

GARDEN FUND

We have hit a snag in the process of executing the design of the garden space. Unfortunately, this has caused a bit of a delay starting the project.

We are still in need of funds to see this project through to completion. 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 24th

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.

Please help yourself to a copy of *Give Us This Day—Daily Prayer for Today's Catholic*, August 2015 edition. In addition to daily prayers, there are profiles of saintly witnesses, reflections that will guide you in prayer, daily Scripture readings, and much more.

MONTHLY DONORS & SECOND COLLECTIONS — July

First Collection (Monthly Donors)	\$2,477
Building & Maintenance	\$2,320
St. Vincent de Paul	\$1,980

You Are Invited Catholic Charities Program Tours September 2015

Thank you again for welcoming Catholic Charities into your parish community on Catholic Charities Sunday this past May. As a way to show you the impact of your gifts and engagement, Catholic Charities invites you to tour one or more of our program sites to see first-hand how your contributions are changing the lives of the children, families, and individuals who we serve. The tour schedule is as follows:

Sept. 3, 9:30 am -10:30am
OMI Senior Center , San Francisco

Sept. 10, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Refugee and Immigrant Services/Behavioral
Health Services, San Mateo

Sept. 15, 10:30 am – 12:00 pm
St. Vincent School for Boys, San Rafael

Sept. 22, 3:00 – 4:00 pm
Canal Family Support Program, San Rafael

Sept. 23, 10:00 – 11:30 am
Derek Silva Community, San Francisco

Sept. 30, 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Youth Club at St. Francis of Assisi
East Palo Alto

Please note that space is limited at each location so sign up now by contacting Jane at JFergusonFlout@CatholicCharitiesSF.org or 415-972-1227. Visit our website at

CatholicCharitiesSF.org

to learn more about each of these programs.

FAITH FORMATION

If you have not yet registered your child/ren, please take a moment to complete a form from the table in the vestibule. Classes start in September and final preparations are now being made.

WE WELCOME YOU TO ST. TERESA OF AVILA CATHOLIC CHURCH

SERVED BY THE CARMELITES

AUGUST 16, 2015
TWENTIETH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME



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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 16 - Coffee & Donuts, following the
8:30 & 10:00 am Masses
Mon, Aug 17 - AA Meeting, 6:30pm, Avila
Tue, Aug 18 - SVdP Sandwich Tuesday
9am, Parish Kitchen
- SVdP Grocery Distribution
1pm, Church Hall
Sat, Aug 22 - 12 Step Business Meeting
10am, Avila
- AA Meeting, 7pm, Church Hall
Sun, Aug 23 - Coffee & Donuts, following the
8:30 & 10:00 am Masses
Mon, Aug 24 - Parish Office Closed

Please check the bulletin boards in the vestibule & hall for upcoming events or special notices from the Archdiocese.

Ministers Schedule for Next Week August 22 & 23

4:15 PM	10:00 AM
Lector: A. Rose	1 Lector: C. Arett
Bread: E. Perea	2 Lector: B. Doyle
Cup: J. Burns	1 Bread: J. Schelstrate
Hosp: L. Lechich	2 Bread: K. Schelstrate
	3 Bread: J. Warnock
8:30 AM	1 Cup: C. Allen
Lector: D. Paquette	2 Cup: A. Schelstrate
Bread: J. Newman	Hosp: J. Warnock
Cup: R. Kingman	
Hosp: T. Lando	

SECOND COLLECTIONS

August 15 & 16

This week there is no second collection.

August 22 & 23

Next week there will be no second collection.

The Mass Intention book for 2015 has Masses available. If there are special dates on which you would like to dedicate a Mass to a loved one, please contact the Parish Office.

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Saturday, August 15

4:15pm
+ Gregory Lewis
Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

Sunday, August 16

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

Tuesday, August 18

8:30am
The Sick of the Parish

Friday, August 21

8:30am
The Deceased of the Parish

Saturday, August 22

4:15pm
Audrey & Bob Rose (Spec. Int.)
Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

Sunday, August 23

8:30am
10:00am
The Sick of the Parish
The People of the Parish

REALIZED ESCHATOLOGY IN THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

Three weeks ago, on July 26th, we departed from the Gospel of Mark and began a five-week excursus in the Gospel of John. The focus of this five-week diversion is the sixth chapter of John – the *Eucharistic Discourse* – a passage where the evangelist takes a familiar story (the multiplication of loaves and fish) and uses it as a springboard to develop a nuanced theology of Eucharist. In this week's column I would like to explore the richness of John's theology . . . which may, in the process, expand your understanding of Eucharist.

Over the past couple of weeks, you may have noticed that, as John's gospel story unfolds, the focus shifts from the physical bread that is eaten and consumed to the person of Jesus that is encountered and experienced. This shift is readily apparent in this week's gospel when Jesus proclaims that, "I am the living bread", and later, "the bread I will give is my flesh for the life of the world".

From a 21st century perspective, our initial reaction might be to jump to the conclusion that Jesus is referencing himself to his sacramental presence in the Eucharist. However, we should not be so hasty in our interpretation, since John's first-century context of these passages hints that the references go far beyond Eucharist and Mass. We feed on living bread, not simply in the Eucharistic Sacrament, but also in our total encounter with the life, death, and resurrection of the Lord. In next week's gospel, Jesus tells us that his words are "Spirit and life", indicating that we are fed not simply by the bread that we eat but also by the Word that we hear.

In this and next Sundays' gospels, neither the disciples nor the crowd are able to grasp these dimensions of Eucharist. "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" they murmur, a question which betrays a limited, myopic, and somewhat cannibalistic understanding of Eucharist. Because they are appalled at the thought of "eating his flesh and drinking his blood," they are unwilling or unable to "look beyond the bread you eat". They are unable to grasp the notion that, just as God once miraculously fed their ancestors in the desert with manna from heaven, God might once again be miraculously feeding them, this time with words of "Spirit and life". The obstinacy and blindness of both the disciples and the crowd renders them incapable of recognizing the extraordinary presence of God in their midst (Jesus).

As a final note, when we examine Jesus' statement, "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life," we notice that the verb is in the present (not future) tense. Jesus does not say that we "will have" eternal life; rather, he states that, in some way, we already have it. This notion of participating in the Kingdom of God while still on earth is known as *realized eschatology*, a fancy theological term which means, quite simply, that we, in some way, already participate in eternal life. In the realized eschatology of the Gospel of John, the evangelist suggests that we experience some aspect of eternal life whenever we encounter the presence of Christ. This can occur when we receive communion (Eucharist), listen to the Word of God (scripture), encounter God in solitude (prayer), or experience God's presence in the community (Church).

In next week's gospel, we will see how both the crowd and the disciple find these dimensions of Eucharist challenging and hard to accept.

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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