



Please join us as we Celebrate the Eucharist in observance of The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Saturday, August 15th at 8:30am

This year the Feast of the Assumption is not a Holy Day of Obligation in our Archdiocese.



The Parish Office will be closed Wednesday, August 12<sup>th</sup> through Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup>.

**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.

### 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.

### GARDEN FUND

We have begun 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!

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES/CYO BACK-TO-SCHOOL DONATION OPPORTUNITY

As we approach the time of year when children return back to school, Catholic Charities is offering a donation opportunity for you and your community to practice compassion and support those in need. The Back-to-School donation equips youth from low-income families with much needed supplies for school, as well as the necessary confidence and tools to succeed. The supplies you donate help children ranging from K-8 to high school age. We are seeking backpacks, school supplies, and Target gift cards to provide students with uniforms. **The last day to submit donations is August 14.** To donate please contact:

Diana Contreras, Volunteer Manager at [dcontreras@CatholicCharitiesSF.org](mailto:dcontreras@CatholicCharitiesSF.org) or 415 972 1297;

or Jane Ferguson Flout, Director of Community and Parish Engagement at [jfergusonflout@CatholicCharitiesSF.org](mailto:jfergusonflout@CatholicCharitiesSF.org) or 415 972 1227.

Your donations truly make the difference in these children's education.

St. Anthony-Immaculate Conception School is accepting applications for grades K-8 for the 2015-2016 school year. Over 120 years of educating in the Dominican Tradition of community, study, prayer, and service. Call for a tour and information. Financial aid is available. They are located at 299 Precita Ave. SF 94110 415-648-2008 [www.saicsf.org](http://www.saicsf.org) Summer Office hours M-F 9am – 3pm

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

SERVED BY THE CARMELITES

**AUGUST 9, 2015  
NINETEENTH 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 9 - Coffee & Donuts, following the  
8:30 & 10:00 am Masses  
Mon, Aug 10 - AA Meeting, 6:30pm, Avila  
Tue, Aug 11 - SVdP Meeting  
9am, Church Hall  
- SVdP Grocery Distribution  
1pm, Church Hall  
Wed, Aug 12 through  
Fri, Aug 14 - Parish Office Closed  
Sat, Aug 15 - Mass, Assumption, 8:30am  
- AA Meeting, 7pm, Church Hall

### MASS INTENTIONS

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

**Saturday, August 8**  
4:15pm Audrey & Bob Rose (Spec. Int.)  
Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

**Sunday, August 9**  
8:30am The People of the Parish  
10:00am + Rachael Cariglia

**Tuesday, August 11**  
8:30am + Ray Druilhet

**Friday, August 14**  
8:30am The Sick of the Parish

**Saturday, August 15**  
8:30am The Deceased of the Parish  
4:15pm + Gregory Lewis  
Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

**Sunday, August 16**  
8:30am The People of the Parish  
10:00am + Vincent Cocciolone

## SECOND COLLECTIONS

### August 8 & 9

This week there is no second collection.

### August 15 & 16

Next week there will be no second collection.

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.

## WEEKEND FIRST COLLECTION

### AUGUST 1 & 2

**\$1,425**

**THANK YOU!**

### Ministers Schedule for Next Week August 15 & 16

<b>4:15 PM</b>		<b>10:00 AM</b>
Lector: B. Baird		1 Lector: A. Schelstrate
Bread: B. Noelke		2 Lector: L. Jacklevich
Cup: J. Kennedy		1 Bread: S. Miller
Hosp: L. Lechich		2 Bread: C. Arett
		3 Bread: Volunteer
<b>8:30 AM</b>		1 Cup: C. Allen
Lector: K. Causey		2 Cup: R. Labuguen
Bread: R. Kingman		Hosp: K. Varandas
Cup: J. Newman		L. Mastrangelo
Hosp: T. Lando		

## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

- New Parishioner       New Address       New Phone  
 Send Sunday envelopes       Send Monthly Donor Form       Moving—remove from mailing list

## THE MURMURING OF THE CROWD AT THE "I AM" SAYINGS OF JESUS

This year, the Sunday gospel readings from July 26<sup>th</sup> through August 23<sup>rd</sup> are taken from the sixth chapter of John, known as the *Eucharistic Discourse*. In this chapter, the evangelist uses the story of the multiplication of the loaves and fish to develop a nuanced theology of Eucharist. This week, I'd like to write about two words or expressions found in these five gospels – *murmuring* and the "I Am" sayings of Jesus – because knowing a bit of the background behind these expressions enhances the meaning of the gospel texts.

Last week's gospel began with, "The Jews started to murmur . . .", and next week the gospel will tell us that the disciples ". . . were murmuring in protest at what he said." When a biblical writer uses the word murmur, what is he trying to say?

Think of it this way: Imagine a hornet's nest camouflaged in a bush. You brush against the bush as you walk by. That's when you hear it: the buzz. It strikes terror in your heart, and you run for your life because you know what that sound means: the swarm is about to attack.

That's what the bible means by murmuring: the menacing, frightening, buzzing sound that precedes an imminent attack.

And what has Jesus done to incite the crowd to murmur? It's not so much what he did, it's what he said:

*"The Jews murmured about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven, . . ." (Jn 6:41).*

In other parts of John's gospel, Jesus says things like:

- *"I Am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, . . ."* (Jn 6:35)
- *". . . before Abraham came to be, I am."* (Jn 8:58b)
- *"I am the gate for the sheep . . ."* (Jn 10:7)
- *"I am the resurrection and the life; . . ."* (Jn 11:25)

Notice the pattern? The crowd begins to murmur whenever Jesus uses the expression "I am".

To understand the crowd's reaction, we have to go back to the Old Testament, to the Book of Exodus and the story of the Burning Bush.

When Moses encounters God in the burning bush, he has a problem:

*". . . [if the Israelites] ask me, 'What is his name?' what do I tell them." God replied to Moses: I am who am. Then he added, This is what you will tell the Israelites: I AM has sent me to you."* (Ex 3:14)

In other words, one of the names for God is "I am"! Thus, whenever Jesus uses this phrase, he is identifying himself with God (Yahweh). In the eyes of the crowd, the use of such language is tantamount to blasphemy.

Especially in the Gospel of John, the evangelist has Jesus constantly uttering the expression "I Am". When John does this, he is making a powerful but subtle claim about who he believes Jesus really is. At the same time, the frequency of Jesus' use of the expression "I Am" explains why the crowds so often turn against him and, ultimately, why they want to put him to death.

Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm.