CATHOLIC CHARITIES CYO ATHLETICS ADULT CO-ED BASKETBALL LEAGUE

For adults 18 years or older (must be out of high school), minimum 7 players

It's time to lace up those old basketball shoes, meet new people, build community, and put into practice the Christian values of respect, love, and compassion through athletics and fellowship. Sign up your team today! Open to parishioners in San Francisco, Marin, and San Mateo Counties. Deadline is June 2.

In keeping with the co-educational aspect of the program, 1 female player is required to be playing throughout the duration of the game.

Sundays from 5—9pm, June 11–August 6
Locations: St. Emydius CYO Gym and CYO
Serramonte Gym Fee: \$85 per player
For further information, please visit
CatholicCharitiesSF.org/CYO-Programs/CYO-Athletics-2/ or contact Kevin Finn, San Francisco CYO Athletics Manager, at 415 988
7652 or kfinn@CatholicCharitiesSF.org



You are invited to attend parishioner Therese Labuguen's piano student recital next Sunday, May 7 at 4:30PM here at St.

Teresa's. Come and enjoy the music!

PASSINGS

We extend our sympathy and prayerful support to the family of Ray McGrath, who died Tuesday, April 25th. Ray was a retired SF Firefighter, past President (for many years) of our St. Vincent de Paul Conference and a very active parishioner.

Visitation will be on Friday, May 5th at 5:00pm, followed by a Vigil Service at 7:00pm, both at St. Teresa's Church.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Teresa's on Saturday, May 6th at 10:00 am.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Adult Confirmation will take place on Pentecost Sunday, June 4th, at the 11:00 o'clock Mass at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption. Preparation for Confirmation will be on Friday night, May 19th, from 6-8:30 pm, continuing on Saturday, May 20th, from 10 am until 4 pm. Any adults who need to be confirmed should see Fr. Michael Kwiecien. A reminder: in order to be a Godparent or Confirmation Sponsor you need to be Confirmed.

YOUNG ADULTS

Scripture Study for young adults meets in the Priory on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of each month. If you would like to attend and participate, please contact Victoria Flores at

toriflores0812@yahoo.com

PLEASE JOIN US...

in celebrating the baptism of Lucia Elyse, the daughter of Blanche & Ketan Bhole, and sister of Sebastian at 10am mass on Sunday May 7. Please join us for cake, coffee & donuts in the Parish Hall after Mass.

WEEKEND COLLECTION
APRIL 20 & 21
\$1,938
THANK YOU!

ST TERESA'S GREEN TEAM

As you begin working on some summer projects, consider borrowing tools that you need instead of buying. Sharing power tools and other appliances helps you get to know your neighbors (if you don't already) and cut down on the number of things cluttering your closet or garage.

Are you interested in becoming a member of the Green Team? Our virtual meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month. See Parish Calendar for more information.

WE WELCOME YOU TO ST. TERESA OF AVILA CATHOLIC CHURCH

SERVED BY THE CARMELITES



APRIL 30, 2017 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



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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.

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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.

MASS INTENTIONS As we celebrate Mass together we include in our prayers: Saturday, April 29 † James J. Burns, Sr. 4:15pm Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.) Sunday, April 30 8:30am **†** Kenneth Groepper The People of the Parish 10:00am Tuesday, May 2 **†** Ray McGrath 8:30am Friday, May 5 The Deceased of the Parish 8:30am Saturday, May 6 **†** Robert "Bert" James Barnett 4:15pm Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.) Sunday, May 7 The People of the Parish 8:30am 10:00am **†** Marc Bernstein

Ministers Schedule for Next Week May 6 & 7

Iviay 6 & 7			
<u>4:15 PM</u>		10:00 AM	<u>l</u>
Lector:	P. Diaz	1 Lector:	D. Churton
Bread:	J. Daddio	2 Lector:	V. Flores
Cup:	B. Noelke	1 Bread:	J. Schelstrate
Hosp:	L. Lechich	2 Bread:	Volunteer
		3 Bread:	A. Schelstrate
8:30 AM		1 Cup:	C. Allen
Lector:	K. Causey	2 Cup:	S. Miller
Bread:	P. English	Hosp:	M. Gries
Cup:	D. Paquette		M.E. Gries
Hosp:	T. Lando		

SECOND COLLECTIONS

April 29 & 30

This week's second collection benefits the St. Teresa Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

May 6 & 7

Next week's second collection benefits the St. Teresa Building & Maintenance Fund.

