ramos, the father of Maria Elena Peña, grandfather of Vidal, Vivianna & Valeria.

**Living Stewardship**

Fast from fear, feast on faith.
Fast from despair, feed on hope.
Fast from depressing news, feed on prayer.
Fast from discontent, feast on gratitude.
Fast from anger and worry, feed on patience.
Fast from negative thinking, feast on positive thinking.
Fast from bitterness, feed on love and forgiveness.
Fast from words that wound, feast on words that heal.
Fast from gravity, feast on joy and humor.

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK**

Adult: What difference does your faith in Jesus Christ make in your life?

Child: What does it mean to you to be a holy person?

**Support St. Theresa Church**

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**Bishop’s Appeal 2020**

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

Lent has been called the annual retreat for the Church. Lent originally started as a ‘retreat’ for those about to be baptized, confirmed and welcomed to receive the Eucharist. For the first couple of hundred years of the Church’s existence, the norm was that only adults were baptized after a long period of study, conversion and personal commitment.

Remember that the Church was persecuted for the first couple of hundred years. Becoming a Christian was a capital offense and many who dared to pursue the path to the Sacraments were put to punished, tortured and even put to death.

In its wisdom, the Church wanted people to be sure that they wanted to make this commitment. Even after Emperor Constantine legalized the practice of the Christian faith in the fourth century, the program of study and conversion continued. Thus, Lent remained as the final time of prayer, testing and a willingness on the part of an individual to live the rest of their lives as a disciple of Jesus.

Through the centuries many things evolved in the way the practice of the faith takes place, but this ‘retreat’ we call Lent was broadened so that all the baptized could reflect and renew the initial fervor of our personal commitment to Christ and the Church.

According to The Good Retreat Guide, a retreat is a journey that can be religious or spiritual in nature and is typically taken away from the confines of everyday living. The purpose of a religious retreat is to get closer to God or rediscover one's faith.

Religious retreats can be as simple as a weekend camping in nature or as complicated as traveling around the world for months at a time. The point of a retreat is discovering a connection with God and doing so in a place without distraction and stress.

To help facilitate this for all of us who are not able to stop working or taking care of or family, the parish has offered each year during Lent a guided retreat. Monday through Thursday, March 23-26, two sessions will be offered. The first session will take place in the ‘meeting rooms’ right after the 8:30am Mass and the same session will be offered also in the meeting rooms at 7pm. If you can make it for one morning but then only at night, that will work as there will be four presentations during the eight times that are offered. If you watch the schedule, on two evenings if you come early a simple soup meal will also be offered.

I hope this annual retreat will do what it is supposed to do and bring you closer to God. That encapsulates everything we are about and do all year long.

Please stay healthy and pray for rain in our area! Please refer to this bulletin or on our webpage guidelines for the flu and virus season we find ourselves in and hearing a lot about. If anything changes, you will be the first to be notified.

Last week, we announced the new website for the parish is up and running. Massive credit and thanks are given to Cathy Brady who has spent hours putting it together. The other night she worked well past 10pm and this is not the only night this has happened. Please check it out. If you notice anything that needs attention, please let us know. Please let Cathy know your gratitude for her efforts. In this age, people check out the website of a parish before they ever drive up our street. I am confident that this re-make will benefit 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.

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.

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@sttheresa oakland.org or 547.2777, ext. 120.

Seder Dinner

Wednesday, April 1 ~ 6:00 PM

In the tradition of our ancestral family in faith, the Hebrew people, we gather for a Seder dinner. Seder means order, the order of the ritual followed at the celebration. This is a wonderful event for the whole family. All who attend will be asked to prepare a side dish or dessert (recipes provided) for the meal, and to bring a bottle of wine or grape juice to drink during the ritual. The parish will provide the main dish. You may sign-up for the dinner and pick up a recipe in the vestibule following Mass.

Reservations required, seating limited.

Winter Cold and Flu Season

As always, you are reminded to use common sense in the reception of Holy Communion from the chalice during the annual cold and flu season. If you are feeling ill or think you may have been exposed to a virus, you should refrain from partaking of the Blood of Christ from the communal chalice. In the same way, you should refrain from offering your hand to others at the sign of peace. A smile and a heartfelt “Peace be with you” should suffice. Likewise if you are not comfortable sharing the sign of peace or receiving Holy Communion from the communal chalice for fear of infection, you should feel no pressure to do so. All of us must be aware of such sensitive matters in the intimate life of the Christian community and we should expect that some will refrain from the sign of peace and the communal chalice out of care for our well being and not out of unkindness or a lack of piety.

