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 27, 2019
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus said to them, “I tell you, the tax collector went home justified, not the Pharisee; for whoever exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

Luke 18:14

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OCTOBER 26 - NOVEMBER 3

Sat. 5:00 pm  Michael McShane
Sun. 9:00 am  Parish Community of St. Theresa
           11:00 am  Vickie Waites
Mon. 8:30 am  Tom McDonough
Tues. 8:30 am  Michael Sean Donovan
Wed. 8:30 am  Parish Benefactors
Thurs. 8:30 am  Deceased Members of the Parish
Fri.  8:30 am  The Children of St. Theresa Parish
          7:00 pm  Gene Hipolito
Sat. 5:00 pm  Deceased Family Members for the past year
Sun. 9:00 am  Don Javete (90th Birthday)
            11:00 am  Parish Community of St. Theresa

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Weekly Offering

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**Parish Maintenance & Improvement 2nd Collection**
The 2nd collection for the Parish Maintenance & Improvement Fund will be on November 2 & 3. Parishioners using Online Giving can sign on to their account and select the Parish Maintenance fund option.

**All Saints Day - November 1**
Holy Day of Obligation
Masses will be at 8:30 am and 7:00 pm.
There will be a collection at all Masses.
You may also use online giving.

**November 2**
Mass of Remembrance
All are invited to attend Mass at 5:00 PM on Saturday, November 2nd 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.

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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

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/sttheresaoakland to sign up. Contact Cathy Brady with any questions. cathy_b@sttheresaoakland.org, 547.2777, ext. 26.

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**Living Stewardship**
“The person who can recognize the depth of their own frailty is greater than the person who sees visions of angels.” -- Isaac the Syrian
A Word from the Pastor:

As you heard last weekend, on Wednesday November 6 at 7pm in the church, I am welcoming anyone who would like to talk about Bishop Barron’s book that we gave out a few weeks ago or about anything else on your mind regarding these matters.

I don’t claim to be an expert in everything, but I am sure from past experiences that good insights will be given by those who participate. There is no script or complete plan for the evening, but it will go the way people who are present want it to proceed. So why not join them? I know we will all benefit from the forum.

The Saturday before that is the night of the annual ‘school auction’. The Parents Club has been amazing throughout the eight years I have served at St. Theresa’s in raising funds that keep down tuition costs that are ever rising. Recently they have raised and contributed toward the operating budget of the school 140K each year which really makes a difference when the financial committee of the School Board is trying to figure out the tuition schedule.

I invite you to do more this year than just purchase raffle tickets that help the parents’ club reach their goal. I invite you to an exciting evening where you will meet familiar friends and meet new ones, have a great dinner care of the Greek Orthodox facility, maybe win some great deals and good wine and help continue one of the ministries of the parish that has gone on for more than 60 years, the parochial school. Maybe you helped when the first auction happened in the church hall, maybe you contributed to building the school and your children all graduated from it. Come celebrate and help this legacy of several generations continue with the best we can give for the current boys and girls who attend our school!

We did not plan it this way, but Saturday November 2 is also the Feast of All Souls. This is the day throughout the Church when we pray for all our relatives, friends, people we admire and people who have no one else that they may be with God now that they have passed away. Our parish custom has been to send a special invitation to every family that had some form of a funeral through our parish. With this emphasis this night, we welcome all of you who may have had participated in a family or friend’s funeral in another place.

Please come to the 5pm Mass on November 2. Bring a picture of someone you are praying for to adorn our table of remembrance for the month of November. Join us as a community we pray that these good people are at peace and praying for us.

On that note, are you prepared? Does someone know and understand you own wishes?

Funeral planning is an emotional and often costly process that is surrounded by a great deal of uncertainty. While it is best to discuss end-of-life wishes with loved ones ahead of time, many people shy away from this difficult conversation or never get the chance to have what they want and what will bring hope and comfort to our families and friends. Without some guidance, the options and information surrounding funerals and interment can quickly become overwhelming at an already trying time.

The Diocese of Oakland has lost several priests within the last year. Fr. Patrick Goodwin and Fr. Dan Danielson both served here. It is hard to believe that Fr. Tony Herrera is gone over two years. One of the first things we are asked to do when we are ordained is to file our funeral plans with the diocese. Many put it off, but what a blessing when you have to take care of the details.

I have heard many times, that a person does not want to burden their family with their funeral. I assure you having worked with many, many families over the years, a funeral brings closure, peace and hope to a family and directions from you make the burden compacted with grief a lot easier. Cathy Brady, myself and any staff member is happy to help guide you if you would like to do this act of charity on behalf of your family and friends. We have a ‘Catholic funeral planning book’ that contains readings, prayers and music that will help you do this. Just give a call or ask one of us and we will be happy to assist you.

You have witnessed in recent weeks the installation of solar panels on the event center. I will give a full report when the job has been completed and we are generating power and lowering our utility costs.
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!

Open Forum

We’ve Read the Book……So Now What?

Join Fr. Bob and the parish staff as we continue our discussion on the sexual abuse crisis.

When: November 6
Where: Church
Time: 7:00 pm

Bring your questions. Nothing is off limits. This is an adults only evening.

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

Advent by Candlelight ~ Save the Date

This wonderful event is a tradition at St. Theresa and will be held Tuesday, December 3rd.

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

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

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cathy_b@sttheresaoakland.org

St. Theresa School

Celebrating 60 years

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, GA 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 sale following all Masses the weekend of October 26-27
**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 30TH**

**FR. JOHN GRIBOWICH**

**DESALES MEDIA GROUP, DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN**

**Following the Spirit**

from Brooklyn to Berkeley

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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 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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**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 sttheresaoakland.org and clicking on the link on the home page, or by leaving the name at the parish office or email cathy_b@sttheresaoakland.org.

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**New Altar Server Training**

If your child has entered grade 5 or higher, and has received the sacraments of Baptism and Holy Eucharist, they are eligible to train and serve as altar servers. Altar serving ministry is open to both girls and boys. They are scheduled for the Mass of their choice.

Anyone interested must pre-register and **ATTEND ALL THREE TRAINING SESSIONS**. Training will be on Tuesday, November 12; Thursday, November 14; and Tuesday, November 19. The training will begin at 3:30 pm in the church. The training will be one hour. Space is limited.

To register please use the following address https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084BA9A622A31-altar10.

If you have any questions please contact Margaret Solorzano at margaretsolorzano@comcast.net.

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**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.
Weekly Readings

October 28 - November 3

Monday:
Eph 2:19-22
Ps 19
Lk 6:12-16

Tuesday
Rom 8:18-25
Ps 126
Lk 12:18-21

Wednesday
Rom 8:26-30
Ps 13
Lk 12:22-30

Thursday:
Rom 8:31b-39
Ps 109
Lk 13:31-35

Friday
Rv 7:2-4, 9-14
Ps 24
1 Jn 3:1-3
Mt 5:1-12a

Saturday:
Wis 3:1-9
Ps 23
Rom 5:5-11
Jn 6:37-40

Sunday:
Wis 11:22-12:2
Ps 145
2 Thes 1:11-2:2
Lk 19:1-10

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.
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

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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