



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

Letters/emails will be 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

Tuesday, August 15th at 8:30am & 7:00pm

This year the Feast of the Assumption is a Holy Day of Obligation in our Archdiocese.

PASSINGS

We extend our sympathy and prayerful support to the families of:

Alberto Salvi, a long-time Potrero Hill resident & parishioner. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Teresa's on Thursday,

Robert Rakish, former parishioner. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Teresa's on Friday.

And, Beatrice (Bea) Cocciolone, a long-time Potrero Hill resident & parishioner. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Teresa's on Saturday.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

(Envelope Donors & Loose Cash)

AUGUST 5 & 6

\$1,496

THANK YOU!

Please join us in welcoming to our parish community:



Clarent Howl Hoopai, the son of Adam & Noel Hoopai. Clarent will be baptized by Rev. Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm. this Sunday at the 10 am Mass.

RCIA

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is the process where new members are incorporated into the Church. The preparation takes nearly a year, beginning in the Fall and cumulating at the Easter Vigil with the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.

If you know anyone who is interested in becoming a Catholic, please have that person contact Fr. Mike Kwiecien or the Parish Office for information regarding the process. Easter is only 8 months away, and we'd like to begin the catechumenate as soon as possible!

ST TERESA'S GREEN TEAM

Do you have any sustainability concerns that you would like the Green Team to address? Have your neighbors recently shared any good environmental tips with you that you would like to pass on to the St. Teresa community? If so, please share the ideas with the St. Teresa's Green Team by emailing

stephani@stteresasf.org

so they can be featured in the bulletin.

We Welcome You To St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church

Served by the Carmelites

**August 13, 2017
NINETEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**



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LOCATED ON THE NE CORNER OF 19TH & CONNECTICUT STREETS

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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, August 12
4:15pm The People of the Parish
Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

Sunday, August 13
8:30am † Edwina Fenili

10:00am † Rachel Cariglia

Tuesday, August 15
8:30am † Joe Tam

Friday, August 18
8:30am † Bea Cocciolone

Saturday, August 19
4:15pm The People of the Parish
Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

Sunday, August 20
8:30am † Charles Kusck

10:00am † Edwina Fenili

**Ministers Schedule for Next Week
August 19 & 20**

4:15 PM

10:00 AM

Lector: A. Rose	1 Lector: B. Doyle
Bread: B. Noelke	2 Lector: D. Churton
Cup: J. Daddio	1 Bread: R. Labuguen
Hosp: R. Jones	2 Bread: M.K. Law
	3 Bread: A. Schelstrate

8:30 AM

Lector: Sr. Kathleen	2 Cup: J. Schelstrate
Bread: A. Lopez	Hosp: E. Gries
Cup: S. Siebel	M. Gries
Hosp: T. Lando	

SECOND COLLECTIONS

August 12 & 13
There will be no second collection.

August 19 & 20
There will be no second collection.

MONTHLY DONORS & SECOND COLLECTIONS – JULY

First Collection (Monthly Donors Only)	\$4,370
Building & Maintenance	\$1,394
Peter's Pence	\$1,041
Garden Fund	\$1,721
Piano Fund	\$ 261
St. Vincent de Paul	\$2,122

Parish Calendar

Sun, Aug 13 - Coffee & Doughnuts following the 8:30 & 10:00 am Masses

Mon, Aug 14 - Choir Practice, 6:30pm
- AA Step Meeting, 6:30pm

Tue, Aug 15 - SVdP Sandwich Tuesday
9:00am, Parish Kitchen
- SVdP Grocery Distribution
1:00pm, Priory Garage
- Young Adults Meeting
7:00pm, Priory

Sat, Aug 19 - AA Meeting, 7pm, Avila

Sun, Aug 20 - Coffee & Doughnuts following the 8:30 & 10:00 am Masses

THE ASSUMPTION

This Tuesday is the Solemnity of the Assumption, a holy day of obligation. In today's column I'd like to write about the Feast, focusing on its fascinating origins and interesting history.

The Assumption is the belief that Mary was assumed, body and soul, into heaven. Properly speaking, the Assumption is part of the *tradition* of the Church, since Scripture neither mentions nor alludes to the event. Nevertheless, the road leading to the Assumption begins in Scripture, with an interaction that takes place 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)

The disciple Jesus loved takes Mary into his home and cares for her for the remainder of her days. But exactly where this home is and how many days remain is quite the mystery.

The *Acts of the Apostles* hints that Mary may have been with the disciples in the upper room at Pentecost. If we follow this "tradition", we might assume that Mary would have lived the remainder of her life in one of the early Christian communities, such as Jerusalem or Galilee. The suggestion that Mary lived in one of the early Jewish-Christian communities is indeed quite plausible and makes imminent sense.

However, there is an equally strong "tradition" in which Mary leaves Palestine and winds up in Ephesus, a city in Asia Minor in what is now western Turkey. This story is both remarkable and implausible because it means that Mary – a humble, Jewish woman from Galilee – in effect went into voluntary exile to a Greek city in the diaspora some 600 miles from Jerusalem!

Mary's relocation to Ephesus does not make sense, nor is there any historical evidence of any such journey taking place . . . except for an ancient tradition (from Ephesus, no less!) which places Mary in that city. According to that tradition, Mary died in Ephesus, and it was from Ephesus that she was assumed into heaven.

The question of how Mary wound up in Ephesus is a question for the historians, but the theologians are pressed with an equally complex issue: Why would Mary – a human being – be assumed, body and soul, into heaven?

The answer to this question is rooted in the Church's belief regarding the sinlessness of Jesus. The Church has always proclaimed that Jesus was "a person like us in all things but sin," and by the 5th century the Church had developed its doctrine of original sin. This doctrine not only included the belief that Jesus was born without sin, but also included the belief that original sin was somehow "inherited" from one's parents. The transmission of original sin from parent to child led to a further problem: how could Jesus not have original sin unless Mary, his mother, also did not have it? The belief that Mary was not born with original sin eventually developed into the dogma of the Immaculate Conception, and it was because Mary did not have original sin that she was deemed worthy to be assumed 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 that the Dogma of the Assumption finally became an "official" doctrine of the Church. In his Apostolic Constitution, *Munificentissimus Deus*, Pius XII infallibly proclaimed the Assumption of Mary as a dogma of the Church. What most Catholics do not realize is that this is only the second time that a pope invoked the doctrine of infallibility. The first occurred 80 years before at the First Vatican Council (1870), when Pope Pius IX proclaimed the doctrine of infallibility. The only other time occurred 67 years ago, when Pius XII proclaimed the Dogma of the Assumption.

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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