



Please join with your fellow parishioners this Sunday after both the 8:30 & 10:00 am Masses in the Parish Hall. Tickets are available at the door.

ADULTS: \$5.00
CHILDREN UNDER 12: FREE



SOUP-MAKERS!

Please delight our parishioners by bringing your specialty to one of our Tuesday evening Lenten soup suppers. Please make enough soup for 8-10 people. There are sign-up sheets in the back of church.

2011 AAA UPDATE

As of January 31:
Assessed Amount: \$26,600
Amount Received: \$19,121 (71.9%)
Amount Needed: \$ 7,479 (28.1%)

We will continue to accept donations for AAA 2011 until the end of February but these donations will be acknowledged for the Tax Year 2012.

If we are unable to meet our goal, we are required to pay the shortfall from parish operating expenses.

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Tuesdays in Lent
Mass, 8:30am & 6:15pm
February 28, March 6, 13, 20, 27
Mass, 6:15pm
Soup Supper, 6:45pm
Speaker, 7:30pm

Palm Sunday, April 1
Saturday Vigil: 4:15pm
Palm Sunday, 8:30 & 10am

EASTER TRIDUUM
Holy Thursday: 7:30pm
Good Friday: 12:15pm
Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil: 7:45pm
Easter Sunday: 8:30 & 10:00am

Please check the bulletin board in the vestibule for information on:

- Volunteer opportunities during Lent
- Free Dental Health Screenings for children during the month of February
- Free Community Tax Preparation
- Services

ASH WEDNESDAY
February 22
Mass with Distribution of Ashes
12:15 & 6:15pm



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

WE WELCOME YOU TO
ST. TERESA OF AVILA CATHOLIC CHURCH
SERVED BY THE CARMELITES

FEBRUARY 12, 2012
SIXTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

1490 19TH STREET (CHURCH)
LOCATED ON THE NE CORNER OF 19TH & CONNECTICUT STREETS

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OFFICE HOURS
9:30am to 12:30pm
1:00pm to 5:00pm

Please visit our website:
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, Feb 12 - No Good Shepherd
- No Faith Formation
- Parish Pancake Breakfast
- Mon, Feb 13 - Choir Practice
7:00pm, Church
- Tues, Feb 14 - SVdP Grocery Distribution
1:00pm, Sammon Hall
- SVdP Meeting
3:00pm, Avila
- Pastoral Council
7:00pm, Avila
- Wed, Feb 15 - Social Committee Meeting
1:30pm, Avila
- Finance Council
7:00pm, Rectory
- Sat, Feb 18 - AA Meeting
7:00pm, Avila Hall
- Sun, Feb 19 - No Good Shepherd
- No Faith Formation
- Mon, Feb 20 - President's Day
Parish Office Closed

WEEKEND COLLECTION

February 4 & 5
\$1,523

MASS INTENTIONS

As we celebrate Mass together
we include in our prayers:

Saturday, February 11

4:15pm + William J. Burns
Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

Sunday, February 12

8:30am The People of the Parish
10:00am + Vincent Cocciolone

Tuesday, February 14

8:30am The Sick of the Parish

Friday, February 17

8:30am The People of the Parish

Saturday, February 18

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

Sunday, February 19

8:30am The People of the Parish
10:00am + Vincent Ceccarelli

SECOND COLLECTION

February 11 & 12

The second collection this week will benefit the Carmelite Missionaries. The missionaries' task to teach the Gospel's message to the poor in the parts of the world they serve often seems impossible when you consider the odds against them.

These regions have 70% of the world's people, but only 10% of the world's wealth.

Eight million children are completely abandoned on the streets of Brazil -- Carmelites minister in the especially destitute regions of Rio de Janeiro and Recife.

In the diocese of Sicuani, in the Peruvian Andes, 90% of the people are illiterate, one out of four children die before their first birthday, and most of the people suffer from hunger and malnutrition.

All monies collected go directly to the missionaries to assist them with this important work.

February 18 & 19

The is no second collection next week.

Enclosed in today's bulletin, please find an important letter from Archbishop Niederauer concerning an alarming and serious matter that negatively impacts the Church in the United States directly, and that strikes at the fundamental right to religious liberty for all citizens of any faith.

Ministers Schedule for Next Week February 18 & 19

4:15	Lector: J. Kennedy	10:00 AM	1 Lector: C. Arett
	Bread: M.K. Law		2 Lector: R. Pitts
	Cup: B. Baird		1 Bread: S. Miller
	Hosp: R. Jones		2 Bread: B. Robinson
			3 Bread: D. Tejada
8:30 AM	Lector: Sr. Maureen		1 Cup: C. Allen
	Bread: R. Kingman		2 Cup: R. Labuguen
	Cup: J. Marasco		Hosp: B. Cassidy
	Hosp: J. Propster		

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 know 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 probably 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 effected humanity for over 4,000 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, 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, *stigmatized* those victimized by the disease. In the Bible, virtually any form of skin disease (lesions, skin eruptions, dry or flakey skin, or even athlete's foot!) would arouse suspicions about leprosy, resulting in the victim being segregated, ostracized, or quarantined.

To use Biblical and theological language, lepers, quite simply, were *excommunicated*. Until they "became clean" they were segregated or ostracized from the community. 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 (Hansen's disease), the victim's condition never improved, only worsened. In such cases the person was forced to live in leper colonies, segregated and ostracized from the community.

Because no one knew either the cause of leprosy or how it was transmitted, anyone *suspected* of leprosy was treated as a leper. Likewise, anyone who came in contact with a leper was treated as a leper. Thus, to touch a leper is to become a leper . . . which puts an entirely new spin on what happens when Jesus touches and cures a leper in today's gospel!

Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm.

On Thursday and Friday this week, the Carmelite Peace & Justice Commission will be meeting at St. Teresa's. On Thursday night (Feb.16) at 7 pm, Tony Straw will offer a presentation on the Catholic Climate Coalition. Tony is the Chair of the Diocese of San Jose's Catholic Green Initiative and a Catholic Climate Ambassador. He will be our guest speaker on Tuesday, March 6th, as part of our Lenten "Soup and Speaker" series. Parishioners are also invited to this Thursday's presentation, which will take place in Avila Hall at 7pm.