

### Operation New Socks for the Homeless



Warm their hearts by warming their feet!

### UPDATE—FINAL TALLY

We collected a grand total of **1,823** pairs of socks during the month of January!! A huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who contributed to our success.

Due to your generosity, there will be a lot of warm, dry feet for those served by The Lantern Center, Martin de Porres and The Catholic Worker Hospitality House.

### ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL 2018

By giving to the Annual Appeal today, you are responding to God's call to discipleship by supporting His work in our Archdiocese. Your gift has a two-fold effect: Your commitment to the works of Archdiocesan services and ministries is acted upon. Also, your gift assists our parish in meeting our responsibility to contribute **\$28,224** to the Appeal. Any overage is returned to the parish for the Garden and/or Music Fund.

Thank you for your prayerful and generous response.

To donate on-line:

[www.sfarch.org/aaa](http://www.sfarch.org/aaa)



The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, February 5th & Tuesday, February 6th as our Parish Secretary enjoys a few vacation days

### 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](mailto:volunteer@CatholicCharitiesSF.org)

Donate at:

[CatholicCharitiesSF.org/donate](http://CatholicCharitiesSF.org/donate)

### GARDEN FUND

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

Try adding more colors to your plate by adding in season, local vegetables! Roast, grill, steam, or boil winter veggies such as asparagus, parsnips, broccoli, taro root, beets, and pea shoots to bring a rainbow to your plate.

To join in on the monthly Virtual Meeting next Tuesday, February 6 at 6:00pm:

**PHONE: 641-715-3580**  
**ACCESS CODE: 738182#**

## We Welcome You To St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church

Served by the Carmelites

### FEBRUARY 4, 2018 FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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1:00pm to 4:30pm

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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.

#### 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:

- 4:15pm **Saturday, February 3**  
 † Jim Allio  
 Henry Morgan, Jr. (Spec. Int.)
- 8:30am **Sunday, February 4**  
 † Alberto Salvi  
 10:00am The People of the Parish
- 8:30am **Tuesday, February 6**  
 The Sick of the Parish
- 8:30am **Friday, February 9**  
 The Deceased of the Parish
- 4:15pm **Saturday, February 10**  
 † Kathleen Groepper  
 † William J. Burns  
 Henry Morgan, Jr. (Spec. Int.)
- 8:30am **Sunday, February 11**  
 10:00am The People of the Parish  
 † Dan Sullivan

### SECOND COLLECTIONS

#### February 3 & 4

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

#### February 10 & 11

Next week's second collection will benefit the missionary work done by Carmelites in many parts of the underdeveloped world.

**The Mass Intention book for 2018** has dates available. If there are special dates on which you would like to dedicate a Mass to a loved one, please contact Stephani in the Parish Office.

**Please check the bulletin boards** in the church vestibule and Parish Hall for upcoming events or special notices from the Archdiocese.

### Parish Calendar

- Sun, Feb 4 - Faith Formation, 9:00am, Hall
- Mon, Feb 5 - AA Step Meeting, 6:30pm, Hall  
 - Choir Practice, 6:30pm, Church
- Tue, Feb 6 - SVdP Meeting, 9:00am, Hall  
 - SVdP Grocery Distribution  
 1:00pm, Hall  
 - Green Team Virtual Meeting  
 6:00pm, see back page  
 - Young Adults Meeting  
 7:00pm, Priory
- Sat, Feb 10 - AA Meeting, 7pm, Avila
- Sun, Feb 11 - Faith Formation, 9:00am, Hall

### Ministers Schedule for Next Week February 10 & 11

	<b>4:15 PM</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>
Lector:	R.M Ostler	1 Lector: V. Flores
Bread:	J. Burns	2 Lector: R. Pitts
Cup:	J. Daddio	1 Bread: S. Miller
Hosp:	R. Jones	2 Bread: K. McMahan
		3 Bread: Volunteer
		1 Cup: J. Schelstrate
<b>8:30 AM</b>		2 Cup: J. Warnock
Lector:	Sr. Lucia	Hosp: J. Warnock
Bread:	D. Paquette	
Cup:	S. Siebel	
Hosp:	T. Lando	

### THE CURE OF SIMON PETER'S MOTHER-IN-LAW

When I was growing up, I was amazed at the number of gospel stories that dealt with miracles. It seemed that – in the world of Jesus – miracles were ordinary, everyday events that happened all the time. For example, this week's Gospel narrative begins with the curing of Simon Peter's mother-in-law, which is almost casually followed by accounts that mention both curing the sick and casting out demons. With today's Gospel as a backdrop, I'd like to use this week's column to talk about miracles in the first-century world of Jesus.

As a starting point, how many of us know someone:

- who has a speech impediment?
- who stutters?
- who has had a seizure?
- who suffers from dementia or Alzheimer's?
- who suffers from mental illness, such as depression or bipolar disorder?

Conditions such as these – which are relatively common – were, in the world of Jesus, regarded as signs of sickness and/or demonic possession. Medicine was decidedly primitive, and little was understood about disease, let alone its underlying physiological or psychological causes. In such a world, evil spirits were often blamed for disease, and – more often than not – a cure involved prayer and exorcism rather than medicine and drugs. Such is the world in which the miracles of Jesus took place.

Returning to today's Gospel, we find Simon Peter's mother-in-law sick with fever. The evangelist Mark tells us that when Jesus approached her, grasped her hand, and helped her up, "the fever left her and she waited on them."

Realistically, being sick with a fever is not a big deal. Most of us have experienced this condition, and it's not unusual that a fever can develop quickly and dissipate almost as fast. In this regard, the fever experienced by Simon's mother-in-law might be something as simple as a 24-hour flu. Nevertheless, the presence and intervention of Jesus was *interpreted* as a miracle. Apparently, Jesus already enjoyed a reputation as a miracle worker and healer, and when he "cured" Simon's mother-in-law, word must have spread quickly since, after sunset, "... they brought him all who were ill and possessed by demons." The story concludes with Jesus curing many who were sick with various diseases, driving out many demons as well.

Mark does not go into detail about either the "various diseases" or "many demons", so it's not possible to speculate how "miraculous" these cures or exorcisms might have been. As 21<sup>st</sup> century readers of today's Gospel, we might want to know how sick some people were or how severely others were possessed. However, the nature of the various diseases and the degree of others' demonic possession are not issues for the evangelist. Instead, Mark's focus is, ultimately, on people's faith. The actions of Jesus were interpreted as manifestations of the divine presence, and Jesus' cure of the sick – even if it may merely have been only to comfort those in distress – were interpreted to mean that this person, Jesus of Nazareth, had been chosen and singled out by God.

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: \_\_\_\_\_

- New Parishioner       New Address       New Phone  
 Send Sunday envelopes       Send Monthly Donor Form       Moving—remove from mailing list