

**CALLING ALL UCSF STUDENTS,  
FACILITY & STAFF . . .**

We are preparing our ad for SYNAPSE and would love to get a picture of you (either individual or group) and maybe a quick quote! It's time to let your friends and colleagues in on the secret 😊

Please see Fr. Greenwell to schedule a time, or call the Parish Office.



The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday, August 14<sup>th</sup> and Friday, August 15<sup>th</sup>.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES NOW HIRING  
PRESCHOOL TEACHERS & ASSISTANTS**

Catholic Charities is now hiring teachers and teachers' aids for their Treasure Island Child Development Center (TICDC), a licensed childcare facility that provides family support and full-time childcare to infants, toddlers and preschoolers.

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**BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR  
CHILDREN SERVED BY CATHOLIC CHARITIES  
HELP PREPARE THESE CHILDREN FOR  
THEIR FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL**

**Please see the bulletin board for  
further information on these items.**

**Adult Catholics who have not received either Confirmation or First Eucharist** are asked to see Father Kwiecien or call the parish office if you would like to be prepared for these Sacraments.



We are in the process of finalizing preparations for the upcoming Religious Education programs.

Letters/emails were sent out to parents of students enrolled in the programs last year. For families new to our

programs, forms are available in the vestibule.

We encourage all parents to register early. Please note the parish expectation that parents and guardians participate in our Sunday Eucharistic celebrations as they are able and attend a number of our class sessions. The parents are the primary teachers and we are your helpers.



Please join us as we Celebrate the Eucharist in observance of

The Feast of the Assumption Of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday, August 15th at 8:30am & 6:15pm

**As part of St. Teresa's focus on climate and environmental issues,**

the Pastoral Council is sharing this announcement about an exciting new solar initiative with the Catholic Charities' Environmental Justice Project. The EJ Project is partnering with Sungevity and the Catholic Climate Covenant to help spread clean, solar energy to area communities. The diocese of Stockton is launching this project on August 16, and they are inviting us to join them for some words from Bishop Blaire, games, food, and prizes. Plus, Sungevity representatives will be on hand to answer questions about going solar.

**Cathedral of the Annunciation Plaza,  
400 W. Rose St, Stockton  
Saturday, August 16, 9:00 – 11:00am**

**WE WELCOME YOU TO  
ST. TERESA OF AVILA CATHOLIC CHURCH**

SERVED BY THE CARMELITES

**AUGUST 10, 2014  
NINETEENTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**



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**

**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, Aug 10 -  
 Tue, Aug 12 - SVdP Meeting, 9:00am  
 - SVdP Grocery Distribution  
 1:00pm, Sammon  
 Thur, Aug 14 - Parish Office Closed  
 Fri, Aug 15 - Parish Office Closed  
 - Assumption Mass  
 8:30am & 6:15pm  
 Sat, Aug 16 - AA Meeting, 7pm, Sammon  
 Sun, Aug 17

## SECOND COLLECTION

**August 9 & 10**  
 The will be no second collection this week.  
**August 16 & 17**  
 The will be no second collection next week.

## WEEKEND COLLECTION

**August 2 & 3**  
**\$1,452**  
**THANK YOU!**

### MASS INTENTIONS

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

**Saturday, August 9**  
 4:15pm The Sick & Troubled seeking  
 Blessed Frédéric Ozanam's  
 intercession  
 Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)  
**Sunday, August 10**  
 8:30am The Deceased of the Parish  
 10:00am The People of the Parish  
**Tuesday, August 12**  
 8:30am The Sick of the Parish  
**Friday, August 15**  
 8:30am The Deceased of the Parish  
 6:15pm Those living in poverty & violence  
**Saturday, August 16**  
 4:15pm + Hadley Keathley  
 Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)  
**Sunday, August 17**  
 8:30am The People of the Parish  
 10:00am The Sick of the Parish

**Are you looking for a way to be of service to your parish? Consider joining the Pastoral Council!** The purpose of the Council is to consult, advise, and propose policy to the Pastor regarding the various programs, operations and activities of our parish. Please see the flyer in the vestibule for more information.

