

**ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL  
APPEAL 2018—WEEK 9**

Assessed Amount: \$28,224  
Amount Pledged: \$27,184  
Balance Remaining: \$ 1,040

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From the drop-down menu, select St. Teresa Church  
Please check with your employer to see if they provide matching funds for charitable donations.

We are at **96%** of our goal! Thank you to all who have donated & pledged. Last year we had AAA wrapped up in 10 weeks (including pledges to be paid over the year) and received donations from 92+ parishioners/families. So far we have received donations from only 73 individuals/families.

Please join us in welcoming to our parish community:



Jordan Chan, the son of Kenneth & Maria Chan. Jordan will be baptized by Rev. Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm. this Saturday at the 4:15pm Mass.

**CARE FOR OUR CHURCH**

As you may be aware, we no longer have someone to clean/straighten the church after each Mass. Please take a moment before you leave to replace the hymnals in their racks, bring any unwanted bulletins up front to the vestibule, and look around your area for anything that may need to be thrown out or returned to its proper place. If you or your children are eating or chewing gum, please ensure that all remnants are cleaned up and placed in one of the garbage bins in the vestibule. Thank You!

**PART-TIME SEXTON WANTED**

Our current sexton, Drew, has been accepted in to the Fire Department Academy. Drew's last day at St. Teresa was March 25. While we are happy for him and wish him the best, we are now in need of a replacement. The sexton is responsible for maintaining/cleaning the church & hall, inside and out. This position would be 10-15 hours per week, days & hours flexible. Perfect for a college student or retiree. Please contact the Parish Office: [stephani@stteresasf.org](mailto:stephani@stteresasf.org) or **415.285.5272** to apply.

**FIRST & SECOND COLLECTIONS**

**FEBRUARY**

First Collection	\$9,257
Building & Maintenance	\$1,948
Carmelite Missions	\$2,047
Garden Fund	\$ 470
Organ/Piano Fund	\$ 200
St. Vincent de Paul	\$2,376

**MARCH**

First Collection	\$8,508
Building & Maintenance	\$1,751
Catholic Relief Services	\$1,549
Holy Thursday (For the Poor)	\$ 396
Holy Land	\$ 334
Garden Fund	\$1,605
Organ/Piano Fund	\$ 150
St. Vincent de Paul	\$1,452
Easter Flowers	\$ 185

**ST TERESA'S GREEN TEAM**

It's time for spring cleaning! Unfortunately, chemical cleaners can be hazardous to your health - and to the environment. When looking for products to clean your home, don't accept vague claims such as "biodegradable" or "nontoxic," which have no legal definitions. Verify green claims with Environmental Working Group's Healthy Cleaning Guide. For more details, check out:

<https://www.ewg.org/guides/cleaners>



**We Welcome You To  
St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church**

Served by the Carmelites

**APRIL 8, 2018  
SECOND SUNDAY  
OF EASTER**



1490 19TH STREET (CHURCH)

LOCATED ON THE NE CORNER OF 19TH & CONNECTICUT STREETS

**PASTOR**

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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**

Jim Schelstrate	Steve Miller
David Paquette	Ron Labuguen
Judy Warnock	Victoria Flores

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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:

- 4:15pm **Saturday, April 7**  
† Harry Jelenich  
Henry Morgan, Jr. (Spec. Int.)
- 8:30am **Sunday, April 8**  
The People of the Parish
- 10:00am † Barbara & Raymond McGrath
- 8:30am **Tuesday, April 10**  
† Bea Cocciolone
- 8:30am **Friday, April 13**  
The Deceased of the Parish
- 4:15pm **Saturday, April 14**  
† Kathleen Groepper  
Henry Morgan, Jr. (Spec. Int.)
- 8:30am **Sunday, April 15**  
The People of the Parish
- 10:00am † Barbara McGrath

**Parish Calendar**

- Sun, Apr 8 - Faith Formation, 9am, Hall  
- Coffee & Donuts following the 10 am Mass
- Mon, Apr 9 - AA Step Meeting, 6:30pm, Hall  
- Choir Practice, 6:30pm, Church
- Tue, Apr 10 - SVdP Meeting, 9:00am, Hall  
- SVdP Grocery Distribution 1:00pm, Hall  
- Pastoral Council 7:00pm, Avila
- Sat, Apr 14 - AA Meeting, 7pm, Avila
- Sun, Apr 15 - Faith Formation, 9am, Hall  
- Coffee & Donuts following the 10 am Mass

**SECOND COLLECTIONS**

**April 7 & 8**

There will be no second collection this week.

**April 14 & 15**

There will be no second collection next week.

Archbishop Cordileone will visit St. Teresa’s next Sunday, April 15th. He will celebrate at the 10am Mass and visit with our Faith Formation classes. He is looking forward to speaking with parishioners at our coffee & donuts after the 10am Mass.

He will also be meeting with the Finance Council, Pastoral Council, and Parish Staff.

**WEEKEND COLLECTION**

(Envelope Donors & Loose Cash)

**MARCH 31 & APRIL 1**  
**\$3,378**

**THANK YOU!**

**Ministers Schedule for Next Week**  
**April 14 & 15**

<b>4:15 PM</b>		<b>10:00 AM</b>
Lector: R. Ostler		1 Lector: D. Churton
Bread: B. Noelke		2 Lector: L. Jacklevich
Cup: J. Daddio		1 Bread: R. Labuguen
Hosp: J. Marasco		2 Bread: A. Schelstrate
		3 Bread: E. Kudyba
<b>8:30 AM</b>		1 Cup: J. Schelstrate
Lector: Sr. Lucia		2 Cup: J. Warnock
Bread: A. Lopez		Hosp: E. Gries
Cup: S. Perez		M. Gries
Hosp: T. Lando		

**THOMAS THE APOSTLE**

Central to our Christian tradition are the twelve apostles, yet – surprisingly – 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 column on that particular apostle. I wrote this column several years ago, but I felt that the fascinating, somewhat exotic tradition surrounding Thomas 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 in the upper room 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 enjoys only a brief “fifteen minutes of fame” in the gospels. For Thomas, the moment begins when he comments on Jesus’ proposal to journey to the tomb of the recently deceased Lazarus (John 11). When Jesus and the Twelve last visited the area, the crowd wanted to stone him; when Jesus 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 first taking place at the raising of Lazarus and the second 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). If this is true, there would be nothing unusual about a Christian missionary (i.e., Thomas) taking the Gospel to a foreign land, even should that 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. But that’s about the extent of what we can say about Thomas in India, since it is difficult to sift through the material in order 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 distinguish 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: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- New Address
- New Phone
- Send Sunday envelopes
- Send Monthly Donor Form
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