

ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL 2017

We will kick off the Appeal next weekend, January 21 & 22. Our assessment this year is \$27,791. If 100 of our registered parishioners/families contributed \$278, we would meet our goal. Remember, any monies received over the assessment are returned to the parish!

Fr. Greenwell says "Bring your checkbook"



WEEKEND COLLECTION
JANUARY 7 & 8
\$1,804
THANK YOU!

Walk for Life West Coast

Mark your calendars: the 13th Annual *Walk for Life West Coast*, the largest annual gathering of Catholics in the Bay Area, will be on January 21, 2017 at Civic Center Plaza, beginning at 12:30pm. This is the second-largest pro-life event in America, and last year 50,000+ attended!

For a list of speakers and to learn more:
www.walkforlifewc.com

ST TERESA'S GREEN TEAM

Is getting healthier part of your New Year's Resolution? Add some sustainability to your physical fitness plan, too! Instead of heading to the gym to use exercise equipment that will increase your energy consumption, opt to run outside instead. Especially with all of the SF hills, you are sure to get a good workout! Can't skip the gym? Consider car-pooling- not only will you cut back on your travel emissions, but you will have a buddy to help encourage you to keep up healthy habits. And say no to one-time use plastic water bottles!



UPDATE

We are well on our way to meeting our goal with the collection of **493** pairs of socks as of Friday, January 13!

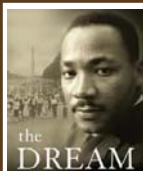
Throughout the remainder of January, there will be baskets throughout the church and hall awaiting your donations of **new, white athletic socks**. Remember, you can order socks on-line and have them directly shipped to St. Teresa's @ 390 Missouri St, SF, CA 94107

With the promise of more rain this winter, a pair of new socks can make a huge impact on the lives of those without resources.

Won't you please help us meet or exceed our goal of 2,000 pairs before the end of January?

The **DONATION ENVELOPES** for those already enrolled in this program are available for pick-up in the back of the church. There are also envelopes for those who recently registered to receive envelopes.

Contact the Parish Office if you would like envelopes.



The Parish Office will be closed
Monday, January 16th
in observation of
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

POINSETTIAS

Thank you to our anonymous donor for all the beautiful plants. Parishioners are invited to take home one (or more) of these plants.

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



JANUARY 15, 2017 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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OFFICE HOURS

10:00am to 12:30pm
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.

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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, January 14**
† William J. Burns
Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

8:30am **Sunday, January 15**
The People of the Parish
10:00am † Patty Griffin & Dan Sullivan

8:30am **Tuesday, January 17**
† Eloisa Perea

8:30am **Friday, January 20**
The Sick of the Parish

4:15pm **Saturday, January 21**
† Jeanette Cimino
Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

8:30am **Sunday, January 22**
† Joyce Huddleston
10:00am The People of the Parish

Parish Calendar

Sun, Jan 15 - Faith Formation, 9:00am, Hall
Mon, Jan 16 - Choir Practice, 6:30pm
- AA Step Meeting, 6:30pm
Tue, Jan 17 - SVdP Sandwich Tuesday
9:00am, Parish Kitchen
- SVdP Grocery Distribution
1:00pm, Hall
Sat, Jan 21 - AA Meeting, 7pm, Avila
Sun, Jan 22 - Faith Formation, 9:00am, Hall

SECOND COLLECTIONS

January 14 & 15

There will be no second collection this weekend.

January 21 & 22

There second collection next weekend will benefit St. Patrick's Seminary in Menlo Park. St. Patrick's relies primarily on the generosity of parishioners to cover the costs of the education, training, and formation of Diocesan Priests.

YEAREND TAX REPORTING

Letters acknowledging donations for 2016 will be sent out during the month of January to all Envelope & Monthly donors who contributed more than \$200. If you donated by checks in the basket and would like a tax letter, please email Stephani.

Ministers Schedule for Next Week January 21 & 22

4:15 PM	10:00 AM
Lector: A. Rose	1 Lector: B. Doyle
Bread: F. Patt	2 Lector: L. Jacklevich
Cup: B. Noelke	1 Bread: S. Miller
Hosp: L. Lechich	2 Bread: K. Schelstrate
	3 Bread: M. Suisala
8:30 AM	1 Cup: C. Allen
Lector: K. Causey	2 Cup: R. Labuguen
Bread: P. English	Hosp: J. Warnock
Cup: R. Kingman	
Hosp: T. Lando	

THE COMPLEX IMAGE OF THE " LAMB OF GOD"

"Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" (Jn 1:29)

This passage, taken from today's Gospel, is certainly most familiar to Catholic Christians, since we say it at every Mass immediately before the distribution of communion. And yet, the image of Jesus as *Lamb of God* is one of the most complex and nuanced titles given to Jesus in the New Testament. In today's column I'd like to trace the history and development of this title.

There are three Old Testament sources that contribute to the *Lamb of God* image. The first is from the Book of Exodus (the *Passover Lamb*), the second from the prophet Isaiah (the *Suffering Servant*), and the third from Jewish apocalyptic literature (the *Conquering Lamb*).

We are most familiar with the first image from Exodus. At the first Passover, an unblemished lamb was sacrificed, its flesh was roasted and eaten, and the blood of the lamb was sprinkled on the doorpost so that the avenging angel "passed over" the house and did not destroy the first born. Essentially, the Passover story explains how a household was saved "by the blood of the lamb" and, at some point in the Christian tradition, a connection was made between Jesus and the Passover Lamb. Just as the Hebrews in Egypt were saved by the blood of the lamb, Christians link their salvation to Jesus' spilling his blood on Calvary.

The second image is taken from Prophet Isaiah in a section where the Prophet describes the *Suffering Servant*:

"Though he was harshly treated, he submitted and opened not his mouth, like a lamb led to the slaughter or a sheep before the shearers, he was silent and opened not his mouth." (Is 53:7)

This passage is included in the First Reading on Good Friday, and it describes how the servant "gives his life as an offering for sin." Christians linked Jesus to Isaiah's *Suffering Servant*.

The third image comes from Jewish apocalyptic literature in which a *Conquering Lamb* comes at the end of time to destroy evil and sinfulness. This image is alluded to in the Christian Book of Revelation where we read:

"They will fight with the Lamb, but the Lamb will conquer them, for he is Lord of lords and king of kings, and those with him are called, chosen, and faithful." (Rev 17:14)

Two things stand out about today's Gospel passage. First, it is important to note that this is the first time in the scriptures that Jesus is addressed as the *Lamb of God*. This, in itself, is not remarkable . . . until one considers the second point: the Gospel of John is the last of the four canonical Gospels, written between 90-110 AD. In other words, the first written record of Jesus being called *Lamb of God* does not appear until at least 60 years after his death!

This 60-year gap tells us that the image of *Lamb of God* is complicated and nuanced. It tells us that the connection between Jesus and the Old Testament lamb imagery was not immediately apparent to the first followers of Jesus. It was not until long after his death and resurrection that the early community reflected on the person of Christ and began to make connections between Jesus and the Lamb.

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 |