

## AAA 2015

Assessed Amount: \$26,520  
Amount Pledged: \$23,161  
Balance Remaining \$ 3,359

We would like to thank everyone who has either given or pledged monies. We are currently at **87%** of our goal.

If you wish to donate online, access is through: <https://www.sfarchdiocese.org/home/stewardship/archdiocesan-annual-appeal/donate-to-the-appeal>

**The easiest way is to use the direct link on our website's home page.**

Please check to see if your employer provides matching funds for charitable donations.

These figures reflect donations made both through the Parish Office and also those

## WEEKEND COLLECTION

APRIL 2 & 3

\$1,607

**THANK YOU!**

*On Care for Our Common Home,  
A Parish Response Workshop will  
take place on April 23, 2016 at:*

**St. Anne's Parish  
850 Judah Street  
San Francisco**



LAUDATO SI

**Deadline to Register: April 8, 2016**

**TO REGISTER ONLINE:** <http://www.sfarchdiocese.org/home/green-team-initiative/laudato-si-conference/registration>

**FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT**  
<http://www.sfarchdiocese.org/green>

## MONTHLY DONORS & SECOND COLLECTIONS

### FEBRUARY

First Collection	\$1,587
Building & Maintenance	\$1,837
Carmelite Mission	\$1,906
Garden Fund	\$ 230
St. Vincent de Paul	\$1,885

### MARCH

First Collection	\$3,307
Building & Maintenance	\$1,965
Catholic Relief Services	\$2,097
Holy Thursday	\$ 425
Holy Land	\$ 531
Garden Fund	\$ 362
St. Vincent de Paul	\$3,582
Easter Flowers	\$ 188
Easter	\$5,397*

\* Includes previously reported amounts

## ST TERESA'S GREEN TEAM

In February, the U.S. Supreme Court issued a "stay" which halted the Environmental Protection Agency's plan to address climate change through the Clean Power Plan (CPP). The CPP is essentially the footing of the Obama administration's carbon-emissions-carbon-reducing plans and the US's commitment to an international pact to address climate change. The CPP seeks to reduce U.S. carbon emissions from the power sector (and primarily coal-fired plants) by 32% from 2005 levels by 2030. Earlier this month, a contingent of 30 Catholic organizations and institutes filed a joint amicus brief with other faith groups in support of the court-contested CPP. An excerpt from the brief written by the faith coalition stated, "it is necessary, but not sufficient" to carry out the moral responsibility to protect the Earth, and in particular, to avert "a climate crisis of our own making," or at a minimum limit the damage, for the sake of all the planet's creatures.

# WE WELCOME YOU TO ST. TERESA OF AVILA CATHOLIC CHURCH

SERVED BY THE CARMELITES

**APRIL 10, 2016  
THIRD SUNDAY  
OF EASTER**



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LOCATED ON THE NE CORNER OF 19TH & CONNECTICUT STREETS

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### OFFICE HOURS

10:00am to 12:30pm  
1:00pm to 4:30pm

Website: [stteresasf.org](http://stteresasf.org)

### SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil 4:15 pm  
Sunday 8:30 &  
10:00 am

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 8:30 am  
Friday 8:30 am

### MARRIAGE

Please call six months in advance.

### BAPTISM &

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Please call the Parish Office  
for an appointment.

### PASTORAL COUNCIL

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### ST. TERESA'S MISSION STATEMENT

*As members of St. Teresa's Parish we fulfill our baptismal commitment  
by being the hands and heart of Christ in our world.*

*We achieve this commitment by accepting the human dignity of all persons,  
and by advocating for and serving those oppressed in our society.*

*The community of St. Teresa's finds its strength to fulfill this through participation  
in the Eucharist, prayer, learning the building of relationships, and action for Justice.*

## Parish Calendar

Sun, Apr 10 - Faith Formation, 9am, Hall  
 Mon, Apr 11 - Choir Practice, 6:30pm  
 - AA Step Meeting, 6:30pm  
 Tue, Apr 12 - SVdP Grocery Distribution  
 1:00pm, Hall  
 - Pastoral Council  
 7:00pm, Avila  
 Sat, Apr 16 - AA Meeting, 7pm, Church Hall  
 Sun, Apr 17 - Faith Formation, 9am, Hall

### MASS INTENTIONS

*As we celebrate Mass together  
 we include in our prayers:*

#### Saturday, April 9

4:15pm † Joseph Greenwell  
 Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

#### Sunday, April 10

8:30am The People of the Parish  
 10:00am † Robert Rezak

#### Tuesday, April 12

8:30am † Rosaleen Adams

#### Friday, April 15

8:30am † Gene Sitkowski

#### Saturday, April 16

4:15pm Bob Rose (Spec. Int.)  
 Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

#### Sunday, April 17

8:30am The People of the Parish  
 10:00am † Barbara McGrath

## SECOND COLLECTIONS

### April 9 & 10

There will be no second collection this week.

### April 16 & 17

The Catholic Home Missions Appeal will take place next week. One way that this appeal works to support home mission dioceses in the United States is by supporting seminarian formation in poor dioceses. The blessing of seminarians places a financial burden on these dioceses, because educating each seminarian costs \$35-40K per year. Your support is needed for these young men so that they might go back and serve their parishes. Please strengthen the Church at home by making a generous gift to next week's appeal.

**Please check the bulletin boards** in the vestibule & hall for upcoming events or special notices from the Archdiocese.

### Ministers Schedule for Next Week April 16 & 17

<b>4:15 PM</b>		<b>10:00 AM</b>
Lector: T. Jackson		1 Lector: D. Churton
Bread: E. Perea		2 Lector: C. Arett
Cup: K. Trapani		1 Bread: R. Labuguen
Hosp: L. Lechich		2 Bread: J. Warnock
		3 Bread: M. Schelstrate
<b>8:30 AM</b>		1 Cup: C. Allen
Lector: T. Lang		2 Cup: J. Schelstrate
Bread: D. Paquette		Hosp: J. Warnock
Cup: S. Lang		
Hosp: T. Lando		

## THE MIRACULOUS CATCH OF 153 FISH

The Gospels of the Easter Season follow a particular pattern. At the Easter Vigil, we hear the Resurrection account from Matthew, Mark, or Luke (depending on the year), and on Easter Sunday the Gospel is always the Resurrection account from John. The Second Sunday of Easter features John's account of the "doubting Thomas", and the Gospel for the Third Sunday of Easter is always a post-resurrection appearance story: Year A finds Jesus appearing to two disciples on the road to Emmaus; Year B has the same two disciples returning to Jerusalem (where Jesus appears to the eleven on Easter Sunday night); and this year finds Jesus on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, cooking breakfast for the disciples after an unsuccessful night of fishing. When the disciples are near to shore, Jesus commands them to cast their nets on the starboard side, whereupon they haul in a remarkable catch of fish.

As the narrative continues, we discover that the main focus is on Jesus instructing Peter to "feed my lambs, feed my sheep." Nevertheless, over the centuries Christians have skipped over the Jesus-Peter relationship, zeroing-in instead on the unusual number of fish – one hundred fifty-three of them! Why this fascination with the number of fish?

In the first six centuries, the Fathers of the Church were very interested in numbers, especially combinations of numbers which make up other numbers. The number 153 includes five "core numbers" (100, 50, 10, 7, and 3). Combinations of these numbers were used to explain the mystical meaning of the text. For example:

- St. Gregory the Great says: 10 and 7 are perfect numbers, which added together make 17. This, times 3 – for the perfection of faith in the Trinity – makes 51. The number 51, times 3, makes 153.
- St. Cyril breaks 153 into 100 (the great number of gentiles to be saved), plus 50 (the smaller number of Jews to be saved), plus 3 (the Trinity who saves all).
- St. Jerome suggests that, at that time, there were only 153 species of fish in all the world. Hence, the disciples caught 153 fish, signifying that men of every class and time would be saved through the Gospel.

Why would I dedicate a column to such bizarre interpretations of the significance of 153 fish? It's to point out that, during the Patristic Period, these "Fathers of the Church" interpreted Scripture *allegorically*. Essentially, the Church Fathers did not analyze Scripture to determine the extent of its historical accuracy. Instead, they looked upon Scripture as symbolic, and tried to find allegorical, "hidden" meanings in the texts.

Another way of analyzing scripture would be an *existential* approach. Like the allegorical approach, the existential approach is not concerned with historical accuracy. Instead, it asks the question, "What does this passage mean to me?" In the Protestant (and Evangelical) Traditions, the existential approach is extremely popular.

For the most part, modern Catholic interpretation of Scripture is grounded in the *historical-critical* approach. Basically, this method asks, "What did the sacred author mean when he or she wrote the text?" and "Given this understanding, how do we interpret the text today?" Few, if any, contemporary homilists would use an allegorical approach, but it is important to note that, in the first six centuries of the Church, the allegorical approach was the preferred methodology.

Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm.

## Welcome to St. Teresa's Parish Community

We extend our hands and hearts in Christian fellowship to you here celebrating with us. Whether long-time residents or newly arrived in our parish, we thank God that you are with us. If you are not registered or have changes to your registration, please fill in the form below.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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