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WE ARE A WELCOMING,
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GROWING SPIRITUALLY AND REACHING OUT
TO LOVE AND TO SERVE OTHERS

SEPTEMBER 12, 2021
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY
IN
ORDINARY TIME



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IF YOU WISH TO COME AFTER ME
YOU MUST DENY YOURSELF,
TAKE UP YOUR CROSS,

and follow me.

MARK 8:34

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MASS INTENTIONS ~ SEPTEMBER 11 - 19

Sat. 5:00 pm † Silvano Giuntoli
 Sun. 10:00 am † Yolanda Silvestre

Mon. 8:30 am † Tom McDonough
 Tues. 8:30 am Parish Community of St. Theresa
 Wed. 8:30 am † Kelly Church
 Thurs. 8:30 am
 Fri. 8:30 am † Gladys Buie Jones

Sat. 5:00 pm Parish Community of St. Theresa
 Sun. 10:00 am † Salvador Cors

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SUNDAY OFFERING**ONLINE GIVING :**

(August 30 - September 5) 74 DONORS \$ 4,831.40

MASS/DROP-OFF/MAILED DONATIONS:

(August 30 - September 5) 34 DONORS \$ 3,390.00

PARISH MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENT:

ONLINE: August 2 - Sept. 5: 44 DONORS \$ 1,626.80

MASS/DROP-OFF/MAILED: 31 DONORS \$ 1,812.00

You can help us
 during the COVID-19 pandemic.

During this challenging time, we depend on online donations to continue our ministry. Use eGiving from your computer, smartphone or tablet to set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift.

Use the link on the parish website to donate.

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By using smile.amazon.com and **amazon smile** 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.



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DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers, those who have died especially Lolita Lim and Suzette Logan.

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

Matt Mercier, Sven Cooper Little, Nadine McMillan, Heidi Parmelee, Helen Buty, Aiden Farinella, Liza Mitra, 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, Matt White, Mark Dreier, Tom Sanford, Wendy Parmelee, Roger Baylocq, Ida Scodella, Tom Jones, Sigrid Castaldo, Alicia Gonzalez, Denise Moore, Mirella Baldo, Karis Chodzko, Diana Martinez, Susan Springer, Rachel Cecchetti, Takako Smith, Margie Sullivan, Maddie Heitkemper, Lennox Peerson, 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, Johannes & Lilyanti Sugianto, Cathy Fisher, Dennis Boegel, Rhonda Santeen, Ricardo Sepulveda, Doris Fiumano, and all who have the corona virus throughout the world.

LIVING STEWARDSHIP

A family became regular volunteers at a shelter. They continued to donate money every month along with household and personal items for the families, and gave their time to do chores and make friends. Be a disciple and steward, and teach your children this way of life.

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BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINES

September 12 bulletin, is due by September 3 (Friday)
 September 19 bulletin, is due by September 10 (Friday)
 September 26 bulletin, is due by September 17 (Friday)
 October 3 bulletin, is due by September 24 (Friday)

Items must be received by 4:00 pm on the due date.
 Email to cathy_b@sttheresaoakland.org.

**Bishop's Appeal 2021**

St. Theresa Parish Goal - \$35,800

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

Percentage Achieved **65.77%**

\$23,545.00 as of August 31, 2021

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Please mark your calendar for October 3 and plan to join your fellow parishioners for the annual St. Theresa Day celebrations. Friday, October 1st is her actual feast day and we have used the nearest weekend as the time to hold this gathering. The ten o'clock Mass will be held outdoors and the festivities will begin immediately afterwards so you don't have to go home and then come back unless you want to change out of your 'Sunday best'.

Stay tuned for more information. The band "the St. Thresa Dads" will be playing and games are being planned for all ages of children. Food possibilities are in the works, and we will let you know when we know. We have just received many guidelines for outdoor gatherings at the parishes from the diocesan office. Unfortunately, we will have to wait another year for the wonderful chicken dinner that Peter Boero, Peter Nuti, and their well skilled team produce as the diocese is not letting us prepare food on site right now. As I mentioned, other food options will be available and advertised in the weekly flock note.

Saturday marked the twentieth anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attack on our country. I am sure that if you were alive at the time, you can vividly remember where you were, how you heard about it and the attention you gave it the rest of the day. The Sunday afterwards all churches, synagogues and mosques saw the largest attendance at services in the millennium. Twenty years later we are still praying for peace and answers. But some, like someone in the sixth-grade class asked, 'why does God allow this (these things) to happen'. Some ask the same question about why the Oakland fire had to happen thirty years ago? Why are we experiencing horrific storms and earthquakes and other terrors in the world? Why do wars still happen?

We believe that God is transforming the world in Christ, but why do good people continue to suffer? Patricia Tull an internationally known preacher offers some insights:

"Yes, responds Jesus: God is transforming the world, both on the global and local levels. There are still butchers. There is still shoddy construction, errors in design and judgment. God knows that it happens, and God's heart breaks. There is no connection, says Christ, between personal sin and suffering. God does not keep a scorecard and zap you when you blow it. There is, however, judgment. All our actions have their consequences – consequences for our interpersonal relations, consequences in our academic and professional lives, and consequences in our relationship with God. Jesus follows his teaching on the lack of connection between suffering and sin with a parable on judgment, and the lesson of the parable is that the God who is our judge is the God of second chances. Don't cut down the fig tree that isn't producing – aerate and nourish it, give it the support it needs. Jesus says that God isn't

waiting with glee to watch us fail but supporting us with love that we might soar. God's grace is greater than God's judgment. God has mercy toward all, so let us live mercifully with all.



When bad things happen to other people – we, like the disciples, want a reason, want order to the universe; we want a rationale. How to interpret what is going on around us? The weather, the times, the crises? Some responses are ludicrous, calculating, political, like Jerry Falwell's decree right after 9/11 that the travesty was God's response to feminists and others in America. Not only am I certain that God was not responsible, but I also know I wasn't either!

Isaiah tells us, "My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says our God." We remember this fact more when bad things happen to other people, to us people, to good people. We are consumed with the question, "why?" That is not the right response, says Jesus. Rather, we must journey through God to get to God's ways, which are often so "other" from our own. We lean into faith, lean into love, lean into compassion. We throw ourselves into the mystery of all we do not know. We serve Christ in other people. We live out a faith-response to human suffering in hopes that we might, as Rilke put it, live into the answers someday. God's thoughts and ways will likely never become fully our own. We are not God. But leaning into them with all our might, especially when people are hurting, can move us, and our hurting world, closer to the very Kingdom of God.

The path Jesus reveals as the way to get to God's ways is compassion. When bad things happen to other people, Jesus tells us not to ask, "Why them?" but simply to serve them. That is how we participate in the transformation of our world. Suffering will continue. It just will. We effect the transformation of God when we meet suffering with compassion, with work for justice, with proactive change of whatever we can change.

Our policy-related responses come from our compassion. When we act with compassion toward those who suffer, we inhabit the transformation of our world, its movement towards the reign of God. Compassion means the outpouring of love, not blame, or causality, or distancing. Compassion is the opposite of indifference. It is daring caring. When bad things happen to other people, we care."

Whether we remember events and tragedies from thirty or twenty year ago, or what we will hear today, let us assist one another along the path of compassion.



Please join us for our monthly *RISE & SHINE Mass*
at 10am on Sunday, September 19th.
This is a youth-friendly and youth-participatory Mass.

*"It is not enough to say we are Christians.
We must live the faith,
not only with our words,
but with our actions."*
— Pope Francis

St. Theresa Parish Social Justice Committee Presents:



Fr. James Martin, SJ

*Building A Bridge:
How to Reach Out to our
LGBTQ Friends*

**September 22, 6:00 PM
on Zoom**

Please join the St. Theresa Parish Social Justice Committee on **September 22nd** as we proudly present distinguished guest speaker **Rev. James Martin, SJ**.

Fr. Martin is a Jesuit priest and the Editor-at-Large for America Media. A prolific writer, Fr. Martin wrote the NY Times bestseller *The Jesuit Guide to (Almost) Everything: A Spirituality for Real Life*, as well as *My Life with the Saints*, and *Jesus: A Pilgrimage*. He is a sought-after public speaker and media commentator on subjects such as the life and teachings of Jesus, and Ignatian spirituality inspired by the life and teachings of Saint Ignatius of Loyola. In 2017, Pope Francis appointed Fr. Martin as a consultant to the Vatican's Secretariat for Communications.

*Please RSVP to Lydia Deck at ldeck@me.com
for a link to the meeting.*

This is a presentation not to be missed!



2021-2022 Faith Formation Registration

Registration packets are available in the church vestibule and on the parish website (follow the Formation link).

Online registration is also available at:

<https://sttheresaokland.org/formation>.

- KinderChurch
- FFF (Family Faith Formation, Gr. 1-5)
- First Holy Eucharist Preparation
- RCIC (Rite of Christian Initiation for Children)
- MSYM (Middle School Youth Ministry, Gr. 6-8)
- Confirmation Years I & II (High School Gr. 9 & 10)
- HSYM (High School Youth Ministry)

For additional information, please contact:

Keri Nims, Early Childhood Catechesis and RCIC
Jenny Bruni, High School Youth Ministry



Save the Date

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October 3

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



Are you or someone you know interested in joining the Catholic Church?

ARE YOU UNBAPTIZED, SEEKING A FAITH COMMUNITY?

OR

ARE YOU BAPTIZED IN ANOTHER FAITH?

OR

ARE YOU A BAPTIZED CATHOLIC SEEKING TO COMPLETE THE SACRAMENTS OF FIRST EUCHARIST AND/OR CONFIRMATION?

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RCIA might be just what you are looking for. A new inquiry session will begin in September. Contact Cathy Brady at [cathy\\_b@sttheresaokland.org](mailto:cathy_b@sttheresaokland.org) for more information, or to register for our sessions beginning in September.

**VOLUNTEER TO HELP AT MASS**

A thank you to all who over the past year have helped to make our celebration of the liturgy safe, dignified and reverent. Your commitment to the parish has been a blessing.

There is a need for volunteers for the following ministries at the 5:00 pm Saturday and 10:00 am Sunday Masses.

- † Lector
- † Eucharistic Minister
- † Videographer  
(for live-stream at the 10:00 am Sunday Mass)
- † Greeter
- † Usher

All the information on how to volunteer and the various options can be found on the parish website at: <https://sttheresaokland.org/reopening>

There will be a mandatory training session for Eucharistic Ministers to go over the current protocols for the distribution of the Eucharist.

**LIVE-STREAM MASS FOR HOMEBOUND & ILL**



The Sunday 10:00 am Mass is live-streamed for the **HOMEBOUND** and **ILL** on the St. Theresa Facebook page [StTheresaChurch/Oakland](https://www.facebook.com/StTheresaChurchOakland).

**SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE (SJC) CORNER**

*"There is no 'them' and 'us'. There is only us. "* — Fr. Greg Boyle

We send prayers to Afghanistan, Haiti, and those suffering from hurricane Ida, wildfires and those suffering from COVID. We know that many have been exploring ways to support relief efforts. Charity Navigator is a good place to see what many organizations are doing and has rating systems to see where your dollars are going.

But we know everyone is busy so here is a short list:

**Hurricane Ida Relief:**

Catholic Charities USA has set up a Text-to-Give for Hurricane Ida donations. To donate, **text HurrIda to 41444** or visit [www.CatholicCharitiesUSA.org](http://www.CatholicCharitiesUSA.org). To donate by phone, call 1-800-919-9338.

**Afghanistan:**

Consider contributing to Amazon wish lists that both JFCS East Bay (Jewish Family and Community Services) and IRC (International Rescue Committee) have created:

**International Rescue Committee:** Amazon wish list

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/35QCVLGHCCLKref\\_=wl\\_share&fbclid=IwAR3f0gfEGhCRbIIK5NCPmbIJ5MFqMpIATZGEEj5VtqWWvYNhxZgADXKISSE](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/35QCVLGHCCLKref_=wl_share&fbclid=IwAR3f0gfEGhCRbIIK5NCPmbIJ5MFqMpIATZGEEj5VtqWWvYNhxZgADXKISSE)

**Jewish Family and Community Services East Bay:** Amazon wish list

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1CW3QPCLGZMBC/ref=nav\\_wishlist\\_lists\\_2?\\_encoding=UTF8&type=wishlist&pldnSite=1](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1CW3QPCLGZMBC/ref=nav_wishlist_lists_2?_encoding=UTF8&type=wishlist&pldnSite=1)

This will supply the resettlement agencies with what is needed for families arriving soon.

**IRC website:** <https://www.rescue.org/article/how-can-i-help-afghanistan>

**Jewish FCS East Bay website:** <https://jfcs-eastbay.org/>

**Haiti:**

Catholic Relief Services- [//www.crs.org/our-work-overseas/where-we-work/haiti](http://www.crs.org/our-work-overseas/where-we-work/haiti)

UNICEF

Project HOPE

Hope for Haiti

**Wildfires:**

American Red Cross

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL****California Eviction Moratorium extended to September 30, 2021**

Our Parish Conference of St Vincent de Paul will continue 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 September 18. If interested in learning more about our Conference's work, contact Judy Bojorquez at [jtsbojorquez@yahoo.com](mailto:jtsbojorquez@yahoo.com) to be added to email distribution and with any questions you might have.

To volunteer at the St. Vincent de Paul Center in Oakland contact the Volunteer Coordinator: Kellie Foster - 510-277-6435 or [kfoster@svdp-alameda.org](mailto:kfoster@svdp-alameda.org).

**WEEKLY READINGS**

*September 13 - 19*

**Monday:**

1 Tm 2:1-8  
Ps 28  
Lk 7:1-10

**Tuesday:**

Nm 21:4b-9  
Ps 78  
Phil 2:6-11  
Jn 3:13-17

**Wednesday:**

1 Tm 3:14-16  
Ps 111  
Jn 19:25-27

**Thursday:**

1 Tm 4:12-16  
Ps 111  
Lk 7:36-50

**Friday:**

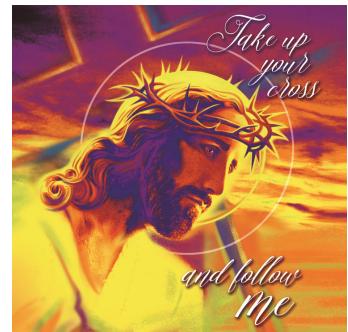
1 Tm 6:2c-12  
Ps 49  
Lk 8:1-3

**Saturday:**

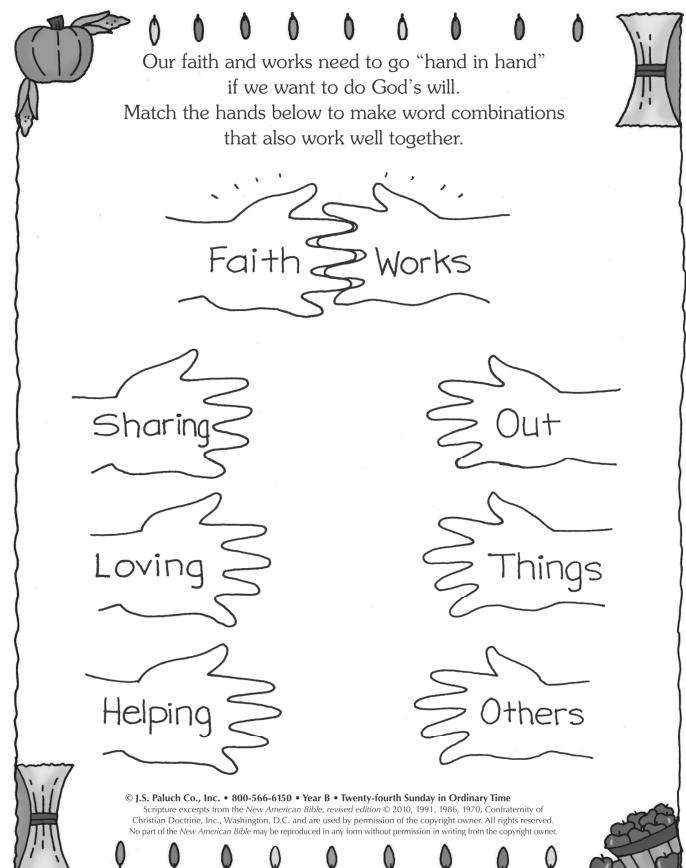
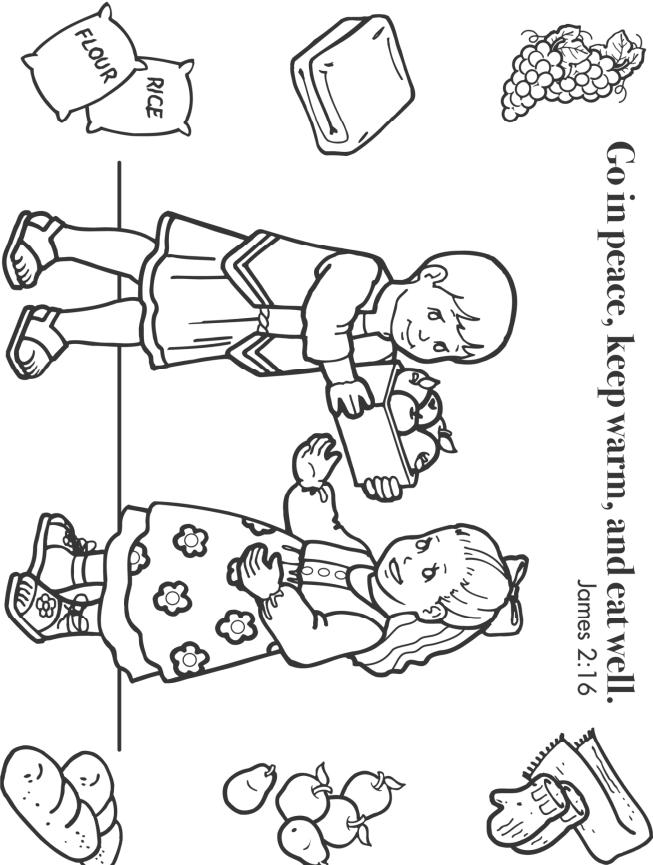
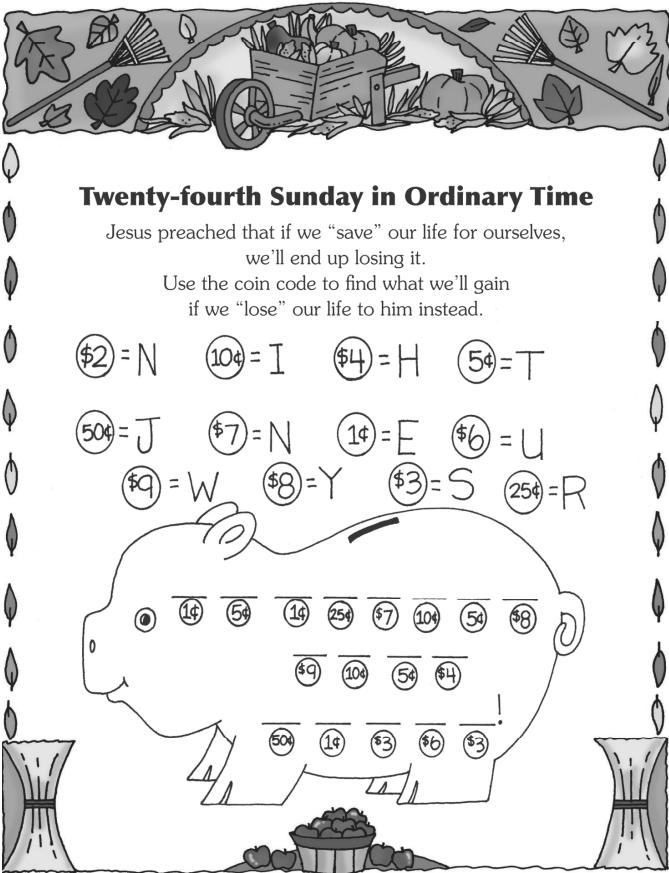
1 Tm 6:13-16  
Ps 100  
Lk 8:4-15

**Sunday:**

Wis 2:12, 17-20  
Ps 54  
Jas 3:16-43  
Mk 9:30-37



# God's Word for Children



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## CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY

In today's second reading (James 2:14-18) James reminds us that if we say to someone in need, "Go in peace, keep warm, and eat well," but don't follow it up with our good works, like giving them warm clothes and a meal, they will still be cold and hungry. The Church names seven good works, called the corporal works of mercy, that we are all encouraged to perform to help others. "Corporal" means "relating to the body."

Look through this list with an adult in your family. If you have already performed or are now performing a particular work of mercy, check the box and describe what you do. If you are not performing one of these works, write how you can begin to do it.

You might have to think about different ways to look at the last two works. Are jails the only kind of prison? People can feel as though they are "in prison" in many ways. People who are isolated and forgotten need visiting, too. How do you assist in burying the dead? You may already be doing these works in ways you don't expect.

In addition to the good works you do, always remember to say a prayer for all people in need.

| Work of Mercy                                      | We do this. | We are going to do this. |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Feed the Hungry           |             |                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Give Drink to the Thirsty |             |                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clothe the Naked          |             |                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shelter the Homeless      |             |                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Visit the Sick            |             |                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Visit Those in Prison     |             |                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bury the Dead             |             |                          |

# PARISH INFORMATION



## MASS SCHEDULE:

Face Masks are required for all people attending Mass regardless of vaccination status.

**Weekday: 8:30 am (Mon.-Fri.)**

**Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm**

**Sunday: 10:00 am**

## RECONCILIATION:

**Saturday: 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm**

## PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS:

**Tuesday - 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](http://www.sttheresaoakland.org)

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by appointment (call parish office 510.547.2777)

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