

Please join us in welcoming to our parish community:



Jeffrey Luke Mara, the son of Francis and Miriam Oketta, and

Austin Hanbin Regino, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Regino.

Jeffrey and Austin will be baptized by Rev. Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm. this Sunday at the 10am Mass.

EASTER COLLECTION

APRIL 4 & 5

\$3,956

THANK YOU!

MONTHLY DONORS & SECOND COLLECTIONS — MARCH

First Collection (Monthly Donors)	\$3,590
Building & Maintenance	\$2,050
Catholic Relief Services	\$1,634
St. Vincent de Paul	\$2,109

VISITING INCARCERATED YOUTH IN SAN FRANCISCO JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER

Training for new volunteers
Saturday, May 23 and May 30, 2015
8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

St. Brendan Parish Hall
 29 Rockaway Avenue, SF, CA 94127

Must call to schedule an interview:
415 244-5594

Please see the flyers & information sheets on the bulletin boards for details.

Please check the bulletin board in the vestibule for notices about upcoming events or special notices from the Archdiocese.

AAA 2015

Assessed Amount:	\$22,200
Amount Pledged:	\$14,400
Balance Remaining	\$ 7,800

We would like to thank everyone who has either given or pledged monies. We are at **65%** of our goal.

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

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

Please check with your employer to see if they provide matching funds for charitable donations.

Donations made on-line during the month of March are not included in the above figures. We will not have those numbers from the Archdiocese until mid-April.

WE ARE MOST GRATEFUL TO . . .

our Liturgists for the many hours of preparation given by them to provide us with very beautiful and meaningful Liturgies during Lent & Easter;

our musicians and choir for the beautiful music and our ushers and devoted laity for providing their time and gifts;

those responsible for transforming our church into a wonderful environment in which to celebrate; and

that special someone who donated all the beautiful lilies.



WE WELCOME YOU TO ST. TERESA OF AVILA CATHOLIC CHURCH

SERVED BY THE CARMELITES

APRIL 12, 2015
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER



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10:00am to 12:30pm
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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 12 - Faith Formation
9:00am, Parish Hall
 Mon, Apr 13 - Choir Practice, 6:30pm
 Tue, Apr 14 - SVdP Meeting
9:00am, Sammon
 - SVdP Grocery Distribution
1:00pm, Sammon
 - Pastoral Council
7:00pm, Avila
 Sat, Apr 18 - AA Meeting, 7pm, Sammon
 Sun, Apr 19 - Faith Formation
9:00am, Parish Hall

MASS INTENTIONS

As we celebrate Mass together
we include in our prayers:

Saturday, April 11

4:15pm + William & Jane Rahmer
Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

Sunday, April 12

8:30am The People of the Parish
10:00am + John Warnock

Tuesday, April 14

8:30am + Linda Murphy

Friday, April 17

8:30am + Martin Dwan

Saturday, April 18

4:15pm + Bill & Frances Perac
Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

Sunday, April 19

8:30am The People of the Parish
10:00am + Vincent Cocciolone

SECOND COLLECTIONS

April 11 & 12

No second collection.

April 18 & 19

The Catholic Home Missions Appeal will take place next week. One of the ways that this appeal works to strengthen home mission dioceses in the United States is by funding seminarian formation in poor dioceses. The blessing of seminarians places a financial burden on these dioceses, where 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 dioceses.

Please strengthen the Church at home by making a generous gift to next week's appeal.

Ministers Schedule for Next Week April 18 & 19

4:15 PM		10:00 AM
Lector: T. Jackson		1 Lector: R. Pitts
Bread: E. Perea		2 Lector: D.B. Bernstein
Cup: J. Burns		1 Bread: C. Arett
Hosp: M. Comaich		2 Bread: J. Warnock
		3 Bread: M.K. Law
8:30 AM		1 Cup: C. Allen
Lector: E. Dunn		2 Cup: S. Miller
Bread: M. Morey		Hosp: J. Warnock
Cup: J. Newman		
Hosp: T. Lando		

THE RESURRECTED JESUS: HE EATS AND BREATHES!

In each of the three cycles of Sunday readings, the Gospels of Easter follow an identical pattern. We begin on Easter Sunday with the empty tomb, and the Gospel of the following week is always the story of the doubting Thomas. On the Third Sunday of Easter we have an appearance story, be it an Easter evening's discourse on the Road to Emmaus, an appearance of Jesus that same evening at the Upper Room in Jerusalem, or a dawn breakfast cooked by the Lord on the shores of the Sea of Galilee.

The Fourth Sunday of Easter – known as *Good Shepherd Sunday* – serves as a transition to the final three weeks of readings, which are taken from the *Final Discourse* in John. The Gospels over the last three weeks serve a two-fold purpose: first, they function as a farewell to the Disciples as Jesus prepares to leave them (at the Ascension), and secondly, they serve as a prelude to the descent of the Holy Spirit (which will take place at Pentecost).

But on this Sunday I would like to focus on two seemingly inconsequential things that are mentioned in the appearance stories: the observations that the Resurrected Jesus both *breathes* and *eats*. In this week's Gospel, John has Jesus breathe on the Disciples before he says, "Receive the Holy Spirit." Next week – in Luke's account of the same event – Jesus asks, "Have you anything to eat?" The Disciples give Jesus a piece of cooked fish, ". . . which he took and ate in their presence."

Given that the Resurrection of Jesus marks the only time in history that someone has come back from the dead, it seems odd that the evangelists – who could have written anything about the Resurrected Jesus – chose to write about how Jesus both *breathes* and *eats*. What's the big deal about *breathing* and *eating*?

The answer is simple: ghosts don't breathe, and ghosts don't eat. In a somewhat subtle but roundabout way, the evangelists make the point that this Jesus – who has returned from the grave – is neither a ghost nor a spirit. Taking this one step further, John, in today's Gospel, has Jesus challenge Thomas to ". . . examine my hands. Put your hand into my side. Do not persist in your unbelief, but believe!" In next week's Gospel, Jesus challenges this Disciple to "Look at my hands and my feet; it is really I. Touch me, and see that a ghost does not have flesh and bones as I do."

The Gospel writers are trying to show that resurrection is not simply some form of spiritual existence; rather, it incorporates a physical or corporeal dimension. However, this physical or corporeal reality is completely different from what we experience in our earthly realm.

Apparently, the resurrected body is "like us – but not!" It has a physical or corporeal dimension, but is different from our present physical existence. It does not age or decay, but possesses incorruptibility and immortality. Finally, it looks like us but is not immediately recognized. These characteristics of the resurrected body, gleaned from witness testimony in the scriptures, are feeble attempts to describe the experience of encountering a being from the other side of death. The evangelists, however, in describing Jesus *breathing* and *eating*, are emphasizing that the Resurrected Jesus is not a ghost but a "new creation from the other side."

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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