

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

We are in need of volunteers to serve as Liturgical Ministers. Please consider signing up to serve during Mass for this most fulfilling service. Sign-up sheets are in the back of the church.

Eucharistic Ministers are divided into Cup and Bread Ministers. You can volunteer for either or both.

Commitment:

- Bread Minister #1 arrives about 20 minutes ahead of Mass
- All other ministers report to Bread Minister #1 before Mass
- Greet the assembly as they leave Mass
- Help put away the cups, bowls etc.
- Find your replacement if you will not be at your assigned Mass

Ministers of the Word

Commitment:

- Work with a current Minister to learn St. Teresa's procedures
- Proclaim the Word and read the Prayers of the Faithful at your assigned Mass
- Find your replacement if you will not be at your assigned Mass

Hospitality Ministers Greet the assembly at the front doors of the Church.

Commitment:

- Arrive about 20 minutes ahead of Mass
- Compile the material to be distributed at the door
- Greet the assembly warmly
- Find your replacement if you will not be at your assigned Mass

Usher Ministers take up the collection and assist in "crowd" control at special liturgies such as Easter Sunday.

Commitment

- Take up the collection
- Arrive early for special liturgies as requested

Ministers are assigned to serve at the Mass they generally attend. Provided we have sufficient ministers, you are assigned to serve 1 to 3 times a month. The schedule is prepared by Mary Katherine Law and covers a two month period. It is emailed to all Ministers and posted on our website.

GARDEN FUND

We have begun the process of designing the garden space. 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!

OUR LADY



OF MT. CARMEL

Please join us as we Celebrate the Eucharist in honor of The Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Thursday,
July 16th
at 8:30am

WE WELCOME YOU TO ST. TERESA OF AVILA CATHOLIC CHURCH

SERVED BY THE CARMELITES

**JULY 12, 2015
FIFTEENTH 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
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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.

Parish Calendar

Sun, Jul 12 -
 Mon, Jul 13 - Choir Practice, 6:30
 - AA Meeting, 6:30pm, Avila
 Tue, Jul 14 - SVdP Grocery Distribution
 1:00pm, Church Hall
 Thur, Jul 16 - Mass, 8:30am
 Sat, Jul 18 - AA Meeting, 7pm, Church Hall

MASS INTENTIONS

*As we celebrate Mass together
 we include in our prayers:*

Saturday, July 11

4:15pm + Gregory Lewis &
 Bob Rose (Spec. Int.)
 Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

Sunday, July 12

8:30am The People of the Parish
 10:00am + Vincent Cocciolone &
 Cesarina Pilari

Tuesday, July 14

8:30am + Mike Comaich

Thursday, July 16

8:30am The Sick of the Parish

Friday, July 17

8:30am + Gregory Lewis &
 Bob Rose (Spec. Int.)

Saturday, July 18

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

Sunday, July 19

8:30am The People of the Parish
 10:00am + Verna Krile

SECOND COLLECTIONS

July 11 & 12

This week there will be no second collection.

July 18 & 19

Next week there will be no second collection.

MONTHLY DONORS & SECOND COLLECTIONS — June

First Collection (Monthly Donors)	\$3,067
Building & Maintenance	\$2,525
Peter's Pence	\$ 972
St. Vincent de Paul	\$2,136

WEEKEND FIRST COLLECTION

JULY 4 & 5

\$1,403

THANK YOU!

Ministers Schedule for Next Week July 18 & 19

4:15 PM		10:00 AM	
Lector: A. Rose		1 Lector: M. Schelstrate	
Bread: Volunteer		2 Lector: D. Churton	
Cup: J. Daddio		1 Bread: R. Labuguen	
Hosp: L. Lechich		2 Bread: S. Miller	
		3 Bread: Volunteer	
8:30 AM		1 Cup: C. Allen	
Lector: K. Causey		2 Cup: J. Schelstrate	
Bread: R. Kingman		Hosp: K. Varandas	
Cup: J. Newman		L. Mastrangelo	
Hosp: T. Lando			

AMOS: A SHEPHERD AND A DRESSER OF SYCAMORES

In four concise sentences, today's first reading – taken from the prophet Amos – encapsulates what it means to be an Old Testament Prophet, and in this week's column I'd like to use each sentence as a "starting point" to explore the dimensions of Old Testament prophecy.

Amaziah (priest of Bethel) said to Amos, "Off with you, visionary, flee to the land of Judah!"

There are two things to note about this sentence. First, the land of Judah is mentioned. Historically, this is important, because by the time that the eighth-century prophets (like Amos) appear, the Kingdom had divided into two: Israel to the North (which included the Sea of Galilee and Nazareth) and Judah to the South (which contained Jerusalem and Bethlehem). Israel and Judah each had its own king, and prophets appeared in both the Northern and Southern Kingdoms. In this sentence we note that it is one of the temple priests – Amaziah – who gives the command to banish Amos to Judah.

"There earn your bread by prophesying, but never again prophesy in Bethel; for it is the king's sanctuary and a royal temple."

In this second sentence, we note that Amos is banished because, apparently, he has spoken against the king. This sentence speaks of Bethel as both the king's sanctuary and a royal temple, and we can conclude that there appears to be an alliance between the political and religious domains. The Old Testament Prophets are not a part of this alliance, as they are critical of both the political and religious institutions of their day. This aspect of prophecy should give us new insight into the ministry of Jesus, who identifies with the prophetic tradition. Like the prophets before him, Jesus is critical of both the religious and political institutions of his day, and like the prophets before him, he, too gets into trouble when he challenges and confronts those institutions.

Amos answered Amaziah, "I was no prophet, nor have I belonged to a company of prophets; I was a shepherd and a dresser of sycamores."

This is a key sentence because it illustrates the *reluctance* of an individual to becoming a prophet. If we examine the prophetic "calls" in the Hebrew Scriptures, virtually every individual tries to *avoid* being a prophet at all costs. In today's reading, Amos wants to remain a "shepherd and dresser of sycamores", and Jeremiah, for example, claims to be "too young" to be a prophet. This pattern is so prevalent that not wanting to be a prophet should almost be regarded as a sign that the prophetic call is legitimate. Conversely, anyone who claims to be a prophet because he was "called" by God should be treated with suspicion.

The Lord took me from following the flock, and said to me, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."

The focus in the final sentence is on the *people* Israel. In the eyes of God, the nation includes *all* the people, not just the religious and political leaders. The prophets challenge the religious and political leaders because – as people with power – they are able to utilize their resources for the benefit the entire nation. Usually, the prophetic challenge is met with resistance, and for this reason prophets such as Amos are banished. Again, notice how Jesus follows this prophetic tradition: he identifies with "tax collectors, prostitutes, and sinners" and challenges those in authority to recognize that these margined groups are also a part of God's chosen people.

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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