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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.

MARCH 15, 2020  
THIRD SUNDAY  
OF  
LENT

HISTORIC  
WATER WELL  
TEL AVIV

Jesus said,  
“Whoever drinks the water I shall give  
will never thirst;  
the water I shall give will become in them  
a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

JOHN 4:14

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**MASS INTENTIONS ~ MARCH 14 - 22**

- Sat. 5:00 pm † Patrick Joyce (7<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)  
 Sun. 9:00 am Licia Delnatte  
 11:00 am Parish Community of St. Theresa
- Mon. 8:30 am † Deceased Member of the Parish  
 Tues. 8:30 am all affected by the Coronavirus  
 Wed. 8:30 am Immigrants & Refugees  
 Thurs. 8:30 am † Maria & Arnold Tira  
 Fri. 8:30 am † Nick Monti
- Sat. 5:00 pm † Angelo & Beatrice Allegrotti  
 Sun. 9:00 am Parish Community of St. Theresa  
 11:00 am † Elsie Giuntoli

**SUNDAY OFFERING**

**MARCH 7 & 8 SUNDAY OFFERING:** \$ 3,513.00  
**ONLINE GIVING (March 2 - 8):** \$ 3,221.31

**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/sttheresaokland> to sign up. Contact Cathy Brady with any questions. cathy\_b@sttheresaokland.org, 547.2777, ext. 126.

**KEEP IN TOUCH WITH US**

Via email or text message:

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**BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINES**

March 15 bulletin was due by March 6 (Friday)  
 March 22 bulletin was due by March 13 (Friday)  
 March 30 bulletin is due by March 20 (Friday)  
 April 5 bulletin is due by March 25 (Wednesday)

Items must be received by 4:00 pm on the due date.  
 Email to cathy\_b@sttheresaokland.org.

**CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION**

Next week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC). Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the CRSC and help Jesus in disguise. Learn more about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).

**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, Markos Addam.

**LIVING STEWARDSHIP**

"A man turning from an evil life is bound to be rendered desperate by the knowledge of his sins, if he does not know how good God is, how kind and gentle, and how ready to forgive."

Saint Bernard of Clairvaux (1090-1153)

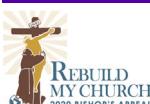
**QUESTION OF THE WEEK**

**Adult:** Where have you found a source of "living water" for your own journey of faith?

**Child:** Name some times when your belief in Jesus helped make you stronger.

**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

It seems developments are happening very quickly as the covid-19 virus spreads in our nation and is causing many different responses. We have already sent out a ‘flock note’ about precautions that will happen at Mass over the weekends, but please read any updates that may be coming in the days and weeks ahead.

I want to assure you that our parish staff is regularly discussing this, and we will keep you informed as we try to make informed decisions throughout this health crises. As always, I cannot remind you enough that if you are not feeling well, in charity please take precautions that may include not coming to Mass or other services, meetings, games, activities that are on the parish schedule. For those who remember times before Vatican II, even then, the obligations of Mass were suspended when a serious situation like the spread of a virus were present.

On a very happy note, I am able to report that thanks to many of you who have personally supported *Corazon* through the years, another successful build took place last weekend with over seventy people, many of whom were from our parish. Two homes were built for two different families who have worked for and waited a long time for this day. While we are no longer able to sponsor or support this project due to insurance and safety issues that have been communicated to us by the bishop, many individuals have continued to change the lives of people by the building of a house for those most in need in a single day. Once again for the fifteenth year, all traveled, worked and returned without a single accident, injury or mishap. I firmly believe that is worth praising and that every good action or act of generosity should be praised. As the scripture says, “and seeing your good work, all will give honor and praise to God.”

Back to the current health crises, we as a Church have the one thing that the doctors, politicians, organizers don’t have: prayer. Here is an excellent prayer written to this situation from *America* magazine. I encourage you to pray it alone or with your family each day!

*JESUS CHRIST, YOU TRAVELED THROUGH TOWNS AND VILLAGES “CURING EVERY DISEASE AND ILLNESS.” AT YOUR COMMAND, THE SICK WERE MADE WELL. COME TO OUR AID NOW, IN THE MIDST OF THE GLOBAL SPREAD OF THE*

*CORONAVIRUS, THAT WE MAY EXPERIENCE YOUR HEALING LOVE.*

*HEAL THOSE WHO ARE SICK WITH THE VIRUS. MAY THEY REGAIN THEIR STRENGTH AND HEALTH THROUGH QUALITY MEDICAL CARE.*

*HEAL US FROM OUR FEAR, WHICH PREVENTS NATIONS FROM WORKING TOGETHER AND NEIGHBORS FROM HELPING ONE ANOTHER.*

*HEAL US FROM OUR PRIDE, WHICH CAN MAKE US CLAIM INVULNERABILITY TO A DISEASE THAT KNOWS NO BORDERS.*

*JESUS CHRIST, YOU TRAVELED THROUGH TOWNS AND VILLAGES “CURING EVERY DISEASE AND ILLNESS.” COME TO OUR AID NOW, THAT WE MAY EXPERIENCE YOUR HEALING LOVE.*

*JESUS CHRIST, HEALER OF ALL, STAY BY OUR SIDE IN THIS TIME OF UNCERTAINTY AND SORROW.*

*BE WITH THOSE WHO HAVE DIED FROM THE VIRUS. MAY THEY BE AT REST WITH YOU IN YOUR ETERNAL PEACE.*

*BE WITH THE FAMILIES OF THOSE WHO ARE SICK OR HAVE DIED. AS THEY WORRY AND GRIEVE, DEFEND THEM FROM ILLNESS AND DESPAIR. MAY THEY KNOW YOUR PEACE.*

*BE WITH THE DOCTORS, NURSES, RESEARCHERS AND ALL MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS WHO SEEK TO HEAL AND HELP THOSE AFFECTED AND WHO PUT THEMSELVES AT RISK IN THE PROCESS. MAY THEY KNOW YOUR PROTECTION AND PEACE.*

*BE WITH THE LEADERS OF ALL NATIONS. GIVE THEM THE FORESIGHT TO ACT WITH CHARITY AND TRUE CONCERN FOR THE WELL-BEING OF THE PEOPLE THEY ARE MEANT TO SERVE. GIVE THEM THE WISDOM TO INVEST IN LONG-TERM SOLUTIONS THAT WILL HELP PREPARE FOR OR PREVENT FUTURE OUTBREAKS. MAY THEY KNOW YOUR PEACE, AS THEY WORK TOGETHER TO ACHIEVE IT ON EARTH.*

*WHETHER WE ARE HOME OR ABROAD, SURROUNDED BY MANY PEOPLE SUFFERING FROM THIS ILLNESS OR ONLY A FEW, JESUS CHRIST, STAY WITH US AS WE ENDURE AND MOURN, PERSIST AND PREPARE. IN PLACE OF OUR ANXIETY, GIVE US YOUR PEACE.*

*JESUS CHRIST HEAL US.*

This will be one of the most interesting Lents that we will every live through.





Please join us for our monthly *RISE & SHINE Mass*  
at 9am on Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>.  
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 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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 23<sup>rd</sup> \*

***It's All About God's Love***

\* Lenten Soup at 6:15pm followed by the program

Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>

***How Do You Nurture God's Love?***

Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>

***How Do You Mess Up?***

Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup> \*

***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.

#### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING

The next meeting of the St. Theresa St. Vincent de Paul conference will be on Saturday, March 21, at 9:30 am in the rectory. All are invited to attend and see how we serve the needy in our community.

#### 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

In response to this spreading virus we must reflect on how we, as disciples of Jesus, express our love of God and neighbor. In caring for all members of our community — especially the elderly and the vulnerable — we are carrying out the mission of the church.

We urge you to stay home from Mass if you are sick; to practice good hygiene, including frequent hand washing; and to avoid hand-to-hand contact during the Our Father and the sign of peace. The holy water has been removed from the fonts at the doors.

We strongly suggest that Communion hosts be received in the hand, not on the tongue; but Bishop Barber is maintaining both options be offered. The Precious Blood will not be distributed until further notice.

Please continue to pray for all those affected by the virus and for all who are working to combat its spread.



**LENTEN RESOURCES****WEEKLY REFLECTION****Third Week of Lent Year A**  
**Living Water**

Exodus 17:3-7

Psalm 95:1-2, 6-9

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

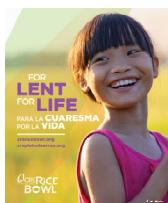
John 4:5-42

Water is essential for life. Lack of it caused the Israelites to grumble and sent the Samaritan woman to the well where she encountered Jesus. Moses, acting by God's direction, provided water for the people. Jesus promised living water. What is my image of living water? How would I imagine it in my life? What do I need in my life?

We are all in need of something physically or spiritually. This week I will reach out to others to help supply their needs. I will volunteer at an organization that needs people to drive, sort, pack, distribute, or whatever needs to be done. I will help others receive what they need physically so that they can have the freedom to seek the spiritual living water.

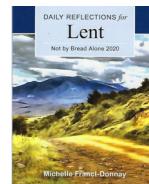
**PARISH LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE**  
**Saturday, March 28, at 3:30 pm**

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.

**LENTE N 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*).

**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**

Dear All,

Over the past week, since right after our last meeting, several of us, including the Core Team and some of our medical background members, have been very closely monitoring the question of protocols and whether WINGS should continue to meet through the Coronavirus crisis. We have received direct input from a wide range of medical experts, both locally and elsewhere.



I am very sad to say that we have decided that WINGS needs to take a hiatus until at least after the Easter Break. And we who are leading the WINGS ship right now, feel that we need to err on the side of caution rather than erring on the side of risk.

We will be in touch with ideas about how we might continue to communicate and support each other.

Please give phone calls to any of your WINGS sisters who might not get or look at email frequently.

With love and gratitude for all that you are to all of us,  
Sharon and Laurie

**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 Cuttitta at [cecile.cuttitta@att.net](mailto:cecile.cuttitta@att.net).

**PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR**

	Start Time	Event	Location
March 14	11:00 AM	Funeral: Elizabeth Berry-Mercier	Church
Saturday	4:00 PM	Reconciliation	Church
	5:00 PM	Mass	Church
March 15	9:00 AM	Mass	Church
Sunday	10:00 AM	Family Faith Formation	Mtg Rms
	11:00 AM	Mass	Church
	5:00 PM	Family Rosary	Church
	<b>5:30 PM</b>	<b>8th Grade Pasta Dinner</b>	<b>Event Center</b>
March 16	8:30 AM	Mass	Church
Monday			
March 17	8:30 AM	Mass	Church
Tuesday	9:00 AM	Legion of Mary	Hall
	4:00 PM	CYO Practice	Event Center
March 18	7:30 PM	Cursillo Faith Sharing	PC Parlor
Wednesday	8:30 AM	Mass	Church
	9:15 AM	WINGS	Mtg Rms
	2:30 PM	CYO Practice	Event Center
	4:00 PM	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Church
	7:00 PM	Retreat Planning Meeting	Library
	7:00 PM	Centering Prayer	Church
March 19	8:00 AM	Men's Cursillo Faith Sharing	PC Parlor
Thursday	8:00 AM	Women's Volleyball	Event Center
	8:30 AM	Mass	Church
	4:00 PM	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Church
	4:00 PM	CYO Practice	Event Center
	5:00 PM	Bell Choir Rehearsal	Church
	7:00 PM	Baptism Class	Rectory
	7:00 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Off-Site
	8:30 PM	Men's Basketball	Event Center
March 20		<b>Parish Offices closed on Fridays</b>	
Friday	8:30 AM	Mass	Church
	1:00 PM	CYO Games	Event Center
March 21	8:00 AM	CYO Games	Event Center
Saturday	9:30 AM	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting	Rectory
	4:00 PM	Reconciliation	Church
	5:00 PM	Mass	Church
March 22	9:00 AM	Mass	Church
Sunday	10:00 AM	HSYM/Confirmation	Mtg Rms
	11:00 AM	Mass	Church
	1:00 PM	CYO Games	Event Center
	3:00 PM	Cub Scouts	Hall

**WEEKLY READINGS****March 16 - 22****Monday:**

2 Kgs 5:1-15b  
Ps 42  
Lk 4:24-30

**Tuesday**

Dn 3:25, 34-43  
Ps 25  
Mt 18:21-35

**Wednesday**

Dt 4:1, 5-9  
Ps 147  
Mt 5:17-19

**Thursday:**

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16  
Ps 89  
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22  
Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

**Friday**

Hos 14:2-10  
Ps 81  
Mk 12:28-34

**Saturday:**

Hos 6:1-6  
Ps 51  
Lk 18:9-14

**Sunday:**

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a  
Ps 23  
Eph 5:8-14  
Jn 9:1-41

**LIVING GOD'S WORD**

As many have said, life is a journey. Faith too. And journeys take us to all sorts of unexpected places, or else they're not really journeys. Faith can be one of those unexpected turns in the road that make the journey new.

# 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**

Parish Website: [www.sttheresaoakland.org](http://www.sttheresaoakland.org)

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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](mailto: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

### Pastoral Council:

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### Finance Council:

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### St. Vincent de Paul Society

Greg Govan [glgovan@comcast.net](mailto:glgovan@comcast.net)

### CYO (Catholic Youth Organization):

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