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DECEMBER 26, 2021

THE HOLY FAMILY
OF
JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH



The Holy Family

OF JESUS, MARY,
AND JOSEPH

After three days Jesus' parents
found him in the temple,
sitting in the midst of the teachers,
listening to them and
asking them questions.

Luke 2:46

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MASS INTENTIONS - DECEMBER 25 - JANUARY 2

Sat. 10:00 am Parish Community of St. Theresa
 Sun. 10:00 am Parish Community of St. Theresa

Mon. 8:30 am † John McCole
 Tues. 8:30 am † Elaine Moore
 Wed. 8:30 am † Nildo Massucco
 Thurs. 8:30 am † Gloriana Chumo
 Fri. 8:30 am

Sat. 10:00 am Parish Community of St. Theresa
 Sun. 10:00 am Parish Community of St. Theresa

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SUNDAY OFFERING

ONLINE GIVING :	
<i>(December 6 - 12)</i> 66 DONORS	\$ 3,815.20
MASS/DROP-OFF/MAILED DONATIONS:	
<i>(December 6 - 12)</i> 49 DONORS	\$ 3,581.00
RETIREMENT FOR THE RELIGIOUS:	
ONLINE: 8 DONORS	\$ 331.00
MASS/DROP-OFF/MAILED: 28 DONORS	\$ 1,262.00

SUNDAY OFFERING

DUE TO AN EARLY PUBLISHING DATE THE DONATION INFORMATION FOR DECEMBER 18 & 19 WILL BE IN THE JANUARY 2ND BULLETIN.

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LOW GLUTEN HOSTS

Low Gluten hosts are available at all weekend Masses. Please use the presider's communion station to receive a low gluten host.

DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers, those who have died especially Nildo Massucco.

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

Matt Mercier, Heidi Parmelee, Aiden Farinella, Dolores Gomez, Alegria Hipolito, Betty Wharton, Hazel Villata, Juanita Estrella, Leslie Fischer, Mike Reilly, Dorothy Donnelly, Olga Lamberti, Matt White, Mark Dreier, Tom Sanford, Wendy Parmelee, Roger Baylocq, Ida Scodella, Sigrid Castaldo, Alicia Gonzalez, Denise Moore, Mirella Baldo, Karis Chodzko, Diana Martínez, Susan Springer, Takako Smith, Margie Sullivan, Maddie Heitkemper, Lennox Peerson, Joan Simmons, Badri Nakhjavani, Eddie Bradford, Wendy Jones, Bob Rogers, Orlanda Gonzalez, Kevin Chapman, Diane Cerille, Ruth McCabe, Tom Wilberding, Shirley Roberts, Karen Milliman, Richard Nivens, Anita Perricelli, Danny Ramos, Mark Leonard, Christopher Rodriguez, Maryanne Walsh, Johannes & Lilyanti Sugiarto, Rhonda Santeen, Ricardo Sepulveda, Doris Fiumano, John Whatley, Bishop John Cummins, Fr. Bob McCann, Ellen Corbett, Nancy Coyne, Kevin Stallone, baby Vai Mesui, Herman Carmassi, Paulette Tuckner, and all who have the corona virus throughout the world.

LIVING STEWARDSHIP

Visit a homebound senior, write to someone in prison, be a Big Brother or Big Sister, volunteer at a hospital, give blood.

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BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINES

December 26 bulletin was due by Dec. 15 (Wed.)
 January 2 bulletin was due by December 20 (Monday)
 January 9 bulletin is due by December 31 (Friday)
 January 16 bulletin is due by January 7 (Friday)

Items must be received by 4:00 pm on the due date.

Email to cathy_b@sttheresaokland.org.

**Bishop's Appeal 2021**

St. Theresa Parish Goal - \$35,800

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

Percentage Achieved **83.99%**

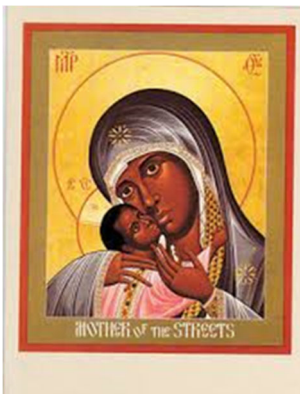
\$30,070.00 as of December 15, 2021

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Merry and Happy Christmas to all! Welcome all who come to form this church community and celebrate that God is with us! Through the centuries the Church celebrates the incarnation of our loving God and then allows us to call ourselves 'the Body of Christ.' We unite as one family to celebrate God's love and the happiness that we can experience now and what is yet to come.

As many know, I have been on medical leave and am recovering steadily but slowly. My illness has caused me to stop and be overwhelmed by your kindness of many prayers, cards, meals, advice (follow the doctor's orders...) and kind words. It has given me a fuller understanding of journeying with our incarnate God in times of illness and all the emotions that go with that. I am forever grateful to personally realize this love from my own prayer and all your kindnesses. I plan to be back fully in the new year, and you will hear what I have learned through the curve I have experienced.

I have much more to say but will do that in the weeks to come. My friend Fr. Ron Schmit, the pastor of St. Anne Parish in Byron wrote a great reflection on the meaning of the incarnation using a beautiful icon. I share this with you. May you rejoice in God's love that we celebrate with Christmas and may all always feel welcome here. May we welcome each other as we would welcome Christ himself who comes to visit and accompany us. From Fr. Ron:



The icon to the left is entitled "Mother of God: Mother of the Streets" by Robert Lentz. It was painted in the late 1980's when homelessness was not as bad as it has become in our day. Robert Lentz speaking about this image writes, "Each year larger of numbers of homeless people live on

the streets of modern cities. These people may be jobless workers, battered women, the untreated mentally ill, or simply too poor to get by. They tend to be 'invisible' to the rest of society, but they are a real presence of Christ, the Judge, in our midst, demanding charity and justice for the hungry and naked. They extend the incarnation of Christ, the Suffering Servant, in history.

This icon depicts the Mother of God as the mother of those on the streets. Her garments, and those of her Son, are covered with jewels and gold decoration, making manifest the hidden worth and dignity of street people, who are living icons of God."



At Christmas, Christians celebrate their faith that God has chosen his dwelling place in our midst. The creative Word of God by which all things were made enters creation as one of us. Jesus shared the joys of family and our human existence. Also, Jesus was not spared any of life's difficulties that confront us all.

The Holy family of Jesus knew homelessness and poverty. Joseph was a day-laborer who had to constantly search out new employment. For a time, the family were refugees. They fled to Egypt to escape Herod's attempt to kill the child. Jesus tells us of his own homelessness when he says, "the Son of Man has no place to lay his head." (Luke 9:58) Through Jesus God accompanies us on our life's journey.

The meaning of the incarnation—God's Son coming as one of us—is we look for God not simply in the sky or some future paradise. We find God in creation and in one another. And just as God accompanies us through life, we accompany one another. The Christ comes to be born in each of us no matter who we are or what we have done or not done. The Christ in us is called not only to call out in need but we are called also to answer needs. God comes to answer prayers through us.

I am so incredibly grateful how our parish and local community answers human needs—through the Alameda Food Pantry, St Vincent de Paul Society, the Giving Tree, the committee that has provided a home and support for several refugee families, the fraternal and service organizations, the local churches, and **all of you**. The people we serve show us the face of Christ. They are also a presence of the Church, for where Christ is there is his Church.

May this Christmas be filled with joy and happiness! May 2022 be filled with good health, prosperity and a path to grow ever closer to God!



2022 VALENTINE'S WINTER AUCTION

FEBRUARY 12TH
SEQUOYAH COUNTRY CLUB

2022 Valentine's Winter Auction

February 12th, 6:00 p.m.
Sequoyah Country Club

**Early bird tickets are
now on sale!**

See the links below for more
auction information and to
purchase your tickets.

Auction Website: <https://www.sttheresaschool.org/fundraiser2022>

Purchase Tickets: <https://paybee.io/@sttheresa@25>

GREAT NEWS!

ST. THERESA SCHOOL IS
NOW ACCEPTING
APPLICATIONS FOR GRADES
TK-8

WE ARE ALSO HOSTING IN-
PERSON CAMPUS TOURS IN
JANUARY!

AND

WE'RE INVITING YOU ALL TO
OUR PROSPECTIVE PARENT
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to have the opportunity to move
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*proof of vaccination required



NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS

10:00 am Mass

THE MASS WILL BE LIVE-STREAMED ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE
FOR THE ILL AND HOMEBOUND

<HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/STTHERESAOAK/>

There will not be a 5:00 pm Vigil Mass on January 1

MEMORY BEARS

Buon Natale, Joyeux Noel, Nollaig Shona Duhuit, Feliz Navidad, Mele Kalikimaka—in any language, a very merry and blessed Christmas to all from the St. Theresa's Memory Bear makers! We want you to assure you that we are still around and are beavering away (socially distanced, of course) making memory bears, as well as comfort bears (for those in hospice care). If you or someone you know are mourning the loss of a cherished family member or dear friend and would like a special remembrance of that person, we would be more than happy to make a little bear(s) out of a favorite article of their clothing at no charge to you. You'll have a lovely (or handsome) handmade little bear filled with memories and made with our love. If you would like a bear made, or would like more information about our ministry, please get in touch with either Marlene McShane (510-653-2688) or Cecile Cuttitta (cecile.cuttitta@att.net)



PARISH OFFICE CHRISTMAS HOURS

The parish office will be closed the week of December 27 - 31.

ONLINE PRAYER REQUEST FOR THE SICK OR RECENTLY DECEASED

You can submit names for the Prayers of the Faithful for our Weekend Masses and the bulletin prayer list (*Prayers for the Sick or Recently Deceased*) online.

Please complete the form on the parish website page <https://sttheresaokland.org/pray/mass-and-confession-times> their name will be included in the weekly bulletin and Weekend Masses.

This form is not for Mass Intentions.

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE (SJC) CORNER

Dear Fr. Bob, staff and St. Theresa Parishioners,

With great gratitude for all the support you have given to our social justice committee projects this year. Also special thank you to our wonderful and truly giving committee members. May God bless you...each and every one!!

The Work of Christmas, By Howard Thurman

When the song of the angels is stilled,
 When the star in the sky is gone,
 When the kings and princes are home,
 When the shepherds are back with their flock,
 The work of Christmas begins:
 To find the lost,
 To heal the broken,
 To feed the hungry,
 To release the prisoner,
 To rebuild the nations,
 To bring peace among others,
 To make music in the heart.

SJC service projects this year:

Supporting the good works of St. Vincent de Paul conference with Easter baskets, Angel tree and school back packs for the most children in Oakland.

Supporting Oakland International school and many new immigrant teenagers with Thanksgiving lunch and blankets for the holidays.

Supporting Oakland Catholic Worker by teaming up with St. Theresa School and Parish to give gifts cards to many new immigrant families this Christmas season.

Supporting Azami's and their extended family in their vis applications.

SJC speakers for SJC teachings:

Blasé Bova, St. Vincent de Paul

Fr. Zach, Prison ministry

Madison Vorva, Ethical Consumption

Sr. Maureen Duignan, East Bay Sanctuary Covenant

Clare Deck, Kids In Need of Defense (KIND)

Dr. Christine Ma , Kerry's Kids (serving our homeless population)

Genevieve Leslie, Oakland International School

Fr. Jim Martin, Building Bridges, LGBTQ ministry

Dr. Phyllis Zagano, Synodality and Women

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL****Current Need:**

SVdP Community Center is restocking their Children/ Baby Room and are in desperate in of clothing sizes newborn to 5 years for girls and boys

Donations of children's clothing can also be dropped off in the Church vestibule following the weekend Masses. Please do not leave items in the vestibule during the week.

Our Parish SVdP Conference meets bimonthly, every third Saturday at 9:30am. Our next meeting is January 15. If interested in learning more about our Conference's work, contact Judy Bojorquez at jtsbojorquez@yahoo.com to be added to email distribution and with any questions you might have.

You may use online giving to make a donation to the St, Theresa St. Vincent de Paul conference. <https://sttheresaokland.org/donate>

To volunteer at the St. Vincent de Paul Center in Oakland contact the Volunteer Coordinator: Kellie Foster - 510-277-6435 or kfoster@svdp-alameda.org.

WEEKLY READINGS

Dec. 27 - January 2

Monday:

1 Jn 1:1-4
 Ps 97
 Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Tuesday:

1 Jn 1:5-2:2
 Ps 124
 Mt 2:13-18

Wednesday:

1 Jn 2:3-11
 Ps 96
 Lk 2:22-35

Thursday:

1 Jn 2:12-17
 Ps 96
 Lk 2:36-40

Friday:

1 Jn 2:18-21
 Ps 96
 Jn 1:1-18

Saturday:

Nm 6:22-27
 Ps 67
 Gal 4:4-7
 Lk 2:16-21

Sunday:

Is 60:1-6
 Ps 72
 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6
 Mt 2:1-12



PARISH INFORMATION



MASS SCHEDULE:

Face Masks are required for all people attending Mass, regardless of vaccination status.

Weekday: 8:30 am (Mon.-Fri.)

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 10:00 am

RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Reconciliation is outside, not in the confessional

PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday - Thursday: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Please ring doorbell for entrance to parish offices.

Phone: 510.547.2777

After Hours Medical Emergency Line: 510.610.7715

Parish Website: www.sttheresaoakland.org

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

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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.

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Middle School Youth Ministry (Grades 6-8)

Jenny Bruni and Keri Nims: Co-Coordinator

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