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.

November 10, 2019
Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our Faithfully Departed

John McCole                    Kam Malloy
Tom McDonough                 Carmen Batiza
Gerry Bertnik                  Mike & Susan Obrien
Sheila Carmassi               Doloros Thacher
Paola Ricucci                 Anna Alberti
Vincenzina Brunetti           Vincenzo Dito
John & Yolanda Moglia         Deanna Shinn
Jacqueline O’Connor           Marlene Silva
Mary Ellen Pinkowski          Steven KoneffKlatt
Joe Di Grazia                 Linda Dean

2018 - 2019
NOVEMBER 9 - 17

Sat.  5:00 pm  Ralph & Ida Duncan
Sun.  9:00 am  Kam Malloy
       11:00 am  Parish Community of St. Theresa

Mon.  8:30 am  Those affected by the wildfires
Tues.  8:30 am  Joe DiGrazia
Wed.  8:30 am  Parish Benefactors
Thurs.  8:30 am  Maria & Arnold Tira
Fri.   8:30 am  Deceased members of the parish

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

We want to 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.

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Please pick up your new Lector Workbook for Year A in the church vestibule. Make sure you take the one with your name on it.

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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.

Please remember in your prayers 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, Alegra Hipolito, Betty Wharton, Patricia Green, Hazel Villata, Juanita Estrella, Diane Longfield, Leslie Fischer, Mike Reilly, Dorothy Donnelly, Pat Tynan, Olga Lambert, Michael Bamrick, Matt White, Mark Dreier, Tom Sanford, Maria Gabriel Decker, Fr. Alex Snyder, Wendy Parmelee.

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Everyone has someone who provides for them a daily physical, mental, emotional, or spiritual parachute. Remember to say hello, please, or thank you, to congratulate them, give a compliment, or just do something good in return.

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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.

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Bishop’s Appeal 2019

St. Theresa Parish Goal - $35,800
Percentage Achieved 75.96%
$27,173 as of October 15, 2019
A Word from the Pastor:

Last Saturday, the annual ‘school auction’ celebrated more than sixty years of service from St. Theresa School. It was wonderful to see many parishioners whose children have long graduated from the school present with many alumni. All were there to celebrate, support and make sure the outstanding education continues for another generation.

We say the school is one of the many missions and ministries of the parish. Even if we don’t have children who have enjoyed its service, it is an important part that all of us should be proud of and all of us school support. I want to publicly thank the parishioners who have so faithfully responded with a donation each year to assist the expenses of the school and to help out families that need our support. Your ongoing generosity will insure the next sixty years!

Great congratulations and thanks to the auction chairs and committees. Your diligent planning, advertising, coordinating and everything else that was behind the scenes culminated in a wonderful night. Good deals, good food and drink, the excitement and deals for the live auction and the social and dancing that followed all made the evening one of the best that I have experienced here. May God bless you for all the sacrifices you made for this event and all the children.

Sometimes it seems like there is always someone or some need that is asking for our support and funds. In a couple of weeks, we will celebrate Thanksgiving. This time gives us the opportunity to reflect on how many blessings we have been given by God and a moment to say thank you. In fact, everything we have and are is a free loving gift from God. I invite you to think with the words of the psalmist: “what can we give back to the Lord, for all the Lord have given to me?” Jesus tells us that every act of love and kindness and generosity will be returned a hundredfold.

As our needs and the needs of the parish and world seem to continue to grow, I hope we will all reflect on the countless blessings God has bestowed on us and acknowledge and respond generously to that unconditional love.

Here are two prayers that may help us these days as we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving:

Loving God, I come to you in thanksgiving, knowing that all I am and all that I have is a gift from you. In faith and love, help me to do your will. I am listening, Lord God. Speak your words into the depth of my soul, that I may hear you clearly. I offer to you this day all the facets of my life, whether it be at home, at work, or at school—to be patient, to be merciful, to be generous, to be holy. Give me the wisdom and insight to understand your will for me and the fervor to fulfill my good intentions. I offer my gifts of time, talent and possessions to you as a true act of faith, to reflect my love for you and my neighbor. Help me to reach out to others as you my god have reached out to me. Amen.

