

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 28: 4:15pm

Palm Sunday, March 29: 8:30 & 10am

EASTER TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday, April 2: 7:30pm

Good Friday, April 3: 12:15pm

Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil,

April 4: 8:00pm

Easter Sunday, April 5: 8:30 & 10:00am

LENTEN TALKS

SPEAKER: FR. JACK WELCH, O. CARM.

Carmelite Educator and Author

THE CHALLENGE OF AN INTERIOR LIFE

Wednesday, March 11

"DARK PRAYER"

Wednesday, March 18

We will begin our evening with Mass at 6:15pm, followed by a Soup Supper in the Parish Hall, with the talk following in Church

Wednesday, March 25

Soup Supper at 6:15

Taizé following in Church

Join the Circle of Light for supper and a service of prayer and song, based on the Taizé practice.

Please see the bulletin boards for more information about these events.

AAA 2015

The purpose of the Archdiocesan 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>

The easiest way is to use the 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 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES/CYO

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

WE WELCOME YOU TO ST. TERESA OF AVILA CATHOLIC CHURCH

SERVED BY THE CARMELITES

FEBRUARY 22, 2015

THE FIRST SUNDAY
IN LENT



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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 22 - Faith Formation, 9:00am
 Mon, Feb 23 - Choir Practice, 6:30pm
 Tue, Feb 24 - SVdP Sandwich Tuesday
 9:00am, Parish Kitchen
 - SVdP Grocery Distribution
 2:00pm, Sammon
 Sat, Feb 28 - AA Meeting, 7pm, Sammon
 Sun, Mar 1 - Faith Formation, 9:00am

Sign-up sheets are in the back of the church for Easter Ministers & Soup Suppers.

MASS INTENTIONS

As we celebrate Mass together we include in our prayers:

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

Tuesday, February 24

8:30am The Deceased of the Parish

Friday, February 27

8:30am The Sick of the Parish

Saturday, February 28

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

Sunday, March 1

8:30am The Sick of the Parish
 10:00am + John Warnock

SECOND COLLECTION

February 21 & 22

There is no second collection this weekend.

February 28 & March 1

The second collection benefits the St. Teresa Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

March 7 & 8

This second collection will benefit the St. Teresa Building & Maintenance Fund.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

FEBRUARY 15 & 16

\$1,747

THANK YOU!

CARMELITE MISSIONS

\$1,660

THANK YOU!

Ministers Schedule for Next Week February 28 & March 1

4:15 PM

Lector: T. Jackson
 Bread: J. Burns
 Cup: J. Daddio
 Hosp: L. Lechich

10:00 AM

1 Lector: D. Churton
 2 Lector: D.B. Bernstein
 1 Bread: J. Schelstrate
 2 Bread: A. Schelstrate
 3 Bread: J. Warnock

8:30 AM

Lector: P. Diaz
 Bread: R. Kingman
 Cup: J. Newman
 Hosp: T. Lando

1 Cup: C. Allen
 2 Cup: R. Labuguen
 Hosp: J. Warnock

INSTEAD OF GIVING UP SOMETHING FOR LENT . . .

I am a baby boomer, born in 1952. I started first grade in the fall of 1958 and graduated college in 1974, which locates my primary school years in the pre-Vatican II church and my high school/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 ever since those grade-school days I have 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, the point being that fasting, almsgiving, and similar acts of mortification and sacrifice should be done, not publically so as to evoke applause 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 the 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 recognized that what was even more unfortunate was that so many of our Lenten devotions were mistakenly regarded as ends in themselves rather than as means to an end. All too often we focused on 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 rationale for doing it in the first place. Therein lies the problem.

When we move beyond the superficial we recognize that the reason we fast or give alms or give up something for Lent is not because "we're supposed to do it"; rather, it's because we're trying to raise consciousness regarding deeper concerns. For example: on a personal level, we may focus on a particular shortcoming or limitation – such as a shortness of temper or quick rush to judgment – and whenever we hunger or crave chocolate we zero in, not on the object of our desire, but on the areas of concern we want to address. In this way, Lenten sacrifices challenge us to change, develop, and evolve into the type of person God visions us 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. What I would like to suggest is that instead of giving up something for Lent we focus on the environment, especially with respect to climate change and caring for God's creation. St. Teresa's Pastoral Council has endorsed such an approach, and in recent months have included bulletin inserts geared towards Earth Day (April 22) and the St. Francis Pledge. This week, we have a **Lent 2015 Caring for God's Creation Calendar**. Originating in the Archdiocese of Washington (DC), this calendar was updated for 2015 by the Diocese of Tucson, AZ. Although some of the references are for the Sonoran Desert, many of the daily topics and reflections are appropriate no matter where a person lives.

So, this Lent. . . instead of giving something up, 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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