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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 27, 2022
FOURTH SUNDAY
OF
LENT

THE POOL
OF SILOAM
JERUSALEM

I was blind and now I see.

JOHN 9:25

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MASS INTENTIONS - MARCH 26 - APRIL 3

Sat. 5:00 pm † Thomas H. Jones
 Sun. 10:00 am Parish Community of St. Theresa

Mon. 8:30 am † Leslie Marr
 Tues. 8:30 am
 Wed. 8:30 am
 Thurs. 8:30 am
 Fri. 8:30 am † Michael McShane

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

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OR
 Text: STT To: 84579

SUNDAY OFFERING

ONLINE GIVING :	
(March 14 - 20) 59 DONORS	\$ 2,335.20
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MASS/DROP-OFF/MAILED DONATIONS:	
(March 14 - 20) 36 DONORS	\$ 3,333.00

ONLINE GIVING

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

Scan the QR code to sign-up or make changes to your online giving.

**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.

**PARISH MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENT**

The second collection for the Parish Maintenance & Improvement Fund will be on April 2 & 3.

You may also use Online Giving for this collection.

DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers, those who have died especially Irene Rielly, wife of William Rielly; Chip Lindgren, brother-in-law of Susan Rubio; Georgine Premo, mother of Rich Premo.

 **ST. THERESA SCHOOL**

Next weekend, St. Theresa School will be kicking off the Tuition Assistance Drive. We are hoping that parishioners will support this campaign by considering a donation of any amount. Envelopes can be mailed back to the school or dropped off at any mass in the collection baskets. Look for the mailing to be arriving in your mailbox soon. We thank you in advance for your support.

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

Matt Mercier, Heidi Parmelee, Aiden Farinella, Dolores Gomez, Alegría 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, Joan Simmons, Badri Nakhjavani, Eddie Bradford, Wendy Jones, Bob Rogers, Orlando 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, Della Spinelli, Jennifer Taylor, Kelly Keith, Jeanne Cuttitta, Susan Buller, Felipa Luviano, Amy Kantowitz, Shelley Faro, and all who have the corona virus throughout the world.

LIVING STEWARDSHIP

Join or donate to an organization that works for peace and justice. You can find a selection of such organizations listed on the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Web site: <https://www.usccb.org/offices/justice-peace-human-development>.

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BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINES

March 27 bulletin was due by March 18 (Friday)
 April 3 bulletin was due by March 25 (Friday)
 April 10 bulletin is due by March 30 (Wednesday)
 April 17 bulletin is due by April 6 (Wednesday)
 Items must be received by 4:00 pm on the due date.
 Email to cathy_b@sttheresaoakland.org.

**Bishop's Ministries Appeal 2022****St. Theresa Parish Goal - \$35,800**

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

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

I hope you noticed that all the burnt-out light bulbs in the church have been replaced and the whole room is filled with light again. Luigi Bonacini searched for the LED replacements, fixed the scaffolding to reach them and helped our maintenance man, Raul replace bulbs in every fixture. It was no easy task. A few prospective companies gave remarkably high bids, but Luigi ordered them, paid for them, and made sure each bulb was replaced. This is a great service to all of us when we are in the church. Please thank Luigi when you see him!

Looking for the next project and noting that several have been concerned about the damaged paint in the upper left corner of the church, Luigi also had a team of painters fix that area. Although I was waiting for a new roof before interior repairs were made, it is beautiful again and hopefully not distracting to anyone's prayer as it had been after the damage. Again, a thousand thanks to Luigi.

They never mentioned in seminary that part of the work would be dealing with many temporal needs around a parish site. We have several aging buildings that are constantly in need of refreshment and repair. I have tried to balance the resources and generosity of parishioners keeping in mind recently the dire repairs that were needed for the Event Center, meeting rooms and around the foundation of the office (former convent) building. Those repairs are all but complete and I will have a full report to all soon about them and the extraordinary cost to the parish to fix them, but I do see a light at the end of the tunnel and can again look to maintain and repair other things around our beautiful site. Again, abundant blessings and thanks to all of you who month after month contribute to the 'building and maintenance fund.' It has allowed the hiring of a maintenance person and many hidden and behind the scenes repairs.

On St. Patrick's Day, the bishop summoned all the priests of the diocese to a meeting that took place at St. Isadore's parish in Danville. We were shown

a lot of data as the ongoing 'Mission Alignment Program' proceeds in the diocese. Hearing some of the clergy observations and soon listening to other members of every parish, recommendations will be made to the bishop as to how to better use the resources of the diocese for the benefit of the mission of the Church. Thanks for so many who completed surveys last year. As data is opened to others, I will make sure you are made aware of this process. I am happy to report now that St. Theresa demonstrated a strong foundation thanks to your ongoing presence, participation, and generosity.

Pope Francis has asked the whole Church to consecrate Russia and the Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. He invited the bishops and priests of the world to do this last Friday. We join them in solidarity with Pope Francis praying the peace may conquer all warring hearts and the violence and murder occurring without any justification in the Ukraine may immediately stop. I ask all to add this intention to your daily Lenten prayers. As we have heard many times in the story of salvation history which is especially remembered during the Lenten season that God hears the cries of the poor, oppressed and needy, let us in this generation again cry out for God's peace on our whole world.

This coming week, I will be flying to New York/New Jersey to preside at a wedding that was supposed to take place in April 2020 but was postponed twice due to the pandemic. I grew up with the father of the bride and helped the family adopt their two beautiful children now grown up and getting married. I baptized them and was present at their First Communions. My brother, family and friends have been anxious to see me since my recent illness and so I will stay there more than a week. It has been a few years since they saw me in person. I will be back in time for Holy Week and Easter.





Fourth Week of Lent Year A Sight

Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

Psalm 23:1-6

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want..

Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9:1-41

We do not see as God sees, for God sees a person's heart. Samuel originally thought, judging by appearances, that David's older brother was the one he was called to anoint. The blind man believed in Jesus, but the Pharisees, who could see, were not able to recognize Jesus for who he was.

Where am I blind? Is there someone I have judged quickly, looking only at appearances? This week I will take another look and try to get to know and understand the person. I will ask the Lord to give me the gift of his sight so that I may see people for who they truly are. I will avoid rash judgments.



Anointing of the Sick

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**Sunday, April 3rd
10:00 am Mass**

The Sacrament of the Sick will be administered to all those who suffer from a serious, acute or chronic illness. Caregivers are also encouraged to attend.

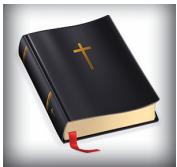
New this Lent.....WEEKLY PRAYER CARDS

Get your new prayer each week in the vestibule and use this, along with all the rest of the parish as your prayer for that week.

*Imagine....all of us praying the same prayer together
wherever we may be!*



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



Do you want to understand how the Holy Spirit is implicated in your prayer life? Are you aware of the need to respect the cardinal laws on prayer for a fruitful prayer experience? Have you really experienced the power of praise in your personal prayer journey? Well, Lent is the time to rearrange your spiritual furniture for a new encounter with God using the Bible. The above questions and much more are the issues we shall be tackling in this pastorally oriented 2022 Lenten Bible Journey that means to demonstrate how the Bible is the ultimate prayer manual.

Saying that the Bible is the ultimate manual on Christian prayer is certainly stating the obvious. But this fact may not be that evident for many Christians who earnestly want to pray and who seek guides to improve their prayer life. Manuals on prayer abound that Christians have profitably used down the ages. These manuals on Christian prayer are effective as guides for individuals and groups precisely because they are themselves guided by the sacred scriptures of the Christian faith. Of course, you do know that the Bible guides the Christian life. Now is your opportunity to understand the compelling and stimulating guide that the Bible offers in a specific area of the Christian life: prayer. Here is your chance to excavate monumental clues from the Bible to improve your prayer life. This Lent 2022, add a delicious item to your spiritual lunch tray by plunging into the ultimate manual on Christian Prayer in this year's Lenten Bible Journey with me, your priest friend, Ngema.

