

**CALLING ALL UCSF STUDENTS,
FACILITY & STAFF . . .**

We are preparing our ad for SYNAPSE and would love to get a picture of you (either individual or group) and maybe a quick quote! It's time to let your friends and colleagues in on the secret 😊

Please see Fr. Greenwell to schedule a time, or call the Parish Office.



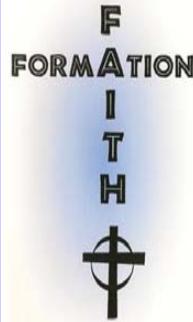
The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, August 25th, Tuesday, August 26th and Monday, September 1st

**Seeking CYO Athletics
Office Volunteer**

**Fr. O'Reilly Catholic Charities
CYO Center, San Francisco**

CYO Athletics is seeking a volunteer to assist with office work such as computer data entry, inventory and light filing. Do you love organizing and enjoy a casual work environment? Would you like to assist with administrative tasks to support Catholic Charities CYO Athletics program, which helps youth in the Archdiocese of San Francisco practice and live the Christian values of respect, love, and compassion through sports? The ideal time is Tuesday or Thursday from 10am – 4pm (flexible), or 4 hours each on Tuesday AND Thursday if available and there are sufficient projects. Please note this is an ongoing volunteer opportunity. If you are interested in this volunteer opportunity, please contact:

Clink Womack, Volunteer Manager, at
415.972.1297, or
cwomack@catholiccharitiessf.org



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

Letters/emails were sent out to parents of students enrolled in the programs last year. For families new to our programs, please call the Parish Office.

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.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE
ANNUAL FALL CANNED FOOD DRIVE**

Starting with the September 6th 4:15 Liturgy, 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.**

Bins will be available in the Church Vestibule.

To kick off the drive, SVDP members will speak at all Sept. 6th & 7th liturgies. We hope to reach our goal by 9/27, the Feast Day of St. Vincent de Paul.

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.

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

SERVED BY THE CARMELITES

**AUGUST 24, 2014
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**



1490 19TH STREET (CHURCH)

LOCATED ON THE NE CORNER OF 19TH & CONNECTICUT STREETS

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10:00am to 12:30pm
1:00pm to 4:30pm

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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.

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 24 -
 Mon, Aug 25 - Parish Office Closed
 Tues, Aug 26 - Parish Office Closed
 - SVdP Sandwich Tuesday
 9:00am, Parish Kitchen
 - SVdP Grocery Distribution
 1:00pm, Sammon
 Sat, Aug 30 - AA Meeting, 7pm, Sammon
 Sun, Aug 31 -
 Mon, Sep 1 - Labor Day
 Parish Office Closed

MASS INTENTIONS

As we celebrate Mass together we include in our prayers:

Saturday, August 23

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

Sunday, August 24

8:30am + Michele Foss & Ray Cooke
 10:00am The Deceased of the Parish

Tuesday, August 26

8:30am The Sick of the Parish

Friday, August 29

8:30am + William Dwyer

Saturday, August 30

4:15pm + Mary A. Burns
 Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

Sunday, August 31

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

SECOND COLLECTION

August 23 & 24

The will be no second collection this week.

August 30 & 31

The second collection next week benefits the St. Teresa Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

August 16 & 17

\$1,479

THANK YOU!

Are you looking for a way to be of service to your parish? Consider joining the Pastoral Council! The purpose of the Council is to consult, advise, and propose policy to the Pastor regarding the various programs, operations and activities of our parish. Please see the flyer in the vestibule for more information.

Ministers Schedule for Next Week August 30 & 31

4:15 PM		10:00 AM
Lector: R. Ostler		1 Lector: K. Schelstrate
Bread: E. Perea		2 Lector: B. Doyle
Cup: B. Noelke		1 Bread: J. Schelstrate
Hosp: L. Lechich		2 Bread: D. Tejada
		3 Bread: M. Schelstrate
8:30 AM		1 Cup: C. Allen
Lector: T. Lang		2 Cup: R. Labuguen
Bread: Volunteer		Hosp: K. Varandas
Cup: S. Lang		B. Cassidy
Hosp: J. Propster		L. Mastrangelo

PETER THE ROCK

This week's Gospel finds Jesus on the road to Caesarea Philippi, posing a question to the disciples. "Who do people say that I am?" he asks, and the disciples quickly reply, "Some say John the Baptist, others, Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." Jesus then refocuses the question, "And you, who do *you* say that I am?" The Apostles, dumbfounded, remain silent until Peter exclaims, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God!"

In Mark and Luke, Jesus then commands Peter to be silent, but in Matthew something completely different unfolds. Jesus blesses Peter, declares him the "Rock" upon which he will build the Church, and entrusts Peter with the "keys" to bind and loose. Only after establishing Peter as Rock does Jesus order the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

For Roman Catholics, this passage from Matthew is extremely important. The Church maintains that Jesus, in effect, appoints Peter as the head of the Church, thus establishing and legitimizing the papacy. Furthermore, the Church claims that the "power to bind and loose" gives the Church the authority to forgive sins. In other words, this is where Jesus "institutes" the Sacrament of Penance.

Today I'd like to focus on "Peter the Rock", offering a different slant on interpreting today's Gospel.

When I was a theology student at the Washington Theological Union we were required – as part of our theological training – to take a course at a seminary of a non-Catholic tradition (Personally, I took a course on church music at the Methodist seminary.). Conversely, non-Catholic students had to take a course in the Catholic tradition, so it was not unusual to have non-Catholic students in our Catholic seminary classes.

In one such class we were dealing with this passage from Matthew, and I asked some of my non-Catholic colleagues how they interpreted the passage. Their answer was both insightful and challenging. The non-Catholic seminarians suggested that, when Jesus speaks of Peter as "Rock", he is referring, not to the *person* of Peter, but to the *faith* of Peter. Given this interpretation, a rephrasing of Jesus' words might read, "You are Peter, and upon *faith like yours* I will build my Church."

For me, this non-Catholic insight into the passage from Matthew was one of the most significant learning experiences in my theological education. Why? because it forced me to deal with the issues surrounding interpretation, legitimacy, validity, and truth.

Notice that both the Catholic and non-Catholic interpretations of this passage are *legitimate* and *valid*. Both interpretations make sense, and are appropriate reflections on the meaning of the text. Either interpretation – Peter as "pope" or Peter as "rock of faith" – is true . . . depending on whether one is coming from a Catholic or non-Catholic tradition. Personally, my non-Catholic colleagues forced me to see this passage in a new and different way, and I hope that, as you are introduced to this somewhat different interpretation, you – like me – will appreciate the added depth and richness that this non-Catholic perspective has to offer.

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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 Send Sunday envelopes Send Monthly Donor Form Moving—remove from mailing list