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.

October 6, 2019
Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Community Mass & Picnic
September 29, 2019
OCTOBER 5 - 13

Sat. 5:00 pm  Sylvia Ann Oliverez
Sun.  9:00 am  Kam Malloy
       11:00 am  Parish Community of St. Theresa

Mon.  8:30 am  Evelyn Wakcher
Tues.  8:30 am  Diane LaCava
Wed.  8:30 am  Elaine Moore
Thurs.  8:30 am  Tom McDonough
Fri.  8:30 am  Refugees & Immigrants

Sat.  5:00 pm  Carlo Pernecco
Sun.  9:00 am  Carmelina & John Isola
11:00 am  Parish Community of St. Theresa

We want apologize. There was a problem with the Mass Intention calendar and the Tuesday intentions were lost. If you had scheduled an intention on a Tuesday please contact Melody in the office 510.547.2777, melody@sttheresaoakland.org so we can place it back on the calendar.

BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINES
October 6 bulletin was due by September 27 (Friday)
October 13 bulletin was due by October 4 (Friday)
October 20 bulletin is due by October 11 (Friday)
October 27 bulletin is due by October 18 (Friday)
Items must be received by 4:00 pm on the due date. Email to cathy_b@sttheresaoakland.org.

Weekly Offering

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL $ 952.00

Next weekend is the annual second collection for The Catholic Voice. Your donation helps our parish offset its payments for this important communication ministry. The Voice is the only regular source of Catholic news and information delivered to all parishioners in the diocese. Please be generous in your support. Checks should be made payable to St. Theresa.

Please remember in your prayers, those who have died especially, Rafael Palacios the brother of Carlos Palacios.

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 Tyan, Olga Lamberti, Michael Banrick, Matt White, Tom McDonough, Mark Dreier, Mira Loran, Tom Sanford, Maria Gabriel Decker, Fr. Alex Snyder, John Moglia.

Mass Intentions

You can now schedule Mass Intentions on the weekends following all Masses. Stop by the information desk in the vestibule if you would like to schedule a Mass Intention.

LIVING STEWARDSHIP

Start a “gratitude bulletin board” in your home, classroom, or office. Use sticky notes or index cards to post the gifts of God that you encounter in your daily life. Review them at regular intervals.

Question of the Week

Adult: When have you done more than was required of you in the service of others?

Child: When have you done something extra for someone in your family without being asked? What did you learn from this?

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.

Bishop’s Appeal 2019

St. Theresa Parish Goal - $35,800
Percentage Achieved 72.86%
$25,833 as of September 15, 2019

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A Word from the Pastor:

We again experienced a small miracle celebrating the feast of St. Theresa, our patron! After sudden and unexpected roadblocks that shut down the possibility of a bar-b-que for hot dogs and chicken and hosting a ‘taco truck’, the parish festival morphed into a parish picnic which turned out with great weather to be a wonderful success. The children had an amazing time and the adults could have stayed for a couple more hours enjoying each other’s company and watching the delight on every child’s face.

The gospel on Tuesday which is the actual feast of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus, is Jesus telling the disciples that unless we become like a little child we will not get to heaven. St. Theresa demonstrated this in her journal and her short life reminding each of us that it is the ‘little things’ that will be the path to heaven. May the prayers and favors (roses) that she promised shower our children, and all our parish again and again!

On Sunday night, Keri Nims who with our whole parish staff coordinated the ‘parish picnic’ sent out a thank you to eighteen individuals who all helped make the day the success it was. I echo her gratitude and thank her and the staff, the pastoral council, men’s club, scouts, children’s and adult choir members, sacristans, altar servers, special greeters to help all maneuver the grass at Mass and others who worked in great harmony to make it a wonderful event.

My only regret is that many of our regular parishioners did not continue the celebration after Mass. (Maybe it was the disappointment that the traditional chicken dinner we have hope for was not to be served this year?) Be assured that we will work to make next year’s celebration even better and accessible for all.

Each October, our bishops ask us to address the gift of life and all the issues around it. I wish to continue devoting some of the October bulletins to a few of the many life issues that we encounter in life. This year, I want to start with what I have encountered more and more in my ministry. Some do not believe that care of self is a Christian value or virtue. It is. Why would Jesus offer giving the great commandment of loving God with our whole heart and soul also tell us to ‘love our neighbor as we love ourselves.”

In some Christian circles, self-care can be viewed as negative or selfish. I assure you; the scriptures and Church backs up self-care, without using those specific words. You have heard me say that it is not a sin to charge the cell phone if we want it to work. It is not wrong (though ever getting more expensive) to fill the car with gas if we want to get to our destinations. Self-care enables us to have the ‘gas’ and ‘charge’ that enables us to love God and others.

Our human bodies have limitations. Our capabilities are limited this side of heaven. This means, we must care for ourselves in ways the scriptures and Church recommends in order to thrive, flourish and serve effectively.

Christian self-care encompasses spiritual, physical and mental health. Everything we possess is a gift from God. We must choose to be good stewards of these gifts.

If you google ‘Christian self-care’, many tips and facets will come up. Here are a few from several sites I surveyed.

I have to warn you, knowing these Christian self-care tips are not enough. Doing these self-care tips is what will enable you to be more effective and equipped to serve in the area to which you are called.


