

ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL 2018

Assessed Amount: \$28,224
Amount Pledged: \$ 6,717
Balance Remaining: \$21,507

If you wish to donate online, access is through:

www.sfarch.org/aaa

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

Please check with your employer to see if they provide matching funds for charitable donations.

We are at **24%** of our goal! Thank you to all who have donated & pledged. Last year we had AAA wrapped up in 10 weeks (including pledges to be paid over the year) and received donations from 92+ parishioners/families. So far we have received donations from only 22 individuals/families.

The SF Archdiocese is holding a **Digital Communication Conference** on Wednesday, March 21st at the Cathedral Event Center. The Conference is scheduled from 8:30am—2:00pm. Morning refreshments and lunch will be served.

The Parish will pay the registration fee for anyone who would like to attend. Registration is required, so please contact Stephani in the Parish Office if you plan on attending.

The flyer for the event is posted on the bulletin boards in the church vestibule and the hall.

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, February 19th in observance of Presidents' Day

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

Donate at:
CatholicCharitiesSF.org/donate

GARDEN FUND

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

ST TERESA'S GREEN TEAM

Recycled water is coming to Golden Gate Park, Lincoln Park Golf Course, and the Presidio Golf Course in San Francisco! The SFPUC just began construction on a recycled water plant that will be able to supply around 1.6 million gallons of recycled water per day once it's completed in 2021. By switching irrigation to a non-potable water source such as recycled water, the SFPUC is able to build more resilience in their water supply and preserve the high quality Hetch Hetchy potable drinking water.

We Welcome You To St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church

Served by the Carmelites



FEBRUARY 18 2018 FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT



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

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:

Saturday, February 17
4:15pm † P. J. Malone
Henry Morgan, Jr. (Spec. Int.)
Sunday, February 18
8:30am The People of the Parish
10:00am Carole Arett (Spec. Int.)
Tuesday, February 20
8:30am † Frank Rahmer
Friday, February 23
8:30am Pascual "Sonny" Castro (Spec. Int.)
Saturday, February 24
4:15pm † Anton & Helen Jelenich
Henry Morgan, Jr. (Spec. Int.)
Sunday, February 25
8:30am The People of the Parish
10:00am † Edwina Fenili

**Ministers Schedule for Next Week
February 24 & 25**

	4:15 PM	10:00 AM
Lector:	A. Rose	1 Lector: T. Labuguen
Bread:	J. Burns	2 Lector: R. Labuguen
Cup:	E. Perea	1 Bread: A. Schelstrate
Hosp:	J. Marasco	2 Bread: Volunteer
		3 Bread: A. Schelstrate
8:30 AM		1 Cup: S. Miller
Lector:	D. Canzoneri	2 Cup: J. Warnock
Bread:	R. Kingman	Hosp: J. Warnock
Cup:	S. Siebel	
Hosp:	T. Lando	

SECOND COLLECTIONS

February 17 & 18
There will be no second collection this week.
February 24 & 25
There second collection next week benefits the St. Teresa Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

PART-TIME SEXTON WANTED

The sexton is responsible for maintaining/cleaning the church & hall, inside and out. This position would be 10-15 hours per week, days & hours flexible. Perfect for a college student or retiree. Please contact the Parish Office (stephani@stteresasf.org or 415.285.5272) to apply.

Parish Calendar

Sun, Feb 18 - Faith Formation, 9:00am, Hall
- Anti-Trafficking Talk with Sr. Rita 11:00am, Hall
- Sandwich Sunday, 11:00am, Hall
Mon, Feb 19 - PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
- AA Step Meeting, 6:30pm, Hall
- Choir Practice, 6:30pm, Church
Tue, Feb 20 - SVdP Sandwich Tuesday 9:00am, Parish Kitchen
- SVdP Grocery Distribution 1:00pm, Hall
- Finance Council, 7:30pm, Priory
- Young Adults Bible Study 7:00pm, Priory
Sat, Feb 24 - AA Meeting, 7pm, Avila
Sun, Feb 25 - Faith Formation, 9:00am, Hall

INSTEAD OF GIVING UP SOMETHING FOR LENT...

I am a baby boomer, born in 1952. I entered grade school in 1958 and graduated college in 1974, which anchors my primary school years in the pre-Vatican II church while locating my high school and college years in the tumultuous decade following the Council. It was especially during those primary years that I faced the annual question, "What are you giving up for Lent?", and – even when I was about nine-years old – I had serious questions and reservations about this Lenten practice.

My problem is rooted in the Gospel from Ash Wednesday (Mt 6:1-6, 16-18) in which the Evangelist Matthew has Jesus instructing the crowd:

"Be on guard against performing religious acts for people to see When you give alms. . . . you are not to let your left hand know what your right hand is doing." (Mt 6:2-3).

The passage continues in this vein, and Jesus seems to be emphasizing the point that fasting, almsgiving, and similar acts of mortification and sacrifice should be done, not publically so as to seek approval from the crowd, but privately where "your Father who sees what is hidden will repay you." (Mt 6:18) Even at a very early age I noticed – from reflecting on this Gospel – that the Lenten devotions advocated by and practiced in the Church appeared to be at odds with Jesus' instruction in the Scriptures.

As I grew older, I began to realize that, for many people, Lenten devotions were mistakenly regarded as ends in themselves rather than as means to an end. Many Catholics were obsessed with the rules and regulations of fasting and abstinence rather than on the purposes and reasons to fast and abstain. To put it another way, following the letter of the law and fulfilling its requirements became more important than the reason for doing it in the first place.

When we tease beneath the surface we recognize that the reason for fasting or almsgiving or "giving up something for Lent" is to raise consciousness regarding more deeper concerns. For example, I may exhibit a particular shortcoming or limitation – such as a quick or volatile temper – and this is the issue I want to address during Lent. If, say, I give up candy, whenever I crave chocolate I should zero in, not on the object of my desire (candy), but on the area of concern I want to address (my temper). When approached this way, my Lenten sacrifice challenges me to change, develop, and evolve into a better human being, the type of person God wants me to be.

But change and transformation need not be limited to personal shortcomings and character flaws. Lent can also be a reflective period for corporate concerns. Instead of giving up something for Lent, we might focus on the environment, especially with respect to climate change and caring for God's creation. As in the past, we have a **Lent 2018 Caring for God's Creation Calendar** which is available in the vestibule. This is the fourth year that we have made it available, and each of the 40-days of Lent offers a reflection or activity that "raises our consciousness" with respect to being custodians of the earth.

So... instead of giving something up this Lent, why not grab a copy of the calendar and grow in your commitment to be a wise steward of God's creation?

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 |