MINISTERS SCHEDULES

Schedules for May & June were emailed on Friday, April 28. If you didn't receive the email, please let the office know and you will be added to the list. Copies are available in the Sacristy. Also on our website: http://stteresasf.org/category/parish-ministries

Parish Calendar

Sun, Apr 30	Faith Formation, 9:00am, HallPastoral Council11:00am, Avila		
Mon, May 1	- Choir Practice, 6:30pm - AA Step Meeting, 6:30pm		
Tue, May 2	- SVdP Grocery Distribution 1:00pm, Hall		
	- Virtual Green Team Meeting 6:00pm. Call 641.715.3580 Access Code: 738182#		
	- Young Adults Meeting 7:00pm, Priory		
Sat, May 6	- Lay Carmelite Meeting 10:00am, Avila - AA Meeting, 7pm, Avila		
Sun, May 7	- Faith Formation, 9:00am, Hall		

THE FIRST READING DURING EASTER TIME: FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Most Catholics are somewhat aware that the Sunday readings follow a predictable pattern. There is an Old Testament reading, followed by a Psalm, then a New Testament reading, the *Alleluia*, and, finally, the Gospel. We see this pattern both on every Sunday and every major feast . . . except during Easter time. For the seven weeks from Easter Sunday through Pentecost, the first reading is not taken from the Old Testament. Instead, it is taken from the Acts of the Apostles. Why?

One reason is that the Church – when it assembled the Lectionary – tried to expose the Sunday assembly to as much of the Bible as possible. The Sunday readings follow 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. In Ordinary Time the Old Testament reading is chosen because it somehow connects to or parallels the Gospel of the day.

During Easter time, however, the Church takes its first reading from the *Acts of the Apostles*, which may or may not connect with the day's Gospel. Instead, the Church – over a three-year cycle – is trying to expose the Sunday assembly to as much of the *Acts* as possible.

In addition to this practical reason, there is an additional reason as well. If we examine the contents of *Acts*, we discover that *Acts* is basically a history of the early church. The Gospels tell us about Jesus' public ministry, beginning with his Baptism in the Jordan and concluding with his death and resurrection. After the resurrection Jesus appears to his followers in three of the four Gospels, but he very quickly disappears when he ascends to the Father. The *Acts of the Apostles* takes up the story with the Ascension, which is immediately followed by the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. In the first eight chapters *Acts* describes how the community continued to experience the presence of Jesus, and in a very real sense our contemporary communities are like these early communities of *Acts*: we experience the presence of Jesus and the Spirit when we gather for Eucharist. Like those first 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 intended as the "companion book" to his Gospel. Written about 50 years after the death and resurrection of Jesus, Luke describes in Acts 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.

Luke is the most prolific writer in the New Testament. A companion of Paul, Luke traveled with the Apostle beginning with the Second Missionary Journey. However, we should not make the mistake in thinking that Luke's narrative is a historical journal. Rather, our approach should be that *Acts* is meant to be a journey of faith, not only for the apostles and disciples named in the text, but also for the Church as a whole as it evolved during this 30-year formative period.

Personally, I find that Acts gives us some remarkable "snapshot views" of the early Church and community. These snapshots not only give us insight into the early Christian community and Church, but also challenge us to examine out 21^{st} century ecclesiology in light of the first-century Church of Acts.

Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm.