DECEMBER 28 - JANUARY 5

Sat. 5:00 pm  Parish Community of St. Theresa
Sun. 9:00 am  Michael Donovan
11:00 am  Robert ‘Bob’ Stallone

Mon. 8:30 am  Gerry McCabe
Tues. 8:30 am  Jack Griffin
Wed. 9:00 am  Parish Community of St. Theresa
Thurs. 8:30 am  Deirdrellen Peterson
Fri. 8:30 am  Irene Crosetti

Sat. 5:00 pm  Virginia Kenalley
Sun. 9:00 am  Parish Community of St. Theresa
11:00 am  Gabriel Decker

BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINES
December 29 bulletin was due by December 17 (Tuesday)
January 5 bulletin was due by December 19 (Thursday)
January 12 bulletin is due by January 3 (Friday)
January 19 bulletin is due by January 10 (Friday)
Items must be received by 4:00 pm on the due date.
Email to cathy_b@sttheresaoakland.org.

Parish Maintenance & Improvement Collection
The 2nd collection for the Parish Maintenance & Improvement Fund will be on January 4 & 5. Parishioners using Online Giving can sign on to their account and select the Parish Maintenance fund option.

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.

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, Alegría 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, Roger Baylocq, Ida Scodella, Tom Wallace, Tom Jones.

Question of the Week
Adult: What can you do this week to help someone in your household or circle of friends feel more secure and loved?
Child: What good thing will you do this week to show your love for a parent or grandparent?

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A Word from the Pastor:

Happy Christmas! Happy New Year!

I hope all had a wonderful celebration of Christmas Eve, Day and the Octave days that we are now in. Once again, I am grateful for all who took time just after the last Sunday Advent Mass to transform the church to help us celebrate. Much thanks to choirs not just of angels, but whose voices raised our hearts before the late Christmas eve Mass and all the young shepherds, angels, innkeepers and other young people who so effectively showed us the story of Jesus birth at the earlier Mass.

Once again parish staff and many helped invite and welcome everyone who chose to be with us. I hope all will come back often. To all thanks for your ongoing support of your parish is so many ways. We are a parish family and it is appropriate that we celebrate the family this Sunday. Deacon Greg Kandra once again speaks about it so well!

“The feast of the Holy Family comes on the first Sunday following Christmas, when a lot of us have started to overdose on family. In fact, after the parties and cooking and visiting and obligations and expectations and disappointments, some of us have had about as much “family” as we can take. Parents are wondering when the kids go back to school. A little togetherness goes a long way – for every generation.

But then comes this feast. We are challenged to look at what it means to be family. And our eyes turn toward the Christmas crèche, the nativity scene. 

During this time of year, we tend to sentimentalize the Holy Family – they become figures of plaster and paper, not flesh and blood. But we forget: they weren’t that different from us. They were holy, yes. But they were also human.

The story of the Holy Family is the story of life not always turning out the way you expected. It’s the story of a teenage mother, conceiving a child before she was married. It’s the story of an anxious father, confronting scandal, planning on divorce. It’s the story of a family forced to become refugees, living as immigrants in the land that once held their ancestors as slaves. As we heard in today’s gospel, it’s the story of a missing child, and days of anxious searching by his parents.

The juxtaposition of those two images in this church, the crèche and the crucifix, serves as a powerful lesson for this feast. We realize that when we speak of the Holy Family, we speak of a family that struggled and suffered, like so many of us.

But: this family also knew profound hope. They trusted completely in God. They call all of us to that kind of trust. And they are with us. In our own time, they stand beside all who worry, who struggle, who search, who pray.

The Holy Family stands beside parents anxious about their children, worrying for their welfare. They walk with immigrants and refugees separated from those they love. They comfort teenage mothers and single parents. They console the prisoner, the outcast, the bullied, the scorned—and the parents who love them. And they offer solace and compassion to any mother or father grieving over the loss of a child.

This Christmas, they continue to weep with the parents of Newtown and Sandy Hook and other senseless shootings at school sites. The Holy Family shares our burdens. But they also uplift us by their example. Jesus, Mary and Joseph were never alone. They endured through the grace of God. They prayed. They hoped. They trusted in God’s will.

We might ask ourselves where we can find that kind of peace and purpose in our own families, in our own lives. One answer is in Paul’s beautiful letter to the Colossians. This passage that we hear today is sometimes read at weddings. Like Paul’s Letter to the Corinthians, it speaks eloquently of love.

But Paul wasn’t writing about romantic love. This letter is about how to form a healthy and holy Christian community. And from his words, we can draw lessons about how to form a healthy and holy Christian family. Put on compassion, Paul tells us. Kindness. Lowliness. Meekness. Patience. Forgiveness. And love.