Pasta Dinner

Supporting the Class of 2020 Graduation Activities

Adults: $15
Children: $12
Kids under 3 FREE

Cash Bar
Raffle

Sunday, March 15
5:30 - 7:30 PM
St. Theresa
Event Center
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MARCH 11TH
TOBI NAGEL, PH.D.
FOUNDER & PRESIDENT, PHAGES FOR GLOBAL HEALTH
Global Antibiotic Resistance Crisis: Moving Forward with Faith

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

♦ SUN, March 22 - Years I and Year II, Mtg Rms
♦ SUN, March 29 - Church Hall, class TBD

For more information, please contact:
Jenny Bruni
HSYM Coordinator
jenny@sttheresaoakland.org
(510) 547-2777 x 123

WINGS ~ WOMEN IN GOD’S SPIRIT

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LENTEN RESOURCES

WEEKLY REFLECTION
Second Week of Lent Year A
Do Not Be Afraid

Genesis 12:1-4a
Psalm 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22
Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.
2 Timothy 1:8b-10
Matthew 17:1-9

It sounds easy now when we hear about Abram following the Lord’s directions to pack up everything and move to a new country with the promise of many blessings. Perhaps Abram had doubts, Scripture doesn’t tell us. Scripture does tell us that the voice from the cloud frightened the disciples. Jesus’ words are, “Do not be afraid.”

Does fear control me? Does it prevent me from doing things I would like to do? Can I listen to Jesus’ words and not be afraid? This week, when the paralysis of fear sets in, I will turn to Jesus and resolve to act in spite of the fear. I will pray the psalm as often as necessary: “Lord, let your mercy be on us as we place our trust in you.”

PARISH LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE
Saturday, March 28, at 3:30 pm

This service is one of the key parts of our Lenten journey. It offers us as a parish community an opportunity to come together in prayer to acknowledge the great grace of forgiveness and spiritual healing extended through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Rice Bowls

All families are invited to pick up a Rice Bowl packet in the church vestibule and join in this simple yet powerful Lenten practice.

LENTEN REFLECTION BOOKLETS

are available in the church vestibule. This is a prayerful journey through lent with day by day reflections on the Mass readings.

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).

CONSOLATION MINISTRY (NEW)

At the suggestion of parishioners, a new Consolation Ministry is being formed, and we would like to invite interested parishioners to sign up to participate. When a family is planning a funeral or memorial service at St. Theresa’s, they are offered the use of the meeting rooms or the Event Center for a reception following the church service. As you know this can be a very confusing and stressful time. In order to relieve the grieving family of one less detail, our Consolation Ministry members will provide homemade baked goods and coffee for any reception and will assist by setting up the meeting rooms or Event Center, and ensuring that during the reception, everything runs smoothly and as effortlessly as possible. If a professional caterer is used, Consolation Ministry members will also assist the caterer as needed with set-up, food service, etc. You can volunteer to bake, to assist with the set-up and reception, or both. When needed, an email will be sent asking for volunteers and you may choose to participate or not, as your schedule allows. We welcome any and all to this new ministry. It is a great honor to assist our fellow parishioners in their time of need, and we hope you will decide to join us. If you have any questions or would like to participate, please email Cecile Cutitta at cecile.cutitta@att.net.
March 9 - 15

**Monday:**
Dn 9:4b-10  
Ps 79  
Lk 6:36-38

**Tuesday:**
Is 1:10, 16-20  
Ps 50  
Mt 23:1-12

**Wednesday:**
Jer 18:18-20  
Ps 31  
Mt 20:17-28

**Thursday:**
Jer 17:5-10  
Ps 1  
Lk 16:19-31

**Friday:**
Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a  
Ps 105  
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

**Saturday:**
Mi 7:14-15, 18-20  
Ps 103  
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

**Sunday:**
Ex 17:3-7  
Ps 95  
Rom 5:1-2, 5-8  
Jn 4:5-42

**Parish Weekly Calendar**

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**Living God's Word**

God has called us to a holy life (1 Timothy 1:9). This week, as we journey with Jesus into the presence of the Father, listen for how the Father may be speaking to you now. Ask God to open your ears and eyes to recognize the beloved Son’s presence.
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

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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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