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We are in the process of making preparations for the upcoming Religious Education programs.

Letters/emails will be sent out to parents of students enrolled in the programs last year. For families new to our programs, forms are available in the vestibule.

We encourage all parents to register early. Please note the parish expectation that parents and guardians participate in our Sunday Eucharistic celebrations as they are able and attend a number of our class sessions. The parents are the primary teachers and we are your helpers.

GARDEN & PIANO FUNDS

We have resumed 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!

We are also collecting donations to help recoup the cost of our new piano.

The **St. Vincent de Paul Conference of St. Teresa's** is looking for a few parishioners who are able to donate 2 hours per month to help distribute ready packed bags of food to our neighbors in need. The bags are distributed on Tuesday afternoons from 1—3 PM.

If you would like to volunteer, or desire more information, please contact Epic Perea, 415.282.5482 or Mike Walters, 415.282.2580



In observance of Independence Day, the Parish Office will be closed Tuesday, July 4th

(We will be open on Monday, July 3rd)

WEEKEND COLLECTION

(Envelope Donors & Loose Cash)

JUNE 24 & 25

\$1,431

THANK YOU!

PASSINGS

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

Daniel Ornelas, husband of Barbara, parishioner and former Potrero Hill resident. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Teresa's on Friday, June 30.

ST TERESA'S GREEN TEAM

In the United States around 25% of food is wasted at home. Do you have extra veggies from your garden harvest this summer? Or ripe produce from the farmer's market that you won't be able to eat before it goes bad? Consider preserving the food by pickling or canning. Canning extends shelf life and locks in nutrients without using chemical preservatives or sealing the food in plastic, which can degrade and release toxins into your food. Properly canned food is shelf-stable for up to a year and can be stored at room temperature. From pickles to applesauce, strawberry pie filling to three-bean salad, there's lots of room for creativity.



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

**JULY 2, 2017
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**



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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, July 1**
Audrey & Bob Rose (Spec. Int.)
Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

8:30am **Sunday, July 2**
The People of the Parish
10:00am † Vincent Cocciolone &
Cesarina Pilari

8:30am **Tuesday, July 4**
The Deceased of the Parish

8:30am **Friday, July 7**
The Sick of the Parish

4:15pm **Saturday, July 8**
† Frank Rahmer
Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

8:30am **Sunday, July 9**
The People of the Parish
10:00am † Mary Sullivan

Ministers Schedule for Next Week July 8 & 9

4:15 PM	10:00 AM
Lector: R. Ostler	1 Lector: M. Arroyo
Bread: A. Rose	2 Lector: L. Jacklevich
Cup: J. Burns	1 Bread: J. Schelstrate
Hosp: J. Marasco	2 Bread: R. Aguirre
	3 Bread: J. Warnock
8:30 AM	1 Cup: C. Allen
Lector: D. Canzoneri	2 Cup: A. Schelstrate
Bread: P. English	Hosp: J. Warnock
Cup: S. Perez	
Hosp: T. Lando	

SECOND COLLECTIONS

July 1 & 2

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

July 8 & 9

There will be no second collection next week.

MINISTERS SCHEDULES

Schedules for the July & August were emailed on Friday, June 30th. Hard copies are available in the Ministers' Sacristy. The schedules are also available on our website:

<http://stteresasf.org/category/parish-ministries>

A parishioner at St. Teresa needs a room in a San Francisco house or apartment ASAP. If you are aware of any rooms or apartments in San Francisco, please let us know. Thank you in advance.

Parish Calendar

Sun, Jul 2 - Coffee & Doughnuts following the 8:30 & 10:00 am Masses

Mon, Jul 3 - Choir Practice, 6:30pm
- AA Step Meeting, 6:30pm

Tue, Jul 4 - Independence Day
Parish Office Closed

Wed, Jul 5 - SVdP Grocery Distribution
1:00pm, Parish Hall

Sat, Jul 8 - AA Meeting, 7pm, Avila

Sun, Jul 9 - Coffee & Doughnuts following the 8:30 & 10:00 am Masses

THE "MIRACULOUS BIRTH" OF CHILDREN

Today's first reading – taken from the Second Book of Kings (2 Kgs 4:8-17ff) – begins with a woman from Shunem offering hospitality to the prophet Elisha:

" . . . let us arrange a little room on the roof and furnish it for him with a bed, table, chair, and lamp, so that when he comes to us he can stay there."

As the narrative continues, we learn that,

"She has no son, and her husband is getting on in years."

Elisha promises her that,

"This time next year you will be fondling a baby son."

Later in the chapter we learn that,

" . . . by the same time the following year she had given birth to a son, as Elisha promised."

This story follows a familiar pattern found in both the Hebrew and Christian Scriptures. A childless couple – often elderly and past child-bearing age – miraculously conceives a child. Here are two examples of such stories, one from the Old and another from the New Testament.

In Genesis 17, God tells the 100-year old Abraham that his 90-year old wife, Sarah, will bear him a son. Abraham laughs at God's suggestion, but God is faithful to his promise: within a year Isaac is born, and Isaac's birth is seen as a sign of God's covenant with Israel.

In the New Testament we have, in the Gospel of Luke, a marvelous story regarding the birth of John the Baptist. Elizabeth and Zechariah *"had no child, because Elizabeth was barren and both were advanced in years."* Nevertheless, the Angel Gabriel appears to Zechariah and announces John's birth. Zechariah is skeptical, and is struck dumb until after the birth of his son.

There are other examples of "miraculous births" in the Scriptures, with the most extraordinary being the conception and birth of Jesus. The more important question, however, is this: What is the deeper meaning in these stories describing "miraculous" childbirths?

There's a three-fold answer to this. The first can be found in Genesis 18:14, when God says to Abraham, *"Is anything too marvelous for the Lord to do?"* In this context, the conception and birth of children – either by those thought to be barren or past child-bearing age – was regarded as a demonstration of God's favor, benevolence, and generosity.

The second answer can also be found in Genesis: *"Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can. Just so shall your descendants be."* (Gn 15:5) In the Hebrew Scriptures, God repeatedly makes the promise that he will make of them a great nation. In this context, children are a sign of God's faithfulness to the covenant.

The final answer surrounds the extraordinary leaders that are born through such extraordinary means. John the Baptist and Jesus immediately come to mind: John was the last of the prophets and the herald of "the one who is to come." Jesus was the "Word made flesh who dwelt among us," the one who both reconciled the human race to God and gave us a New Covenant in the Eucharist.

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 |
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