



## ST VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE

### ANNUAL FALL CANNED FOOD DRIVE

Starting September 1<sup>st</sup>, our SVDP Conference is having a **CANNED FOOD DRIVE** for our pantry.

Our **GOAL** is **1000 CANS!!** to replenish our limited supply. We ask that you bring **CANNED SOUPS, FRUITS, VEGETABLES, BEANS, MEAT AND FISH**. Baskets will be available in the Church.

To kick off the drive, SVDP members will speak at all Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> liturgies. We hope to reach our goal by 9/27, the Feast Day of St. Vincent de Paul.

### FAITH FORMATION

Our Faith Formation program is in the process of being formulated. There will be a delay in starting the program. We will keep you advised as soon as details become known.

### 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.

## ST TERESA'S GREEN TEAM

Even though San Francisco's summers are known to be foggy, it is still important to protect your skin from UV damage by wearing sunscreen. Some sunscreens contain ingredients such as Oxybenzone and nanoparticles that can pose risks to both our health and the environment. Check:

<http://www.ewg.org/sunscreen/>

to see how your sunscreen is ranked. Keep in mind, wearing shades, hats, and protective clothing, while avoiding midday sun as much as possible, should also be considered.

### SANDWICH TUESDAY



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

Please join us in welcoming to our parish community:



Ryan James Murphy, the son of Dan & Stephanie Murphy. Ryan will be baptized by Rev. Michael A. Greenwell, O. Carm. this Sunday at noon.

### PASSINGS

We extend our sympathy and prayerful support to the family of Edwina Fenili, who died Tuesday, August 16th.

A Memorial Mass was held at St. Teresa's on Friday, August 19th.



The Parish Office will be closed Tuesday, August 30<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, August 31<sup>st</sup>

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

SERVED BY THE CARMELITES



## AUGUST 21, 2016 TWENTY-FIRST 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](http://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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### 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 21 - Coffee & Donuts, following  
8:30 & 10 am Masses  
Mon, Aug 22 - Choir Practice, 6:30pm  
- AA Step Meeting, 6:30pm  
Tue, Aug 23 - SVdP Sandwich Tuesday  
9:00am, Parish Kitchen  
-SVdP Grocery Distribution  
1:00 pm, Parish Hall  
Sat, Aug 27 - AA Meeting, 7pm, Avila  
Sun, Aug 28 - Coffee & Donuts, following  
8:30 & 10 am Masses

## WEEKEND COLLECTION

**AUGUST 13 & 14**

**\$1,684**

**THANK YOU!**

### Ministers Schedule for Next Week August 27 & 28

<b>4:15 PM</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>
Lector: R.M. Ostler	1 Lector: C. Arett
Bread: A. Rose	2 Lector: V. Flores
Cup: B. Noelke	1 Bread: R. Labuguen
Hosp: L. Lechich	2 Bread: J. Warnock
	3 Bread: M. Suisala
<b>8:30 AM</b>	1 Cup: C. Allen
Lector: J.T. Wymer	2 Cup: G. McGrath
Bread: J. Newman	Hosp: J. Warnock
Cup: R. Kingman	
Hosp: T. Lando	

## SECOND COLLECTIONS

### August 20 & 21

There will be no second collection this weekend.

### August 27 & 28

There second collection next weekend will benefit the St. Teresa Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

The Mass Intention book for 2016 still 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:*

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

8:30am  
10:00am  
† Vincent Cociolone

8:30am  
8:30am  
8:30am  
4:15pm

8:30am  
10:00am

### Saturday, August 20

† Hadley Keathley  
Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

### Sunday, August 21

The People of the Parish  
† Vincent Cociolone

### Tuesday, August 23

The Sick of the Parish

### Friday, August 26

The Deceased of the Parish

### Saturday, August 27

† Mary Burns  
Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

### Sunday, August 28

The People of the Parish  
† Mary Lech

## THE ASSUMPTION

*Last Monday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, was the Solemnity of the Assumption, normally a holy day of obligation. However, in the United States, when one of the holy days (other than Christmas) falls on a Saturday or a Monday, the National Council of Bishops may choose to remove the obligation to attend Mass. Nevertheless, in this week's column I'd like to write about the Assumption, if only because its history and background are especially interesting and fascinating.*

Properly speaking, the Assumption belongs to what we call the *tradition* of the Church. Why? because the Assumption of Mary is neither mentioned in or alluded to in Scripture. However, the origins of the feast can be traced back to Scripture, to an interaction in the Gospel of John 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)*

According to tradition, the beloved disciple took Mary into his home and cared for her for the remainder of her days, and it is here that the story gets interesting.

One strand of the tradition has Mary living in Jerusalem or Galilee. It is hinted that she may have been with the disciples in the upper room at Pentecost, and one would assume that Mary, being a Jewish peasant woman from Nazareth, would have lived out her days in Judea.

However, there is an equally strong tradition which has Mary making her "home" in Ephesus, a city in Asia Minor in what is now western Turkey. This is a remarkable story because it means that Mary – the mother of Jesus and a humble, Jewish woman from Palestine – in effect went into voluntary exile in a Greek city of the diaspora! One could easily understand if Mary had remained in Jerusalem, Galilee, or even Antioch or Damascus in Syria, since 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 would have gone there. But what we do have is an ancient tradition which places Mary in Ephesus. According to that tradition, Mary died in Ephesus, and it was from Ephesus that she was assumed into heaven.

This presents us with an interesting theological question: Why would Mary – a human being – be afforded the extraordinary privilege of being assumed into heaven?

The answer to this question is rooted in one of the earliest beliefs in the Church: the sinlessness of Jesus. Jesus was "a person like us in all things but sin," and by the 5<sup>th</sup> century the Church concluded that Jesus was born without original sin. However, this generated a more serious question: since original sin was "inherited" from one's parents, how could Jesus not inherit original sin unless Mary, too, was without original sin? The belief that Mary did not have original sin eventually becomes the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception. In Catholic theology, Mary (and Jesus) were the only human beings not born with 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 that the Dogma of the Assumption finally became "official". 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 know is that this is only the second time in history that a pope invoked the doctrine of infallibility. The first time occurred at the end the First Vatican Council (1870), when Pius IX proclaimed the doctrine of infallibility. The only other time infallibility has been invoked was 66 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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