



Please join us as we
Celebrate the Eucharist
in honor of
Independence Day
Wednesday, July 4th
at 9:00am

Welcome to all Parishioners, guests and newcomers at St. Teresa's. You are always warmly welcome, but the first Saturday and Sunday of each month we make a special point of spending time to get to know one another. If you have not already done so, please take a moment to make a name badge in the vestibule. If you are here early and reading your bulletin, please say hello to someone sitting close by, particularly if you have not met before. Join us after the 8:30 and 10am Mass on Sunday for refreshments and fellowship in our Parish Hall.



Please join us as we
Celebrate the Eucharist
in honor of
The Feast of Our Lady
of Mount Carmel
Monday,
July 16th
at 6:15pm

Our Parish Secretary is taking a few vacation days next week and the Parish Office will be closed:

Wednesday, July 4th
Thursday, July 5th
Friday, July 6th



Thanks to generous donations, seven of our stained glass windows have been restored since the autumn.

We have recently received additional donations, that, when combined with previous monies received, enabled us to send two windows out for restoration.

Please consider making a donation to assist with this very special project.

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

WE WELCOME YOU TO ST. TERESA OF AVILA CATHOLIC CHURCH

SERVED BY THE CARMELITES

JULY 1, 2012
THIRTEENTH 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

Please visit our website:
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

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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, July 1 -
Tue, July 3 - No SVdP Grocery Distribution
Wed, July 4 - Independence Day
Parish Office Closed
Thur, July 5 - Parish Office Closed
Fri, July 6 - Parish Office Closed
Sat, July 7 - AA Meeting
7:00pm, Avila Hall

The Liturgical Minister's schedules were emailed on Friday, June 29. There are copies available in the Sacristy. Remember, the schedule is also available on our website.

MASS INTENTIONS

As we celebrate Mass together we include in our prayers:

Saturday, June 30

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

Sunday, July 1

8:30am The Sick of the Parish
10:00am The People of the Parish

Tuesday, July 3

8:30am + Frances M. Cheney

Wednesday, July 4

9:00am + Members of the Military who died in our nation's service

Friday, July 6

8:30am Stained Glass Fund Donors

Saturday, July 7

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

Sunday, July 8

8:30am The Sick of the Parish
10:00am The People of the Parish

SECOND COLLECTION

June 30 & July 1

This week our second collection benefits the St. Teresa Building & Maintenance Fund.

July 7 & 8

There will be no second collection next weekend.

PASSINGS

We extend our sympathy and prayerful support to the families of:

Joseph (Giuli) Ferrando, a long-time Potrero Hill resident, who died Thursday, June 28. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Teresa's on Tuesday, July 3 at 10:00am.

And, Luis Megid, father/-in-law of former parishioners Luis Megid & Ana Padula. A Memorial Mass will be held at St. Teresa's on Tuesday, July 3 at 6:00pm.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

June 23 & 24

\$1,223

Ministers Schedule for Next Week July 7 & 8

4:15

Lector: A. Rose
Bread: E. Perea
Cup: B. Noelke
Hosp: A. Allio
J. Allio

10:00 AM

1 Lector: D.B. Bernstein
2 Lector: E. Koh
1 Bread: S. Miller
2 Bread: A. Schelstrate
3 Bread: M. Schelstrate

8:30 AM

Lector: G. Foss
Bread: L. Foss
Cup: Volunteer
Hosp: J. Propster

1 Cup: C. Allen
2 Cup: J. Schelstrate
Hosp: B. Cassidy

THE THEOLOGICAL PROBLEM OF DEATH

"God did not make death, nor does he rejoice in the destruction of the living. For he fashioned all things that they might have being, and the creatures of the world are wholesome"
- *Wisdom 1:13-14a*

The above passage from the book of Wisdom is the opening verse from today's first reading. It speaks to the question of death, a question that has always been problematic for Christians and Jews because we also affirm that God, the creator of everything, created everything "good".

In terms of chronology, the Book of Wisdom is one of the last books of the Hebrew Scriptures. It was written, perhaps, within the century prior to Jesus' birth, and as such it displays a profound degree of theological sophistication. In wrestling with the issue of death, the Wisdom writers – drawing upon the creation story in Genesis – echo the theme that all of God's creation is good. This includes the human race, ". . . for God formed man to be imperishable, the image of his own nature he made him." (Wisdom 2:23)

If God created everything good, where does death fit in? A primitive explanation blames God for suffering and death, perhaps as a vindictive punishment for the transgression of Adam and Eve. In this view, God – who is credited with creating everything – is also held responsible for all the misfortunes which plague the human race.

The Wisdom writers reject this approach when they write, "By the envy of the devil, death entered the world". (Wisdom 2:24a) This represents a nuanced understanding in which suffering and death are the consequences of Adam's sin, not the punishment of an angry and vengeful God. Sin caused the world to become broken and fractured, and this "sinful condition" will remain until the end of time when the "original justice" will be restored.

It is no coincidence that Jesus' act of redemption involved suffering and death. Through his passion and death Jesus confronted the consequences of sin, and in the Resurrection we witness the triumph of God. God, not Satan, has the last word, and when the Scriptures speak of Christ as the "first fruits" they hold out the promise that we, too, will triumph over suffering and death.

Today's Gospel, taken from the fifth chapter of Mark, contains two miracle stories that illustrate this triumph over suffering and death. Jesus brings the daughter of Jarius back from the dead, a story sandwiched around a second miracle story in which Jesus cures a woman who has suffered from a hemorrhage for twelve years. In these stories God is not held responsible, either for the death of the little girl or for the suffering of the woman with the hemorrhage. Instead, these stories emphasize the healing power of God. At the end of time – when God's kingdom comes – every tear will be wiped away, suffering and death will disappear, and the goodness of God will triumph over the presence of evil.

Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm.