

Mass Schedules:

Monday - Friday: 8:30 am
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 8:30 am & 10:00 am
unless otherwise noted in bulletin

Reconciliation:

Saturdays 4:00-4:30 pm
or by appointment

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Baptisms and Marriages:
by appointment

Faith Formation:
Grades 1-5
Monthly Sunday Family Session
8:15 - 9:45 am
Grades 6-8
Monthly Sunday Session
7:00 - 8:30 pm

Confirmation:
Monthly Sunday Session
6:30 - 8:30 pm

Kinderchurch:
Preschoolers and Kindergarteners
10:00 am Sunday Mass
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Children's Liturgy of the Word:
Grades 1-5, 10:00 am Mass

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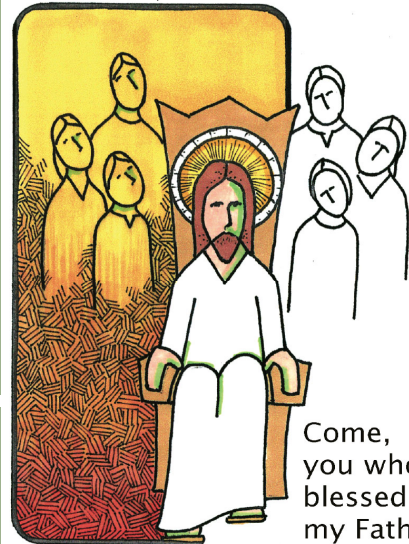
ST. THERESA PARISH COMMUNITY

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.

NOVEMBER 20, 2011
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
THE KING

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Come,
you who are
blessed by
my Father

A WORD FROM THE PASTOR:

Happy Thanksgiving Week! I have many reasons to give thanks to God and one of them this year is all of you. You have been very gracious and welcoming as I begin to try to be a good shepherd in your midst. I pray all of you will have a wonderful holiday. If you are home, start the day (well maybe stuff the turkey and get it in the oven first and then) by coming to Mass. This is not a holy day, yet in the three parishes I have previous served in more people came to Church on Thanksgiving day than any of the real holy days.

Again God showers us with blessings, may we forever thank God for such love!

We are just a week away from the changes that will occur when we start using the New Roman Missal. I present the following as a way of helping us all understand better what and why we worship the way we do.

What might the Reign of God look like—a feast for everyone from everywhere; or a royal wedding where everyone in the kingdom celebrates both prince and pauper? Isaiah and Jesus try to help us imagine the world enlightened by the fullness of God's love. They show us a world where all are welcomed in love. It is a world where we are enriched by each other and we are nourished by love. Suffused by this great love we will sing and dance, eat and drink, dance and laugh to the glory of the One who made it possible.

What we do each week at the Sunday Liturgy is to climb the mountain of God so we can gain the vista of what is possible with God's grace. Liturgy, especially the Eucharist is our dress rehearsal for the royal banquet of the Kingdom. The liturgy teaches us the etiquette of the Kingdom its kindness, compassion, justice and mercy. The liturgy should shape our identities so that others can see Christ in us.

On the First Sunday of Advent November 27, we will be receiving a new translation of the Roman Missal. This is the book that guides our prayer at the liturgy. *The changes are minor, especially in the people's parts. It will be easy enough for us to follow. When the time comes we will have guides for people to follow.*

The celebration of the Eucharist, the Mass, has changed over the two thousand years of the Church's history. And it will continue to change because we who celebrate the liturgy change. The Mass is the living celebration of the Risen Christ present in his people. Like any family there is both continuity and change. Tradition is continuity through change. That is also life. Pablo Picasso understood the meaning of tradition when he quipped, "Tradition is not wearing your father's hat; it is begetting children." Catholic Christian Tradition is a living process of handing on the experience of the Risen Christ over time.

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Sunday, November 20

8:30 am Mass
 10 am Kinderchurch (Mtg Rm 1&2)
 10:00 am Mass - RCIA, Rite of Acceptance & Welcome
 11:15 am Thanksgiving Dinner for Seniors (Mtg Rm 1&2)
 1:00 pm CYO Event (EC)
 1pm - 4th grade volleyball: St. Liz vs. Madeleine
 2pm - 5th grade volleyball: St. Theresa vs. Madeleine
 3pm - 8th grade volleyball: St. Theresa vs. St Jarlath
 4pm - 8th grade volleyball: Madeleine vs. St. Joe

