

RCIA

The **RCIA** (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is the current process the Church offers to interested adults. We are all asked to invite people. We do have something worth sharing.

RCIA begins in September and culminates at the Easter Vigil with participants receiving the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. It is hoped that St. Teresa's will have a new group of people entering this process in the fall.

Please contact Fr. Kwiecien or the Parish Office if you are interested in exploring this process.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

As you know, both Fr. Greenwell & Fr. Kwiecien are "half-time" pastors at St. Teresa's while serving as "half-time" hospital chaplains at St. Mary's Medical Center and Kaiser Permanente, respectfully. You're also probably aware that, in February 2015, UCSF opened a new hospital complex in Mission Bay. Additionally, San Francisco General is located just across the parish boundaries at 23rd & Potrero, and all four hospitals are in need of Eucharist Ministers.

Usually, Eucharistic Ministers visit Catholic patients and bring them communion on a regular basis, usually once per week, once per month, or what your schedule permits.

If you would like to be involved in this type of ministry at **St. Mary's**, please contact Father Pablo at 415-668-1000 (ext. 7174). If you would like to volunteer at either **Kaiser Permanente** or **UCSF Mission Bay**, please see Fr. Greenwell or Fr. Kwiecien and they'll put you in touch with the proper people.

ST TERESA'S GREEN TEAM

It's back to school time! Don't get yourself caught in a back to school frenzy, but rather reuse materials that are still in good condition from the year before. It might seem obvious, but reusing items such as backpacks, binders, scissors, loose leaf paper, pens, and other common school supplies are a great way to keep materials from going to a landfill. Save money and resources by buying only what's really needed! If new supplies are necessary, consider investing in more sturdy products to ensure they can be used for years to come.



SANDWICH TUESDAY

The faithful sandwich makers will meet on Tuesdays, August 16, 23 & 30 to make over 200 sandwiches each day for delivery to the St. Vincent de Paul Shelter.

MONTHLY DONORS & SECOND COLLECTIONS JULY

First Collection	\$3,240
Building & Maintenance	\$1,728
Garden Fund	\$2,075
St. Vincent de Paul	\$2,366

GARDEN FUND

We have resumed the process of designing the garden space. There are architectural renderings posted in the church and hall. Won't you please consider making a donation to this worthy cause, sure to benefit the entire parish community!



The Parish Office will be closed Monday, August 15th and Friday, August 19th

WE WELCOME YOU TO ST. TERESA OF AVILA CATHOLIC CHURCH SERVED BY THE CARMELITES



AUGUST 14, 2016 TWENTIETH 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.

Parish Calendar

Sun, Aug 14 - Coffee & Donuts, following
8:30 & 10 am Masses
Mon, Aug 15 - Parish Office Closed
- Choir Practice, 6:30pm
- AA Step Meeting, 6:30pm
Tue, Aug 16 - SVdP Sandwich Tuesday
9:00am, Parish Kitchen
-SVdP Grocery Distribution
1:00 pm, parish Hall
Fri, Aug 19 - Parish Office Closed
Sat, Aug 20 - AA Meeting, 7pm, Avila
Sun, Aug 21 - Coffee & Donuts, following
8:30 & 10 am Masses

WEEKEND COLLECTION

AUGUST 6 & 7

\$1,444

THANK YOU!

Ministers Schedule for Next Week August 20 & 21

4:15 PM	10:00 AM
Lector: T. Jackson	1 Lector: T. Labuguen
Bread: J. Burns	2 Lector: B. Doyle
Cup: J. Daddio	1 Bread: J. Schelstrate
Hosp: Volunteer	2 Bread: M.K. Law
	3 Bread: K. Schelstrate
8:30 AM	1 Cup: C. Allen
Lector: T. Lang	2 Cup: S. Miller
Bread: R. Kingman	Hosp: L. Mastrangelo
Cup: S. Lang	
Hosp: T. Lando	

SECOND COLLECTIONS

August 13 & 14

This week's second collection will benefit the Missionary Cooperation Plan, administered by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. This year's donations will support the Diocese of Shinyanga, located in the north-west of Tanzania.

August 20 & 21

There will be no second collection next week-end.

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Saturday, August 13

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

Sunday, August 14

8:30am † Fabio Galli
10:00am † Rachael Cariglia

Tuesday, August 16

8:30am † Mary Lech

Friday, August 19

8:30am The Sick of the Parish

Saturday, August 20

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

Sunday, August 21

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

WHO ARE THE PROPHETS AND WHAT DO THEY DO?

This Sunday's first reading is taken from the Prophet Jeremiah, and I'll be preaching on it because it is one of my favorite passages in the entire three-year lectionary cycle. This week's column is intended to supplement the homily, and consists of background material, not only on Jeremiah the Prophet, but also on the Prophetic Tradition as a whole.

The New Testament contains numerous references to the "Law and the Prophets". Strictly speaking, the *Law* refers to the Pentateuch (i.e., the first five books of the Bible), whereas the *Prophets* refers to eighteen prophetic books, divided along the lines of four major and twelve minor prophets (besides Lamentations and Baruch). Jeremiah is classified as one of the major prophets.

In Israelite history, the prophets and the monarchy came into existence at about the same time. Saul united the twelve tribes of Israel and became its first king at about the same time that Elijah "emerged from the cave" and became the first of the prophets. These events happened about a thousand years before Christ.

Perhaps the most important aspect of Israelite prophecy is that the Jewish prophets are *not* seers or soothsayers. Their intention is not to predict specific future events (such as the "day and the time and the hour" of the second coming). Rather, the Prophet in Israel stands in constant tension with the "powers that be". On one side we have the prophet; on the other side we have the king, aristocracy, and religious leaders. The prophets always "face off" against the country's religious and political leaders, and this tension is expressed in two ways.

First, prophets remind those in power that religion and religious practices are matters of the heart. Prophets continuously point out that religious rituals should be an *external* manifestation of an *internal* disposition. If there is no inner conversion, no inner disposition, then religious practices are nothing more than empty rituals or "going through the motions".

The second aspect of Israelite Prophecy is that prophets constantly remind those in power that God's chosen people includes *all* Israelites, not just the "chosen few" that make up the aristocracy and temple court. Additionally, prophets remind those in power that, because they enjoy a privileged position, they have a responsibility to care for those who are less fortunate.

Jeremiah was born about 650 BC, and the time of his prophecy coincided with one of the most critical times in Israelite history: the events leading up to the fall of Jerusalem and the Babylonian Captivity (587-537 BC).

Jeremiah is somewhat of an anomaly among the prophets. What makes Jeremiah so unique is that, for a time, he was a member of the king's "inner circle" and had the distinction of being a "court prophet", serving as counselor to the king. It is in this capacity and context that today's first reading takes place.

As a final note, Jesus sees himself in continuity with the line of Israelite prophets that began with Elijah. Advocating for the marginalized, the disadvantaged, and the poor is central to the ministry and preaching of Jesus. It also anchors the Church's teaching on social justice.

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.

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