

Please join us in welcoming to our parish community:



Wheeler Eli Lord, the son of Brenna & Sam Lord, and Michael Vincent Benson, the son of Michelle Carreon & Mark Benson.

Wheeler and Michael will be baptized by Rev. Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm. this Sunday at the 10am Mass.



The Parish Office will be closed next Wednesday, July 23rd.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

July 12 & 13
\$1,484

THANK YOU!

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.

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



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

Letters/emails were 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.

CHILDRENS' BULLETINS

Parents are reminded that there are "Children's Worship Bulletins" available in the vestibule. The activities are designed for you to help your children reflect on the gospel throughout the week. There is also a link to activities on-line, available with the password on that week's bulletin.

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 20, 2014
SIXTEENTH 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.

Parish Calendar

Sun, Jul 20 -
 Mon, Jul 21 -
 Tue, Jul 22 - SVdP Sandwich Tuesday
 9:0am, Parish Kitchen
 - Grocery Distribution
 1:00pm, Sammon
 Sat, Jul 26 - AA Meeting, 7pm, Sammon
 Sun, Jul 27 -

SECOND COLLECTION

July 19 & 20
 There will be no second collection this week.
July 26 & 27
 The second collection next week benefits the St. Teresa Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

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 26 & 27

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| 4:15 PM | | 10:00 AM |
| Lector: A. Rose | | 1 Lector: A. Schelstrate |
| Bread: F. Patt | | 2 Lector: B. Doyle |
| Cup: J. Burns | | 1 Bread: J. Schelstrate |
| Hosp: L. Lechich | | 2 Bread: M. Schelstrate |
| | | 3 Bread: K. Schelstrate |
| 8:30 AM | | 1 Cup: C. Allen |
| Lector: E. Dunn | | 2 Cup: R. Labuguen |
| Bread: Volunteer | | Hosp: K. Varandas |
| Cup: S. Lang | | B. Cassidy |
| Hosp: J. Propster | | L. Mastrangelo |

MORE ABOUT PARABLES: WEEDS, YEAST, AND THE MUSTARD SEED

In last Sunday's column I wrote about the *Parable of the Sower and the Seed*, pointing out that parables are a mid-Eastern literary form which contain an unexpected shock, surprise, or twist. In last Sunday's Gospel, that "twist" occurred when Jesus described what happened when the seed fell on good ground: it yielded "a hundred- or sixty- or thirty-fold", an abundant harvest the likes of which had never before been seen. People shook their heads in disbelief at what Jesus said, but the surprisingly abundant harvest serves as a metaphor of what happens when the Word of God takes root.

The *Parable of the Sower* is a parable about abundance, which is a common theme found in both the Hebrew and Christian Scriptures. For example: In the Old Testament, God promises Abraham that he will make his descendants "as numerous as the stars", and the Hebrew Scriptures are filled with images such as "milk and honey" which demonstrate not only God's boundless generosity but also his desire to cherish and care for his chosen people.

In this week's Gospel we have two parables which pick up on the abundance theme. The *Parable of the Mustard Seed* is quite similar to last week's parable of the *Sower*. From the "smallest seed of all", the mustard seed, "when full-grown, is the largest of plants". It is so big a shrub "that the birds of the sky come and build their nests in its branches". The image of a large shrub coming from the tiniest seed parallels the image of the "hundred- or sixty- or thirty-fold" yield that results when a seed falls on good ground.

The parable involving yeast reinforces this image of abundance. The small amount of yeast parallels both the mustard seed and the seed that falls on good ground, just as the leavened dough parallels both the mustard tree and the abundant harvest.

The third parable in this Sunday's reading is a parable about weeds, which deals with an enemy sowing weeds in a man's field of wheat. When the weeds and wheat grow together, the slaves approach the owner with a question: Should they pull up the weeds?

The "surprise" or "twist" lies in the owner's response. Instead of having his slaves pull up the weeds, he instructs them to let wheat and weeds grow together, to be separated only at the harvest. Certainly this flies in the face of conventional wisdom with respect to weeding one's garden. This surprise or twist forces us to shift our focus from the weeds to the harvest, changing the parable's emphasis. Suddenly, the parable is no longer about an enemy sowing weeds among the wheat; instead, it becomes a parable about the owner's response to weeds in his garden.

This is a parable about *judgment*, and there are several points worth noting. First of all, it is the owner who separates the weeds from the wheat, and, secondly, this is not done until the harvest. The crowd finds this parable challenging because, essentially, Jesus is saying that judgment belongs to God alone and that it is God alone who will exercise that judgment at the end of time. In other words, since judgment belongs to God, human beings should be cautious when exercising judgment of others.

Later this year – on the Feast of Christ the King – we will hear a similar parable about judgment when, at the end of time, the Son of Man separates sheep from goats.

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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