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AS JESUS TAUGHT US.

NOVEMBER 20, 2022

OUR LORD
JESUS CHRIST,
KING OF THE UNIVERSE

"AMEN, I SAY TO YOU,
TODAY YOU WILL BE
WITH ME IN PARADISE."

LUKE 23:43



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MASS INTENTIONS - NOVEMBER 19 - 27

Sat.	5:00 pm	Parish Community of St. Theresa
Sun.	9:00 am	Parish Community of St. Theresa
Mon.	8:30 am	
Tues.	8:30 am	
Wed.	8:30 am	✦ Nancy Sweetland
Thurs.	9:00 am	Parish Community of St. Theresa
Fri.	8:30 am	
Sat.	5:00 pm	Parish Community of St. Theresa
Sun.	9:00 am	Parish Community of St. Theresa

MASS INTENTIONS

To request a Mass Intention contact Melody Marr at melody@sttheresaokland.org or 510.547.2777, ext. 120

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Via email or text message:



- ◆ Receive the weekly Friday Flocknote
- ◆ Receive parish updates and notices of special events
- ◆ Unsubscribe anytime

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OR

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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://sttheresaokland.org/Bulletin/Flocknote>

DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers, those who have died especially Suzette Rose Bertrand, mother of Sabrina Chaumette Brown.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS
ALL THOSE WHO ARE ILL ESPECIALLY:**

Matt Mercier, Heidi Parmelee, Aiden Farinella, Dolores Gomez, Alegria Hipolito, Betty Wharton, Juanita Estrella, Leslie Fischer, Mike Reilly, Dorothy Donnelly, Olga Lamberti, Wendy Parmelee, Roger Bayloq, Ida Scodella, Alicia Gonzalez, Denise Moore, Diana Martínez, 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, Jeff Mills, Mary Pat Power, Bonnie & John Bouey, Ann Maramba Farrell, Ida Scodella, Susan Rubio, and all who have the corona virus throughout the world.

LIVING STEWARDSHIP

A prayer for this solemnity:

Almighty and merciful God,
you break the power of evil and make all things new
in your Son Jesus Christ, the King of the universe.
May all in heaven and earth acclaim your glory
and never cease to praise you. Amen.

(Sacramentary, Opening Prayer for the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King)
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BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINES

November 20 bulletin was due by November 11 (Friday)
November 27 bulletin was due by November 16 (Wednesday)
December 4 bulletin is due by November 25 (Friday)
December 11 bulletin is due by December 2 (Friday)
Items must be received by 4:00 pm on the due date.
Email to cathy_b@sttheresaokland.org.

**Bishop's Ministries Appeal 2022**

St. Theresa Parish Goal - \$35,800

<https://www.oakdiocese.org/bishops-appeal-donation-page>

Percentage Achieved **57.74%**
\$20,669.50 as of October 31, 2022

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

How fast the liturgical year has passed! As we enter Thanksgiving week, we become keenly aware that Advent begins next weekend and a new liturgical year with it.

Advent was originally created to lead up to the great celebration of the Incarnation (Christmas). The Church fasted and prayed as Israel prayed for liberation and the coming of the Messiah. We now use this very short period to again hear the prophecies that led Israel to hope that God would intervene on their behalf against their oppressors and truly fulfill the promise to Abraham and Sarah, that more descendants than the stars would possess and live in peace in a land filled with milk and honey.

We wait in joyful hope for the fulfillment of God's Reign and we with all of the Body of Christ will dwell forever in glory and see God face to face. A new liturgical year helps us to keep focus on all God has done for us and continues to do as God journeys with us along the way and to confirm our faith that what God promises will be fulfilled.

I again invite you in the midst of a world already celebrating Christmas, to listen, sing, and live in the joyful hope that Advent presents through its prayers, music, environment, and promises. I especially invite all the women and men to the evenings and the Family Advent Retreat mentioned in our Flocknote and bulletin that will give a special time to reflect on the richness of this short period.

This week before we break into Advent, the country and most celebrate Thanksgiving. Last year, I was especially thankful for your amazing and countless prayers, meals, cards, and assistance as I recovered from the removal of the 22 lb. tumor in my abdomen. As so many have mentioned, I look much better and am happy to report that I feel much better, and the CT scans confirm the absence of any cancer. A million thanks for your ongoing encouragement and love.

I missed the annual 9am special Thanksgiving Mass last year for the first time in my forty-one years as a

priest and I did indeed miss it. That Mass which is not a holy day or Sunday has always been one of my favorite celebrations because everyone is there by choice and there never seems to be a rush or competition to other things like most Sundays. I will be there this year and I hope more and more of you will join your fellow parishioners in beginning a national day of thanks to God with this special Eucharist. In spite of many personal and worldwide challenges, we have much to be thankful for and acknowledging this together is a great way to start this holiday.



After a minor flood, the Event Center was quickly cleaned up and dried and open for use again. At the Men's Club meeting last Sunday, one of the men reported how wonderful it was to have this center open for CYO games, late night basketball for 'older' players and the daily use that the school uses it for their gym classes and gatherings. At the reopening in the beginning of September, the names of many donors were displayed on the building. Even though those names are now put away, I ask all and especially the newest generation that utilizes this structure to say a prayer of thanksgiving for these families and friends of the parish who sacrificed to build this structure, pay off the cost and now maintain it. May it be a source of many, many games and events that service our parish community and others for many years!

As we close this liturgical year with the feast honoring Jesus who is our King, I personally thank all of you for your support, generosity, and diligence. Covid and other challenges has made the past year again unique to all the others. I look forward to this new year with some return to days like before this strange interruption and most importantly, I look forward to continuing the journey to God with all of you! May God bless each of you as



*A special time for women to gather with friends....
A night to prepare for the coming of Christ
with those special women in your life....*



Tuesday, November 29th at 7pm in the Church
Hospitality and Refreshments following
RSVP using the vestibule signup sheet, parish website, or Flocknote
Invite a friend
Can you help with set-up and clean-up?



Please RSVP at <https://sttheresaokland.org/pray/advent> if you plan to attend any of these events.



FAMILY ADVENT RETREAT

Join us for a morning of Advent preparations family style!!

DEC. 4TH | 10AM-12NOON
OPEN TO ALL FAMILIES LOOKING FOR SOME ADVENT FOCUS

RSVP: Keriesttheresaokland.org

MEN'S ADVENT EVENING

GATHER FOR
 PRAYER ~ REFLECTION ~ FELLOWSHIP

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1ST
7PM IN THE MEETING ROOMS
 HOSPITALITY & REFRESHMENTS FOLLOWING

RSVP USING THE VESTIBULE SIGNUP SHEET, PARISH WEBSITE, OR FLOCKNOTE

INVITE A FRIEND

QUESTIONS, CONTACT: KERI OR JENNY



ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES

Assisted Listening available at Weekend Masses
 There are two ways to enjoy crisp, clear audio in the church for our weekend Masses.

Option 1: Download the app, connect to the church wireless network, put in you earbuds, open the app and you are set.

The WiFi password you will need to connect to our wireless network will be available at the sound system desk before and after Mass.



Download the free Listen EVERYWHERE App



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Option 2: Assisted Listening Devices are available at our weekend Masses. You can check out a device at the sound system desk prior to Mass.

If you have any questions contact Cathy Brady at cathy_b@sttheresaokland.org

IT'S TIME FOR SVDP'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS GIFT DRIVE!

Help SVdP bring Christmas joy to 300 children this year by helping us collect **new, unwrapped** gifts for kids aged newborn to 18 years old! Donate toys, books, games, and other age-appropriate gifts. Thank you for your continued generosity!

For more ideas, see our Target registry at: <https://www.target.com/gift-registry/gift/svdpxmas2022>

Donate gifts by Monday, November 28 at SVdP's West Oakland Community Center (675 23rd Street)



Monetary Donations:

Donate **gift cards** (Target, Safeway, etc.), visit our **donation page** at svdp-alameda.org/donate or make checks payable to St. Vincent de Paul **memo:** Christmas 2022 **mail to:** St. Vincent de Paul of Alameda County 2272 San Pablo Avenue Oakland, CA 94612

Contact Katy Debasia at kdebasa@svdp-alameda.org or call (510) 499-46 80 for questions or to organize a drive, or ask about drop off locations

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 president's communion station to receive a low gluten host.

