

# 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 20, 2019

TWENTY-NINTH  
SUNDAY  
IN  
ORDINARY TIME

*When the  
Son of  
Man  
comes,*

*will he find faith  
on the earth?*

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## OCTOBER 19 - 27

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

Mon. 8:30 am † Tom McDonough  
 Tues. 8:30 am † Deceased Member of St. Theresa  
 Wed. 8:30 am † Immigrants & Refugees  
 Thurs. 8:30 am † John McCole  
 Fri. 8:30 am † Joseph & Clementina Brignole

Sat. 5:00 pm † Michael McShane  
 Sun. 9:00 am † Parish Community of St. Theresa  
 11:00 am † Vickie Waites

*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



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	October 13, 2019	Year-To-Date Sundays/Holy Days
Actual - Collection	\$ 3,854.00	\$ 406,077.91
Actual - Online Giving	\$ 3,504.41	
Miscellaneous	\$ 1,335.00	
Weekly/Annual Budget Goal	\$ 8,855.00	\$ 416,041.00
Over <Under> Goal	<\$ 161.59>	<\$ 9,963.09>

CATHOLIC VOICE COLLECTION: \$ 1,253.00  
 ONLINE \$ 235.00

ParishSOFT | Giving

### 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 20 bulletin was due by October 11 (Friday)  
 October 27 bulletin was due by October 18 (Friday)  
 November 3 bulletin is due by October 25 (Friday)  
 November 10 bulletin is due by November 1 (Friday)

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

November 2

### Mass of Remembrance

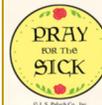
Remembrance

All are invited to attend Mass at 5:00 PM on, Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> where we will remember your loved ones who have died. Please bring photographs of the people you are remembering to place on a table in the sanctuary. There will be a reception following Mass in the vestibule.



### Acknowledging those in Military Service

On the weekend of November 9 & 10, we would like to include the names, in our prayers at Mass, of all family members and friends that are currently serving in the military. The names will be read as part of the Prayers of the Faithful. You may submit names by going to the parish website sttheresaokland.org and clicking on the link on the home page, or by leaving the name at the parish office or email cathy\_b@sttheresaokland.org.



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, Mark Dreier, Tom Sanford, Maria Gabriel Decker, Fr. Alex Snyder.



Please remember in your prayers, those who have died especially, Mira Loran the mother of Tom Loran; John Moglia; Fr. Matthew Vellankal, Archbishop Dominic Jala.

### LIVING STEWARDSHIP

Pray Always  
Always Pray

When faced with an emergency or crisis, begin with prayer, such as "Jesus, I trust in you. Guide me to do your will in this and all things."

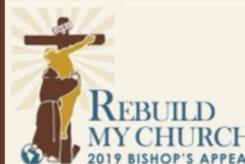


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### Bishop's Appeal 2019

St. Theresa Parish Goal - \$35,800

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

## A WORD FROM THE PASTOR:



Did you make it through the 'power outage'? Even though the PG & E website showed that the rectory and church building were affected, we did not lose power, but I know many who did even within our own parish. As I feared the predictions of being without power for a few days, I took things out of the freezer and slow cooked a pot roast in the gas oven. This ended up not being necessary, but our two priests who grew up far away got a first taste of Yankee Pot Roast. They were polite and tried a small portion. Soon the whole roast disappeared.

Traditionally, when our whole neighborhood/parish has been affected as it was dramatically at the time of the Oakland fire, the parish center can and becomes a place for people to meet, find each other, provide for basic needs and give us direction to look after one another. This time with the predictions of a worse scenario, the parish staff identified a few of our parishioners who we know live alone and may need some help in the event of an emergency. Individuals were matched up with others who could check and offer help if needed.

Even though we are not facing an emergency this coming week, we know something can happen very fast. We would like to broaden the list of who might need help or should have someone check on them. If you are aware of someone, please call the parish office and let us know. If you would like to be on the list, please call the parish office and let us know. During the month we especially focus on the gift of life and how we can nurture, protect and enhance lives, this small list and the little effort it might take to check on someone, is a very concrete way for us to follow the example of Christ.

On a broader area, the bishops have written a longer letter on respect for the whole world that God entrusts to us as stewards. Recently some very young people called on all who lead to do something about this. I give part of the bishops' letter that can be found in its entirety at USCCB.org:

### **Climate Change and Catholic Social Teaching**

"God has endowed humanity with reason and ingenuity that distinguish us from other creatures. Ingenuity and creativity have enabled us to make remarkable advances and can help us address the problem of global climate change; however, we have not always used these endowments wisely. Past actions have produced both good works and harmful ones, as well as unforeseen or unintended consequences. Now we face two central moral questions:

1. How are we to fulfill God's call to be stewards of creation in an age when we may have the capacity to alter that creation significantly, and perhaps irrevocably?
2. How can we as a "family of nations" exercise stewardship in a way that respects and protects the integrity of God's creation and provides for the common good, as well as for economic and social progress based on justice?

Catholic social teaching provides several themes and values that can help answer these questions.

Global climate is by its very nature a part of the planetary commons. The earth's atmosphere encompasses all people, creatures, and habitats. The melting of ice sheets and glaciers, the destruction of rain forests, and the pollution of water in one place can have environmental impacts elsewhere. As Pope John Paul II has said, "*We cannot interfere in one area of the ecosystem without paying due attention both to the consequences of such interference in other areas and to the well-being of future generations.*" Responses to global climate change should reflect our interdependence and common responsibility for the future of our planet. Individual nations must measure their own self-interest against the greater common good and contribute equitably to global solutions.

Our national debate over solutions to global climate change needs to move beyond the uses and abuses of science, sixty-second ads, and exaggerated claims. Because this issue touches so many people, as well as the planet itself, all parties need to strive for a civil and constructive debate about U.S. decisions and leadership in this area.

As people of religious faith, we bishops believe that the atmosphere that supports life on earth is a God-given gift, one we must respect and protect. It unites us as one human family. If we harm the atmosphere, we dishonor our Creator and the gift of creation. The values of our faith call us to humility, sacrifice, and a respect for life and the natural gifts God has provided. Pope John Paul II reminds us in his statement *The Ecological Crisis: A Common Responsibility* that "respect for life and for the dignity of the human person extends also to the rest of creation, which is called to join man in praising God." In that spirit of praise and thanksgiving to God for the wonders of creation, we Catholic bishops call for a civil dialogue and prudent and constructive action to protect God's precious gift of the earth's atmosphere with a sense of genuine solidarity and justice for all God's children."

This is a respect life issue. I urge your prayer and action which can and does make a difference.

# PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS

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@sttheresaokland.org  
(510) 547-2777 x39

## Advent by Candlelight ~ Save the Date



THIS WONDERFUL EVENT IS A TRADITION AT ST. THERESA AND WILL BE HELD TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>.

Check in for guests is 7:00-7:30 pm with prayer beginning at 7:30 pm.  
We end festivities at 9:00 pm.

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**  
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St. Theresa Catholic Church

Alpha

Cathy Brady  
cathy\_b@sttheresaokland.org

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SCHOOL



Help define our legacy  
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 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. Theresa School at our annual auction on Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 23<sup>RD</sup>**

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## 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



### **SVdP Trick or Treat**

We promise no tricks, just a table or two of delicious treats to delight your taste buds when St. Theresa's St. Vincent de Paul conference returns with its fall bake sale on October 26 and 27. Our talented bakers are busy perusing their book of spells, uh, we mean recipes, and stirring their cauldrons, oops, mixing bowls, to conjure up some simply mouthwatering goodies that will put a smile on the face of any ghoulie or ghostie you may know! As we always like to say, who knows what goodies lurk in the kitchens of our bakers?? Just come prepared for a veritable cornucopia of cakes, cookies, cupcakes, candy, and perhaps a few more Halloween sweets and treats. Surprise and delight your friends and family, while supporting a charity that does so much for so many. Thank you for your continuing and generous support--we are ever in your debt!

### **Remember All Souls throughout November**



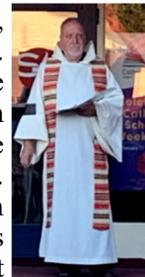
The month of November is traditionally reserved in the Church for remembering loved ones who have died. Throughout the month there will be a book in the sanctuary which will include any name you submit or that you write in yourself. Please feel welcome to write the names of your beloved in this book at any time during the month. You may also use one of the envelopes available at the information desk.

There will also be a table in the sanctuary where you may place **framed** pictures of your beloved dead. The table will be up for the month of November. Please make sure your name and phone number are on the back of the picture.



## **ST. THERESA SCHOOL**

Thank you to Fr. Bob, Fr. Abraham and Fr. Tegha who joined the school community on Friday, Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> for the Blessing of Animals. The bond between pets and their owners are like no other and it was sure evident with all of the pets that were joining their "student owners" on the blacktop. From cats to dogs, gerbils to reptiles, and even a good amount of stuffed animals present, they were all blessed with holy water. It was so nice to see many parishioners joining us for this very important day!



Interested in  
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  
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# WEEKLY CALENDAR

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	Start Time	Event	Location
October 19 Saturday	4:00 PM	Reconciliation	Church
	5:00 PM	Mass	Church
October 20 Sunday	8:30 AM	Men's Club Meeting	Hall
	9:00 AM	Mass	Church
	10:00 AM	FFF - Family Faith Formation	School
	10:00 AM	HSYM/Confirmation	Mtg Rms 1&2
	11:00 AM	Mass	Church
October 21 Monday	8:30 AM	Mass	Church
	4:00 PM	CYO Practice	Event Center
	7:00 PM	Memory Bears	Hall
October 22 Tuesday	8:30 AM	Mass	Church
	9:00 AM	Legion of Mary	Hall
	4:00 PM	CYO Practice	Event Center
	6:30 PM	<b>Alpha</b>	<b>Meeting Rooms</b>
October 23 Wednesday	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
	6:30 PM	First Reconciliation Parent Meeting	Church
	7:00 PM	Centering Prayer	Vestibule
October 24 Thursday	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	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Offsite
October 25 Friday	<b>Parish Offices closed on Fridays</b>		
	8:30 AM	Mass	Church
	4:00 PM	CYO Practice	Event Center
October 26 Saturday	4:00 PM	Reconciliation	Church
	5:00 PM	Mass	Church
October 27 Sunday	8:00 AM	Volunteer Fingerprinting	Staff Lounge
	9:00 AM	Mass	Church
	10:00 AM	HSYM/Confirmation	Mtg Rms 1&2
	11:00 AM	Mass	Church
	6:00 PM	MSYM - Middle School Youth Ministry	Hall



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October 21 - 27

## Monday:

Rom 4:20-25  
Ps Lk 1  
Lk 12:13-21

## Tuesday

Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19,  
20b-21  
Ps 40  
Lk 12:35-38

## Wednesday

Rom 6:12-18  
Ps 124  
Lk 12:39-48

## Thursday:

Rom 6:19-23  
Ps 1  
Lk 12:49-53

## Friday

Rom 7:18-25a  
Ps 119  
Lk 12:54-59

## Saturday:

Rom 8:1-11  
Ps 24  
Lk 13:1-9

## Sunday:

Sir 35:12-14, 16-18  
Ps 34  
2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18  
Lk 18:9-14



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## LIVING GOD'S WORD

The good news is that God refuses to lose heart with us, like the widowed woman who refuses to quit knocking. Neither will turn away and go home, not from the judge's barred and silent door or from ours.

# 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

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 Facebook: [StTheresaChurch/Oakland](https://www.facebook.com/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](mailto: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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### Finance Council:

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### St. Vincent de Paul Society

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### CYO (Catholic Youth Organization):

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### St. Theresa Men's Club

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