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ST. THERESA MISSION STATEMENT

WE ARE A WELCOMING,
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TO LOVE AND TO SERVE OTHERS
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OCTOBER 13, 2019

TWENTY-EIGHTH
SUNDAY
IN
ORDINARY TIME



**Blessing
of
Animals**

**October
4th**



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OCTOBER 13 - 20

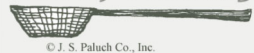
Sat. 5:00 pm † Carlo Pernecco
 Sun. 9:00 am † Carmelina & John Isola
 11:00 am Parish Community of St. Theresa

Mon. 8:30 am † Tom McDonough
 Tues. 8:30 am Parish Benefactors
 Wed. 8:30 am Gabriel Decker
 Thurs. 8:30 am Deceased Members of St. Theresa
 Fri. 8:30 am † Palma Chiodo

Sat. 5:00 pm † Mary Huntington
 Sun. 9:00 am † Parish Community of St. Theresa
 11:00 am † Tom Sensakovic

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@sttheresaokland.org so we can place it back on the calendar.

Weekly Offering



	October 6, 2019	Year-To-Date Sundays/Holy Days
Actual - Collection	\$ 5,203.17	\$ 397,384.50
Actual - Online Giving	\$ 4,343.31	
Miscellaneous	\$ 580.00	
Weekly/Annual Budget Goal	\$ 8,855.00	\$ 407,154.00
Over <Under> Goal	\$ 1,271.48	<\$ 9,769.50>

PARISH MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENT: \$ 1,496.42
 ONLINE: SEPT. 2 - OCT. 6: \$ 1,172.00



Online Giving

Online Giving is available for anyone who prefers to donate through automatic draft for their Sunday Offering, Building Maintenance and Second Collections.

Go to: <https://giving.parishsoft.com/sttheresaokland> to sign up. Contact Cathy Brady with any questions. cathy_b@sttheresaokland.org, 547.2777, ext. 26.

BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINES

October 13 bulletin was due by October 4 (Friday)
 October 20 bulletin was due by October 11 (Friday)
 October 27 bulletin is due by October 18 (Friday)
 November 3 bulletin is due by October 25 (Friday)

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



World Mission Sunday Collection

Next Weekend we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers and be generous in next week's collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.



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 Tynan, Olga Lamberti, Michael Bamrick, 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



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

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Question of the Week

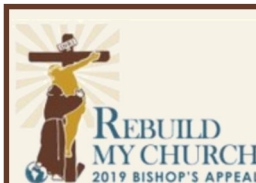
Adult: Whose generosity do you tend to take for granted? How will you change this?

Child: When have you failed to say thank you? Why does this matter?

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Bishop's Appeal 2019

St. Theresa Parish Goal - \$35,800

Percentage Achieved **72.16%**
\$25,833 as of September 15, 2019

A WORD FROM THE PASTOR:



With warm winds picking up, dry brush all around at the end of summer and maybe some of us lost power for some hours during the week, we are all reminded of the danger of fires and earthquakes that can change so much in just a few minutes. If you are unsure of this, ask any of those in our parish who lost homes in the Oakland fire under similar circumstances over twenty years ago.

These reminders give us moments to reflect on how prepared are we and what should our response be for our neighbor. After the Oakland fire, St. Theresa quickly became a meeting place, a center for help, a welcoming center to many who had so quickly become homeless and had lost everything.

Now at our school and most schools, there are drills on how to react in an emergency and how parents and guardians will be kept in contact and reunited with their children. We have a bin on the parish property that contains provisions for the initial time before more dedicated relief can arrive. I pray that our good practices and rehearsals may never have to be used but the odds are against us. So, let us prepare, have personal, family and community plans and let us pray for all who train to respond to such episodes that they will be guided with wisdom and the best response possible.

All these matters and many more are part of the life we live and our need from time to time reflect on it, to prepare and to be conscious of the God who is with us. Some may ask why God who is all powerful allows natural and man-made disasters to occur. I think it is fine to wonder about this, but if we get stuck here, we cannot understand or find the peace that God will never abandon us and walks with us even when we encounter evil, tragedies and grief.

Fr. Richard Rohr, OFM reflects eloquently on these matters in many of his short and long writings. Here is one of his 'daily meditations.'

