

## AAA 2015

Assessed Amount: \$26,520  
Amount Pledged: \$17,736  
Balance Remaining \$ 8,784

We would like to thank everyone who has either given or pledged monies. We are at **67%** of our goal. Last year at this time, we were at **65%** 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 made on-line (through March 25th).

The **Green Team** will be holding a Virtual Meeting next Tuesday, April 5th, at 6:15pm. If you would like to attend this meeting, please contact Stephani in the Parish Office for dial-in instructions. You may reach her by either phone or email.

*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**



**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>

## 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, tulips & azaleas .

## ST TERESA'S GREEN TEAM

On Easter, Pope Francis delivered an Urbi et Orbi blessing, a message of hope, at the St. Peter's Basilica. In his blessing, he reiterated his appeal for those affected by climate change by saying, "On this glorious day, 'let the earth rejoice, in shining splendour' (cf. Easter Proclamation), even though it is so often mistreated and greedily exploited, resulting in an alteration of natural equilibria. I think especially of those areas affected by climate change, which not infrequently causes drought or violent flooding, which then lead to food crises in different parts of the world." Let us remember the urgency of climate change and allow Pope Francis's message to call us to action to continue to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions.

## WE WELCOME YOU TO ST. TERESA OF AVILA CATHOLIC CHURCH SERVED BY THE CARMELITES



### APRIL 3, 2016 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER



1490 19TH STREET (CHURCH)  
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 3 - Faith Formation, 9am, Hall  
 Mon, Apr 4 - Choir Practice, 6:30pm  
 - AA Step Meeting, 6:30pm  
 Tue, Apr 5 - SVdP Grocery Distribution  
 1:00pm, Hall  
 - Green Team Virtual Meeting  
 6:15pm  
 Sat, Apr 9 - AA Meeting, 7pm, Church Hall  
 Sun, Apr 10 - Faith Formation, 9am, Hall

### MASS INTENTIONS

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

4:15pm **Saturday, April 2**  
 † Kathy Burns  
 Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

8:30am **Sunday, April 3**  
 10:00am † Fran Glaser

8:30am **Tuesday, April 5**  
 † Frank & Mary Rahmer

8:30am **Friday, April 8**  
 † Jesus Medina

4:15pm **Saturday, April 9**  
 † Joseph Greenwell  
 Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

8:30am **Sunday, April 10**  
 10:00am † Robert Rezak

## SECOND COLLECTIONS

### April 2 & 3

This week's second collection will benefit the St. Teresa Building & Maintenance Fund.

### April 9 & 10

There will be no second collection next week.

## EASTER COLLECTION

MARCH 26 & 27

\$4,787

**THANK YOU!**

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

### Ministers Schedule for Next Week April 9 & 10

<b>4:15 PM</b>		<b>10:00 AM</b>
Lector: A. Rose		1 Lector: L. Jacklevich
Bread: J. Daddio		2 Lector: V. Flores
Cup: B. Noelke		1 Bread: J. Schelstrate
Hosp: M. Perea		2 Bread: M. Suisala
		3 Bread: K. Schelstrate
<b>8:30 AM</b>		1 Cup: C. Allen
Lector: P. Diaz		2 Cup: S. Miller
Bread: J. Newman		Hosp: L. Mastrangelo
Cup: D. Paquette		
Hosp: T. Lando		

## “And when he had said this, he breathed on them . . . .”

This week's Gospel is framed by two post-resurrection appearances of Jesus. The narrative centers on the “doubting Thomas”, who is absent from the first appearance on Easter Sunday night but present at the second appearance a week later. On this Sunday homilists usually focus on Thomas' faith (or lack thereof!), and we read this Gospel every year on the Octave of Easter.

However, if we “read between the lines” there is much more to this Gospel than the “doubting Thomas”. The words (and breath!) of Jesus are oozing with theology, and that's what I'd like to explore in this week's column.

In today's gospel, the evangelist highlights the *breath* of Jesus. Why does he do this? I'd like to suggest that he's indirectly making the point that *ghosts don't breathe!* When John describes Jesus' breathing on the disciples he is making the subtle point that the Resurrected Jesus is not a ghost, spirit, or apparition. Rather, the evangelist is saying that there is something physical and corporeal about this resurrected being. On the one hand, the Resurrected Jesus is flesh and blood like you and me. On the other hand, the Risen Jesus is very different from us: unlike our bodies which grow old, die, and decay, the resurrected body is incorruptible.

Equally fascinating are the *words* Jesus speaks when breathing on the disciples: “Receive the Holy Spirit . . . .” Here, Holy Spirit is linked with the breath of God, and Jesus' words and action parallel what we find in the second story of creation:

*“ . . . the Lord God formed man out of the clay of the ground and blew into his nostrils the breath of life, and so man became a living being.” (Gn 2:7)*

Both in today's Gospel and in the above passage from Genesis we have a nascent theology of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is *God's Life* or *God's Breath*, and the earliest theology of the Holy Spirit recognizes that it is God's Spirit which animates our being through the very act of breathing.

It is important to note that, at the time when the gospels were written, we did not have a developed theology of either the Holy Spirit or the Trinity. The early community – being rooted in Jewish *monotheism* – had a difficult enough time coming to grips with the divinity of Jesus. That there might be a “third person” in the godhead would never have entered their conversation. Nevertheless, the New Testament does describe instances which, by the fourth century, will be cited as scriptural support for a formal, developed Trinitarian theology that includes the Holy Spirit. Some examples:

- ◆ The *Advocate* or *Paraclete* whom Jesus promises to send after the Ascension (Jn 16:7)
- ◆ The *Tongues as of Fire* that descend upon the Apostles at Pentecost (Acts 2:1ff)
- ◆ The *Spirit Conferred on Converts* through the laying on of hands (Acts 8:16-18)
- ◆ The *Spirit Poured Out on Gentiles* before they are baptized (Acts 10:44 ff)
- ◆ The *Inspiration* that filled Peter when was questioned by the Sanhedrin (Acts 4:8)

Nevertheless, as fascinating as these theological insights might be, the major focus of today's Gospel is faith: “Thomas, you believe because you have seen. Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”

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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