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Sat. 5:00 pm Parish Community of St. Theresa
 Sun. 10:00 am † Msgr. Nicholas P. Connolly

Mon. 8:30 am † Peter Cuttitta
 Tues. 8:30 am
 Wed. 8:30 am † Marietta Blessent
 Thurs. 8:30 am
 Fri. 8:30 am

Sat. 5:00 pm Parish Community of St. Theresa
 Sun. 10:00 am Peter Ernest Oliverez

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SUNDAY OFFERING

ONLINE GIVING :
 (May 9 - 15) 61 DONORS \$ 3,270.20

MASS/DROP-OFF/MAILED DONATIONS:
 (May 9 - 15) 38 DONORS \$ 3,305.00

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF THE EAST BAY:
 ONLINE: 4 DONORS \$ 250.00
 MASS/DROP-OFF/MAILED: 18 DONORS \$ 910.00

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.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COLLETON**

The 2nd collection for St. Vincent de Paul will be on May 28 & 29. This collection benefits the St. Vincent de Paul Society conference in our parish, 100% of your donation benefits people in our community. You may use Online Giving for this collection.

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

Matt Mercier, Heidi Parmelee, Aiden Farinella, Dolores Gomez, Alegria Hipolito, Betty Wharton, Hazel Villata, Juanita Estrella, Leslie Fischer, Mike Reilly, Dorothy Donnelly, Olga Lamberti, Tom Sanford, Wendy Parmelee, Roger Bayloq, 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, Orlanda 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, Amy Kantowitz, Shelley Faro, Ann Springer, Guy Wallace, Ray Bertolotti, William McCarthy, and all who have the corona virus throughout the world.

LIVING STEWARDSHIP

Have you made a commitment to share your unique abilities with your faith community? Check out all the opportunities to serve in today's parish bulletin and the Friday Flocknote, and find one that appeals to you and that you know you can fulfill. Sign up today.

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BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINES

May 22 bulletin was due by May 13 (Friday)
 May 29 bulletin was due by May 20 (Friday)
 June 5 bulletin is due by May 27 (Friday)
 June 12 bulletin is due by June 3 (Friday)
 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>

Percentage Achieved **20.00%**
\$7,875.00 as of May 15, 2022

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Congratulations to all who make their First Holy Communion this weekend at our Masses. Well done, girls and boys who have studied, prayed, and worked for this day. One student last Sunday happily told her mom with delight that this was the last Sunday she had to fold her hands over her chest to receive a blessing. Today thanks to parents, godparents, teachers, catechists, encouraging parishioners and relatives these children receive this most special gift Jesus gave us. May the Eucharist be nourishing food for each of them for the rest of their lives!

Six hundred and seventy-one rose pedals adorn the Event Center. On each pedal is the name of one of the donors from when the project began, when there was a second drive to pay off the debt, when a fast replacement floor was needed so it could be used while preparations were made to repair the defects, and some ongoing parishioner donations from their estates.

It is finally ready! We blessed the Event Center, the Parish Center, Meetings rooms, present computer lab, T-K classroom after many repairs were finally completed. Finally, all of these rooms can be used by our parishioners and school as they were envisioned to be used when the project started in 2008.

At the Mass that began our blessing procession, a wonderful video was presented showing the many ways these rooms have been utilized over the years. This video will be posted on the parish and school websites for all to look and remember events and more importantly members of our community who have brought these rooms to life.

Basketball, volleyball, gym games played through many seasons, school concerts and talent shows, crab feeds, Wings meetings on Thursdays, many parish retreats and the bible study groups that regularly meet, the yearly Seder dinner, music practices and lessons, Vacation Bible School summer sessions, Corazon dinners, the Irene

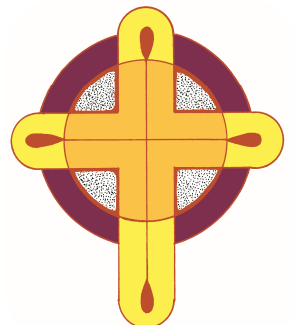
Crosetti ravioli fest, Epiphany parties, after a funeral luncheons, and so many other events have taken place, and we all hope will take place again for many, many years.



Now at last, the area above the kitchen is stocked with pots and pans for future dinners and luncheons and other events. The walls are waterproofed correctly, so the molds will not have a chance to take hold, leaks are fixed and many of the other repairs that were mentioned in this column two weeks ago are professionally completed.

As we did at Mass last Sunday, just before the blessing walk took place, I now ask each parishioner, student, school parent to quietly say a prayer in thanksgiving for the generosity of six hundred and seventy-one parishioners and families. May the sacrifices that were made to raise over seven million dollars be rewarded a hundredfold. A good number of these generous donors have passed away and we pray they are with God and all the angels and saints. We ask God to bless others who have moved away both near and far but will not see these facilities used again. May the Lord continue to watch over and care for those of us who will again use these facilities and bless those who will follow us.

I challenge our current users to be good stewards in caring for the maintenance, upkeep and improvements that may come. I pray that the generosity that came from people who never saw their children enjoy a game or moment in these facilities continue in us who now possess it as part of our parish. The repairs are accomplished. May we take care of this gift so it can be our gift to the generations that will come.



PARISH UPDATE

There is a lot of looking ahead going on which started with our Synod Listening Sessions. We have not forgotten about the valuable input that was shared. With that, many discussions have blossomed, one being... bringing back our 9am Mass. ***Starting June 12th, we will return to our 9am Mass time on Sundays,*** while still keeping the 5pm Mass on Saturday evenings. **The 9am Mass will be live-streamed on our Facebook page for the ill and homebound.**

This past year our Family Faith Formation, Sacrament Prep, High School Youth Ministry as well as Confirmation have adapted their regular meeting times to not be in conflict with the current 10am Mass. These ministries have intentionally been scheduled around our Sunday Celebration of the Eucharist as a way of modeling that everything we do as a people of faith first should be rooted in our communal gathering around the Eucharistic Table. As a result of this, our sessions have ended later in the day than usual. This has sometimes been the cause of schedule conflicts, as many students and adult volunteers participate in sports and other worthy activities.

Please be sure to check out the many ministry tables at our ***Parish Ministry Fair after all Masses on Pentecost Weekend, June 4th & 5th.*** Ministries will be showcasing their good works. Stop by and say hello to your fellow parishioners and see where *YOU* want to share your gifts.



connect—grow—serve

If you are the lead in a ministry that would like to schedule an event or meetings on site, please be sure to contact the parish office. The staff has already looked ahead to 2022-2023 and we are ready to welcome everyone back! Be sure to request your dates with the parish office.

ST. THERESA PARISH MINISTRIES

SERVICE/OUTREACH

- Social Justice
- Ministry to Homebound
- Hospital Ministry
- St. Vincent de Paul
- Memory Bears

FUNERAL HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

- St. Mary's Dinners

ORGANIZATIONS

- Legion of May
- Men's Club
- CYO

LEADERSHIP

- Pastoral Council
- Finance Committee
- Hospitality
- Sunday Donuts
- Wine & Cheese
- Facility Committee

SCHOOL

- School Board
- Parent's Club

PRAYER

- First Friday Adoration
- Family Rosary

EVENTS

- St. Theresa Fall Festival
- Ravioli Dinner
- School Auction
- Seder Dinner
- Advent by Candlelight
- Summer Concerts
- Breakfast with the Priests

FAITH FORMATION

- Family Faith Formation
- Kinderchurch
- Children's Liturgy of the Word
- Middle School Youth Ministry
- RCIC

HIGH SCHOOL

- High School Youth Ministry
- Confirmation Prep

ADULT FAITH ENRICHMENT

- RCIA
- WINGS's
- Men's Faith Sharing Group

MUSIC MINISTRY

- Children's Choir
- Adult Choir
- Resurrection Choir
- Cantor
- Musicians

LITURGY

- Altar Server
- Greeter
- Lector
- Eucharistic Minister
- Usher

ADMINISTRATION

- Counters
- Office Help
- Information Table (church)
- New Parishioner Welcome

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE (SJC) CORNER

We invite you to take a look at Catholic Relief Services' Catholic Social Teaching 101 videos.

The videos bring the themes of Catholic social teaching to life and inspire us to put our faith into action. <https://www.crs.org/resource-center/CST-101>

The first video is "Life and Dignity of the Human Person".

Please join the Social Justice Committee as we pray for how we go forward in our works of Charity and Social Justice.

There is much need in our world right now. Take a look at the compassionate work of Catholic Relief Services, World Central Kitchen and Doctor's Without Borders on their websites.

Remember to take a look at St. Vincent de Paul "Current Needs" section to see the very real needs in our Oakland Community. Remember "love is small, faithful acts."

Please send us your ideas for Social Justice works at St. Theresa. We meet once a month but sometimes twice ☺. Stay tuned for upcoming meetings. You can email: Lydia Deck at ltdeck@me.com for more information. We will also be doing a survey next month so be on the watch.

This is our prayer:

Prayer for the Courage to Love Small

Dear God,

Bless me with a radical love, inventor of love. And may that love overflow onto, into, and through me. Flood me with Your kindness, generosity, and compassion, so that I may be Your hands and feet in the world.

Help me to remember that love isn't always in grand gestures or extravagant gifts, but in the small, faithful acts. Help me to remember it is in the showing up, in the work behind the scenes, in doing that which won't get us recognition. The one who is the first in and last out. The generosity of time, resources, spirit. The one who leaves flowers in her wake. This is the long faithfulness that can change the world.

God bless me in the Little Way, to be able to do small things with great love. One small action at a time, until it's a bridge—with a span that reaches from my little life to Yours with each act of love. And when I screw up or forget or grow weary, bless me with the courage to begin again. Loving and loving again. being changed by Your love and transforming the world one little act of love at a time.

May it be so.

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 **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 kbernal@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 on-going food collections for the needy people in the Sacred Heart Parish have been graciously acknowledged by those who have been served. This is becoming a regular opportunity for us to feed the hungry, especially during these difficult economic times. We bring the food to Sacred Heart around the third Sunday of the month to accommodate our neighbors some of whom are on various forms of public assistance that leave them short of funds when it come to purchasing food at the end of the month. Food donations may be left in the back of the vestibule in various baskets next to the "Giving Tree at any time.

Bay Area Rent Relief

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. The next meeting is May 21. 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.

You may use online giving to make a donation to the St. Theresa St. Vincent de Paul conference. <https://sttheresaokland.org/donate>.

ST. THERESA SCHOOL

Are you or anyone you know still looking to apply to school for the Fall? St. Theresa School has extended their admissions deadlines and has openings in grades TK-4! Contact the Director of Admissions, Michelle, for more information about their rigorous curriculum, engaging STEM program, and enriching specialty courses! m_halligan@sttheresaschool.org.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

To request a Mass Intention contact Melody Marr at melody@sttheresaoakland.org or 510.547.2777, ext. 120
(Monday - Thursday).

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://sttheresaoakland.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.

DO YOU NEED TO REGISTER, HAVE YOU CHANGED YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS, HAVE A NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER, DO YOU RECEIVE OUR FRIDAY FLOCKNOTE NEWSLETTER?

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.

Parish Office (*2nd floor of the Parish Center*),
Monday - Thursday
or call/email Melody Marr
510.547.2777, ext. 120
melody@sttheresaoakland.org.

WEEKLY READINGS

May 23 - 29

Monday:

Acts 16:11-15
Ps 149
Jn 15:26-16:4a

Tuesday:

Acts 16:22-34
Ps 138
Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday:

Acts 17:15, 22-18:1
Ps 148
Jn 16:12-15

Thursday:

Acts 18:1-8
Ps 98
Jn 16:16-20

Friday

Acts 18:9-18
Ps 47
Jn 16:20-23

Saturday:

Acts 18:23-28
Ps 47
Jn 16:23b-28

Sunday:

Acts 1:1-11
Ps 47
Eph 1:17-23
Lk 24:46-53



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 (This Mass time will change to 9:00 am beginning June 12)

RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Reconciliation is outside, not in the confessional

PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Thursday: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Please ring doorbell for entrance to parish offices.

Phone: 510.547.2777

After Hours Medical Emergency Line: 510.610.7715

Parish Website: www.sttheresaoakland.org

Facebook: [StTheresaChurch/Oakland](https://www.facebook.com/StTheresaChurch/Oakland)

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ST. THERESA SCHOOL

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St. Theresa School Principal

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website: www.sttheresaschool.org

Baptisms and Marriages

by appointment (call parish office 510.547.2777)

To arrange a Funeral

call parish office 510.547.2777, ext. 120

Family Faith Formation (Grades TK-5) & R.C.I.C.

Keri Nims ~ keri@sttheresaoakland.org

Middle School Youth Ministry (Grades 6-8)

Jenny Bruni and Keri Nims: Co-Coordinator

High School Youth Ministry/Confirmation

Jenny Bruni ~ jenny@sttheresaoakland.org

R.C.I.A. Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Cathy Brady ~ cathy_b@sttheresaoakland.org

Parish Organizations

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