



WE ARE MOST GRATEFUL TO . . .

our musicians and choir for the beautiful music and our ushers and devoted laity for providing their time and gifts; we also thank the members of the Social Committee for the wonderful reception following the Easter Vigil to welcome our newest parishioners, and; a special thank you to our anonymous donor for providing all our Easter Lilies.

AAA 2012

St. Teresa's participation in the Archbishop's Annual Appeal has reached \$12,880, or 53% of our goal of \$24,100. This figure represents both monies received and pledged. We have received donations/pledges from 35 households. We thank all of you who have turned in your pledges and ask the rest of you to join this important work.

The above figures do not yet include on-line donations. We are awaiting notification from the Archdiocese. We have heard from parishioners that the on-line donation process is quite easy. To donate on-line, go to:

sfarchdiocese.org

This Appeal is important to many ministries and services that serve thousands of people. This is a work that cannot be done by any single parish, but together as an Archdiocese we make amazing things happen.



Are you looking for ways to experience God? It can be difficult. The members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul invite you to share in their ministry of experiencing God in the poor.

There will be a special half-day Ozanam Orientation here at St. Teresa's on Saturday, April 21, 2012 from 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. There are no fees and no expectations.

Come early and enjoy pastries and coffee. A simple buffet lunch will be provided. People from other parishes may be joining us.

If you can join us for this event, please call or email Mary Katherine Law at 415.647.3647 or bayvuer@aol.com



Thanks to generous donations, we have been able to have seven of our stained glass windows restored since the autumn.

There are still some that are in need of restoration as soon as possible.

We will be able to restore another with the addition of \$2,000 to funds already received. Please consider making a donation to assist with this very special project.



The Parish Secretary will be on vacation, therefore, the Parish Office will be closed from April 20th — April 30th.

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: _____

- New Parishioner
- New Address
- New Phone
- Send Sunday envelopes
- Send Monthly Donor Form
- Moving—remove from mailing list

WE WELCOME YOU TO ST. TERESA OF AVILA CATHOLIC CHURCH

SERVED BY THE CARMELITES

APRIL 15, 2012 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER



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OFFICE HOURS

9:30am to 12:30pm
1:00pm to 5:00pm

Please visit our website:
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 15 - Good Shepherd, 9:00am
 - Faith Formation, 9:15am
 Mon, Apr 16 - Choir Practice
 7:00pm, Church
 Tue, Apr 17 - SVdP Sandwich Tuesday
 7:00am, Parish Kitchen
 - SVdP Grocery Distribution
 2:00pm, Sammon Hall
 - NERT Meeting
 7:00pm, Avila Hall
 Wed, Apr 18 - Social Committee
 1:30pm, Avila Hall
 Fri, Apr 20 - Parish Office Closed
 Sat, Apr 21 - SVdP Ozanam Orientation
 9:00am, Sammon Hall
 - AA Meeting
 7:00pm, Avila Hall
 Sun, Apr 22 - Good Shepherd, 9:00am
 - Faith Formation, 9:15am

WEEKEND COLLECTION April 7 & 8 \$4,255

MASS INTENTIONS

As we celebrate Mass together
 we include in our prayers:

Saturday, April 14

4:15pm The People of the Parish
 Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

Sunday, April 15

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

Tuesday, April 17

8:30am Little Children's Aid

Friday, April 20

8:30am The Sick of the Parish

Saturday, April 21

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

Sunday, April 22

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

FINANCE COUNCIL

There is an opening on our Finance Council. The Council meets 4-6 times per year and serves as an advisory board to the pastor. If you would like to nominate yourself for this position, please contact the Parish Office (415.285.5272).

SECOND COLLECTION

April 14 & 15

Next week there will be no second collection.

April 21 & 22

Our second collection next week benefits Catholic Home Missions and Black & Indian Missions. The Catholic Home Missions Appeal works to support home mission dioceses in the United States by supporting seminarian formation in poor dioceses. Often home mission priests and lay ministers require special training to attend to the unique needs of their faith communities. Your support is necessary for the success of these and other projects. Please help strengthen the Church at home through your generosity to this Appeal.

MONTHLY DONORS & SECOND COLLECTIONS — March

First Collection	\$ 3,324
Building & Maintenance	\$ 1,274
Little Sisters of the Poor	\$ 1,134
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 688
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 1,117

Ministers Schedule for Next Week April 21 & 22

4:15		10:00 AM	
Lector:	A. Rose	1 Lector:	L. Jacklevich
Bread:	J. Daddio	2 Lector:	R. Bral
Cup:	E. Perea	1 Bread:	C. Arett
Hosp:	R. Jones	2 Bread:	A. Schelstrate
		3 Bread:	J. Warnock
8:30 AM		1 Cup:	C. Allen
Lector:	E. Dunn	2 Cup:	E. Miller
Bread:	J. Newman	Hosp:	J. Warnock
Cup:	R. Kingman		
Hosp:	J. Propster		

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES AND THE EASTER READINGS

Most Catholics are somewhat aware that the normal pattern of the Sunday readings includes an Old Testament reading, a Psalm, a New Testament reading, the *Alleluia*, and the Gospel. We see this pattern of readings every week and on every major feast . . . except during Easter time. For the seven weeks from Easter Sunday through Pentecost we do not read from the Old Testament. Instead, the first reading is taken from the Acts of the Apostles. Why?

One reason is that the Church – in putting together the Lectionary – tries to expose us to as much of the Bible as possible. This takes place over a three-year cycle, and we are familiar with the fact that cycles A, B, and C are linked to the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke, respectfully. Additionally, over this three-year cycle the first reading – during Easter time – is from the *Acts of the Apostles*. In this way the Church is trying to expose us to as much of *Acts* as possible.

A more important reason, however, might be that if we examine the events in *Acts* we discover that *Acts* is basically a history of the early church. During this period Jesus is gone. He died, rose from the dead, and walked among us for a while, but very quickly he ascended to His Father. The Holy Spirit was sent at Pentecost and the community continued to experience the presence of Jesus and the Spirit. But the fact remains that, during this time, Jesus was no longer *physically* with them. In this sense we are like these early communities of *Acts*: we experience the presence of Jesus and the Spirit, and, like the earliest Christians, our task is to form community and build up the Church.

The *Acts of the Apostles* was written by the evangelist Luke and is the “companion book” to his Gospel. Written about 50 years after the death and resurrection of Jesus, Luke describes what is referred to as the “missionary period” of the early church, roughly a 30-year period from the Ascension and Pentecost until the deaths of Peter and Paul.

It is important to note that Luke’s narrative is not a “journal”. Luke did not travel with the apostles like a journalist, notebook in hand, chronicling the history of the early Church. The events described in *Acts* took place long before Luke wrote about them, and in a very real sense the issues and concerns raised in *Acts* were resolved long before Luke put pen to paper. Still, *Acts* gives us some remarkable “snapshot views” of the early Church and community.

Take, for example, today’s reading which describes “life among the believers”. Luke tells us that the community “was of one heart and one mind”, that “no one claimed any of his possessions as his own”, and that “they had everything in common” (Acts 4:32). Many 21st century Christians would probably be appalled by this description, since these first-century Christians more closely resemble a religious cult than a suburban parish. To say the least, Luke’s community appears more socialistic than democratic.

When we read *Acts* closely, we discover that it is filled with questions and descriptions such as this. These discoveries not only give us insight into the early Christian community and Church, but also challenge us to examine out 21st century ecclesiology in light of the first-century Church of *Acts*.

Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm.