

## ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL 2017

Assessed Amount: \$27,971  
Amount Pledged: \$17,023  
Balance Remaining: \$10,948

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The easiest way is to use the direct link on our website's home page.

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

We are at 61% of our goal! Thank you to all who have donated & pledged. Last year we had AAA wrapped up in 8 weeks (including pledges to be paid over the year) — Let's do it again!



The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, February 20th in observance of Presidents' Day

## ST TERESA'S GREEN TEAM

Most people don't think of cars as contributing to water pollution, but they do. With all the wet weather the West Coast has recently received, now is a great time to remember that only rain should go in the storm drains! One major way to prevent storm water pollution is to make sure car leaks are fixed promptly and spills are cleaned up. Also, taking your car to a commercial car wash will help prevent oils and heavy metals from being washed into the storm drains. Additionally, remember to properly dispose of all compost, recycling, or garbage (including pet waste) that is in your yard to keep it from eventually ending up in the waterways.

## SOLIDARITY WITH IMMIGRANTS

### WELCOMING THE STRANGER (UPDATES)

- ◆ Website: [sfarch.org/immigration](http://sfarch.org/immigration)
- ◆ Diocesan contact:  
Lorena Malgarejo  
415-724-4987  
[melgarejol@sfarch.org](mailto:melgarejol@sfarch.org)
- ◆ Rapid Response Training  
Thurs, Feb 23, 6:30 PM  
St. Dominic's  
2390 Bush Street
- ◆ Rapid Response Training  
Mon, Feb 27, 5:30 pm  
USF Fromm Hall  
660 Parker Ave
- ◆ "Know Your Rights"  
Educational Forum,  
Sun, Feb 26, 2:30 pm  
St. Mary's Cathedral  
1111 Gough Street
- ◆ Mass with Archbishop Cordileone  
Followed by a legal presentation  
Sat., March 4 (Tentative)  
St. Peter's  
1200 Florida St



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

## ASH WEDNESDAY

**MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup>**

**Mass with  
Distribution of Ashes**

**12:15pm  
7:00pm**

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



### FEBRUARY 19, 2017 SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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](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

Jim Schelstrate Steve Miller  
David Paquette Ron Labuguen  
Judy Warnock

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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 18**  
The People of the Parish  
Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

8:30am **Sunday, February 19**  
† Malgorzata Leigdowicz  
10:00am † Vincent Cocciolone

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

8:30am **Friday, February 24**  
† Noel O'Brien

4:15pm **Saturday, February 25**  
† Nora Honora Lowe  
Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

8:30am **Sunday, February 26**  
The People of the Parish  
10:00am † Luis & Lidia Megid

**Parish Calendar**

Sun, Feb 19 - Faith Formation, 9:00am, Hall  
Mon, Feb 20 - Parish Office Closed  
- Choir Practice, 6:30pm  
- AA Step Meeting, 6:30pm  
Tue, Feb 21 - SVdP Sandwich Tuesday  
9:00am, Parish Kitchen  
- SVdP Grocery Distribution  
1:00pm, Hall  
Wed, Feb 22 - Parish Office Closed, Meeting  
Sat, Feb 25 - AA Meeting, 7pm, Avila  
Sun, Feb 26 - Faith Formation, 9:00am, Hall

**SECOND COLLECTIONS**

**February 18 & 19**  
There is no second collection this weekend.

**February 25 & 26**  
The second collection next weekend will benefit the St. Teresa Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

**WEEKEND COLLECTION**

**FEBRUARY 4 & 5**

**\$1,384**

**FEBRUARY 11 & 12**

**\$1,675**

**THANK YOU!**

**The Mass Intention book for 2017** has dates available. If there are special dates on which you would like to dedicate a Mass to a loved one, please contact The Parish Office.

**Ministers Schedule for Next Week**  
**February 25 & 26**

<b>4:15 PM</b>		<b>10:00 AM</b>
Lector: A. Rose		1 Lector: C. Arett
Bread: J. Burns		2 Lector: R. Pitts
Cup: E. Perea		1 Bread: S. Miller
Hosp: J. Marasco		2 Bread: S. Suisala
		3 Bread: K. Schelstrate
<b>8:30 AM</b>		1 Cup: C. Allen
Lector: K. Causey		2 Cup: G. McGrath
Bread: R. Kingman		Hosp: J. Warnock
Cup: D. Paquette		
Hosp: T. Lando		

**WISDOM AND FOLLY IN FIRST CORINTHIANS**

This year, from January 15<sup>th</sup> through February 26<sup>th</sup>, our second reading is taken from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians. Two weeks ago I gave a general introduction to the letters of Paul, and last week I wrote about a few of the problems and issues that troubled the Corinthian community. In this final column I'll like to explore Paul's cryptic writing regarding the topic of "Wisdom".

In today's second reading, Paul remarks,

*"Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you considers himself wise in this age, let him become a fool, so as to become wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness in the eyes of God. . . ." (1 Cor 3:18-19a)*

For the past several weeks, Paul has talked at length about wisdom and folly. Yet, as we read and listen to these texts, it seems as if something is missing. Paul's talk sounds like a coded language, and we need more information in order to know what Paul is talking about.

Surprisingly, the key to our understanding is found in two verses which were edited out of the lectionary texts:

*"For Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles." (1 Cor 1:22-23)*

In these two verses we find the crux of the problem faced by the earliest Christian missionaries. In many cases, the words of the Gospel fell on deaf ears, as both Jews and Gentiles found it difficult to believe in Jesus. Why was the message of Christ crucified so hard to accept?

From the Jewish perspective, the crucifixion of Jesus not only was a scandal but also was a sign of God's *disapproval* and *rejection*. In Galatians 3:13b, Paul writes, "Cursed be everyone who hangs on a tree," a passage in which Paul offers a summary and paraphrase of Deuteronomy 21:22-23. Essentially, such a reading of the Hebrew Scriptures leads to the conclusion that the manner of Jesus' death (crucifixion) was convincing proof that God not only condemned Jesus but also rejected any and all claims as to whether Jesus was the Messiah.

From the Gentile perspective, the idea that God not only would be put to death but also would rise from the dead was sheer folly. We can see this in Acts 17:16-34, which describes Paul's experience in Athens. Paul is ridiculed and scoffed at when he mentions Jesus' rising from the dead, the point being that, for many Gentiles, the story of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection sounded like pure nonsense.

So how does Paul deal with the "stumbling block" and "foolishness"? Simply put, Paul tries to convince us that things are not what they appear. For Paul, what is a stumbling block for Jews or foolishness for Gentiles is actually the hidden *wisdom* of God. Returning to today's reading, Paul contends that ". . . *the wisdom of this world is foolishness in the eyes of God. . . .*", an argument which contends that reliance on rational thinking and "worldly wisdom" are impediments to faith in Christ crucified.

Paul's arguments are far-fetched and hard to defend, but the very fact that he had to resort to such arguments indicates the extent to which Christ crucified was a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles. That Christianity prevailed and survived in light of such "opposition" is, perhaps, best understood as evidence that the Holy Spirit is alive and well.

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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