

OUR LADY



OF MT. CARMEL

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

Some of our parishioners are unable to attend Mass because they need a ride and their usual provider is unavailable. We would like to have a list of people able to drive parishioners to Mass on weekends, particularly on Saturdays. Please call the Parish Office to volunteer.

Saint Anthony-Immaculate Conception School is a K-8 Catholic elementary school, located at 299 Precita Ave. in the Bernal Heights/Mission District. They are currently accepting applications for the 2014-15 school year. If you would like more information or a tour of the school, please call 648-2008. Barbara Moodie is the principal and would be happy to speak with you.

MONTHLY DONORS & SECOND COLLECTIONS — JUNE

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| First Collection (Monthly Donors) | \$3,882 |
| Building & Maintenance | \$1,829 |
| Missionary Cooperative | \$1,346 |
| Peter's Pence | \$ 831 |
| St. Vincent de Paul | \$2,674 |

Please check the bulletin boards in the vestibule and parish hall for notices about upcoming events or special notices.

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, July 26,
11am – 1pm

The American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine (ACTCM), located in our former school building at 450 Connecticut, has issued an invitation to all parishioners of St. Teresa's to tour their herb garden, and attend a talk on the various uses of these plants. The tour and talk will be followed by Herb refreshments and snacks.

N.E.R.T. (NEIGHBORHOOD EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM) TRAINING AT ST. TERESA'S

The San Francisco Fire Department will be offering FREE Disaster Preparedness Training in our Parish Hall on Wednesday evenings July 16, 23, 30, August 6, 13, and 20. Everyone is welcome to attend, but you must register. Please see the flyers in the Church Vestibule or Parish Hall for more information about this wonderful program.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

July 5 & 6

\$1,416

THANK YOU!



STAINED GLASS WINDOW RESTORATION

Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners, restoration has been completed on 13 windows, leaving only 4 left to go! We would like to have 2 of these windows restored before the end of November, but to do so we need to raise \$18,000. If you were not able to make a donation to the AAA drive this year, please consider donating to this most worthy cause!

WE WELCOME YOU TO ST. TERESA OF AVILA CATHOLIC CHURCH

SERVED BY THE CARMELITES

JULY 13, 2014
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME



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LOCATED ON THE NE CORNER OF 19TH & CONNECTICUT STREETS

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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.

Parish Calendar

Sun, Jul 13 -
 Mon, Jul 14 -
 Tue, Jul 15 - SVdP Sandwich Tuesday
 9:0am, Parish Kitchen
 - Grocery Distribution
 1:00pm, Sammon
 Sat, Jul 19 - AA Meeting, 7pm, Sammon
 Sun, Jul 20 -

Are you looking for a way to be of service to your parish? Consider joining the Pastoral Council! The purpose of the Council is to consult, advise, and propose policy to the Pastor regarding the various programs, operations and activities of our parish. Please see the flyer in the vestibule for more information.

Ministers Schedule for Next Week July 19 & 20

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| 4:15 PM | 10:00 AM |
| Lector: T. Jackson | 1 Lector: K. Schelstrate |
| Bread: J. Burns | 2 Lector: L. Jacklevich |
| Cup: A. Rose | 1 Bread: C. Arett |
| Hosp: M. Comaich | 2 Bread: M. Schelstrate |
| | 3 Bread: D. Tejada |
| 8:30 AM | 1 Cup: C. Allen |
| Lector: J. Propster | 2 Cup: S. Miller |
| Bread: D. Paquette | Hosp: K. Varandas |
| Cup: J. Newman | B. Cassidy |
| Hosp: T. Lando | L. Mastrangelo |

SECOND COLLECTION

July 12 & 13
 There will be no second collection this week.
July 19 & 20
 There will be no second collection next week.

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Saturday, July 12
 4:15pm + Gilbert Perea
 Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

Sunday, July 13
 8:30am The People of the Parish
 10:00am + Gertrude Lech

Tuesday, July 15
 8:30am + Ned Norris

Wednesday, July 16
 6:15pm Those suffering from the violence
 in the Middle East

Friday, July 18
 8:30am + William Lonergain

Saturday, July 19
 4:15pm + Mary A. Burns
 Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

Sunday, July 20
 8:30am + Ray Cooke
 The People of the Parish
 10:00am + Vincent Cocciolone &
 Cesarina Pilari

THIS SUNDAY'S GOSPEL: THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER & THE SEED

Let me tell you something about today's Gospel that you won't find in Matthew's text. When Jesus finished telling the *Parable of the Sower & the Seed*, some of the crowd probably walked away, shaking their heads in disbelief and mumbling under their breath, "Obviously, this Jesus of Nazareth is a carpenter's son, because he certainly doesn't know beans about farming!" Looking at this parable some 2000-years later, it would seem that any modern day analysis or interpretation should take into account the crowd's reaction to the words of Jesus.

Our initial analysis might suggest that the crowd is reacting to the (apparently) bizarre farming methods of first-century Palestine. However, this is not the case because, in Jesus' day, farmers did, in fact, haphazardly scatter seeds: some landed on the footpath where it was quickly eaten by birds; some landed on rocky ground where the plant could not put down deep roots; and some fell on thorns (weeds) which grew up and choked it. So – for the original hearers of the parable – Matthew's description would not have caused anyone to bat an eye. What was it, then, about the parable that caused the crowd to murmur?

Notice that it was not until Jesus described what happened to seed that fell on good soil that the crowd became aroused. When Jesus claimed that such seed yielded "a hundred- or sixty- or thirty-fold", the crowd began to question Jesus' knowledge about farming. What was it in Jesus' words that got such a rise out of the crowd?

The answer to this question is that, in years of a bountiful harvest, "thirty-fold" would be considered a remarkable yield. But sixty- or a hundred fold? That just didn't happen. Sixty- or a hundred-fold describes a harvest that had never yet been seen, a harvest so abundant that, for all intents and purposes, was impossible. In this light, the parable takes on an extraordinary interpretation: when the Word of God takes root, the results will be beyond all imagination or comprehension.

Most of us, I think, interpret the parable by asking the question, "What type of seed am I?" This type of allegorical interpretation focuses on the obstacles that stand in the way of being a faithful disciple, such as the (sometimes) shallow roots of our faith or the temptations of the world (the weeds) which choke us. When we focus on those things that get in the way of God's word, we miss the true point of the parable: that when the Word of God does take root, extraordinary things happen.

This interpretation gives us an insight as to how parables work. Parables contain an unexpected shock, surprise, or twist that "is not what we expect at the end of the story." In this week's parable, the shock or surprise is what happens when the seed takes root in good soil. The harvest is beyond our wildest dreams or imagination . . . which is what Jesus is trying to tell us about the Kingdom of 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: _____

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 Send Sunday envelopes Send Monthly Donor Form Moving—remove from mailing list