O Lord, giver of life and source of freedom, I know that all I have received is from your hand. Gracious and loving God, You call us to be stewards of Your abundance, the caretakers of all you have entrusted to us. Help us to always use Your gifts wisely and teach us to share them generously. Send the Holy Spirit to work through us, bringing Your message to those we serve. May our faithful stewardship bear witness to the love of Jesus Christ in our lives. We pray with grateful hearts, in Jesus’ name. Amen.
Parish Community News

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.

Christmas Angel Tree
The parish in conjunction with St. Vincent de Paul will once again have an Angel Tree this Christmas season as we help bring Christmas joy to girls and boys. We have been asked to provide toys/games/books, gift cards and clothing for children ages newborn thru 18 (boys and girls). Take a tag from the Christmas tree in the vestibule and bring your unwrapped gift and place it by the baptismal font in the church by Sunday, November 17th.

These gifts will be put in the Christmas Basket Giveaway on December 7th to children who utilize the Society's Visitation Center services in Downtown Oakland.

Thank you for helping to make this holiday season a memorable one for the children in our community!

We are currently seeking hostesses for this year’s Advent by Candlelight. As a hostess at Advent by Candlelight you “dress and decorate” a table in holiday attire for 8 women who will sit at your table. After the short Advent service, you will serve coffee, tea and deserts to the women sitting with you. It is really simple and enjoyable. We provide the coffee, tea and condiments. You provide the deserts. 2 – 3 small pieces per person is more than adequate.

Advent by Candlelight is an Event for the Women of the Parish to Come Together and Celebrate the Season of Advent. We have prayer and reflection, light the advent wreath with musical accompaniment and enjoy the presence of the other women of our parish. The event is spiritual and calming.

Volunteering as a hostess can be both fun and spiritually fulfilling. If you are interested in being a hostess or have any questions about hostess duties, please contact Shirley Fairbairn at 510-333-8598 or shirley_fairbairn@yahoo.com.

We made it through the start of another school year and are nearing the very busy holiday season. Take this time to rest from a busy fall and prepare yourselves for the season to come. Join other parents of St Theresa as we reflect on our most important vocation PARENT, and look at just what we are “rooting” our family into.

Free onsite childcare
All parents and caregivers invited
A special invite to previous participants as we go even deeper with our new theme, “Rooted”
RSVP to save your space:
Keri@sttheresoakland.org

Rooted
Grace of Parenthood Retreat
Because every family is a work in progress and God is in the mess.

Sat. Nov. 16
9am-12 Noon

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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!

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November 13th

Rabbi Jacqueline Mates-Mechin
Senior Rabbi, Temple Sinai
A Religious Tradition of Women as Leaders

St. Theresa Music Ministry - Join a Choir Today!

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.

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.

Confirmation & HSYM

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

♦ Sunday, Nov 17 - good Sunday Habits - 10 am-12noon, Meeting Rooms - this is a meeting date for ALL Confirmation teens and an invitation to ALL high schoolers

For more information, contact:
Jenny Bruni
HSYM Coordinator
jenny@sttheresaoakland.org
(510) 547-2777 x 39

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.

Interested in St. Theresa School?

Thursday, November 14th
6:30-8:30 p.m.
Kindergarten
(RSVF 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 510-457-2488
### Weekly Readings

**November 11 - 17**

**Monday:**  
Wis 1:1-7  
Ps 139  
Lk 17:1-6

**Tuesday:**  
Wis 2:23-3:9  
Ps 34  
Lk 17:7-10

**Wednesday:**  
Wis 6:1-11  
Ps 82  
Lk 17:11-19

**Thursday:**  
Wis 7:22b-8:1  
Ps 119  
Lk 17:20-25

**Friday:**  
Wis 13:1-9  
Ps 19  
Lk 17:26-37

**Saturday:**  
Wis 18:14-16  
Ps 105  
Lk 18:1-8

**Sunday:**  
Mal 3:19-20  
Ps 98  
2 Thes 3:7-12  
Lk 21:5-19

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### Living God's Word

As we go through life we’d like to know just whom we are going to spend eternity with and what it’s going to be like. The truth is that none of us knows. Maybe the best we can do at this time is love those around us now, and let God take care of our future.

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### Weekly Calendar

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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
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)

Parish Organizations
Pastoral Council:
Carrie Schaefer caralee_schaefer@yahoo.com
Finance Council:
Carolyn Mahoney carolyn.mahoney675@gmail.com
St. Vincent de Paul Society
Greg Govan glgovan@comcast.net
CYO (Catholic Youth Organization):
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