

## ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL 2018

By giving to the Annual Appeal today, you are responding to God's call to discipleship by supporting His work in our Archdiocese. Your gift has a two-fold effect: Your commitment to the works of Archdiocesan services and ministries is acted upon. Also, your gift assists our parish in meeting our responsibility to contribute \$28,224 to the Appeal. Please check with your employer, as many provide matching funds. Any overage is returned to the parish for the Garden and/or Music Fund.

Thank you for your prayerful and generous response.

To donate on-line:

[www.sfarch.org/aaa](http://www.sfarch.org/aaa)

From the drop-down menu, select St. Teresa Church.

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES LENTEN TOURS AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

During Lent, Catholic Charities invites you to practice compassion by:

- touring one of our programs serving the poor and vulnerable
- sharing your time by volunteering; tutoring; serving food or leading activities.
- donating to those in need

*To sign up for a program tour in San Francisco, Marin, or San Mateo, or for more information about volunteering, please contact:*

Regina O'Connor, Volunteer Manager  
Phone: 415 972 1297, or Email:  
[volunteer@CatholicCharitiesSF.org](mailto:volunteer@CatholicCharitiesSF.org)

Donate at:  
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## ST TERESA'S GREEN TEAM

As Lent is approaching, consider simplifying your life with mindful online purchasing. With the ease that comes with e-commerce, it is no surprise that the online retail market has increased. The Census Bureau estimates that U.S. online retail sales were \$97.3 million in second quarter 2016, a 15.8% increase from the previous year. Rather than just buying something with the click of a button, consider sleeping on the purchase for a few nights and then reevaluate if you still want the product. By reducing the amount of items purchased online, you'll help reduce the amount of clutter in your home while also reducing the amount of materials needed to package the product for shipping.

## GARDEN FUND

We are proceeding with the Parish Garden Project. Work will begin in the next few months. 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!

# We Welcome You To St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church

Served by the Carmelites



## FEBRUARY 11, 2018 SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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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.*

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

4:15pm **Saturday, February 10**  
† Kathleen Groepper  
† William J. Burns  
Henry Morgan, Jr. (Spec. Int.)

8:30am **Sunday, February 11**  
The People of the Parish  
10:00am † Dan Sullivan

8:30am **Tuesday, February 13**  
† Louis Rahmer

12:15pm **Wednesday, February 14**  
The Sick of the Parish  
7:00pm Pascual "Sonny" Castro (Spec. Int.)

8:30am **Friday, February 16**  
† Timmy Geary

4:15pm **Saturday, February 17**  
† P. J. Malone  
Henry Morgan, Jr. (Spec. Int.)

8:30am **Sunday, February 18**  
The People of the Parish  
10:00am Carole Arett (Spec. Int.)

**Parish Calendar**

Sun, Feb 11 - Faith Formation, 9:00am, Hall  
Mon, Feb 12 - AA Step Meeting, 6:30pm, Hall  
- Choir Practice, 6:30pm, Church  
Tue, Feb 13 - SVdP Grocery Distribution  
1:00pm, Hall  
- Pastoral Council  
7:00pm, Avila  
Sat, Feb 17 - AA Meeting, 7pm, Avila  
Sun, Feb 18 - Faith Formation, 9:00am, Hall

**SECOND COLLECTIONS**

**February 10 & 11**

This week's second collection will benefit the missionary work done by Carmelites in many parts of the underdeveloped world.

**February 17 & 18**

There will be no second collection next week.

**The Mass Intention book for 2018** has dates available. If there are special dates on which you would like to dedicate a Mass to a loved one, please contact Stephani in the Parish Office.

**Please check the bulletin boards** in the church vestibule and Parish Hall for upcoming events or special notices from the Archdiocese.

**Ministers Schedule for Next Week  
February 17 & 18**

	<b>4:15 PM</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>
Lector:	T. Jackson	1 Lector: D. Churton
Bread:	E. Perea	2 Lector: L. Jacklevich
Cup:	B. Noelke	1 Bread: G. McGrath
Hosp:	L. Lechich	2 Bread: A. Schelstrate
		3 Bread: E. Kudyba
	<b>8:30 AM</b>	1 Cup: R. Labuguen
Lector:	D. Canzoneri	2 Cup: J. Schelstrate
Bread:	S. Perez	Hosp: L. Gauna
Cup:	A. Lopez	
Hosp:	T. Lando	

**LEPROSY IN THE OLD AND NEW TESTAMENTS**

Today is the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, and both of today's principle readings (Lv 13:1-2, 44-46 and Mk 1:40-45) deal with leprosy. Most of us have at least a vague notion that leprosy is a skin disease, yet probably none of us have ever seen a leper, let alone come in contact with the disease. In fact, many of us have gross misconceptions about leprosy, so the topic for today's column is this: In the Bible, what do they mean when they speak of leprosy, and why is there such stigma attached to lepers?

Leprosy has affected humanity for over 4000 years, but for most of history it was a disease that was quite misunderstood. It was not until 1873 that Dr. Gerhard Hansen discovered that leprosy was the result of a bacterial infection. It is an unusual disease in that its incubation period can be as short as a few weeks or as long as 30 years. Skin lesions are the primary external sign of leprosy, and the disease is progressive, causing permanent damage to the skin, nerves, limbs, and eyes. Contrary to folklore and popular belief, leprosy does not cause body parts to fall off, although they can become numb or diseased as a result of secondary infections. These secondary infections, in turn, can cause fingers and toes to become shortened and deformed, and can also cause nerve damage leading to numbness of the skin over parts of the body. Beginning in about 1930, antibiotics were used to treat leprosy, but it was not until the 1980s that an effective drug regimen was developed that "cured" the disease.

For most of history – including the Old and New Testaments – human beings knew neither the cause of nor the cure for leprosy. As a result, people were *afraid* of lepers and, because of their fear, they *stigmatized* those victimized by the disease. To use Biblical and theological language, lepers, quite simply, were *excommunicated*. Until they "became clean" they were segregated in leper colonies, ostracized from the community because they were "unclean".

Because people knew nothing about "real leprosy" (now known as Hansen's Disease), virtually any form of skin disorder would arouse suspicion, resulting in the victim being segregated, ostracized, or quarantined. In other words, a person was treated as a leper if he or she had lesions, skin eruptions, dry or flaky skin, measles, chicken pox, shingles, or any type of a rash, including athlete's foot!

In the case of minor skin diseases or infections, once the symptoms disappeared the person was incorporated back into the community. But in those cases where the condition was leprosy (i.e., Hansen's disease), the victim's condition never improved, only worsened. In such cases those persons were forced to live in leper colonies, segregated and ostracized from the community.

Because people knew neither the cause of leprosy nor how it was transmitted, anyone *suspected* of leprosy – as well as anyone who came in contact with a leper – was treated as a leper. In other words, when one *touches* a leper one *becomes* a leper . . . which puts an entirely new spin on what happens when Jesus touches and cures a leper in today's gospel!

In the world of Jesus, suffering and sickness were believed to be consequences of sin; hence, healing a sick person was, in effect, forgiving sin. Because only God forgives sin, Jesus' healing of the leper makes a statement about the identity of Jesus: he is the presence or incarnation of God. At the same time, however, the social stigma surrounding leprosy points to another interpretation: because Jesus touched a leper he became a leper. This crossing of a boundary involving social and cultural taboos is nothing new to Jesus. Repeatedly in the Gospels, Jesus is criticized for eating with "tax collectors, prostitutes, and sinners", and his touching the leper follows this pattern of behavior. Thus, through this cure of the leper, Jesus not only makes a statement about who he is but also challenges the crowds with respect to their judgment of those who are marginalized.

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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