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PARISH
COMMUNITY

ST. THERESA MISSION STATEMENT

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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.

SEPTEMBER 18, 2022
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY
IN
ORDINARY TIME

God wills everyone
to be saved and to
come to knowledge
of the truth.

1 Timothy 2:4



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MASS INTENTIONS ~ SEPTEMBER 17 - 25

Sat. 5:00 pm † Gladys Buie Jones
 Sun. 9:00 am Parish Community of St. Theresa
 Mon. 8:30 am
 Tues. 8:30 am
 Wed. 8:30 am
 Thurs. 8:30 am † Virginia Cuttitta
 Fri. 8:30 am † Fr. Patrick Goodwin
 Sat. 5:00 pm Parish Community of St. Theresa
 Sun. 9:00 am Juanita Oliverez

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OR
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SUNDAY OFFERING**ONLINE GIVING :**

(September 5 - 11) 59 DONORS \$ 4,104.50

MASS/DROP-OFF/MAILED DONATIONS:

(September 5 - 11) 37 DONORS \$ 2,203.00

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ONLINE: 6 DONORS \$ 370.00

MASS/DROP-OFF/MAILED: 23 DONORS \$ 1,294.00

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<https://sttheresaoakland.org/>


PARISH CALENDAR

Find out what is happening at the parish. The parish calendar is available on the parish website:

<https://sttheresaoakland.org/calendar>

MASS INTENTIONS

To request a Mass Intention contact Melody Marr at melody@sttheresaoakland.org or 510.547.2777, ext. 120

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

DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers, those who have died especially Richard Nivens.

**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 Baylocq, Ida Scodella, Alicia Gonzalez, Denise Moore, Mirella Baldo, Diana Martinez, 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, Anita Perricelli, Danny Ramos, Mark Leonard, Christopher Rodriguez, Maryanne Walsh, Rhonda Santeen, John Whatley, Bishop John Cummins, Nancy Coyne, Kevin Stallone, Herman Carmassi, Della Spinelli, Kelly Keith, Jeanne Cuttitta, Susan Buller, Amy Kantowitz, Ann Springer, Guy Wallace, Ray Bertolotti, William McCarthy, Cindy Crimmins, Fred & Lidia Loupy, Rebecca Rogers, Kathleen Guevara, Clarence Robinson, Armando Diaz de Leon, and all who have the corona virus throughout the world.

LIVING STEWARDSHIP

Decide which ministries and charities you will give your time and skills to in the year ahead. Call, e-mail, or fill out a card to sign up. Keep track of your commitment, week by week.

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BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINES

September 18 bulletin was due by September 9 (Friday)
 September 25 bulletin was due by September 16 (Friday)
 October 2 bulletin is due by September 23 (Friday)
 October 9 bulletin is due by September 30 (Friday)
 Items must be received by 4:00 pm on the due date.
 Email to cathy_b@sttheresaoakland.org.



*Feed my lambs,
 feed my sheep*

2022 BISHOP'S
 MINISTRIES
 APPEAL

Bishop's Ministries Appeal 2022

St. Theresa Parish Goal - \$35,800

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

Percentage Achieved **55.11%**

\$19,729.50 as of August 31, 2022

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

We welcome the first *Rise and Shine Mass* for the new school year, and I welcome all the young among us who lector, cantor, usher, take up the collection, greet, and participate in today's Mass. You are not the future of the Church; you are the Church today! Thank you for sharing and participating today.

At the Baptism ceremony, the minister reminds the parents of their obligation to be the first teachers of their children in the ways of the faith. The blessing at the end of the ceremony again makes note of this and asks God to bless the parents and help them to be the best of teachers in sharing the faith.

Parents do not have to do this alone. Catechetical Sunday celebrates and blesses all who teach in our parochial school and our faith formation programs. These catechists help parents and guardians in the task mentioned above at the time of a child's Baptism.

We are very fortunate to have many wonderful women and men and even some younger persons who have just celebrated the Sacrament of Baptism who give many hours in preparing and presenting lessons of our faith. May God bless each one of them abundantly. May their words touch the hearts of their students and help them and all of us along the path of discipleship that the Lord calls each of us to answer.

In celebrating Catechetical Sunday, the USCCB has labeled this year with the theme of "This is my body, given for you." In the celebration of the Eucharist, we experience all of the central mysteries of our faith: the Incarnation, the action of the Holy Trinity, our redemption and salvation through the paschal sacrifice of Christ, our life as the mystical Body of Christ, the People of God... and so much more!

Without a doubt, we are given in this Blessed Sacrament the literal food for a lifetime of catechetical instruction, and we are invited to

grow in our understanding and appreciation of this mystery throughout our lives!

The Lord lifts up the poor and needy. At first glance, today's first reading may seem disconnected from this theme.

The prophet Amos denounced those who trample on the needy and destroy the poor, while the Psalm sings praise to the Lord for lifting up the poor. Pope Benedict XVI spelled out the prophetic connection between these Scripture readings and our celebration of the Eucharist, telling us that "Precisely because of the mystery we celebrate, we must denounce situations contrary to human dignity, since Christ shed his blood for all, and at the same time [we must] affirm the inestimable value of each individual person" (SC, 89).

The Eucharist is given for the life of the world—through us, the Body of Christ on Earth! The sublime gift of the Eucharist builds on the grace of our rebirth in Baptism to strengthen and form us as the Body of Christ, given for the life of the world (Jn 6:51). In other words, it is precisely because of this gift we have received that we are called to prophetically defend the weak, the vulnerable, and those who cannot speak on their own behalf. The world around us does not always see things in this light, so we have a social and political responsibility to participate in the perfection of charity in our midst, working tirelessly for justice and the common good.

This is the goal of all catechetical formation. This is what guides us in society that doesn't always welcome the poor, the homeless, the sick and the elderly, immigrants fleeing for their lives and those yet to be born.

My prayer for our parish is that we will preach this firm social justice in our daily lives and then also practice what we preach.



ST. THERESA PARISH CYO

Attention All Children of the Parish!!!



St. Theresa CYO Sports would like to invite all children of the parish to participate in our CYO athletic program.

This program is open to children of the school and parish. CYO requires students who do not attend St Theresa School to register and participate in the Parish Faith Formation Ministries. We would love to have your children involved. Please contact our Athletic Director, Clarence Robinson, with any questions:
sttheresaathletics@gmail.com.

CYO Sports:

Fall Cross Country: Co-ed 1st-8th grade (Aug-Oct)

Winter Girls Volleyball: 4th-8th grade (Oct-Jan)

Winter Boys Basketball: 3rd-8th grade (Oct-Jan)

Spring Girls Basketball: 3rd-8th grade (Feb-May)

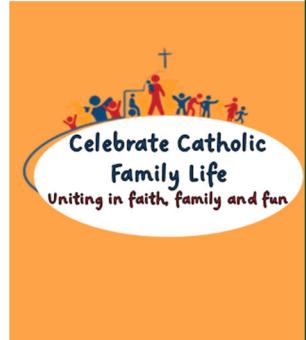


ST THERESA FEAST DAY CELEBRATION & PICNIC



"Art-in-a-Bag"
Take some time to visit our service area to help put together the items we have been collecting to create these special kits to share with Children's Hospital.

We need all hands on deck to make this special outreach a success.
There is something for everyone to do!!!!

**Order your meal in advance**

Taco Plate (with rice, beans) \$16

Taco Plate (kids 10 and under) \$11

\$5 price increase after September 25th

High School Youth Ministry—Nachos Bar

Men's Club Beverage Tent—Wine, Beer, Non-Alcohol Beverage

St Vincent de Paul—Bake Sale

Order food online at
<https://sttheresaoakland.org/about-us/st-theresa-feast-day-celebration>

Questions/volunteer:
Keri@sttheresaoakland.org

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*),

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

or call/email Melody Marr

510.547.2777, ext. 120
melody@sttheresaoakland.org.

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.

FRIDAY FLOCKNOTE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

The Friday Flocknote Newsletter is now available on the parish website. Click on the Bulletin/Flocknote link in the upper right corner of the website or enter <https://sttheresaoakland.org/Bulletin/Flocknote>



Art-in-a-Bag
Service project for
UCSF- Benioff Children's
Primary Care Clinic

THE SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE JOINS WITH ST. THERESA'S PARISH & SCHOOL TO COLLECT ART SUPPLIES FOR CHILDREN SEEN IN THE UCSF-BENIOFF CHILDREN'S PRIMARY CARE CLINIC. THIS IMPORTANT OAKLAND-BASED CLINIC SERVES A LARGE POPULATION OF CHILDREN SEEN THROUGHOUT THE YEAR WHO LIVE IN NEIGHBORHOODS IMPACTED BY POVERTY, GUN VIOLENCE, SUBSTANDARD HOUSING, AND OTHER CONDITIONS THAT AFFECT THEIR HEALTH AND WELL-BEING.

ITEMS TO DONATE
PLACE IN CHURCH VESTIBULE 9/10-9/26

- Water Color Paints (16 count)
- Crayons (24 count)
- Markers (thick tip)
- Colored Pencils (12/24 count)
- Children's Coloring Books
- Markers (thin tip)
- Sketch/Drawing Pads (9 x 12)
- Teen/Young Adult Coloring Books

Monetary donations made payable to St Theresa church and note in the memo "SJC service project"

Bags will be assembled at our Parish Festival Oct. 2

Contact Nina Green with questions nngreen177@att.net

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@sttheresaoakland.org for more information, or to register for our sessions.

**LOW GLUTEN HOSTS**

Low Gluten hosts are available at all weekend Masses. They are less than 20 parts per million gluten, under .002%

Please use the presider's communion station to receive a low gluten host.



**2022-2023 Faith Formation Registration is now OPEN!**

Registration packets are available in the church. Online registration & forms are on the parish website using the *formation* link,  
<https://sttheresaoakland.org/formation/children-and-teens>

- 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 (Gr. 9 & 10)
- HSYM (High School Youth Ministry)

**Questions, please contact:**

**Shannon Ciston**, Kinderchurch  
sciston@gmail.com 510.740.8150

**Keri Nims**, Early Childhood Catechesis/RCIC  
keri@sttheresaoakland.org 510.547.2777 x124

**Jenny Bruni**, High School Youth Ministry  
jenny@sttheresaoakland.org 510.547.2777 x123

**Keri & Jenny**, MSYM Team



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**Connect - Grow - Serve**

**PARISH MINISTRY WEEKLY HIGHLIGHT****CURSILLO**

- A weekend for ordinary people like you who are curious, searching, discovering, and growing in their faith.
- Designed to respond to that inner questioning voice that says, 'Where are you God? I need something more, I need you. Help me.'
- A Cursillo will leave you rejuvenated with faith, hope and so much love.

Give yourself the gift of a Cursillo.

Contact:

Geri Tong ~ gt4palancaoakland@gmail.com

Website:

<https://sttheresaoakland.org/formation/adult-enrichment/cursillo>

**SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE (SJC) CORNER**

The next Social Justice Committee Speaker Series is scheduled on **October 19th** at 7:00pm via Zoom. Robyn Thomas, Senior Legal Advisor for the Giffords Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence, will be speaking on gun violence prevention. For more info and to attend a meeting, please RSVP to Lydia Deck at ltdeck@me.com for a Zoom link.

Next up on the SJC Speakers' Series:

**November 9th** at 7pm - Social Justice at St Theresa with Father Bob McCann

**December 14th** at 7pm - A Pediatrician's View on Social Justice with Dr. Jayav Ross

**TUTORS NEEDED!**

Children Rising is an Oakland-based non-profit organization. The agency empowers children attending public schools most affected by poverty, violence, and educational inequity by raising awareness and rallying community support for their needs; and by galvanizing and guiding volunteers to teach, mentor, and nourish the children so they may develop academic and life skills.

No experience necessary!! Training provided!! Ongoing local demand for 2022-2023 academic school year.

To learn more about Children Rising's volunteer tutoring program, visit: <https://www.children-rising.org/volunteer/>

**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 help prepare, and bag warm meals for our guests and serve the meals at the gated entrance to the courtyard. Contact Volunteer Coordinator, Kristen Bernal: Email [kernal@svdp-alameda.org](mailto: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 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. Food donations may be left in the back of the vestibule in various baskets next to the "Giving Tree at any time.

Our Parish SVdP Conference meets bimonthly, every third Saturday at 9:30am. 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.

**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.

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

**SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING FOR PARISH & SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS**

FOR MANY PARISH AND SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS IT IS TIME FOR YOU TO RENEW YOUR TRAINING. YOU WILL OR HAVE RECEIVED AN EMAIL REMINDER WITH A LINK FOR YOU TO COMPLETE THE ONLINE TRAINING. PLEASE COMPLETE THE TRAINING BY THE RENEWAL DATE IN THE EMAIL.

IF YOU HAVE ANY PROBLEMS OR QUESTIONS CONTACT CATHY BRADY AT [CATHY\\_B@STTHERESAOAKLAND.ORG](mailto:CATHY_B@STTHERESAOAKLAND.ORG).

To renew or register for the first time, click on the link in your email or go to <https://www.virtusonline.org> or click on the link in the upper right corner of the parish website [sttheresaoakland.org](https://sttheresaoakland.org).

Please remember that in order to volunteer at the parish in any capacity (Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Catechist, Choir Member, St. Vincent de Paul, Legion of Mary, CYO etc.), or school, you must complete the training.

**WEEKLY READINGS**

*September 19 - 25*

**Monday:**

Prv 3:27-34

Ps 15

Lk 8:16-18

**Tuesday:**

Prv 21:1-6, 10-13

Ps 119

Lk 8:19-21

**Wednesday:**

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13

Ps 19

Mt 9:9-13

**Thursday:**

Eccl 1:2-11

Ps 90

Lk 9:7-9

**Friday**

Eccl 3:1-11

Ps 144

Lk 9:18-22

**Saturday:**

Eccl 11:9-12:8

Ps 90

Lk 9:43b-45

**Sunday:**

Am 6:1a, 4-7

Ps 146

Tm 6:11-16

Lk 16:19-31

# 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: 9:00 am (New Mass Time)**  
(live-streamed on Facebook)

## 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**

**Phone: 510.547.2777**

**After Hours Medical Emergency Line: 510.610.7715**

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

**Facebook:** StTheresaChurch/Oakland

## PARISH STAFF: 510.547.2777

**Rev. Robert J. McCann, ext. 121**

*Pastor*

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**Rev. Abraham Addam, ext. 122**

*In Residence*

**Rev. Ngema W. Enow, ext. 128**

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**ST. THERESA SCHOOL**

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*St. Theresa School Principal*

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website: [www.sttheresaschool.org](http://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](mailto:keri@sttheresaoakland.org)

## Middle School Youth Ministry (Grades 6-8)

Jenny Bruni and Keri Nims: Co-Coordinators

## High School Youth Ministry/Confirmation

Jenny Bruni ~ [jenny@sttheresaoakland.org](mailto:jenny@sttheresaoakland.org)

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

Cathy Brady ~ [cathy\\_b@sttheresaoakland.org](mailto:cathy_b@sttheresaoakland.org)

## Parish Organizations

### Pastoral Council:

### Finance Council:

Carolyn Mahoney ~ [carolyn.mahoney675@gmail.com](mailto:carolyn.mahoney675@gmail.com)

### St. Vincent de Paul Society

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

### CYO (Catholic Youth Organization):

Clarence Robinson ~ [sttheresaathletics@gmail.com](mailto:sttheresaathletics@gmail.com)

### St. Theresa Men's Club

Chris Bruni ~ [mensclubsttheresa@gmail.com](mailto:mensclubsttheresa@gmail.com)

### Legion of Mary

Tom Wallace ~ [tomw1313@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tomw1313@sbcglobal.net)

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### Social Justice Committee (SJC)

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### Consolation Ministry

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### Men's Faith Sharing

Jim Frei ~ [jim@ottofrei.com](mailto:jim@ottofrei.com)

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### Kinderchurch

Shanon Ciston ~ [s.ciston@gmail.com](mailto:s.ciston@gmail.com)

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