



GOOD BACKPACK

Good Backpack is a grassroots Potrero Hill & Dog Patch community supported effort. They will ensure your donation of a good clean Backpack, Messenger or Computer Bag gets to a student in time for the start of the school year.

What makes Good Backpack special is **Revamp Camp**, a one day event where volunteers will work with parents, teachers and student advocate groups to help the students find the right bag, adjust it to fit and help them customize the bag to their style. We are pleased that Revamp Camp will be held in our Parish Hall on Saturday, August 18th.

All bags in good condition are welcome. Please donate your bags and ask your friends, neighbors and colleagues to contribute. All bags are free to students.

www.GoodBackpack.org



Please join us in welcoming Robert Ho Joong Kim to our parish community. Robert, the son of Kenneth & Sarah Kim, will be baptized by Rev. Michael Greenwell, O. Carm. this Sunday at the 10am Mass.

ATTENTION CATHOLIC SINGLES

Interested in joining an excellent Catholic singles organization? The Catholic Alumni Club International currently has a group in the San Francisco area! We provide a group dedicated to social, cultural, civic and spiritual relationships in a Catholic setting. For more information: contact Elinor at tancke@sbcglobal.net Or visit: <http://catholicsingles-sfbayarea.com/>

FINANCE COUNCIL



As with any family or institution, fiscal responsibility is a necessity. The Finance Council is charged with the maintenance of our monetary health. It helps the pastor prepare the annual budget, reviews monthly financials, and reports on financial matters to Pastoral Council and parishioners. Additionally, the Council monitors incoming revenues compared to budget.

There is an opening on our Finance Council. The Council meets 4-6 times per year and serves as an advisory board to the pastor. If you would like to nominate yourself for this position, please contact the Parish Office (415.285.5272).

STAINED GLASS WINDOW PROJECT



The Empty Tomb is the most recently restored window.

We are still in need of funds to complete this work on 8 windows. Please consider making a donation to assist with this very special project.

WE WELCOME YOU TO ST. TERESA OF AVILA CATHOLIC CHURCH

SERVED BY THE CARMELITES

AUGUST 12, 2012 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

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.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

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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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| <input type="checkbox"/> New Parishioner | <input type="checkbox"/> New Address | <input type="checkbox"/> New Phone |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Send Sunday envelopes | <input type="checkbox"/> Send Monthly Donor Form | <input type="checkbox"/> Moving—remove from mailing list |

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 12 -
 Tue, Aug 14 - SVdP Grocery Distribution
 1:00pm, Parish Hall
 Wed, Aug 15 - Feast of the Assumption
 8:30am & 6:15pm
 Sat, Aug 18 - AA Meeting
 7:00pm, Avila Hall

Please join us as we
 Celebrate the Eucharist
 in observance of
 The Feast of the Assumption
 Of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Wednesday, August 15th
 at 8:30am & 6:15pm



MASS INTENTIONS

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

Saturday, August 11

4:15pm + Fr. Vincent Walters
 Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

Sunday, August 12

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

Tuesday, August 14

8:30am + Frances M. Cheney

Wednesday, August 15

8:30am The People of the Parish
 6:15pm Stained Glass Window Donors

Friday, August 17

8:30am The Sick of the Parish

Saturday, August 18

4:15pm + Hadley Keathley
 Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

Sunday, August 19

8:30am The People of the Parish
 10:00am + Vincent Ceccarelli

SECOND COLLECTION

August 11 & 12

The will be no second collection this week-
 end.

August 18 & 19

The will be no second collection next week-
 end.

FAITH FORMATION

We are in the process of finalizing prepara-
 tions for the upcoming Faith Formation and
 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd programs.

Letters were sent out to parents of students
 enrolled in the programs last year. For fami-
 lies new to our programs, forms are available
 in the vestibule.

We encourage all parents to register early.
 Please note the parish expectation that par-
 ents 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.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

August 4 & 5

\$1,258

Ministers Schedule for Next Week August 18 & 19

4:15		10:00 AM	
Lector:	D. Aikins	1 Lector:	L. Jacklevich
Bread:	M.K. Law	2 Lector:	R. Bral
Cup:	D.B. Aikins	1 Bread:	J. Schelstrate
Hosp:	A. Allio	2 Bread:	A. Schelstrate
	J. Allio	3 Bread:	M. Schelstrate
8:30 AM		1 Cup:	C. Allen
Lector:	E. Dunn	2 Cup:	E. Miller
Bread:	Volunteer	Hosp:	J. Cassidy
Cup:	J. Newman		K. Varandas
Hosp:	T. Lando		

THE ASSUMPTION

This Wednesday is the Solemnity of the Assumption, a holy day of obligation. In this week's column I'd like to provide some history and background for this feast. I think you'll find it both interesting and fascinating.

Properly speaking, because the Assumption is neither present in nor alluded to in scrip-
 ture, it officially belongs to what we call the *tradition* of the Church. Nevertheless, we begin
 our examination of the Assumption with an event from scripture, one which takes place in
 the Gospel of John at the foot of the cross:

*"When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved, he said to his
 mother, 'Woman, behold, your son.' The he said to the disciple, 'Behold, your
 mother'. And from that hour the disciple took her into his home." (Jn 19:26-28)*

According to tradition, the beloved disciple took Mary into his home and cared for her
 for the remainder of her days. Although one strand of the tradition has Mary living in or
 around Jerusalem, there is an equally strong tradition which has her "home" in Ephesus, a
 city in Asia Minor! This is somewhat remarkable because it means that Mary (the mother of
 Jesus and a humble, Jewish woman from Palestine) in effect voluntarily went into exile in a
 Greek city of the diaspora! One could easily understand if Mary had remained in Jerusalem,
 Galilee, or even Antioch in Syria; these were early Jewish-Christian communities where the
 original disciples of Jesus (including the apostles) might have been found. But Ephesus? We
 have no historical record or evidence as to if, when, or why Mary went there. But what we
 do have is an ancient tradition which places Mary in Ephesus. According to that tradition,
 Mary died there, and it was from Ephesus that she was assumed into heaven.

The presents us with an interesting question: Why would Mary – a human being – be
 afforded this extraordinary privilege?

In an attempt to answer this question, we begin with one of the earliest beliefs in the
 Church: the sinlessness of Jesus. As this belief evolved and developed, the Church ultimate-
 ly reached the conclusion that Jesus was born without original sin. This gave rise to another
 question: since original sin was "inherited" from one's parents, how could this be unless
 Mary, too, was without original sin? It was inevitable that a parallel tradition would develop,
 one which stated that Mary, like Jesus, was without original sin. This would eventually be-
 come the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception, and in Catholic theology Mary (and Jesus)
 remain as the only human beings who were born free from original sin. And because Mary
 was not "corrupted" by original sin she was deemed worthy to be assumed, body and soul,
 into heaven.

The earliest feasts of the Assumption date from the fourth century, both in the Eastern
 (Orthodox) and Western (Latin) churches. Nevertheless, it was not until 1950 – after 19 cen-
 turies of Church history – that the dogma of the Assumption finally became "official". In his
 Apostolic Constitution, *Munificentissimus Deus*, Pius XII infallibly proclaimed it a dogma of
 the Church. What most Catholics do not know is that this is only the second time in history
 that a pope invoked the doctrine of infallibility. The first time infallibility was invoked oc-
 curred at the end the First Vatican Council (1870) when Pius IX proclaimed the doctrine of
 infallibility. Eighty years later, the proclamation of the Assumption of Mary was the only
 other time that the doctrine infallibility had been officially invoked.

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