PARISH CALENDAR

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

<https://sttheresaokland.org/calendar>

PARISH KEY INVENTORY

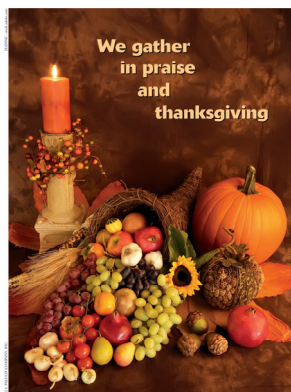
Dear parishioners – the office needs your assistance for a report. Recently our parish had a safety and security protocols inspection to be sure we are following diocesan guidelines. As a result, there is an item we need your assistance with. The parish office needs to have a Master List of **EVERY** key distributed for parish property. If you have a key or keys, please send me an email, melody@sttheresaokland.org, or you may call if you prefer, and let me know which keys you have and the location they are for. We've already begun making a list with some of the more recent handouts, however some were given out many years ago. If everyone with a key would respond by Friday, December 2nd, it would be greatly appreciated.

Moving forward, should there be a need for a key that it not located in one of the lockboxes, you'll need to come to the office to obtain and sign for a key, which must be returned.

If you have questions, please contact the church office 510-547-2777 x120.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS



Our Thanksgiving Day Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 am on Thursday, November 24th.

We invite you to bring the bread and wine for your Thanksgiving Meal for a special blessing.

For the blessing you will be asked to hold the items.



Join us for the annual:

Men's Club Pancake Breakfast

December 11th
10:00a.m. – 11:30a.m.

St. Theresa Parish Hall

Visit with Santa and take holiday photos.



\$11/adult
\$7/child
(8th grade and under)

Buy your tickets now!

Use the QR Code or the link on the parish website to place a ticket order.

<https://sttheresaokland.org/Pancake%20Breakfast>



SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE (SJC) CORNER

A time to pray about many things: wars, climate change, the poor, immigrants, and refugees. As thanksgiving approaches may we also recall how blessed we are “for the beauty of this earth.

Pope Francis’ New Documentary on Care for Creation Featuring Laudato Si’

The Letter, a new full-length film focused on global solidarity and care for creation tells the story of Laudato Si’ and how climate change is affecting the Earth and all those who inhabit it. The film follows four individuals from across the globe and brings together their unique experiences of the ecological crisis. The film was produced in collaboration with the Laudato Si’ Movement and in partnership with the Vatican and calls all people to a new and profound awareness of what is happening to our common home.

The Letter was released on YouTube Originals on October 4, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. You can get involved in several ways:

- ◆ Watch The Letter on YouTube
- ◆ Promote the film to your networks and/or on social media
- ◆ Host a screening of The Letter in your parish; Maybe we can figure out how to do this at St. Theresa???
- ◆ Find USCCB resources like the Laudato Si’ Study Guide (also in Spanish) to share with your parish

Join us at our next Social Justice meeting on December 14 at 7pm with special guest speaker Dr. Javay Ross -Pediatrician, Medical Director, Alameda County Juvenile Justice Center RSVP for zoom link with Lydia Deck at ltdeck@me.com.

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@sudp-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 SUDP 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 to be added to email distribution or with any questions.

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.

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.

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***November 21 - 27*****Monday:**

Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5
Ps 24
Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday:

Rv 14:14-19
Ps 96
Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday:

Rv 15:1-4
Ps 98
Lk 21:12-19

Thursday:

Sir 50:22-24
Ps 138
1 Cor 1:3-9
Lk 17:11-19

Friday

Rv 20:1-4, 11-21:2
Ps 84
Lk 21:29-33

Saturday:

Rv 22:1-7
Ps 95
Lk 21:34-36

Sunday:

Is 2:1-5
Ps 122
Rom 13:11-14
Mt 24:37-44

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
(live-stream on our YouTube channel)

RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm

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

f Facebook: [StTheresaChurch/Oakland](https://www.facebook.com/StTheresaChurch/Oakland)

YouTube https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCn5JX1e3QrqXTsa_7qmNCIw

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Baptisms and Marriages

by appointment (call parish office 510.547.2777)

To arrange a Funeral

call parish office 510.547.2777, ext. 120

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

Keri Nims ~ keri@sttheresaoakland.org

Middle School Youth Ministry (Grades 6-8)

Jenny Bruni and Keri Nims: Co-Coordinators

High School Youth Ministry/Confirmation

Jenny Bruni ~ jenny@sttheresaoakland.org

R.C.I.A. Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Cathy Brady ~ cathy_b@sttheresaoakland.org

Parish Organizations

Pastoral Council:

Finance Council:

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