

St. Anthony-Immaculate Conception School is accepting applications for the 2016-2017 school year. If you are interested in learning more about the school, they will host an open house and tour Saturday February 20 10:00am – 12:00 noon.

If you are interested in transferring into their school now, they have a special tuition rate for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year.

For additional information, their office is open from 7:30am – 4:30 Monday – Friday. Call 415-648-2008 or visit the website:

www.saicsf.org

On Saturday, February 27, St. Anthony-Immaculate Conception School will host a Feb Fest dinner and auction, "Give 'em a Hand." Enjoy a great meal of chicken parmesan, pasta, salad and dessert. Bid for treasures galore in the silent and live auctions. Support their students and have an evening out. Dinner tickets are \$45. To reserve tickets or a table contact the school office at 415-648-2008 or email Constance Dalton cdalton@saicsf.org

We have been approached by a parishioner for assistance in finding, short or long-term, either an inexpensive room in a house or an inexpensive studio. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

ST TERESA'S GREEN TEAM

During Lent, many people use fish as a substitute for meat-based meals. Do you know if your seafood is sustainable? To help consumers make better choices, the Monterey Bay Aquarium created a downloadable guide to help find sustainable seafood wherever you are. Check out seafoodwatch.org or download the free Seafood Watch app to find out which seafood items are best choices, good alternatives, and items to avoid.

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Tuesdays in Lent

Mass, 8:30am

Fridays in Lent

Mass, 8:30am

Stations of the Cross, 9:00am

PALM SUNDAY

Saturday Vigil, March 19: 4:15pm

Palm Sunday, March 20: 8:30 & 10am

EASTER TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday, March 24: 7:30pm

Good Friday, March 25: 12:15pm

Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil,

March 26: 8:00pm

Easter Sunday,

March 27: 8:30 & 10:00am

Planning Seminar Catholic Estate and End-of-Life

When it comes to end-of-life bioethical decisions and estate, funeral and burial planning, many people do not know where to begin.

The Archdiocese of San Francisco and Catholic Cemeteries are offering a free seminar on these topics. St. Teresa of Avila will be hosting on Saturday, February 20th, from 10-11:30am. Please see the bulletin boards for more information.

If you are interested in attending the seminar at St Teresa's, you need to call the parish office to register; otherwise it will be cancelled.

ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL 2016

We will kick off the Appeal the weekend of March 5 & 6. Due to factors such as a change in the formula, our assessment this year is \$26,520.

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



FEBRUARY 14, 2016 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



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OFFICE HOURS

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

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.

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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 14 - Faith Formation, 9am, Hall
 Mon, Feb 15 - Presidents' Day
 Parish Office Closed
 - Choir Practice, 6:30pm
 Tue, Feb 16 - SVdP Sandwich Tuesday
 9:00am, Parish Kitchen
 - SVdP Grocery Distribution
 1:00pm, Hall
 Sat, Feb 20 - Planned Giving Seminar
 10:00am, Parish Hall
 - AA Meeting, 7pm, Church Hall
 Sun, Feb 21 - Faith Formation, 9am, Hall

SECOND COLLECTIONS

February 13 & 14

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

February 20 & 21

There will be no second collection.

The Mass Intention book for 2016 is filling up quickly, particularly the weekend Masses. If there are special dates on which you would like to dedicate a Mass to a loved one, please contact the Parish Office.

WEEKEND FIRST COLLECTION

FEBRUARY 6 & 7

\$1,416

THANK YOU!

Ministers Schedule for Next Week February 20 & 21

4:15 PM	10:00 AM
Lector: A. Rose	1 Lector: C. Arett
Bread: F. Patt	2 Lector: V. Flores
Cup: E. Perea	1 Bread: J. Schelstrate
Hosp: M. Perea	2 Bread: M. Schelstrate
	3 Bread: K. Schelstrate
8:30 AM	1 Cup: C. Allen
Lector: R. O'Connor	2 Cup: R. Labuguen
Bread: D. Paquette	Hosp: G. Femec
Cup: J. Newman	
Hosp: T. Lando	

MASS INTENTIONS

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

4:15pm **† Saturday, February 13**
† Bill Burns
 Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

8:30am **† Sunday, February 14**
† Bernaldo Ado
 The People of the Parish

10:00am **† Dan Sullivan**

8:30am **Tuesday, February 16**
 The Sick of the Parish

8:30am **Friday, February 19**
 The Deceased of the Parish

4:15pm **Saturday, February 20**
 The People of the Parish
 Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

8:30am **Sunday, February 21**
 The Sick of the Parish

10:00am **† Vincent Cocciolone**

THE ORIGINS OF LENT

Last Wednesday (Ash Wednesday) marked the beginning of Lent, and in this week's column I'd like to provide information about the origins, history, and evolution of this season.

Growing up, I remember Lent as a time of fast, abstinence, and "giving something up." These practices were rooted in the assumption that Lent was a time of penance and sacrifice, a time when one became aware of personal sinfulness and attempted to change one's life in a meaningful and significant way. But Lent as a season of penance and sacrifice is only one aspect of these forty days; in fact – in the history of Lent – it is the most recent aspect to emerge and develop.

In the earliest days of the church, Lent was a 40-day fast in preparation for Easter. Beginning on Ash Wednesday, Lent pointed to the *Easter Triduum*, the three "high holy days" of Christianity: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil. The Triduum focused on the *Paschal Mystery* (the death and resurrection of the Lord), and these three days are both the highlight and the center of the liturgical year. In preparation for the great feast of Easter, Christians would fast for 40 days (which was then followed by 50 days of celebration between Easter and Pentecost). The 40-day fast in preparation for Easter is the earliest and most ancient tradition associated with the Season of Lent.

By the third century, the connection between of Baptism and Easter became firmly established by the third century. Baptism was (and still is!) a sacrament intended for adults, and adults were initiated into the Church at the Easter Vigil. When baptisms took place at Easter, the Season of Lent took on new meaning. Lent became known as the *Period of Purification and Enlightenment*, a prayerful, retreat-like atmosphere where the catechumens made final preparations to receive the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist). Symbolically, the baptized assembly "walked with" the catechumens during these 40 days, and it reminded them of their own baptismal journey made at some Easter past.

Although the Church has always baptized infants, the practice was done in the first three centuries only when an entire household was initiated into the Church. This changed following the Edict of Milan (C. 325 AD) when Christianity became the official religion of the Roman Empire. By the Fifth Century, *everybody* had become a Christian, and the only ones who needed to be baptized were newborn infants. As a result, full initiation at the Easter Vigil disappeared for 1500 years, and it was not restored until the Liturgical Reforms of the Second Vatican Council.

By the sixth century, the focus of Lent shifted to Penance. Those guilty of serious sin – apostasy, adultery, or murder – were reconciled to the Church. As Lent continued to evolve, penance took the form of "sackcloth and ashes" when sinners had to do public penance, often for a long period of time. Once they had completed their penance, sinners were reconciled to the Church, usually during Holy Week. By the 9th century, public penance yielded to private confession, but the notion that Lent was linked to penance and reconciliation remained.

Thus, there are three "strands" that contribute to Lent: the fast in preparation for Easter, the final preparation of catechumens for the Sacraments of Initiation, and the reconciliation of penitents to the Church.

The emphasis on fasting and penance were the focus of Lent from about the 6th century until the second half of the 20th century. The Church restored the catechumenate only after the Second Vatican Council, and, for the past 45 years, we have refocused our Lenten practices to emphasize the baptismal character of the season.

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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| <input type="checkbox"/> New Parishioner | <input type="checkbox"/> New Address | <input type="checkbox"/> New Phone |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Send Sunday envelopes | <input type="checkbox"/> Send Monthly Donor Form | <input type="checkbox"/> Moving—remove from mailing list |