### Ministers Schedule for Next Week August 16 & 17

<b>4:15 PM</b>		<b>10:00 AM</b>
Lector: T. Jackson		1 Lector: L. Jacklevich
Bread: F. Patt		2 Lector: M. Schelstrate
Cup: E. Perea		1 Bread: S. Miller
Hosp: R. DeTagle		2 Bread: D. Tejada
		3 Bread: C. Galvez
<b>8:30 AM</b>		1 Cup: C. Allen
Lector: K. Causey		2 Cup: J. Schelstrate
Bread: J. Newman		Hosp: K. Varandas
Cup: Volunteer		B. Cassidy
Hosp: J. Propster		L. Mastrangelo

## NATURE MIRACLES: WALKING ON WATER & FEEDING THE FIVE THOUSAND

In last Sunday's Gospel Jesus fed a crowd of five thousand with five barley loaves and two fish; this Sunday he walks on water and challenges Peter to do the same. Both of these stories belong to a genre known as *Nature Miracles*, which are different from *Healing Miracles*. In today's column I'd like to examine these two types of miracle stories, with an emphasis on difficulties surrounding the meaning and interpretation of nature miracles.

By far the majority of miracles found in the Gospels are healing miracles. Jesus makes the blind see, the deaf hear, the lame walk; he "cures the sick", and – on occasion – brings someone back from the dead. Why do we have such a preponderance of healing miracles? The answer lies in the Hebrew understanding of the relationship among sin, suffering, sickness, and death.

To understand healing miracles we have to go all the way back to the story of Adam, Eve, and the Fall. Symbolically, this story tells us what happened when sin entered the world: Adam and Eve lost their immortality; it was only through pain and suffering that women would bring forth children; the earth would provide food only at the expense of man's labor; and the balance in nature is upset when Cain kills his brother, Abel. St. Paul summarizes all of this when he simply and succinctly states that, "The wages of sin is (suffering and) death." (Romans 6:23a)

The Jews of Jesus' day believed that sickness, suffering, and death were the consequences of sin. They also believed that, when the Messiah appeared, the "original state" described in the Garden of Eden would be restored. In their minds, the taking away of the consequences of sin (suffering, sickness, and/or death) was, in effect, taking away the sin. Equally as important, healing miracles proclaim that "the Kingdom of God is at hand."

Surprisingly, even in our own day healing miracles are not all that uncommon. Many of us probably know of someone who has experienced a healing miracle, such as when a person experiences an unexplainable remission from a terminal cancer. Nature miracles, however, are another story.

In a nature miracle, the laws of nature are suspended. For example, in today's Gospel, Jesus defies the laws of gravity when he walks on water and does not sink. Relatively speaking, nature miracles are rare, and by my count there are only four such miracles in the Gospel: today's miracle when Jesus walks on water; the Wedding Feast at Cana when Jesus turns water into wine; the hint in today's Gospel that Jesus calms the wind and the storm; and the miracle in last Sunday's Gospel when Jesus feeds five thousand with five barley loaves and two fish.

The problem with nature miracles becomes apparent when we contrast them with healing miracles. We find healing miracles convincing because, to some degree, we can supply evidence that a miracle happened (e.g., before and after X-rays showing the presence and absence of cancer). Such is not the case with nature miracles. To put it another way: how could you prove to someone in a convincing way that a person walked on water without sinking?

The mistake we make with nature miracles is trying to explain them, because we can't. We get into trouble when we ask, "How did he do that?", whether it's feeding five thousand people, walking on water, or changing water into wine. When we attempt an explanation we miss the more salient point of the miracle. For example: Last week's feeding of the masses was about Eucharist, about how God feeds his people. This week's Gospel is not so much about Jesus' walking on water as it is about Peter's lack of faith. To ask how Jesus walked on water misses the real point of the story. The salient point about this Sunday's Gospel is Jesus' question to Peter: "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" It is a question posed, not only to Peter, but to us as well.

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: \_\_\_\_\_

- New Parishioner       New Address       New Phone  
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