I could probably write something about each of the above and you might be able to add to the survey I have presented. Spend some time encouraging one another to do some of the above. It will make a difference. During this month that we especially honor the Virgin Mary, let us follow her example and ask for her help. Holy Mary had to be bold at times in caring for herself so that she could bring the Savior into our world. May her help and example help us to keep that presence in our families, parish and world.
Parish Community News

explore
life
faith
meaning

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Cathy Brady  
cathy_b@sttheresaoakland.org

The evening starts with a light dinner, followed by a presentation and small group discussion and sharing.

JOIN US IN THE MEETING ROOMS AT 6:30 PM THIS TUESDAY!

You’re invited to TRY ALPHA  
Tuesdays, 6:30pm  
St. Theresa Catholic Church

St. Theresa Music Ministry - Join a Choir Today!

Rehearsals have begun for the Adult and Children’s Choirs.

The Adult Choir rehearses on Thursday nights at 7 pm. The Children’s Choir rehearses on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons from 4:00-4:30 in the church. We learn about the liturgy and the role of music in it, as well as about music.

All are welcome to attend! Contact Rob at rob@sttheresaoakland.org.

St. Theresa Ladies’ Guild

The final meeting of the Ladies’ Guild will be on Monday, October 14th, at 11:30 am in the Hall. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.

DO YOU NEED TO REGISTER,
HAVE YOU CHANGED YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS,
HAVE A NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER,
ARE YOU NOT RECEIVING OUR FLOCKNOTE EMAILS?

Let us know so we can update our parish database and keep you current with all upcoming events and news. Drop by the Information Desk in the church on the weekend or the Parish Office, Monday - Thursday or email melody@sttheresaoakland.org

Low Gluten Hosts

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Please join us! We are celebrating our 60th Anniversary of St. Theresa School at our annual auction on Saturday, November 2nd at the Ascension Greek Orthodox Cathedral. We are excited to have alumni attend to help celebrate and honor the legacy of St. Theresa’s. We need your help locating former students, so please feel free to share this form. We are also collecting memorabilia & photos to display. Please submit your information using the link to get on our list, or if you prefer please email Karen Raven, Director of Advancement, k_raven@sttheresaschool.org with questions.

Ticket Sales are open online at: https://sttheresapc.ejoinme.org/2019

Tickets will be on sale following all Masses the weekends of:
October 5-6, 19-20, 26-27

St. Theresa Annual Auction Save the Date

November 2, 2019 ~ 6 pm
Ascension Greek Orthodox Cathedral
4700 Lincoln Ave, Oakland, GA 94602

St. Theresa School

Celebrating 60 years
Help define our legacy for the next generation

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**KINDERCHURCH**

Who: 3.5 (fully potty-trained) to 5 year old's.

What: Helping children experience Church through age-appropriate play-based format

When: Sunday's during the 9am Mass

**CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD**

Who: 1st– 5th graders

What: dismissed after opening prayer and return before communion.

Students spend time reading and discussing the Gospel in ways they understand

When: Sunday’s during 9am Mass

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**Registration packets located in the church vestibule**

Both ministries are looking for more volunteers... email: Keri@sttheresaoakland.org

**CONFIRMATION & HSYM**

High Schoolers and Parents, please note the following dates and remember that all Sunday Sessions begin with 9am Mass:

- **Sunday, OCT 6 - good Sunday HABITS** - 10am-12noon, Hall - this is a meeting date for ALL Confirmation teens and an invitation to ALL high schoolers
- **Sunday, OCT 20 - Year I** - 10am-12noon, Mtg. Rms.
- **Sunday, OCT 27 - Year II** - 10am-12noon, Mtg. Rms.

For more information, contact:

Jenny Bruni
HSYM Coordinator
jenny@sttheresaoakland.org
(510) 547-2777 x 39

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**St. Theresa School**

On Monday, September 23rd, the sixth grade class left St. Theresa School to attend science camp for the week at Mission Springs Outdoor School. The kids hiked, learned about gardening, composting, orienteering, and scaled the 40 foot climbing wall. They of course also did a lot of praying. Many of the students joined the Banana Slug Club and some were even brave enough to eat some ants (eww).

On the students last day, they went to Natural Bridges and had a beautiful day on the beach.
You may never be canonized. However, people should be able to look at your life and discover signs of faith. Do they see your reaching out to those in need, working for justice, caring for family, engaging in prayer, seeking reconciliation, growing spiritually? If so, they see a just one who, through the gift of faith, shall live.
**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  
  *Fax 510.653.3575*

**After Hours Medical Emergency & Emergency Line:**  
510.610.7715

**Parish Website:**  
www.sttheresaoakland.org

**Facebook:**  
StTheresaChurch/Oakland

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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

**Kinderchurch**
- Preschoolers and Kindergarteners  
  9:00 am Sunday Mass
- **Children's Liturgy of the Word**  
  Grades 1-5, 9:00 am Mass

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**
- First Friday of the month (September - May)

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**Parish Staff:**  
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- **Rev. Robert J. McCann,** ext. 21  
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  rjmcann@sttheresaoakland.org

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- **Keri Nims,** ext. 24  
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  j_koneffklatt@sttheresaschool.org
  
  website: www.sttheresaschool.org

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