

# ST. THERESA

# PARISH COMMUNITY

## 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 9, 2022

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY  
IN  
ORDINARY TIME

## *St. Theresa Feast Day Celebration & Picnic*



30 MANDALAY ROAD --- OAKLAND, CA 94618 --- 510.547.2777

**MASS INTENTIONS - OCTOBER 8 - 16**

Sat. 5:00 pm † Lucy, Leigh & Ben Biankanja  
 Sun. 9:00 am Parish Community of St. Theresa

Mon. 8:30 am Ryan & Jake Oliverez  
 Tues. 8:30 am † Maria Luisa Valdez  
 Wed. 8:30 am  
 Thurs. 8:30 am  
 Fri. 8:30 am † Nancy Sweetland

Sat. 5:00 pm Parish Community of St. Theresa  
 Sun. 9:00 am Parish Community of St. Theresa

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*(September 26 - October 2)* 62 DONORS \$ 3,320.70

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**PARISH CALENDAR**

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

<https://sttheresaokland.org/calendar>

**MASS INTENTIONS**

To request a Mass Intention contact Melody Marr at [melody@sttheresaokland.org](mailto:melody@sttheresaokland.org) or 510.547.2777, ext. 120

**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, Wendy Parmelee, Roger Baylocq, Ida Scodella, Alicia Gonzalez, Denise Moore, Diana Martinez, 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, 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, Fr. Ron Schmidt, Patty Estopinal Msgr. Slade Crawford, Laura Jones, and all who have the corona virus throughout the world.

**LIVING STEWARDSHIP**

Whom do you fear? Try volunteering in an AIDS hospice, a mental hospital, a night shelter, or a prison ministry.

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**BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINES**

October 9 bulletin was due by September 30 (Friday)  
 October 16 bulletin was due by October 7 (Friday)  
 October 23 bulletin is due by October 14 (Friday)  
 October 30 bulletin is due by October 21 (Friday)

Items must be received by 4:00 pm on the due date.

Email to [cathy\\_b@sttheresaokland.org](mailto:cathy_b@sttheresaokland.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 **55.25%**

**\$19,779.50** as of September 15, 2022

## A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Fr. Jude Siciliano, O.P. has given a number of retreats over the years at St. Theresa Parish. His weekly "First Impressions" are read by many in the parish since he visited. I think the following is worth everyone reading during the times we are in especially as we focus in October on life:

"The first part of our Habakkuk reading last week is a lament. The prophet speaks for the people of his time and ours as well. Hear the question many of us have these days: "How long?" His people are experiencing violence and ruin and he wonders why God does not intervene. It's the kind of prayer individuals and communities make in dire circumstances. Think about the faith-challenging trials you may be experiencing. What afflictions are we, the individuals and families worshiping with us having? On a bigger scale: as I write this the war in Ukraine grinds on; there has been devastating flooding in Puerto Rico, Florida, Pakistan and Alaska; refugees at our southern border have been bused and flown to other states, some separated from their families; Texas is readying to execute two more men this month, etc.

We may have no answers for the turmoil and scandal our church, nation and world have been going through these days. Yet, our faith is tested and our prayers can feel strained and inadequate. Should we just keep silent, or say the usual "approved" prayers? Or, shall we take our lead from Habakkuk and voice a lament? ...lament to God for these dreadful times, for the neglect of the poor and needy of our country and world. We can lament the way the prophet does, make complaint to God for things that seem beyond our control, but affect us and others so dreadfully.

Notice the prophet is not afraid to confront God and speak what, for many of us, is the unspeakable: he accuses God of not caring. His prayer has roots in our Jewish/Christian tradition. Jesus prayed this prayer of protest in the Garden when his plans and life were being abruptly ended. People have been taught not to speak to God this way, or to just stay silent. But keeping silence, because we are afraid to utter what we are really feeling, risks closing off the possibility for growth in our relationship with God. It takes deep faith to shake one's fist at God.

Only after Habakkuk's lament has been voiced does God respond. What was God doing during the first part? Listening. God orders the prophet to write down the vision. Why write? Is it to give it permanence? Must it be written so that a future generation might also read it? The word "readily" in the phrase, "...so that it can be read readily" -- means, write it so large that it can be read on the run. Like a billboard. Are we running because evil is at our heels? If escape, or relief, doesn't come quickly, we will need to trust Habakkuk's vision of God's faithfulness over and over, to keep us strong in our faith when God doesn't seem to care, or respond. We are called to fidelity to a God who has promised to be faithful, despite seeming evidence to the contrary. The Hebrew word for faith is "Emunah," from which comes our "Amen." Our prayer response is the "Amen" of faith. We are called to faithfulness and our reward won't be riches but life..."the just, because of their faith, shall live."

