



Ash Wednesday

FEBRUARY 18TH

Mass

12:15pm

6:15pm

Remember man
that you are
dust and into
dust you shall
return.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES/CYO

Information regarding Summer Camp and also a job opening at Catholic Charities is posted on the bulletin boards. Please take a moment to look at these new posting.



The Parish Office
will be closed in
observance of
President's Day,
Monday,
February 16th

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Archbishop Cordileone will celebrate an Anniversary Mass at the Cathedral, 10am on Saturday morning, February 21. The Mass is for couples celebrating "5 year anniversaries (5 years, 10, 15.....)" or any past 40 years in 2015. A reception will follow – please pre-register at

www.sfanniversary.info
or call (415) 614-5680

The Mass Intention book for 2015 has Masses available. If there are special dates on which you would like to dedicate a Mass to a loved one, please contact the Parish Office.

AAA 2015

The purpose of the Archbishop's Annual Appeal (AAA) is to assist in funding the overall budget of the Archdiocese of San Francisco. The AAA helps to fund over forty ministries, programs, and services that benefit not only parishes within the Archdiocese but also people who are unaffiliated with any parish or even with the Church. Some of these include the Offices of Religious Education, Worship, and Youth Ministries, as well as the Diocesan Marriage Tribunal and the Archdiocesan newspaper, the *Catholic San Francisco*.

All AAA contributions are tax deductible to the full extent provided by the law, and are eligible for matching funds if your business or employer has such a program.

Monies contributed to AAA are used for funding the ministries and services of the Archdiocese; they are not used for legal fees or settlement costs incurred by lawsuits.

This year our assessment is \$22,200. There are a number of ways you can make your donation. You can make a one-time donation or pledge your gift over ten months. You can do either of these by using the provided brochure/envelope or by donating on-line at:

<http://www.sfarchdiocese.org/home/stewardship/donate-to-the-appeal>

There is a direct link on our website.

In past years we have raised enough money to fulfill our assessed obligation. Fr. Greenwell and Fr. Kwiecien deeply appreciate the generosity of our parishioners in reaching our goal. Thank you in advance for your generosity and your contribution the Archbishop's Annual Appeal.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS

JANUARY 31 & FEBRUARY 1

\$1,445

THANK YOU!

WE WELCOME YOU TO ST. TERESA OF AVILA CATHOLIC CHURCH

SERVED BY THE CARMELITES

FEBRUARY 15, 2015

**THE SIXTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**



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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.*

Parish Calendar

Sun, Feb 15 - Faith Formation, 9:00am
 Mon, Feb 16 - Parish Office Closed
 - Choir Practice, 6:30pm
 Tue, Feb 17 - SVdP Sandwich Tuesday
 9:00am, Parish Kitchen
 - SVdP Grocery Distribution
 2:00pm, Sammon
 Wed, Feb 18 - Ash Wednesday Mass
 12:15 & 6:15 pm
 Sat, Feb 21 - AA Meeting, 7pm, Sammon
 Sun, Feb 22 - Faith Formation, 9:00am

SECOND COLLECTION

February 14 & 15

The will be no second collection next week-end.

February 21 & 22

The will be no second collection next week-end.

PLEASE NOTE: The St. Vincent de Paul collection will be taken on February 28 & March 1, while the Building & Maintenance collection will move to March 7 & 8.

MONTHLY DONORS & SECOND COLLECTIONS — JANUARY

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| First Collection (Monthly Donors) | \$2,932 |
| Building & Maintenance | \$1,879 |
| St. Patrick's Seminary | \$1,256 |
| Solemnity of Mary | \$ 399 |
| St. Vincent de Paul | \$2,636 |

Ministers Schedule for Next Week February 21 & 22

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|---------------------|--|--------------------------|--|
| 4:15 PM | | 10:00 AM | |
| Lector: A. Rose | | 1 Lector: B. Doyle | |
| Bread: F. Patt | | 2 Lector: M. Schelstrate | |
| Cup: B. Noelke | | 1 Bread: C. Arett | |
| Hosp: R. DeTagle | | 2 Bread: K. Schelstrate | |
| | | 3 Bread: M.K. Law | |
| 8:30 AM | | 1 Cup: C. Allen | |
| Lector: D. Paquette | | 2 Cup: G. McGrath | |
| Bread: J. Newman | | Hosp: K. Varandas | |
| Cup: M. Morey | | B. Cassidy | |
| Hosp: T. Lando | | L. Mastrangelo | |

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 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 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 into 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 flakey 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 a 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 last week's column I traced how suffering and sickness were believed to be a consequence of sin; hence, healing a sick person was, in effect, forgiving sin (which only God could do). Thus, Jesus' healing of the leper makes a statement about the identity of Jesus as 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.

MASS INTENTIONS

As we celebrate Mass together we include in our prayers:

Saturday, February 14

4:15pm + William J. Burns
 The People of the Parish
 Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

Sunday, February 15

8:30am + Vincent Cocciolone
 10:00am + Luz Gallego

Tuesday, February 17

8:30am The Deceased of the Parish

Friday, February 20

8:30am The Sick of the Parish

Saturday, February 21

4:15pm Carmen Castro (Spec. Int.)
 Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

Sunday, February 22

8:30am The People of the Parish
 10:00am + Michelle Gargotto

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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 Send Sunday envelopes Send Monthly Donor Form Moving—remove from mailing list