

**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

**Parish Office:**

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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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Grades 1-5, 10:00 am Mass

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*School Principal*

# 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.



DECEMBER 11, 2011  
 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## A WORD FROM THE PASTOR:

We celebrate the Third Sunday of Advent which is marked by Rose colored vestments and the lighting of the rose colored candle. It is called: *Guadete Sunday*, we rejoice for the end of Advent is near. It can also be a time to push ahead for all the holiday preparations. Someone edited and paraphrased the famous passage from St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians. I hope it offers you something to consider in the midst of the preparation.

### 1 Corinthians 13 – a Christmas Version (Source unknown)

**If** I decorate my house perfectly with plaid bows, strands of twinkling lights and shiny balls, but do not show love to my family, I'm just another decorator.

**If** I slave away in the kitchen, baking dozens of Christmas cookies, preparing gourmet meals and arranging a beautifully adorned table at mealtime, but do not show love to my family, I'm just another cook.

**If** I work at the soup kitchen, carol in the nursing home and give all that I have to charity, but do not show love to my family, it profits me nothing.

**If** I trim the spruce with shimmering angels and crocheted snowflakes, attend a myriad of holiday parties and sing in the choir's cantata but do not focus on Christ, I have missed the point.

**Love** stops the cooking to hug the child. Love sets aside the decorating to kiss the husband. Love is kind, though harried and tired. Love doesn't envy another's home that has coordinated Christmas china and table linens.

**Love** doesn't yell at the kids to get out of the way, but is thankful they are there to be in the way. Love doesn't give only to those who are able to give in return but rejoices in giving to those who can't.

**Love** bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails. Video games will break, pearl necklaces will be lost, golf clubs will rust, but giving the gift of love will endure.

On a completely different note, the holidays also bring the end of the year. Even in a tight financial year, some of you are pondering end of the year donations that are tax deductible for the year that now ends. I would ask that you give special consideration to your parish. I am very grateful for the very kind welcome I have received here, but as I

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**Sunday, December 11**

8:30 am Mass  
9:00 am Live-Scan (Library)  
10 am Kinderchurch (Mtg Rm 1&2)  
10:00 am Mass  
1:00 pm Baptism  
1:00 pm EBPLL League (EC)  
Girl's Volleyball  
1:00 pm - 4th grade  
SLOT vs. Madeleine  
2:00 pm - 5th grade  
St. Theresa vs. Corpus Christi  
3:00 pm - 7th grade  
St. Theresa vs. St. Elizabeth  
4:00 pm - 6th grade  
St. Theresa vs. St. Elizabeth  
6:00 pm FFF Advent Event (MR1)

**Monday, December 12**

11:30 pm Guild Meeting (Hall)  
4:00 pm CYO (Event Center)  
7:00 pm Advent by Candlelight  
(Mtg Rm 1&2)

**Tuesday, December 13**

4:00 pm CYO (Event Center)  
7:00 pm Pastoral Council  
(Library)

**Wednesday, December 14**

9:15 am WINGS (Mtg Rm 1&2)  
2:15 pm Children's Choir (Church)  
2:30 pm CYO (Event Center)  
7:00 pm Scouts (Hall)  
7:30 pm RCIA (Mtg Rm 1)  
7:30 pm Finance Committee  
(Library)  
7:30 pm Centering Prayer (Rectory)  
7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal (Church)  
8:30 pm Men's Community  
Basketball (Event Center)

**Thursday, December 15**

3:30pm Altar Server Training  
(Church)  
7:00 pm School Christmas  
Concert (Event Center)

**Friday, December 16**

8:30 am Mother Lode Volleyball  
(Event Center)  
9:00 am Centering Prayer (Rectory)  
5:00 pm EBPLL League (EC)

**Saturday, December 17**

8:00 am EBPLL League (EC)  
8:00 am Choir Rehearsal (Mtg Rm 1)  
3:00 pm Holy Names (EC)  
4:00 pm Reconciliation  
5:00 pm Mass

**Sunday, December 18**

8:30 am Mass  
10 am Kinderchurch (Mtg Rm 1&2)  
10:00 am Mass  
11:00 am Decorate Church  
1:00 pm EBPLL League (EC)

# PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS:

## A word From Our Pastor, continued from front page

begin to get hold of how the parish operates and where the needs and strengths are, I find that we are running a deficit just trying to cover basic yearly costs. This is compounded by the fact that certain basic needs are not being met such as having a better routine of maintaining the parish buildings and property or having a youth minister for our young people. As a staff we are seriously looking for ways to always be good stewards, but we cannot succeed without your support. I will address this with great transparency when I give a fuller financial report to the parish in the New Year. I ask if we are not on your list that you put us on it or if we are that you consider increasing what you may have planned to give.

### Nothing Says "Merry Christmas" Like a Stack of Flapjacks!



Today the Men's Club will host the Annual Christmas Pancake Breakfast. Service will start at 8:30 and continue 'til about noon. Buy your tickets at the door and bring the whole family!

### CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT Christmas Eve



We will celebrate a children's liturgy on Christmas Eve at 5:00 pm. The children of the parish, grades 2-6, are invited to participate in the Pageant, acting out the story of the Birth of Jesus. There are no speaking parts. If your child is interested in participating, please pick up a registration form in the church vestibule or the Parish Office. Rehearsals will be December 20 & 22 from 3:30 - 4:30 pm. Children must attend both rehearsals. If you would like to volunteer to assist with the rehearsals and/or on Christmas Eve, please contact Delia Jachec 510.352.8627 or deliannj@yahoo.com.

**Christmas Schedule...**  
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**Individual Reconciliation**  
December 22  
12:00 - 1:00 pm  
7:00 - 8:00 pm

**VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS**  
December 24  
5:00 pm Children's Mass with Gospel Tableau  
9:15 pm Concert & Congregational Carols  
10:00 pm Mass - Parish Choir

**CHRISTMAS**  
December 25  
8:30 am Mass  
10:00 am Mass

**New Year's Eve**  
December 31  
5:00 pm Mass

**New Year's Day**  
January 1  
8:30 am Mass  
10:00 am Mass



### St. Mary's Center Adopt a Family for Christmas

If you would like to participate in the Adopt a Family program at St. Mary's Center, they are asking for a wrapped gift for each child in a family. If adopting a family is a bit too much for you this year, they are also taking donations for the 'Christmas Family Food' program. For additional information or to volunteer contact Marilyn Medau, pbvm at 510.823.9600, ext. 220 or by email mmedau@stmaryscenter.org.

## WE ARE SO GRATEFUL FOR OUR PARISH VOLUNTEERS!

Parish Volunteers and their significant other are invited to an 'Epiphany Party' celebrating the volunteers of St. Theresa Parish.



WHEN: January 7, 2012 (Saturday)  
WHERE: Meeting Rooms 1 & 2  
TIME: 6:00 - 8:00 PM  
HOSTED BY: Parish Staff

### HORS D'OEUVRES, WINE, DESERTS AND A FUN TIME!

THIS EVENT IS FOR ADULTS ONLY.

RSVP Debbie Rubin by January 2, 2012, 547-2777 or debbie@sttheresaokland.org

**WOMEN OF ST. THERESA  
PARISH LIGHTING THE WAY**  
friendship ~ faith ~ festivity



All women of the parish are invited to attend our annual 'Advent by Candlelight' on December 12th at 7:00 pm in the Meeting Rooms.

For reservations please call Ann Goslee at 653.2237

If you would like to host a table please contact Jenny Bruni at 548.8618 or georgiajennifer@yahoo.com.

**St. Theresa Men's Club**

Our next meeting will be on Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am in the Church Basement. The meeting will last less than 1/2 hour so members can attend the 10:00 am mass. Potential new members are very welcome.



**Mandatory Altar Server Training**

There are a few significant changes in the manner in which the altar servers serve Mass. It is essential that everyone become familiar with these changes as soon as possible; therefore, there will be two mandatory meetings in December to familiarize servers with the new procedures. The meeting will be held in the church, after school from 3:30 pm to 4:00 pm on Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. Your service to St. Theresa parish is greatly appreciated and your ministry is an important one. Thank you for your service.

**STEWARDSHIP**



All of the people in today's readings -- the prophet Isaiah, the Virgin Mary, St. Paul, St. John the Baptist -- seemed to understand clearly and rejoice in what God was calling them to be and to do.  
Do I?

**Pray** Please remember in your prayers, for those who have died especially, Silvio Velleli, the brother of Robert Bellelli and Jean Jachec, mother of Walter Jachec  
**Deceased**

**December 25th Bulletin Submissions**

Due to the holidays submissions for the December 25th bulletin must be received by December 15th.



**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. Through your donations of money instead of flowers, we will be able to order the flowers in advance, which will allow us to have the necessary quantities and types for decorating the church. Your donation envelope can be placed in the collection basket or dropped off at the Parish Office.

**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**



**DO YOU LIKE DONUTS?... AFTER MASS???**

Do your kids? We need a few more volunteers to be Donut Hosts. It's a simple but very much appreciated service to the community. If you could do this ministry of hospitality once a month, or even once every 2 months PLEASE call Debbie Rubin in the parish office at 547.2777 ext 20. It is actually very easy -- and you get to have all the donuts you want!

**8th Grade Boys Christmas Tourney**

The 8th Grade Boys are holding a basketball tournament on December 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup> at the Event Center. Come on out and support the 8th Grade Boys. Proceeds to go to St. Theresa Athletic Fund.



**MASS INTENTIONS**

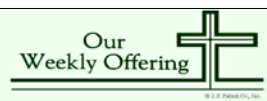
- Sat. 5:00 pm Dorothy G. MulHoland (Anniv)
- Sun. 8:30 am The People of St. Theresa Parish
- 10:00 am Bartolomeo Caviglia
- Mon. 8:30 am Joseph & Clementina Brignole
- Tues. 8:30 am Rena Moglia
- Wed. 8:30 am Vic Remotto
- Thurs. 8:30 am John Piero Moglia
- Fri. 8:30 am Carl Rossi (Anniversary)
- Sat. 5:00 pm Carlo Pernecco
- Sun. 8:30 am Tina Bruno
- 10:00 am Giovanni & Rosa (Gina) Moglia

**Readings for the Week**



**December 12 - 18**

- Monday:  
Zech 2:14-17  
Jud 13:18bcde, 19  
Lk 1:26-38
- Tuesday:  
Zep 3:1-2, 9-13  
Mt 21:28-32
- Wednesday:  
Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25  
Lk 7:18b-23
- Thursday:  
Is 54:1-10  
Lk 7:24-30
- Friday:  
Is 56:1-3a, 6-8  
Jn 5:33-36
- Saturday:  
Gn 49:2, 8-10  
Mt 1:1-17
- Sunday:  
2 Sam 7:15, 8b-12, 14a  
Ps 89  
Rom 16:25-27  
Lk 1:26-38



December 4, 2011 \$6,901.50  
November Online Giving \$8,168.96

**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

**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.