Lament is an un-American prayer: it is not neat like cellophane wrapped vegetables in a supermarket. It lacks order, it spills over with emotions, it is a struggle with loss and doesn't hold back. It's the prayer we pray when a part of our life comes to an end. We pray this prayer for ourselves, or in solidarity with a group of people who are suffering. Suppose, for example, we prayed a lament for inner-city people who suffer violence every day, whose children need to sleep in bath tubs so that they won't get hit with stray bullets at night? This prayer on behalf of others might also mobilize us to do something about the very situation for which we lament.



The gospel last week begins with a plea. What would prompt a follower of Jesus to ask for an increase of faith? Doesn't a request like this usually flow from a person whose faith is being tested, or strained by life's demands? Like the prophet Habakkuk, the apostles must feel their own stressed, for they say to the Lord, "Increase our faith." What makes them aware of this need? The context of this passage reveals a very particular demand put on their faith. Looking back a few verses in chapter 17 we notice that Jesus has just spoken about not leading others into sin (vv.1-2); about giving correction to a brother or sister -- never an easy thing -- and then, to be constantly willing to forgive a repentant brother, or sister (vv.3-4), hardest of all!

No wonder the apostles feel their faith is insignificant! Hence the request, "Increase our faith." Aren't we also inclined to make the same plea as we face the need for similar Christian responses to life's arduous demands? For example, family life requires a deep pool from which to draw patience and forgiveness. In addition, recent disclosures have shown how devastating the effects of scandal are on the life of our faith community. A parish would not last long if forgiveness didn't characterize its daily life -- from the pews all the way to parish council, staff and clergy.

The apostles realize such consistent Christian living is impossible without faith, so they want more of it, figuring QUANTITY is the issue. But Jesus says, even faith the size of a mustard seed would be enough to unearth the deeply-rooted mulberry tree and cast it into the sea. He is using strong figurative language here. But he does make his point: it is not the quantity, but the QUALITY of faith that matters. Faith, it seems, doesn't have to increase -- as much as exist! Having faith doesn't automatically give the believer the power to perform crowd-pleasing spectacles. But faith does mean that we are in touch with God and experience God as the source of the power that enables us to live good Christian lives, marked by the ability to forgive many times -- as we ourselves have been forgiven by God. Wouldn't such forgiveness in our faith community be a powerful sign that God's life animates us and that God lives among us? Or, as Habakkuk has put it for us today, "The just one, because of their faith, shall live." By: Jude Siciliano, O.P.

<jude@judeop.org>



Please join us for our monthly *RISE & SHINE MASS*  
at 9am on Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>.  
This is a youth-friendly and youth-participatory Mass.

INTRODUCING

## The Titan Ticket

A new St. Theresa School Parents' Club  
fundraiser!

**\$150 Titan Ticket provides:**

- Titan t-shirt for a student to wear on EIGHT Spirit Days during the school year
- Teacher Treat: A student enjoys a party/activity hosted by a St. T. teacher
- Student black & white photo: A special ready-to-frame photo for the family to enjoy

All funds raised by the sale of Titan Tickets supports Christmas, year-end and birthday gifts, plus appreciation lunches for the dedicated St. Theresa teachers and staff.

The school hopes to provide every student with a Titan Ticket regardless of economic circumstance. The Parents' Club kindly encourages parishioners to support the school families for whom purchasing a Titan Ticket would be a financial challenge by buying a Titan Ticket on their behalf.

Thank you!

Scan the QR code to purchase a Titan Ticket!



### WINGS ~ WOMEN IN GOD'S SPIRIT

**WINGS** continues this Fall on Wednesday mornings. This faith enhancement group for women encourages spiritual growth through prayer, scripture study, life-sharing and community. Our Fall session meetings, each with a different expert speaker focusing on different aspects of faith in action, will take place on the Zoom platform from 9:15-11:15am, on Wednesdays, October 12 (the Opening Prayer Service), through December 14 (the special Christmas Reflections Program). 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. Feel free to invite a friend! Women from local parishes and other denominations are most certainly welcome. If you're new to WINGS or wish to sample a meeting, send your email address and request the week's Zoom link, and any questions you may have about joining WINGS, to Denise Mollen at [mollend@aol.com](mailto:mollend@aol.com). She will send you the link to Zoom. Our theme for the 2022/2023 year is:



*"Abide in God's Love"*



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**Connect - Grow - Serve**

**PARISH MINISTRY WEEKLY HIGHLIGHT**

## HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

- HSYM focuses on providing a faith community that will support our young people with a sense of solidarity and is open to all high school students, Confirmed or not.
- We hope that every teen will discover and explore their uniqueness and God-given gifts.
- Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation can begin in 9th grade for those who are ready

Contact:

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<https://sttheresaoakland.org/formation/children-and-teens/high-school>

### 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>

### 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.

**SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE (SJC) CORNER**

We are heartbroken, fearful, angry, and weary as we grapple with the continued epidemic of gun violence in the U.S.

*Dear Lord, make me a channel of your peace.* – Prayer of St. Francis.

IMPORTANT- NOTE DATE CHANGE – THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20<sup>th</sup>

On October 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm, Robyn Thomas of the Giffords Law Center will be speaking to us on the vitally important topic of gun violence prevention. All are invited to attend via Zoom. Robyn is the former executive director of this preeminent organization, and currently its senior legal advisor. She has testified before Congress and appeared on 60 Minutes, CNN, Fox News and other national media, as well as writing for national news publications. Our Social Justice Committee is excited to present this opportunity to hear a dynamic and knowledgeable speaker on a matter of great interest to us all. All parishioners are encouraged to attend, and please feel free to invite others.



GIFFORDS EXPERT

Robyn Thomas

SENIOR LEGAL ADVISOR, GIFFORDS LAW CENTER

Please send Lydia Deck and email at [ltdeck@me.com](mailto:ltdeck@me.com) to RSVP and get the zoom link.

**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 [kbernal@svdp-alameda.org](mailto: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. 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.

You may use online giving to make a donation to the St. Theresa St. Vincent de Paul conference. <https://sttheresaokland.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@sttheresaokland.org](mailto:cathy_b@sttheresaokland.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 [sttheresaokland.org](https://sttheresaokland.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**

*October 10 - 16*

**Monday:**

Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1

Ps 113

Lk 11:29-32

**Tuesday:**

Gal 5:1-6

Ps 119

Lk 11:37-41

**Wednesday:**

Gal 5:18-25

Ps 1

Lk 11:42-46

**Thursday:**

Eph 1:1-10

Ps 98

Lk 11:47-54

**Friday**

Eph 1:11-14

Ps 33

Lk 12:1-7

**Saturday:**

Eph 1:15-23

Ps 8

Lk 12:8-12

**Sunday:**

Ex 17:8-13

Ps 121

2 Tm 3:14-4:2

Lk 18:1-8

# God's Word for Children

**Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 Something happened as Jesus was traveling to Jerusalem.  
 Start at the heart and read that word  
 and every other one to find what happened first.  
 Then start at the star and read that word  
 and every other one to find what happened next.  
 You can read this story in your Bible at Luke 17:11-19.

Words in the circle: Jesus, heard, healed, sick, all, men, ten, stand, lepers, and, but, call, only, from, one, a, returned, distance, to, thank, for, him, help, Jesus, Jesus.

**Elisha, a man of God, told Naaman to dip into the Jordan River seven times. Naaman did this and God removed all the sores from his body. You can read this story in your Bible at 2 Kings 5:14-17. Finish the picture at the right so it looks like the picture at the left.**

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## CATHOLIC CORNER

### SERVANT OF THE SERVANTS OF GOD

On October 17 we will mark the 107th anniversary of the birth of Albino Luciani, the man who would become Pope John Paul I, the "Smiling Pope." He was elected pope on August 26, 1978 and died thirty-three days later, on September 28, 1978. That was a short time, but nine other popes have served for even fewer days. The pope who held the office longest was Blessed Pius IX (1846-1878). He was pope for thirty-one years, seven months, and twenty-three days.

Pope is one name for the man who leads the Catholic Church but he is known by several other titles, among them Bishop of Rome and Vicar of Christ. One good descriptive title is Servant of the Servants of God. Who do you think are the servants of God? Which title do you like best?

Here are some interesting facts about the men we call our popes. With the help of an adult, see if you can match the correct answers. Hint: You will use one of the answers twice.

- \_\_\_ Who is the 266th Pope?
  - \_\_\_ Where does the Pope live?
  - \_\_\_ Who elects the pope?
  - \_\_\_ Where do the cardinals meet to cast their votes?
  - \_\_\_ Who painted the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel?
  - \_\_\_ What signal tells the world a new pope is elected?
  - \_\_\_ What are the pope's official bodyguards called?
  - \_\_\_ Who is said to have designed their uniforms?
  - \_\_\_ When a new pope is chosen a cardinal announces, "Habemus papam." What does this mean?
  - \_\_\_ What is an encyclical?
1. White smoke from a Vatican chimney
  2. Swiss Guards
  3. Michelangelo
  4. Latin for "We have a pope."
  5. Pope Francis
  6. Vatican City
  7. A letter written by the pope to the whole church
  8. The Sistine Chapel
  9. The College of Cardinals

# 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 link will be on Facebook)

## RECONCILIATION:

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

Reconciliation is outside, not in the confessional

## PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS:

**Monday: 12:00 pm - 2:30 pm**

**Tuesday - Thursday: 10:00 am - 2:30 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](https://www.facebook.com/StTheresaChurch/Oakland)**

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## Baptisms and Marriages

by appointment (call parish office 510.547.2777)

## To arrange a Funeral

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

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## 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

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### Pastoral Council:

### Finance Council:

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### CYO (Catholic Youth Organization):

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