It is all that simple — and all that difficult. I’m sure the Holy Family had moments when living those virtues seemed hard, or even impossible. But they did things most of us don’t. They listened to angels. They dreamed. And they gave themselves fully to God.

They made of their lives a prayer. When we find ourselves overwhelmed, we need to remember where we look today and remember to look toward the crèche. There is our model for living: Jesus, Mary and Joseph. But we need to see them in full, remembering the closeness of the cross. That was their life and it’s ours, too. Yet, through all their hardships, in a time of anxiety and difficulty, persecution and tragedy—a time very much like our own—they showed us how to be people of faith, people of forgiveness, people of love.

They show us, in other words, how to be holy.”
Please join us for our monthly **RISE & SHINE Mass**

at 9am on Sunday, January 26th.

This is a youth-friendly and youth-participatory Mass.

**NEW YEARS DAY MASS**

January 1st

9:00 am Mass

It is a Holy Day of Obligation.

**St. Theresa Parish invites you to join us for the**

Irene Crosetti

**RAVIOLE DINNER**

FEB 8

6:00

**St. Theresa Catholic Church, Event Center**

30 Mandalay Road, Oakland

**Christmas Flower Donation**

We are asking for monetary donations to offset the cost of our Christmas flowers. Donations in memory of your loved one(s) may be made through the special flower envelopes in the vestibule of the church. All memorials will be inscribed in our parish memory book, on display during the Christmas season. You donation envelope can be placed in the collection basket or dropped off at the Parish Office.

**Thank you to everyone who participated in our Christmas Liturgies!**

Liturgy is the work of the people and thanks to the work of many, our Christmas Liturgies were spiritually uplifting and joyful. Thank you to Keri Nims who directed the children for the Christmas Gospel Tableau. We want to thank the children who participated Children's choir. Thank you to all the Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Sacristans, Altar Servers, Projectionists, the Environment Team that gave of their time, and to all choir members, who spent many hours in preparation for our Liturgies. Moreover, thank you to the parish community for your full participation in all our wonderful Christmas Liturgies.
**Women in God’s Spirit**

**WINGS** resumes on January 8, 2020, with the Winter season devoted to the study and sharing of Scripture. **WINGS** is a faith enhancement group for women: it 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 guest speaker presentations 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!

The theme for the year is: “Walking With God”

**JANUARY 8TH**

**MICHAEL STEHR**

**ARTIST AND ART HISTORIAN**

**Soulful Stone: Sculptures by Bernini**

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**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, or contact Melody in the Parish Office, melody@sttheresaoakland.org.

**CONFIRMATION & HSYM**

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

- **SUN, Jan. 5** - good Sunday HABITS-Years I • II, 10am-12noon, Church Hall
- **SUN, Jan. 12** - Confirmation Year II- SPONSOR & CANDIDATE Session - 9am Mass together, then 10am-12noon, Mtg. Rms. / 15 minute RETREAT MTG. following our session
- **SUN, Jan. 26** - Confirmation Year I RETREAT-9am-3pm, begin with Rise & Shine Mass together, then proceed to the Retreat
- **FRI, Jan. 31 - SUN, Feb. 2** - Confirmation Year II WEEKEND RETREAT @ Camp Arroyo, Livermore

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

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**Family Rosary**

**Sunday**

**January 12th**

**5:00 pm**

Rosary in the Church
Dinner and Celebration to Follow in the Hall

All our invited to join us as we pray the Rosary with dinner to follow.

Contact Patrick McGahan with any questions at pjmcgahan@gmail.com

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**Parish Volunteer Epiphany Party**

The Epiphany Party for Parish Volunteers has been rescheduled for January 18th.
Archbishop Peter will be with us on Saturday, January 11 at the 5:00 pm Mass to celebrate the 26th Anniversary of his ordination. There will be a reception following Mass.

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**Do you need to register, have you changed your email address, have a new telephone number, do you receive our Flocknote emails & texts?**

Let us know so we can update our parish database and keep you current with all upcoming events, news and year-end reports or give you a registration form.

You can stop by the Information Desk in the church on the weekend or the Parish Office (2nd floor of the Parish Center), Monday - Thursday or email Melody Marr at melody@sttheresaoakland.org.
### Weekly Calendar

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### Living God’s Word

The letter to the Colossians urges us to “put on love.” Does that motivate you to change the way you treat someone in your parish community or to mend a rift with a member of your family?
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
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Phone 510.547.2777 ~~~ Fax 510.653.3575
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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

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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