

LENT

Ash Wednesday
12:15pm & 6:15pm Mass
(March 5)

Wednesdays in Lent
6:15pm Mass
(March 5, 12, 19, 26
April 2 & 9)

LENTEN VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Catholic Charities CYO is offering a variety of ways to strengthen our faith through acts of compassion during the six weeks of the Lenten season through volunteer acts of kindness. For example, St. Joseph's Family Center in San Francisco is looking for volunteers to cook brunch for families. We also need volunteers to help distribute food and prepare snacks for children at our 10th and Mission Support Service program. For a complete list of our upcoming Lenten volunteer opportunities, see the bulletin board or visit our website at www.cccyo.org/lent. Reserve your spot now! Contact Jane Ferguson Flout, jfergusonflout@cccyo.org or 415.972.1227, Thank you for partnering with us in serving others.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

February 15 & 16
\$1,167

THANK YOU!

SAVE THE DATE

Lenten Talks:
March 19th & 26th, 7:00pm
Praying with St. Teresa of Avila
by Fr. David Simpson, O. Carm

Anyone wishing to send prayers and get well wishes to Albert "Paki" Suisala may do so at:
Kaiser Permanente Medical Center
975 Sereno Dr, 3rd Floor
Vallejo, CA 94589

The Mass Intention book for 2014 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.

WE WELCOME YOU TO ST. TERESA OF AVILA CATHOLIC CHURCH

SERVED BY THE CARMELITES

FEBRUARY 23, 2014
SEVENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME



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OFFICE HOURS

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1:00pm to 4:30pm

Please visit our website:

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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.*

"You are my God, I give you thanks."

- Psalm 128:28

Archbishop's Annual Appeal 2014

Assessed Amount:	\$20,500
Amount Pledged:	\$ 6,915
Balance Remaining	\$13,585

We would like to thank everyone who have either given or pledged monies. The above figures do not reflect any donations made on-line. We will not receive an accounting of on-line donations until Mid-March at the earliest.

Last year we had AAA wrapped up by the end of March (including pledges to be paid over the year) — Let's do it again!

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

We are in need of some help counting the weekend collections. Our counters come in on Monday mornings for 1-2 hours. You could come regularly, once or twice per month, or even just the occasional fill-in when someone is ill or out-of-town.

Please call the Parish Office if you would like to help us with this most important task.

Parish Calendar

Sun, Feb 23 - No Religious Education
 Mon, Feb 24 - Choir Practice, 6:30pm
 Tue, Feb 25 - SVdP Sandwich Tuesday
 9:00am, Parish Kitchen
 - Grocery Distribution
 1:00pm, Sammon Hall
 Sat, Mar 1 - AA Meeting
 7:00pm, Sammon
 Sun, Mar 2 - Religious Education
 9:00am, Parish Hall

MASS INTENTIONS

As we celebrate Mass together
 we include in our prayers:

Saturday, Feb 22

4:15pm + Bill Duncan & Vera Grudzien
 Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

Sunday, Feb 23

8:30am + Donna Amis
 10:00am The People of the Parish

Tuesday, Feb 25

8:30am + Mary Morgan

Friday, Feb 28

8:30am Albert "Paki" Suisala

Saturday, Mar 1

4:15pm + Mary Morgan
 Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

Sunday, Mar 2

8:30am The People of the Parish
 10:00am + Vincent Cociolone

SECOND COLLECTION

February 22 & 23

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

March 1 & 2

The second collection next weekend benefits the St. Teresa Building & Maintenance Fund.

VOLUNTEER OFFICE ASSISTANT NEEDED

Catholic Charities CYO Athletics' program in San Francisco is seeking an ongoing volunteer office assistant to help with work, such as preparing mail, compiling packets, assembling bags, sorting, data entry, and light filing. Ideally, they need an assistant on Tuesday from 10am to 4pm, but the time can be flexible. If you are interested in this volunteer position, please contact Clint Womack at 415.972.1297 or cwomack@cccyo.org.

Ministers Schedule for Next Week March 1 & 2

4:15 PM	10:00 AM
Lector: R. O'Connor	1 Lector: J. Alber
Bread: J. Burns	2 Lector: M. Schelstrate
Cup: E. Perea	1 Bread: J. Schelstrate
Hosp: M. Comaich	2 Bread: D. Tejada
	3 Bread: K. Schelstrate
8:30 AM	1 Cup: C. Allen
Lector: G. Foss	2 Cup: S. Miller
Bread: J. Newman	Hosp: K. Varandas
Cup: L. Foss	B. Cassidy
Hosp: T. Lando	

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT AND THE VALUES OF JESUS

Within our lifetime, we have seen the introduction of new terminology into the lexicon of our political discourse. Politicians often interchangeably speak of "family values", "biblical values", and "Christian values", and the assumption is made that voters intuitively know what these politicians are talking about. My observation is that rarely have either politicians or voters articulated exactly what these values are, nor have they critically examined the Scriptures to determine where these values are rooted. So in this week's column I'd like to suggest that the primary source of "Christian values" is found in the Gospel of Matthew. But be warned in advance: I doubt that many politicians would agree with my opinion!

In the "A" Cycle of readings, the Fourth through Seventh Sundays in Ordinary Time are devoted to the Gospel of Matthew, Chapter 5. This section – known as the *Sermon on the Mount* – contains not only the Beatitudes, but also specific teachings which immediately follow Jesus' most famous sermon. When viewed as a whole, this section – which extends through Mt 7:29 – provides an excellent overview and summary of Jesus' teaching and message. In other words, the "values" of Jesus are found in the *Sermon on the Mount*

The first thing to note is that Jesus' tone in the *Sermon* differs from the tone of Moses in the Ten Commandments. Whereas the Decalogue tells us what *not* to do (e.g., do not steal, do not commit adultery), the *Sermon on the Mount* tells us what we *should* do ("If anyone wants to go to law with you over your tunic, hand him your cloak as well."). Earlier, in the *Beatitudes*, Jesus urges us to be meek, poor in spirit, merciful, and clean of heart, and he challenges us to be peacemakers, "for they will be called children of God". Jesus also tells us that when we "hunger and thirst for righteousness, . . . (we) will be satisfied." Somehow, I don't think that politicians, when speaking about "Christian values", are referring to the *Sermon on the Mount*!

What I do find curious is that many of those who cite "biblical values" frequently draw, not from the teachings of Jesus, but from the Old Testament. Ironically, the most obvious example of this practice is alluded to in this Sunday's Gospel, and it deals with an Old Testament reference to the Book of Leviticus. Lv 24:20 establishes, as law, "an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth", a passage which, today, is often cited in defense of punitive judicial systems, especially those which include the death penalty/capital punishment.

What those who quote Leviticus fail to do is cite Jesus' response: "But I say to you, . . . turn the other cheek . . . Love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you." (Mt 5:38b, 39b, 44). Essentially, the pattern we find in Matthew's gospel is this: Jesus refers to an Old Testament law, principle or practice ("You have heard it said that . . ."). He then elaborates and/or changes the belief to incorporate a new teaching or understanding ("But I say unto you . . ."). In many cases this new interpretation not only departs from the Jewish Scriptures and practice; it also offers a radical departure from ethical practices of his day: "For if you love those who love you, what recompense will you have? Do not the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet your brothers only, what is unusual about that? Do not the pagans do the same?" (Mt 5: 46-47)

Reading through the *Sermon on the Mount* will give you a pretty good idea of what is meant by "Christian Values." And I believe that most politicians would be surprised by what they'd find.

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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