



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.

Please join us in welcoming to our parish community:



Magnus Andrew Marigomen Valko, the son of Andrew & Kristine Valko. Magnus will be baptized by Rev. Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm. this Sunday at the 10 am Mass.

ST TERESA'S GREEN TEAM

Thinking of repainting your home's interior? Consider doing it sustainably! Start by using VOC-free paint! Volatile organic compounds (VOCs) are released from traditional paints and can cause headaches, muscle aches, and even asthma and other respiratory disorders. Give yourself peace of mind in knowing that your paint is not releasing toxic fumes. Same goes for choosing finishes for your woods—rather than choosing common varnishes, lacquers, and shellacs, which can contain toxic petroleum or synthetic based solvents, apply water-based finishes to your wood instead!

WEEKEND COLLECTION

(Envelope Donors & Loose Cash)

JULY 15 & 16

TO BE REPORTED NEXT WEEK

THANK YOU!

SANDWICH TUESDAY



The faithful sandwich makers will meet on Tuesday, July 25 to make over 200 sandwiches each day for delivery to the St. Vincent de Paul Shelter.

INTERNET SAFETY FOR FAMILIES

Keeping children and teens safe and healthy with regard to use of the internet and social media can be overwhelming. The U.S. Catholic Bishops' website, FaithAndSafety.org, contains an immense amount of user-friendly information and resources: devices to be wary of; Facebook safety and privacy; protecting your home network; bullying; cell phones; virtual worlds; app and website reviews, and more. All is presented in the context of our faith, with articles on using technology in a Christian way and seeing other users as our Online Neighbors.

Do you know that there are special **Children's Bulletins** available in the vestibule every week? There are 2 versions available: for ages 3-6 or for ages 7-12. There is also a link to on-line games, etc. on most bulletins.

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, 415.282.5462 or
Mike Walters, 415.282.3580

We Welcome You To St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church

Served by the Carmelites

July 23, 2017
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.

PARABLES REVISITED

This year our Sunday Gospels are taken from the A-cycle (Matthew), and from the 15th through 17th Sundays the Gospels consist mainly of parables. For this reason, I'd like to revisit a column I wrote in the past to provide some background on Jesus' use of this literary form.

The most important thing to note about parables is that most people make the mistake of assuming that a parable is the same thing as a fable. A fable is a story with a moral . . . like the tortoise and the hare. In this particular story, the two creatures square off for a race, and the hare – being faster – bolts ahead, then rests, while the tortoise maintains a constant pace. Towards the end of the race the hare rests, falls asleep, and is passed by the tortoise, who then wins the contest. The moral of the story: slow and steady wins the race.

We easily recognize the predictable pattern of a fable: it is a story that concludes with a moral lesson. Our mistake, however, is when we read the parables of Jesus as if they were fables. Parables are actually quite different. Whereas a fable is a western literary form, a parable is a middle-eastern literary form. A fable is a story with a *moral*, a parable is a story with a *twist*. In a parable there is an unexpected turn of events – a surprise or twist – that often produces shock or disbelief. Whenever Jesus told the crowd a parable, the audience was usually surprised and often shocked by the “twists”. It is precisely the surprise or “twist” in the parable that makes the hearer perk up his ears and engage with the narrative in a new or different way.

Over three Sundays we hear several parables: the *Sower and the Seed*; the *Wheat and the Weeds*; the *Mustard Seed*; the *Leaven in the Flour*; the *Buried Treasure*; and the *Pearl of Great Price*. Each parable has its own twist or surprise:

- The surprise or shock in the *Sower and the Seed* is that the seed which falls on good ground yields a bountiful, hundred-fold harvest.
- The surprise in the *Wheat and Weeds* is that the owner does not pull up the weeds. Instead, he allows wheat and weeds to grow together, not to be separated until the harvest.
- The parables of the *Mustard Seed* and *Leaven in Flour* make the point that from small beginnings (a tiny mustard seed or a bit of yeast) great things happen. The mustard seed grows into a large, full plant, and the yeast is able to make the entire mass of dough rise.
- Finally, the parables of the *Buried Treasure* and *Pearl of Great Price* involve *risk*. Each asks the question, “What would you be willing to do in order to secure the treasure or obtain the pearl?” The risk of selling all you have to secure the treasure or pearl appears to be impulsive, foolish, and irresponsible.

When Jesus told parables, the people in the crowd shook their heads in disbelief, because they were surprised or shocked by the unexpected twists in the story. When we hear a parable, we, too should be shocked by the message. To get at the meaning, we have to get at the twist . . . which is the challenge to 21st century hearers and homilists. If we're not surprised or shocked like those first-century hearers, then we're missing the point of a parable.

Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

July 22 & 23
There will be no second collection this week.

July 29 & 30
Next week's second collection will benefit the St. Teresa Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

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.

Parish Calendar

- Sun, Jul 23- Coffee & Doughnuts following the 8:30 & 10:00 am Masses
- Mon, Jul 24 - Choir Practice, 6:30pm
- AA Step Meeting, 6:30pm
- Tue, Jul 25 - SVdP Sandwich Tuesday
9:00am, Parish Kitchen
- Grocery Distribution
1:00pm, Priory
- Sat, Jul 29 - AA Meeting, 7pm, Avila
- Sun, Jul 30 - Coffee & Doughnuts following the 8:30 & 10:00 am Masses

MASS INTENTIONS
As we celebrate Mass together we include in our prayers:

Saturday, July 22
4:15pm † Mary A. Burns
Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

Sunday, July 23
8:30am The People of the Parish
10:00am † Mary Lech

Tuesday, July 25
8:30am The Clark Family

Friday, July 28
8:30am The Deceased of the Parish

Saturday, July 29
4:15pm † Milo Harnack
Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

Sunday, July 30
8:30am The People of the Parish
10:00am † Ray McGrath

Ministers Schedule for Next Week
July 29 & 30

	4:15 PM		10:00 AM
Lector:	A. Rose	1 Lector:	A. Schelstrate
Bread:	E. Perea	2 Lector:	D.B. Bernstein
Cup:	B. Noelke	1 Bread:	R. Labuguen
Hosp:	R. Jones	2 Bread:	Volunteer
		3 Bread:	R. Aguirre
8:30 AM		1 Cup:	C. Allen
Lector:	T. Lang	2 Cup:	G. McGrath
Bread:	C. King	Hosp:	E. Gries
Cup:	S. Lang		M. Gries
Hosp:	T. Lando		

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
- Send Sunday envelopes
- New Address
- Send Monthly Donor Form
- New Phone
- Moving—remove from mailing list