When: Tuesday, March 29, April 5, 12

Time: 7:00 pm

Where: Zoom, link in Friday Flocknote

Water, Light, and Life: A Lenten Parish Retreat



SESSION FOUR

THE RAISING OF LAZARUS: THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE

The Lenten journey for the baptized is one of preparing for the renewal of their baptismal promises at the Easter Vigil; it is a journey of conversion. Session 4 will engage participants in the story of the raising of Lazarus. Like the narratives of the woman at the well and the man born blind, it is a story of enlightenment, a story of conversion from unbelief to belief. This journey from unbelief to belief hopefully leads to repentance, new wisdom or insight, and a deeper life in Jesus Christ. Ultimately, it leads to a renewal of baptism, a renewal of the commitment to live as a disciple of Christ.

Through this Lenten retreat, we will focus inwardly on our personal relationship with God. As we do so, we will develop it ever more profoundly and come to understand what is meant by the call to constant conversion that marks the life of every Christian. This gathering is an opportunity for conversion, prayer, reflection, and faith-sharing for you. Mark your calendars and come join us! Please contact the parish office if you have questions.

When: March 30

Time: 7:00 pm

Where: Church and on Zoom
(the zoom link will be in the Friday Flocknote)

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LENTEN BIBLE JOURNEY 2022 BIBLICAL LESSONS ON PRAYER

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE (SJC) CORNER

Lent is the perfect time to reflect on social justice. The three pillars of lent: Fasting, Almsgiving and Praying

This Lent please consider:

Mercy Meatless Mondays- Consider going meatless on Mondays and Fridays during Lent.

"Eat food. Not too much. Mostly plants"—Michael Pollan

Donate savings to Rice Bowl or St. Vincent de Paul Food Kitchen

Our moral imperative to act on climate change and 3 steps we can take **responding to the call of the poor and cry of the earth:**

- 1) Promote an education geared to our common home
- 2) Promote access to food and water all over the world, beginning in our community
- 3) Gradually work toward clean energy sources

Take the St. Francis/ Laudate Si Climate pledge

https://catholicclimatecovenant.org/files/resource/attachment/Climate_Action_Pledges.pdf

Praying for Peace in our World

Praying for people in Ukraine

Praying for people in Cameroon and Ethiopia

Praying for people in Afghanistan and Syria

Praying of all places where there is war and conflict.

A PRAYER FOR PEACE

Lord Jesus Christ, You are the true King of peace.
In You alone is found freedom.

Please free our world from conflict. Bring unity to troubled nations. Let Your glorious peace reign in every heart.

Dispel all darkness and evil. Protect the dignity of every human life. Replace hatred with Your love.

Give wisdom to world leaders. Free them from selfish ambition. Eliminate all violence and war.

Glorious Virgin Mary, Saint Michael the Archangel,
Every angel and saint: Please pray for peace.

Pray for unity amongst nations. Pray for unity amongst all people. Pray for the most vulnerable. Pray for those suffering. Pray for the fearful. Pray for those most in need. Pray for us all.

Jesus, Son of the Living God, have mercy on us. Jesus, hear our prayers. Jesus, I trust in You! Amen.

Donations to Ukraine and other areas suffering from the effects of war:

CRS- Catholic Relief Services

Save the Children

Mercy Corp

UNICEF

Doctors without Borders

(must make sure to direct your funds)

Next Social Justice Meeting – April 7th at 7pm. All are welcome! RSVP to Lydia Deck at ltdeck@me.com

**Help SVdP Collect Supplies for Easter!**

St. Vincent de Paul of Alameda County is preparing to host our 9th annual **Easter Open House** for local children and their families on **Saturday, April 16th from 10 am to 12 pm**. This year we'll be hosting 150 children ages 1 month to 16 years.

Your support makes it possible to create fun, safe, family-friendly events like this! If you would like to contribute to this year's event, please contact Katy Debsa at 510-499-4680. **Donations are needed by Saturday, April 2nd** at our direct service campus (our parking lot address is 675 - 23rd Street, Oakland CA 94612).

Supplies Needed by Sunday, April 3rd:

- 150 medium-size Easter baskets (unassembled)
- Individually packaged snacks (bunny crackers or cookies)
- \$25 grocery store gift cards
- New or very gently used children's books
- Assorted Easter candy (individually wrapped)
- Easter-themed activity and/or coloring books
- New stuffed animals and toys

Or you can purchase items directly from our Target Easter Registry: svdppeaster2022

You can drop off donations in the vestibule, in the SVdP donation box.

**FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION**

April 1st

9:00 am to 4:30 pm

Benediction at 4:30 pm.

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. She will send you the link to Zoom.



"Led by the Spirit "

MARCH 30TH

LORIN PETERS

PAX CHRISTI MEMBER

How the Spirit Led Me to Trust and to Act

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL****CURRENT NEEDS**

Volunteers Needed for the Dining Room at the Direct Services Campus in West Oakland: 8:30am to 1pm Tuesday through Saturday

Volunteers to help prepare, and bag warm meals for our guests and serve the meals at the gated entrance to the courtyard. These excellent hot takeaway meals are being provided while the dining room is closed due to COVID. Contact Volunteer Coordinator, Kristen Bernal: Email kernal@svdp-alameda.org 510-277-6435.

Men's Clothing (casual, work, denim, and work pants, and shoes in good condition) and women's hygiene articles can be dropped off in the Church vestibule. These donations are distributed through SVDP Clothes Closet in our Downtown Community Center.

Nonperishable, non-expired food donations: Our first collection for food was graciously received by many parishioners of Sacred Heart Parish. In addition to our thanking our parishioner for their generosity, we wish to thank the Confirmation Class for their generous response in supplying an abundance of cans of soup. There are many needy people in this part of Oakland who are on various forms of public assistance: Social Security, Unemployment, Food Stamps. Toward the end of the month, they are short on funds to buy food. The pastor at Sacred Heart asked us to deliver our food donations by the third Sunday of each month to accommodate this end-of-month situation.

Nonperishable, non-expired food donations may be left in the back of the vestibule in the basket(s) next to the "Giving Tree" at any time, up March 20.

Furniture: If you have twin bed frames, a dressing table, or a breakfast room table to donate, please contact Greg at 510-547-0911 for arrangements. There are specific needs for such furniture, primarily for senior homeless people who are moving into housing.

Bay Area Rent Relief

CA COVID-19 Rent Relief is still available. It covers 100% of rent and utilities. There is no deadline, but renters and landlords impacted by COVID-19 who need help with rent should apply immediately, before funding runs out.

Our Parish Conference of St Vincent de Paul is here to help our neighbors in need, including assisting those who qualify for California's rent relief program to apply for and receive these State funds.

If you know of anyone in need requiring assistance, please refer them to our Conference.

Our Parish SVdP Conference meets bimonthly, every third Saturday at 9:30am. Our next meeting is March 19. If interested in learning more about our Conference's work, contact Judy Bojorquez at jtsbojorquez@yahoo.com to be added to email distribution and with any questions you might have.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Are you interested in serving your parish on the St. Theresa Pastoral Council? The Pastoral Council is a body of active parishioners that supports the goals and vision of our parish community and staff. This is a 3 year commitment and we meet monthly. For more details, please contact Paulette Tuckner at pmtuckner@comcast.net.

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.

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

March 28 - April 3

Monday:

Is 65:17-21
Ps 30
Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday:

Ez 47:1-9, 12
Ps 46
Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday:

Is 49:8-15
Ps 145
Jn 5:17-30

Thursday:

Ex 32:7-14
Ps 106
Jn 5:31-47

Friday:

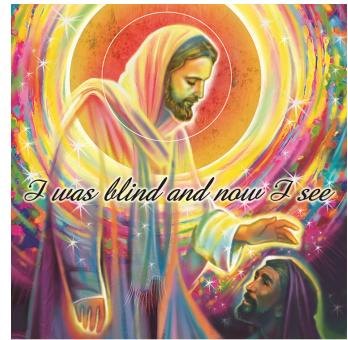
Wis 2:1a, 12-22
Ps 34
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday:

Jer 11:18-20
Ps 7
Jn 7:40-53

Sunday: (Year A readings)

Ez 37:12-14
Ps 130
Rom 8:8-11
Jn 11:1-45



PARISH INFORMATION



MASS SCHEDULE:

Face Masks are required for all unvaccinated people attending Mass.

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.

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