Monday, November 21

8:30 am Mass
 4:00 pm CYO (Event Center)
 7:00 pm Scouts (Hall)

Tuesday, November 22

8:30 am Mass
 4:00 pm CYO (Event Center)

Wednesday, November 23

8:30 am Mass
 2:15 pm Children's Choir (Church)
 2:30 pm CYO (Event Center)
 7:30 pm Centering Prayer (Rectory)
 9:00 pm Men's Community Basketball (Event Center)

Thursday, November 24

9:00 am Mass

Friday, November 25

8:30 am Mass
 8:30 am Mother Lode Volleyball (Event Center)
 9:00 am Centering Prayer (Rectory)

Saturday, November 26

4:00 pm Reconciliation
 5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, November 27

7:30 am Men's Faith Sharing (Mtg Rm #1)
 8:30 am Mass
 10 am Kinderchurch (Mtg Rm 1&2)
 10:00 am Mass

PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS:

A word From Our Pastor, continued from front page

The Mass as we have come to know it over the last 40 years took shape after the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965). It is sometimes referred to as the Mass of Pope Paul VI. It has been fifty years since the Council issued the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, which laid out the blueprint for the reform of the Church and her liturgy. The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy was a culmination of a historical process that stretched back over a hundred years. The goal was to revitalize the Liturgy so that people could better understand themselves as being formed into Christ in the Mass.

The Council fathers state in the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy their goals.

This Sacred Council has several aims in view: it desires to impart an ever increasing vigor to the Christian life of the faithful; to adapt more suitably to the needs of our own times those institutions that are subject to change; to foster whatever can promote union among all who believe in Christ; to strengthen whatever can help to call the whole of humanity into the household of the Church. The Council therefore sees particularly cogent reasons for undertaking the reform and promotion of the liturgy. (CSL #1)

So we see that the Council wanted the reform of the liturgy so that it could reflect the needs of *our time*; *promote Christian unity* and be a place that *engage and reach out to the world with the Good News* of Christ. *Our liturgies should be measured always in light of these aims.* The Council also tells us how the liturgy accomplishes these goals.

...the Liturgy daily builds up those who are within the church making them into a holy temple of the Lord, into a dwelling place for God in the Spirit, to the mature measure of the fullness of Christ, at the same time it marvelously strengthens their power to preach Christ and thus shows forth a Church to those who are outside as a sign lifted up among the nations, under the scattered children of God may be gathered together, until there is one sheepfold one shepherd. (CSL #2)

The Council says that in the liturgy we are formed as a Sacrament of God's presence in the world. And through the presence of Christ in his gathered people we become a sign of the unity and love to which God calls his creation. In the liturgical banquet which is a foretaste of the heavenly banquet we are strengthen and nourished for the mission. So we must enter into the liturgy with a spirit of openness and conversion. We are climbing a mountain that challenges us to en flesh and enact the Reign of God. We formed by and for the banquet of God's steadfast love—the banquet of the wedding of heaven to earth.

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.

Place them on the table in the sanctuary before Mass.



St. Theresa Guild

The Guild invites the women of the parish to its Christmas party on Monday, December 12. Champagne will be served at 11:30 am, with a casserole luncheon following at 12 noon. The student choir will come and sing carols. Mothers of the students are invited for lunch. This gathering is a great way to meet Guild members.

For Women



Men's Faith Sharing Project

All men of the parish are invited to the next Men's Faith Sharing Project meeting on Sunday, November 27th, 7:30 am, in the meeting rooms. We read, reflect upon, and discuss the Sunday readings in an open and welcoming atmosphere. For more information, please contact Jim Frei at jim@ottofrei.com or Lou Bonacini at 520.6762.

All Souls

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.



STEWARDSHIP

When the Son of Man comes in glory, may we be among those who have fed the hungry, welcomed the stranger, and clothed the naked. For Jesus tells us clearly that it is those who have demonstrated good stewardship by sharing their gifts with the less fortunate who will receive God's blessing and inherit the kingdom.





Please join The Cathedral of Christ the Light as they celebrate the Advent season with the 2nd Annual Crèche Festival. This three-day event which exalts the family tradition of the nativity scene will be held on Friday, December 9 - Sunday, December 11.

One notable highlight of the event is the "Starlight Festival" which prominently features crèches created by the parishes and pastoral centers from the Diocese of Oakland. These unique and beautiful crèches are displayed all weekend in the Cathedral event Center, located in the lower level of the Cathedral complex. Additionally, professional designers and floral artists will showcase unique crèche displays in each of the meditation chapels in the Cathedral.

For additional information, visit www.ctlcathedral.org and click the "Crèche Festival" on the homepage.



Women in God's Spirit

WINGS is a faith enhancement group that encourages spiritual growth through prayer, Scripture study, catechesis, life sharing, and community. WINGS will be starting our new season on Wednesday, October 5th in Meeting Rooms 1 & 2 at 9:15 am for refreshments, followed by our guest speaker, from 9:45-10:15 am. Childcare services for potty-trained children are available for \$5/child.

The theme for the year is 'ON THE WAY'.

NOVEMBER 23RD

No Meeting

Memory Bear Makers

We will be meeting on Monday, November 28th, in the Church Hall at 7:00pm. Our meetings are a nice time to get together with good people to help those in need. Please bring any sewing items such as: scissors, straight pins, needles, thread, bows, buttons, or lace. Questions, call Debbie at 510.547.2777.



2012 Holy Land Pilgrimage

Franciscan Fr. Mario DiCicco, former president of the Franciscan School of Theology in Berkeley and not stationed at the Franciscan shrine church in Chicago, is leading two pilgrimages in 2012 to the Holy Land. Fr. Mario, who holds a PhD in New Testament studies, has been leading groups to the Holy Land twice annually for the past 36 years. Information on the pilgrimage can be found on the Events page of the parish website.

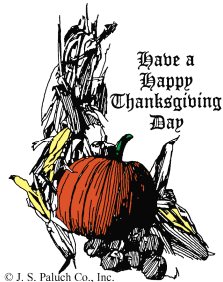
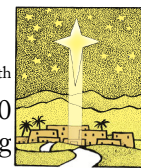
Christmas Caroling & Dinner

Please mark your calendar for Saturday December 3 to join us for the St. Theresa annual Christmas Caroling & Dinner event from 6pm-9pm. Get into the holiday spirit by gathering for a casual dinner provide by St. Theresa Parent's Club & caroling with parish neighbors. Please bring an unwrapped new toy for a charitable gift donation. RSV to lislamoureux@earthlink.net by November 28.



An Invitation to all volunteers in the Parish

Mark you calendars for January 7th for an Epiphany Party from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the Meeting Rooms. Keep an eye on the bulletin for additional information.



Capital Campaign 2.0 Update

Capital Campaign 2.0, which is designed to complete the funding of the New Event Center, Library, Computer lab and renovated Church Offices has now raised over **\$200,000** to date. Thank you to all who are participating in this Campaign! If you need any information about the Campaign, or about making a Pledge, please contact Chris Bruni at 510.548 8618, cbruni@sinunubruni.com.



Readings for the Week



November 21-27

- Monday:
Dan 1:1-6, 8-20
Lk 21:1-4
- Tuesday:
Dan 2:31-45
Lk 21:5-11
- Wednesday:
Dan 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28
Lk 21:12-19
- Thursday:
Dan 6:12-28
Lk 21:20-28
- Friday:
Dan 7:2-14
Lk 21:29-33
- Saturday:
Dan 7:15-27
Lk 21:34-36
- Sunday:
Is 63:16b-17, 19; 64:2-7
Ps 80
1 Cor 1:3-9
Mk 13:33-37



November 13, 2011
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MASS INTENTIONS

- Sat. 5:00 pm Teresa Bezzi
Sun. 8:30 am Charles Patrick Ostrofe
10:00 am Giovanni & Rosa (Gina) Moglia
- Mon. 8:30 am Intention of Fr. Bob McCann
(30th Anniversary of his Ordination)
- Tues. 8:30 am Gerard Gmeiner
Wed. 8:30 am Conrad Craig
Thurs. 9:00 am Giovanni Allevato
Fri. 8:30 am Clare Fefley
- Sat. 5:00 pm Viola Calamonaci
Sun. 8:30 am Albert Risi
10:00 am The People of St. Theresa Parish

Online Giving

Online Giving is available for anyone who prefers to donate through automatic draft. Information can be found on the parish website sttheresaokland.org on how to get started. Contact Cathy Brady with any questions. 547.2777, ext 26 or cathy@sttheresaokland.org

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT SUBMISSION

Each week the bulletin is sent for publishing on Tuesday morning for the upcoming weekend. All submissions need to be received by the prior Friday, email them to cathy@sttheresaokland.org.

DISMISSAL

Introduction

At this time in the life of the English speaking Church, the understanding of dismissal has layers of meaning. The Church comes to the end of this liturgical year – the year of the Lord 2011 – and enters another year next weekend as we celebrate the First Sunday of Advent. With the close of one, we go forward on mission into another – a new year. The sequence of ending and beginning marks a dismissal. We are “dismissed.” As we conclude this past year of formation opportunities and the past seven weeks of parish formation on the Roman Missal, we are dismissed to pray the new Missal. Readings on the history of Eucharist indicate that during the Middle Ages, the most common name in Latin for this central and mystical ritual of sacrifice and celebration is *Missa*, which simply means “Dismissed.” Thus, each and every Sunday, the conclusion of Mass is a dismissal; an ending and a beginning.

Structure of the Dismissal

Once the priest has offered the Prayer After Communion, a brief but slightly expanded concluding rite parallels earlier ritual dismissals in the evolution of the Eucharist (GIRM 90).

First, if announcements are necessary, they should follow the Prayer After Communion. Parishes should determine simple criteria for verbal announcements that include few in number, spoken brevity, and a lack of random or last minute inclusions. The verbal announcements should not overshadow the significance of the Concluding Rites and specifically the depth of the dismissal. (*On rare occasion, if a more expanded announcement takes place, this should occur before the Introductory Rites or after the Concluding Rites or dismissal.*)

Second, after the brief announcements, the priest addresses the assembly again with a simple and familiar greeting, “The Lord be with you.” These words, taken from the lips of the angel of the Lord are a divine calling and sending, spoken through the priest’s lips. Yet, those assembled rightly feel unable to meet this tremendous call on their own initiative. It is the Lord who reminds them again that He shall be with them going forward (Cf. Judges 6:12-16). Then, the assembly response “And with your spirit” affirms belief in the Lord’s abiding presence. In the act of sending or missioning, the people are not sent to accomplish the tasks of the Lord on their own. That is impossible! It is God who has nourished them and leads them in the ways of salvation for all.

As the faithful prepare to be dismissed, the principal celebrant blesses the assembled with the sign of our faith through the Trinitarian formula: “May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.” Blessed by God and with faith in the Lord’s words, “I shall be with you,” the faithful respond “Amen.” (*On more festive occasions following the simple greeting and response, the priest offers a solemn prayer or a three-fold solemn blessing which precedes the final blessing. If a bishop is principal celebrant or presiding at the Mass, then he may impart the pontifical blessing.*)

Third, Mass is concluded with a formal dismissal, said or chanted by the priest or deacon (when present). With the new Missal, four options are given. Familiar to many is “The Mass is ended...” which corresponds to the Latin text, *Ite, missa est*. The other three options were added upon a request by Pope Benedict XVI to make the missionary connection clear in the dismissal.

Our response to the dismissal remains “Thanks be to God.” What else can we do except give thanks to God for his undivided presence. He has provided us with his total self-gift in the Eucharistic sacrifice of Christ by which he draws us and the entire world into closer communion with Him. Thus, as was noted in this introduction, the dismissal is not a mere ending. Rather, an ending gives way to a beginning, a mission forward: may each go out to do good works, praising and blessing God.

Fourth, the priest and deacon (when present) demonstrate reverence for the primary symbols of the Eucharistic sacrifice. The altar is kissed followed by a profound bow or genuflection (if the tabernacle is situated in the sanctuary [GIRM 274]) with other ministers. There is no mention of a recessional hymn. Instead a post communion hymn of praise may be sung prior to the Prayer After Communion (*see last week’s insert on the Communion Rite*). Dismissed, those who were gathered for the celebration should also, in posture and gesture, demonstrate reverence for the primary symbols.

Conclusion

Pope Benedict XVI issued a summation and response to a gathering of certain bishops from around the world called together to discuss the Mass. Titled *The Sacrament of Charity* (or *Sacramentum Caritatis*), the Holy Father reflected upon our participation in the Eucharistic Liturgy. It should translate into a life in imitation of Christ. From the Sacred Liturgy the missionary nature of the Church should spring forward. When the Eucharistic celebration ends, the mission begins - or more appropriately, continues.

Finally, as we pray the Eucharistic liturgy with the New Roman Missal, may the texts of the liturgy positively impact the disposition the assembly should have to celebrate the Mass. As we enter this new liturgical year, let all commit to an attentive listening to God’s Word and to join ourselves to the one sacrifice of thanks. “Through Christ the Mediator we may be formed day by day into an ever more perfect unity with God and with each other so that finally, God may be in all” (CSL 48).