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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.

STUDENT ADVOCACY PROJECT



Arianna Barajas (a student of our Director of Music, Laura Flaviani) has created a social advocacy project to help the homeless in San Francisco. A flyer explaining the project and items needed is available on the bulletin board. Bins have been set-up in the church for donations, which are

due by next Sunday, August 13.

ITEMS NEEDED:

- Socks (both men and women), Scarves, Hats, Gloves,
- Wet wipes, Tissues, Band-aids, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, deodorant
- Water bottles, Soft foods (i.e. apple sauce, pudding, soft granola bars)
- If preferred a monetary donation will be accepted for the purchase of these items

Do you know that there are special **Children's Bulletins** available in the vestibule every week? There are 2 versions available: for ages 3-6 or for ages 7-12. There is also a link to on-line games, etc. on most bulletins.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

(Envelope Donors & Loose Cash)

JULY 29 & 30

\$1,246

THANK YOU!



ANOINTING

This weekend, August 5 & 6, we are offering the **Sacrament of Anointing** at all our Masses.

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 6, 2017
THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD



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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:

4:15pm **Saturday, August 5**
 † Joseph L. Greenwell, Sr.
 Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

8:30am **Sunday, August 6**
 The People of the Parish

10:00am † Frank Sullivan

8:30am **Tuesday, August 8**
 † Louis Rahmer

8:30am **Friday, August 11**
 † Robert "Bert" James Barnett

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

8:30am **Sunday, August 13**
 † Edwina Fenili

10:00am † Rachel Cariglia

Ministers Schedule for Next Week August 12 & 13

4:15 PM

10:00 AM

Lector: R. Ostler	1 Lector: M. Arroyo
Bread: A. Rose	2 Lector: L. Jacklevich
Cup: J. Burns	1 Bread: R. Labuguen
Hosp: J. Marasco	2 Bread: R. Aguirre
	3 Bread: J. Warnock
8:30 AM	1 Cup: C. Allen
Lector: D. Canzoneri	2 Cup: G. McGrath
Bread: P. English	Hosp: J. Warnock
Cup: S. Perez	
Hosp: T. Lando	

SECOND COLLECTIONS

August 5 & 6
 This week's second collection will benefit the St. Teresa Building & Maintenance Fund.

August 12 & 13
 There will be no second collection.

GOT FOOD?

Do you know our St. Vincent de Paul Conference collects food year round for their pantry? There's a bin in the vestibule for this purpose. Please bring non-perishables only.

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

Parish Calendar

Sun, Aug 6 - Coffee & Doughnuts following the 8:30 & 10:00 am Masses

Mon, Aug 7 - Choir Practice, 6:30pm
 - AA Step Meeting, 6:30pm

Tue, Aug 8 - SVdP Meeting
 9:00am, Avila
 - SVdP Grocery Distribution
 1:00pm, Priory Garage

Sat, Aug 12 - AA Meeting, 7pm, Avila

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

THE TRANSFIGURATION: AN EXAMPLE OF A THEOPHANY

In the liturgical year, a Feast of the Lord takes precedence over a Sunday in Ordinary Time. This happens when the Presentation of the Lord (February 2nd), the Triumph of the Cross (September 14th), or the Transfiguration of the Lord (August 6th) falls on a Sunday.

Today we read about the Transfiguration, but we have already heard an account of this event earlier this year. That took place on the Second Sunday of Lent, and the Lenten focus was on the dazzling, white garment worn by Jesus while conversing with Moses and Elijah. Jesus' white garment anticipates the clothing of the newly-baptized at Easter. . . which is why we annually read about the Transfiguration on the Second Sunday of Lent.

On August 6th, the emphasis shifts from the garment to the three figures (Moses, Jesus, and Elijah), and in today's homily I'll talk about the significance of these three. This week's column, however, takes up another issue raised by Gospel: the notion of *theophany*.

Theophany is a Greek word which refers to the appearance of a deity to a human being. In today's Gospel, Jesus is *transfigured*, and Peter, James, and John see the radiant figures of Jesus, Moses, and Elijah. Other "modern" examples of theophany would be any appearance of Jesus (such as the appearance of Jesus to Margaret Mary Alacoque [the Sacred Heart]), or any Marian apparition (such as Guadalupe, Lourdes or Fatima).

In the Judeo-Christian tradition, *theophany* takes on a more nuanced and refined meaning. In both the Hebrew and Christian Scriptures, theophany refers to the manifestation of God through an extraordinary sign, usually involving nature. Examples from the Hebrew Scriptures include:

- The *burning bush* where God revealed himself to Moses (Ex 3:1ff)
- The *pillar of cloud by day and fire by night* which guided the Israelites on the Exodus through the Sinai desert (Ex13:21-22)
- The *thunder and lightning on Mount Sinai* that occurred when Yahweh gave Moses the Ten Commandments (Ex 19:16-25)

The common element in these examples is that each describes an extraordinary event in nature which is interpreted as a manifestation of God. This concept is carried over from the Hebrew Scriptures to the Christian Scriptures, and here are several examples from the New Testament:

- A *star* announced the Birth of Jesus and directed the Magi to Bethlehem (Mt 2:2)
- Jesus mysteriously *calms the sea*, which prompted the apostles to ask, "What sort of man is this, whom even the winds and the sea obey?" (Mt 8:23-27)
- At the moment of Jesus' death, there is an *earthquake* and the *tearing of the sanctuary veil in two*. (Mt 27:51)
- At Jesus' baptism, a *voice from heaven* proclaims, "This is my beloved Son. My favor rests on him." (Mt 3:17) [Note that, in today's Gospel, the voice echoes the baptismal proclamation: "This is my beloved Son on whom my favor rests. Listen to him"]
- In today's Gospel, the *Transfiguration*: Peter, James, and John see the radiant figures of Jesus, Elijah, and Moses. (Mt 7:1-9)

In the modern world, things formerly understood as *theophany* might now be regarded as *coincidence*, as there is a modern tendency to dismiss theophanies as something belonging to a more primitive and unsophisticated age. Yet there is another way to look at these phenomenon: theophanies challenge our scientific, rational approach to the world. They challenge us to look at the world "with different eyes", with eyes that are open to wonder and mystery. Wonder and mystery properly belong to the realm of faith, and – through the eyes of faith – synchronous events are not "coincidence" but instead are understood as "signs" from God.

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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