



Please join us in welcoming to our parish community:
Benjamin Kiyon Lee, the son of Yongjoon & Sarah Lee, and Lucia Camille Baron, the daughter of Tyler Baron & Nicole Camille Carlos Baron.

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



AAA 2014

We are extremely happy to report we have met our goal for this year, provided all pledges are fulfilled. Thank you for your most generous support!!

If you still wish to contribute, all excess money will be returned to St. Teresa's. You may also donate directly to St. Teresa's and earmark the funds for one of our special projects: Stained Glass Window Restoration or Church Garden Landscaping.



ATTENTION ALL HIGH-SCHOOL AGED YOUTHS

We are looking for someone to represent our parish on the Archdiocesan Youth Council. This Council meets once a month at the Pastoral Center and helps in the planning of youth events and in building our parish youth ministry. If you are interested, please call the Parish Office for the application, or visit:

www.sforeym.org/node/331

The deadline is May 11, 2014

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

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND . . .

a Mass to be celebrated by Archbishop Cordileone in honor of the canonizations of Blessed John XXIII and Blessed John Paul II at 11:00am on Sunday, April 27th in St. Mary's Cathedral in San Francisco.

NOW HIRING SUMMER YOUTH WORKERS IN SAN RAFAEL CATHOLIC CHARITIES CYO CANAL FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES

Are you interested in pursuing a career involving teaching? Or are you a person who enjoys working with kids? Catholic Charities CYO Canal Family Support Services' Kids Club is now hiring temporary summer youth workers to work from June 23 – August 15, 2014 at the Albert J. Boro Community Center at Pickleweed Park. We are seeking highly motivated and enthusiastic individuals to provide engaging academic, enrichment and recreational activities for children. Applicants must possess a college degree or currently attend an accredited college or university and have experience working with elementary-aged students, either in a professional or volunteer capacity. Please send a cover letter and resume to Carlos Garcia, Senior Program Director, at cgarcia@cccyo.org. Thank you.

WE WELCOME YOU TO ST. TERESA OF AVILA CATHOLIC CHURCH

SERVED BY THE CARMELITES

APRIL 27, 2014
SUNDAY OF
DIVINE MERCY



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OFFICE HOURS

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

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.

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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 27 - Religious Education, 9:00 am
 Mon, Apr 28 - Choir Practice, 6:30pm
 Tue, Apr 29 - SVdP Sandwich Tuesday
 9:00am, Parish Kitchen
 - SVdP Grocery Distribution
 1:00pm, Sammon Hall
 Sat, May 3 - Lay Carmelite Meeting
 10:00am, Avila Hall
 - AA Meeting, 7:00pm,
 Sun, May 4 - Religious Education, 9:00 am
 - First Holy Communion
 10 am Mass

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Saturday, Apr 26

4:15pm + Harry Jelenich
 Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

Sunday, Apr 27

8:30am The Deceased of the Parish
 10:00am The People of the Parish

Tuesday, Apr 29

8:30am The Sick of the Parish

Friday, May 2

7:30pm The People of the Parish

Saturday, May 3

4:15pm + James J. Burns, Sr.
 Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

Sunday, May 4

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

SECOND COLLECTION

April 26 & 27

The second collection this week will benefit the St. Teresa Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

May 3 & 4

The second collection next week will benefit the St. Teresa Building & Maintenance Fund.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

April 19 & 20

\$5,916

THANK YOU!

The Ministers' schedules for May and June were emailed on Wednesday. There are copies available in the Sacristy. The schedule is also available on our website:

www.stteresasf.org

Ministers Schedule for Next Week

May 3 & 4

4:15 PM

Lector:	B. Baird	1 Lector:	J. Alber
Bread:	A. Rose	2 Lector:	M. Schelstrate
Cup:	J. Kennedy	1 Bread:	S. Miller
Hosp:	L. Lechich	2 Bread:	K. Schelstrate

10:00 AM

3 Bread:	D. Tejada
1 Cup:	C. Allen
2 Cup:	G. McGrath
Hosp:	K. Varandas
Lector:	K. Causey
Bread:	J. Newman
Cup:	J. Marasco
Hosp:	J. Propster
	L. Mastrangelo

8:30 AM

THOMAS THE APOSTLE

Given the importance of the twelve apostles in our Christian tradition, it is surprising that we know so very little about these original followers of Jesus. What we do know is often a mixture of historical fact and legend, and, for this reason, when one of the twelve is named in the Sunday readings, I'd like to focus my weekly column on that particular apostle. This column originally appeared last year, but I felt that the fascinating, somewhat exotic tradition surrounding Thomas the Apostle warrants its reprint.

It doesn't matter whether it's Cycle A, B, or C: on the Sunday after Easter we always read the same passage from the Gospel of John. This story – which only appears in John – describes Jesus' appearance to ten of the disciples on Easter Sunday night. Thomas is not among them and – when he learns of Jesus' appearance – he states that, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." For his brash behavior Thomas is forever branded the "doubting Thomas," a misnomer, since his later confession – "My Lord (*kyrios*) and my God (*theos*)!" – is a confession of Jesus' divinity that the other apostles have yet to realize.

Like the majority of apostles, Thomas only enjoys a brief "fifteen minutes of fame" in the gospels. For Thomas, his first moment occurs when he comments on Jesus' proposal to journey to the tomb of the recently deceased Lazarus (John 11). When Jesus and the Twelve had last visited the area, the crowd wanted to stone Jesus. When he suggests that they return, Thomas makes the somewhat cynical comment, "Let us also go to die with him." This attitude again surfaces following the events of Easter Sunday night, when a skeptical Thomas seems to question both the Resurrection of Jesus and his subsequent appearance to the apostles.

In each of the four gospels Thomas is included in the list of apostles; thus, his is not one of the names under dispute. However, the only time he speaks is in the Gospel of John, the two instances taking place at the raising of Lazarus from the dead and in the upper room a week following the Resurrection.

According to tradition, Thomas was the apostle who went to India. As far-fetched as this idea may seem, we do have evidence that, during the Apostolic Period, there was a Jewish community in the diaspora near Kerala (India) at that time. If this is true, there would be nothing unusual about one of the Christian missionaries (Thomas) taking the Gospel to this foreign land, even should the foreign land be far-away India. Supposedly, Thomas arrived there in about the year 52 AD. He ministered in India for two decades and is believed to have been martyred in 72 AD at St. Thomas Mount in Chennai, India. Originally, he was buried on the site of the San Thome Cathedral.

In the year 232 AD, the greater part of his relics are said to have been brought from India to the city of Edessa, Mesopotamia. Eventually, in 1258 AD, the relics were transported to the West, and now rest in Ortona, Italy.

The general consensus is that Thomas did, in fact, travel to India; certainly, there is much in our tradition to support his presence and activity there. Having said this, it is nevertheless difficult to sift through the material to separate fact from fiction, truth from legend. In this sense Thomas is no different from other historical figures of the Apostolic Era. Even with the "most famous" people of the New Testament (e.g. Peter, Paul, and [yes] even Jesus!) we have a difficult time trying to reconstruct their historical lives. When it comes to the lesser disciples such as Thomas, our attempts at historical reconstruction are even more challenging since it is so difficult to separate historical fact from legend.

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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