

**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.



MERRY CHRISTMAS

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DECEMBER 25, 2011  
 THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

## A WORD FROM THE PASTOR:

Merry Christmas! Welcome to our parish Christmas celebrations!

On behalf of Debbie Rubin, Sharon Chipman, Cathy Brady, George Husson, Judy KoneffKlatt, Fr. Peter Chong, all our parish and school staffs and myself we wish you a happy and blessed Season of Christmas!

Our prayer is that the mystery of love that we celebrate with the event that happened centuries ago in Bethlehem will continue to bless your lives and the lives of all you love.

How wonderful and amazing, the fact that our God chose to be born into our world as one like us so that he could lead us back to Paradise.

The gifts we exchange with one another are mere tokens and reminders of this ultimate gift from God. Our exchange of gifts hopefully is to let others know and remember our love for them. The token will remind them of that fact and also make their lives richer and happier because of the care and personal attention we put into producing the gift. We will probably get gifts in return as a reciprocation of our love.

I hope you will think about the gift that God gives us. Even though the radio stations will stop playing the Christmas music tomorrow, Christmas just begins for us today. Thus we are invited having received a most wonderful gift from God to reciprocate by doing what is demonstrated by the birth of the Savior. That is, to love as God loves us. But let us remember, God's gift has no strings attached. It is given out of unconditional love.

The hymnology of the Church eloquently chants this theology: *What wondrous love.* God's love can do anything. God's love can lead us to eternity.

May the celebration of this feast be a time for all of us to reflect on all our relationships and how in the coming New Year we can better demonstrate our love within them.

Remember, the Church wisely says this is so great a feast that one day is not enough with which to celebrate it. (Remember the song: *The Twelve Days of Christmas*). If everyday for the next twelve days we showed our love clearly and demonstratively, what a great start the New Year would begin, and what a great example to all about the true meaning of Christmas.

Be assured your presence here today enriches our parish celebrations. May you always feel the love and hospitality that is inspired by Christ himself who became like us to invite us to follow Him to our heavenly home.

Have a blessed and wonderful Christmas! May you and all you love feel and know God's love these days!



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**Sunday, December 25**

8:30 am Mass  
10:00 am Mass

**Monday, December 26**

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

**Tuesday, December 27**

8:30 am Mass  
9:00 am BBB Christmas  
Tournament (EC)  
4:00 pm CYO Event (EC)

**Wednesday, December 28**

8:30 am Mass  
9:00 am BBB Christmas  
Tournament (EC)  
2:30 pm CYO (Event Center)  
7:30 pm Centering Prayer (Rectory)  
8:30 pm Men's Community  
Basketball (Event Center)

**Thursday, December 29**

8:30 am Mass  
9:00 am BBB Christmas  
Tournament (EC)

**Friday, December 30**

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

**Saturday, December 31**

4:00 pm Reconciliation  
5:00 pm Mass

**Sunday, January 1**

8:30 am Mass  
10:00 am Mass

# PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS:



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## VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS

December 24

5:00 pm Children's Mass with  
Children's Pageant

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    New Year's Day

December 31

January 1

5:00 pm Mass

8:30 am Mass

10:00 am Mass

### A Thank You from St. Theresa School



The staff and students at St. Theresa School have always raised money to provide Christmas gifts for families that live at Elizabeth House. In the past the school has provided gifts for half of the house, this year the school was asked to double the gifts they usually provide. Through the generous assistance of the parish community who donated over \$500.00 we were able to meet that goal. Thank you for your generosity.



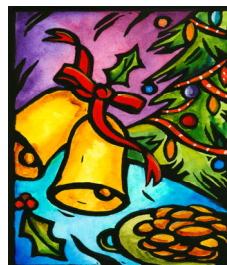
### THANK YOU to everyone who participated in our Christmas Liturgies!

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 Delia Jachec who directed the children for the Christmas Eve pageant and her team who worked with the children making sure their costumes were ready and helped them to dress. We want to thank the children who participated in the Christmas Eve pageant. Thank you to all the Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Sacristans, Altar Servers and Environment Team that gave of their time and to the 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.



## 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](mailto:debbie@sttheresaokland.org)





### 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'.

**JANUARY 4<sup>TH</sup>**  
Winter Opening Session

### STEWARDSHIP



The shepherds who heard the joyous

news from the angels on that first Christmas night and then hurried to find the infant Savior must surely have been changed by that experience. How has His coming changed by life?

### Engraved Bricks the perfect Holiday Gift!

We are again accepting BRICK orders for the Parish Center. The Brick cost is \$200 per brick. Please contact Debbie 547-2777 #20.



### OUTREACH COMMITTEE

#### Thank You



Maya Angelou once said "A bird doesn't sing because it has an answer, it sings because it has a song." This is what we believe at Elizabeth House when we invite in a family that has come to us for help. When a mother brings her children through our front door, she quickly learns it is important to know that all of life is open to her and that life can be better than the one she has known thus far. At EHouse, she will work on the beginning of a beautiful "song" with her family. Your gift supports our belief in the resilience of the human spirit and that each mother at E House, regardless of her personal history, should have an opportunity to become the best person she can be and the best mother she ought to be in a safe and nurturing environment. You have given a new life to the mother as well as her children.


*Tina Humphrey, Executive Director,  
Oakland Elizabeth House*



### Christmas Flower Donation Thank You

Thank you to all who donated to our Christmas Flower Fund. Your generosity enabled us to have flowers and evergreen decorations in the church for the Christmas season. In the sanctuary is the Memory Book listing the names for whom the donations were made. Please look at the book and say a prayer for those remembered.

### 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.



### 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!



### PARISH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

The Parish Offices will be closed from December 26<sup>th</sup> through January 4<sup>th</sup>.

### MASS INTENTIONS

- Sat. 5:00 pm Bob Zollicoffer
- 10:00 pm The People of St. Theresa Parish
- Sun. 8:30 am Tony Lamberti, Vittoria & Giovanni Molinari
- 10:00 am Florence Moglia
- Mon. 8:30 am Roy Fefley
- Tues. 8:30 am Vittoria Molinari (Anniversary)
- Wed. 8:30 am Pat Bartalero
- Thurs. 8:30 am Mary Marino & Maria Zamer
- Fri. 8:30 am Rita Sorenson
- Sat. 5:00 pm Ermine & Vincent Cantele
- Sun. 8:30 am The People of St. Theresa Parish
- 10:00 am The People of St. Theresa Parish

### Readings for the Week



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### Dec. 26 - Jan. 1

- Monday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 Mt 10:17-22
- Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4 Jn 20:1a, 2-8
- Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2 Mt 2:13-18
- Thursday: 1 Jn 2:3-11 Lk 2:22-35
- Friday: Sir 3:2-7, 12-14 Col 3:12-21 Lk 2:22-40
- Saturday: 1 Jn 2:18-21 Jn 1:1-18
- Sunday: Num 6:22-27 Ps 67 Gal 4:4-7 Lk 2:16-21



### 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.