In his book *When Bad Things Happen to Good People*, Rabbi Harold Kushner dispels a common myth about suffering and helps us see our way through intense pain:

The conventional explanation, that God sends us the burden because [God] knows that we are strong enough to handle it, has it all wrong. Fate, not God, sends us the problem. When we try to deal with it, we find out that we are not strong. We are weak; we get tired, we get angry, overwhelmed. . . . But when we reach the limits of our own strength and courage, something unexpected happens. We find reinforcement coming from a source outside of ourselves. And in the knowledge that we are not alone, that God is on our side, we manage to go on. . . .

Like Jacob in the Bible [Genesis 32], like every one of us at one time or another, you faced a scary situation, prayed for help, and found out that you were a lot stronger, and a lot better able to handle it, than you ever would have thought you were. In your desperation, you opened your heart in prayer, and what happened? You didn't get a miracle to avert a tragedy. But you discovered people around you, and God beside you, and strength within you to help you survive the tragedy. I offer that as an example of a prayer being answered. [2]

Many people rightly question how there can be a good God or a just God in the presence of so much evil and suffering in the world—about which God appears to do nothing. Exactly *how* is God loving and sustaining what God created? That is our dilemma.

I believe—if I am to believe Jesus—that God *is* suffering love. If we are created in God's image, and if there is so much suffering in the world, then God must also be suffering. How else can we understand the revelation of the cross? Why else would the central Christian logo be a naked, bleeding, suffering divine-human being?

Many of the happiest and most peaceful people I know love "a crucified God" who walks with crucified people, and thus *reveals and redeems their plight as God's own*. For them, Jesus is not observing human suffering from a distance; he is somehow *at the center of* human suffering, with us and for us. He includes our suffering in the co-redemption of the world, as "all creation groans in one great act of giving birth" (Romans 8:22). Is this possible? Could it be true that we "make up in our own bodies all that still has to be undergone for the sake of the Whole Body" (Colossians 1:24)? Are we somehow partners with the Divine? At our best, we surely must be. But our rational minds will never fully surrender to this mystery until our minds are led by our soul and our spirit.

This is part of our lives and when we have moments to celebrate joys and accomplishments, we should also do that as a reminder of what is our destiny in God's plan. You have been seeing and hearing about the annual 'School Auction' that will take place on the night of November 2 at the Greek Orthodox Hall. The team that is planning extends a special invitation to every parishioner. It is not just to buy raffle ticket, but to join this generation of the school community in an evening of good company, food and fun. The team wants to celebrate you and the parish community that sacrificed to put up the school, that has sent your own now grown children to it and that you continue to support through the annual scholarship campaign. I hope many will attend so this generation may acknowledge and celebrate how important you are to them today.

PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS



**explore
life
faith
meaning**

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**

Alpha

Cathy Brady
cathy_b@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.

Purchase your CHRISTMAS EVERGREENS early this year!

St. Theresa Confirmation group is selling CHRISTMAS EVERGREENS (wreaths, swag, and garlands) this year. Proceeds help offset costs for our Confirmation retreats and activities. Thank you for your support!

Orders will be taken after all weekend Masses:

*OCT 26-27

*NOV 2-3 ~ last chance to purchase!

Distribution of purchases after weekend Masses:

*NOV 30-DEC 1 ~ 1st weekend of Advent

For more information, please contact:
Jenny Bruni, HSYM Coordinator
jenny@sttheresaoakland.org
(510) 547-2777 x39



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for the next generation*

**St. Theresa Annual
Auction Save the Date**

November 2, 2019 ~ 6pm

Ascension Greek Orthodox Cathedral
4700 Lincoln Ave, Oakland, CA 94602

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 sales following all Masses
the weekends of:
October 5-6, 19-20, 26-27

Low Gluten Hosts

Prior to the start of the liturgy there will be a small container of the hosts next to the bread and wine on the table in the back of the church. Take a host from the container and place it in the glass bowl. At communion you will receive Eucharist from one of the ministers in the center aisle.



Women in God's Spirit



WINGS is a faith enhancement group that encourages spiritual growth through prayer, Scripture study, life sharing and community. We gather on Wednesdays in Meeting Room 1 at 9:15am from October through May with hospitality, followed by the guest speaker and program until 11:15am. 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. Bring a friend! Women from local parishes and other denominations are welcome! Our theme for this year is "Walking with God". Join us on opening day, October 9th. Say "Yes" to WINGS!

The theme for the year is: *"Walking With God"*

OCTOBER 16TH

SR. JUDY CARLE, RSM, CORE GROUP ORGANIZER
SARAH BRADLEY, MILLENNIAL, LEADER & RESIDENT
NUNS AND NONES

Nuns & Nones, A Six-Month Residential Program

CONFIRMATION & HSYM

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

- ◆ 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



HELP YOUR CHILDREN MEET THEIR BEST FRIEND



Registration packets located in the church vestibule

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

KINDERCHURCH

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

What: Helping children experience Church through age-appropriate prayer-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

Interested in St. Theresa School?



ST. THERESA SCHOOL

Thursday, November 14th

6:30-8:30 p.m.

Kindergarten

(RSVP for childcare-- ages 4 and over please)

Friday, November 15th

9:00-10:30 a.m.

Grades 1-6

St. Theresa Meeting Rooms

For more information, please contact Karen k_raven@sttheresaschool.org or call 510-457-1488

St. Theresa School
4850 Clarewood Dr., Oakland, CA
www.sttheresaschool.org



Bring "All the Colors to your life!" Sharon and John Chipman will sponsor anyone wanting to make the next Cursillo - The Women's Cursillo is Oct. 17 - 20 - from Thursday night until Sunday 6pm.

Call/text/email Sharon sharonchipman@gmail.com; 510-207-3713. Registration will soon be full.



WEEKLY CALENDAR

	Start Time	Event	Location
October 12 Saturday	4:00 PM	Reconciliation	Church
	5:00 PM	Mass	Church
October 13 Sunday	9:00 AM	Mass	Church
	11:00 AM	Mass	Church
October 14 Monday	Columbus Holiday - Parish Offices & School Closed		
October 15 Tuesday	8:30 AM	Mass	Church
	11:30 AM	Ladies' Guild Meeting	Hall
	4:00 PM	CYO Practice	Event Center
October 16 Wednesday	8:30 AM	Mass	Church
	9:00 AM	Legion of Mary	Hall
	4:00 PM	CYO Practice	Event Center
	6:30 PM	Alpha	Meeting Rooms
October 17 Thursday	7:30 AM	Cursillo Faith Sharing	PC Parlor
	8:30 AM	Mass	Church
	9:15 AM	WINGS	Mtg Rms 1&2
	4:00 PM	Children's Choir Practice	Church
	4:00 PM	CYO Practice	Event Center
	7:00 PM	Centering Prayer	Vestibule
October 18 Friday	7:30 AM	Men's Cursillo Faith Sharing	PC Parlor
	8:00 AM	Women's Volleyball	Event Center
	8:30 AM	Mass	Church
	4:00 PM	Children's Choir Practice	Church
	4:00 PM	CYO Practice	Event Center
	5:00 PM	Bell Choir Rehearsal	Church
	7:00 PM	Confirmation Team Meeting	Staff Lounge
	7:00 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Offsite
October 19 Saturday	8:30 PM	Men's Basketball	Event Center
	Parish Offices closed on Fridays		
October 20 Sunday	8:30 AM	Mass	Church
	4:00 PM	CYO Practice	Event Center
October 21 Monday	4:00 PM	Reconciliation	Church
	5:00 PM	Mass	Church
October 22 Tuesday	9:00 AM	Mass	Church
	10:00 AM	FFF - Family Faith Formation	School
	10:00 AM	HSYM/Confirmation	Mtg Rms 1&2
October 23 Wednesday	11:00 AM	Mass	Church



October 14 - 20

Monday:

Rom 1:1-7
Ps 98
Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday

Rom 1:16-25
Ps 19
Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday

Rom 2:1-11
Ps 62
Lk 11:42-46

Thursday:

Rom 3:21-30
Ps 130
Lk 11:47-54

Friday

2 Tm 4:10-17b
Ps 145
Lk 10:1-9

Saturday:

Rom 4:13, 16-18
Ps 105
Lk 12:8-12

Sunday:

Ex 17:8-13
Ps 121
1 Tm 3:14-4:2
Lk 18:1-8



Keep in touch with us

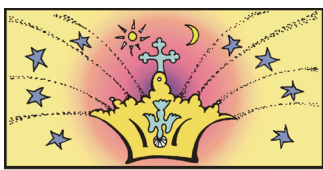
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LIVING GOD'S WORD

The Eucharist is our habitual, public praise and thanks to God. We give thanks for the gifts of creation and the covenant. We give thanks for the gift of redemption that is ours through Jesus Christ and for the gifts that the Holy Spirit pours out on us. In the Eucharist each of us should also give thanks for the gifts of God in our lives.

PARISH INFORMATION



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

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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)

Parish Organizations

Pastoral Council:

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