

## WEEKEND COLLECTION

July 19 & 20

\$1,426

THANK YOU!

### BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR CHILDREN SERVED BY CATHOLIC CHARITIES HELP PREPARE THESE CHILDREN FOR THEIR FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

Parents throughout the Archdiocese are now starting to shop for school supplies for their children. You can help a child, whose parents cannot afford school supplies, to start the school year right with a fresh supplies and new backpack!

For example, 10th & Mission Support Services seeks 35 backpacks for elementary children and 15 backpacks with supplies for high school students. St. Joseph's Family Center seeks 15 Target gift cards so families can purchase uniform supplies for their children. Star Community Home seeks 15 backpacks with supplies. Additional school supplies needed by all programs include backpacks, notebooks, pencils, pens, erasers, binders, pencil cases, crayons, sharpeners, wide-ruled lined paper, scientific calculators, kid-safe scissors, folders, lunch pails, highlighters, accordion folders, etc.

To see a complete list of needed items, <http://www.catholiccharitiessf.org/volunteer>

To coordinate a donation to any of the programs, please contact Clint Womack, Volunteer Manager at 415.972.1297 or [cwomack@catholiccharitiessf.org](mailto:cwomack@catholiccharitiessf.org).

THANK YOU!

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.

### DRIVERS WANTED

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 occasionally drive parishioners to Mass on weekends, particularly on Saturdays. Please call the Parish Office.

### 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 27, 2014  
SEVENTEENTH 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  
1:00pm to 4:30pm

Website: [stteresasf.org](http://stteresasf.org)

#### 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 27 -  
 Mon, Jul 28 -  
 Tue, Jul 29 - SVdP Sandwich Tuesday  
 9:00am, Parish Kitchen  
 - SVdP Grocery Distribution  
 1:00pm, Sammon  
 Sat, Aug 2 - Lay Carmelite Meeting  
 10:00am, Avila  
 - AA Meeting, 7pm, Sammon  
 Sun, Aug 3 -

### MASS INTENTIONS

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

#### Saturday, July 26

4:15pm + Anton & Mary Separovich  
 Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

#### Sunday, July 27

8:30am The People of the Parish  
 10:00am + Patty Griffin

#### Tuesday, July 29

8:30am Ruby Sanchez (Spec. Int.)

#### Friday, August 1

8:30am The Sick of the Parish

#### Saturday, August 2

4:15pm The People of the Parish  
 Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

#### Sunday, August 3

8:30am The Deceased of the Parish  
 10:00am The People of the Parish

## SECOND COLLECTION

### July 26 & 27

The second collection this week benefits the St. Teresa Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

### August 2 & 3

The second collection next week benefits the St. Teresa Building & Maintenance Fund.

## 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 August 2 & 3

#### 4:15 PM

|         |           |           |                |
|---------|-----------|-----------|----------------|
| Lector: | P. Diaz   | 1 Lector: | J. Alber       |
| Bread:  | J. Daddio | 2 Lector: | D.B. Bernstein |
| Cup:    | E. Perea  | 1 Bread:  | S. Miller      |
| Hosp:   | A. Rubke  | 2 Bread:  | D. Tejada      |

#### 8:30 AM

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| Lector: | T. Lang     | 1 Cup: | C. Allen       |
| Bread:  | J. Newman   | 2 Cup: | G. McGrath     |
| Cup:    | S. Lang     | Hosp:  | K. Varandas    |
| Hosp:   | J. Propster |        | B. Cassidy     |
|         |             |        | L. Mastrangelo |

## BURIED TREASURE & A PEARL: PARABLES ABOUT RISK

For the third Sunday in a row, we are hearing parables taken from the Gospel of Matthew. The section we have been reading is found in Chapter 13; later in this liturgical year, as we move through the A-Cycle of readings, we will hear additional parables that are found near the end of Matthew's Gospel.

As I stated in earlier columns, a parable is a mid-Eastern literary form which contains an unexpected shock, surprise, or twist. Our task, as modern-day readers of the gospel, is to figure out the shock, surprise, or twist of a parable. Only when we discover this aspect of the parable are we able to unlock its original meaning as intended by Jesus.

The surprise in the parables of the *Sower*, the *Mustard Seed*, and the *Yeast* is this: from the smallest of beginnings (e.g., a seed in good soil, a mustard seed, or a small amount of yeast), great things follow (a hundred-fold yield, the largest of trees, or the leavening of three measures of flour). Additionally, last week's gospel contained the *Parable of the Weeds*, a story in which a sinister enemy sowed weeds among a man's wheat. The surprise in this parable was that, instead of "weeding the garden", the owner permitted wheat and weeds to grow together, not to be separated until the final harvest. The *Weeds* is a parable about *judgment*, its message being that judgment is reserved to God alone, and God will exercise this judgment at the end of time, when He separates weeds from wheat.

This week's gospel also contains three parables, two of which – the *Buried Treasure* and the *Pearl of Great Price* – introduce another aspect of parables: *risk*. In the first, a man finds a buried treasure in a field. He reburies the treasure, then sells all that he has to purchase that field. Similarly, in the second parable, a merchant's search for pearls finds one that is especially valuable. What does he do? He puts up for sale all that he has in order to buy that pearl.

Our initial response might be to ask, "What's so surprising about these two parables? All they are doing is buying a field and a pearl. What's so shocking about that?"

I'd like to suggest that the shock and surprise occurs when we realize that the parables are asking us to act in a reckless or foolish manner. What I mean is this: People make investments all that time, so there would be nothing unusual in the purchase of a field or a pearl . . . provided, of course, that the funds were drawn upon a surplus or reserve. In such a scenario, if the investment goes badly, one may lose money, but one does not lose *everything*.

The risk described in the gospel is quite different. It involves selling *all that one has* in order to make the purchase. In this scenario, if the investment goes badly, all is lost and the person is broken and destitute. When it comes to this type of risk – where one puts everything on the line – most people would probably judge this type of behavior as reckless or foolish. Yet it is precisely this type of risk that is described in the Gospels.

Notice that the Apostles took this type of risk when, called by Jesus, they "left their nets and followed him" (Mk 1:18). This is in marked contrast with the response of the *Rich Young Man* (Mt 19:16-22). The young man has been a follower of Jesus from a distance and, when he finally musters the courage to approach the Lord, he asks, "What do I still lack?" Jesus tells him to ". . . go, sell what you have and give to [the] poor." When the young man heard Jesus' statement, "he went away sad for he had many possessions" (Mt 19:22).

The *risk* parables in the gospels make the point that a risk involving everything is much different from a risk involving surplus or reserve.

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"/> Send Sunday envelopes | <input type="checkbox"/> Send Monthly Donor Form | <input type="checkbox"/> Moving—remove from mailing list |