



GOOD BACKPACK

Good Backpack is a grassroots Potrero Hill & Dog Patch community supported effort. They will ensure your donation of a good clean Backpack, Messenger or Computer Bag gets to a student in time for the start of the school year.

What makes Good Backpack special is **Revamp Camp**, a one day event where volunteers will work with parents, teachers and student advocate groups to help the students find the right bag, adjust it to fit and help them customize the bag to their style. We are pleased that Revamp Camp will be held in our Parish Hall on Saturday, August 18th.

Bags imprinted with event logos are welcome. Adult bags are typically sturdier than those made for children. They will be adjusted for size. Many students now carry computers daily. Please donate your bags and ask your friends, neighbors and colleagues to contribute. All bags are free to students.

There is a meeting for volunteers on Tuesday, July 31 at the Potrero Hill Library at 5:30pm. Want to help or just find out more?

www.GoodBackpack.org

Parishioners may drop off donations at St. Teresa's when attending Mass. Donations may also be dropped off until August 17th at:

Post & Parcel 1459 18th

Zephyr Real Estate 1542 20th St.

Arch Drafting Supply 99 Missouri St near 17th St.
(ticket for \$25 Gift Certificate Raffle w/donation)

Rickshaw Bagworks 904 22nd St. near Minnesota St.
(15% discount w/donation)

Farley's 1350 18th St.

Goat Hill Pizza 300 Connecticut at 18th St

Sports Basement 1590 Bryant St.

FINANCE COUNCIL



As with any family or institution, fiscal responsibility is a necessity. The Finance Council is charged with the maintenance of our monetary health. It helps the pastor prepare the annual budget, reviews monthly financials, and reports on financial matters to Pastoral Council and parishioners. Additionally, the Council monitors incoming revenues compared to budget.

There is an opening on our Finance Council. The Council meets 4-6 times per year and serves as an advisory board to the pastor. If you would like to nominate yourself for this position, please contact the Parish Office (415.285.5272).



STAINED GLASS WINDOW PROJECT

In last week's bulletin, the newly restored window in the northeast corner of the church was incorrectly identified as Mary and Child. The window is, in fact, St. Anne and Mary as a child.

We are still in need of funds to complete this work on 8 windows. Please consider making a donation to assist with this very special project.

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

WE WELCOME YOU TO ST. TERESA OF AVILA CATHOLIC CHURCH

SERVED BY THE CARMELITES

JULY 29, 2012 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

Please visit our website:
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.

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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, July 29 -
Tue, July 31 - SVdP Sandwich Tuesday
7:00am, Parish Kitchen
- SVdP Grocery Distribution
Sat, Aug 4 - AA Meeting
7:00pm, Avila Hall

FAITH FORMATION

We are in the process of finalizing preparations for the upcoming Faith Formation and Catechesis of the Good Shepherd programs.

Letters 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.

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Saturday, July 28

4:15pm + Antonino Accetta
Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

Sunday, July 29

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

Tuesday, July 31

8:30am The Sick of the Parish

Friday, August 3

8:30am + Frances M. Cheney

Saturday, August 4

4:15pm + Joseph "Giuli" Ferrando
Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

Sunday, August 5

8:30am The People of the Parish
10:00am + Rachel Cariglia

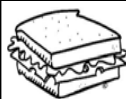
SECOND COLLECTION

July 28 & 29

The second collection this weekend benefits the St. Teresa Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Your generosity each month supports the many charitable programs run by SVdP. These include Tuesday grocery bag distribution, Sandwich Tuesday and individualized help for individuals and families in our parish area. Sometimes it's a needed bed or kitchen table, other times a few dollars for laundry or transportation to work or doctors' visits. Your donations help to make "Life on the Hill" a little easier for our neighbors.

August 4 & 5

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



SANDWICH TUESDAY

The faithful sandwich makers will meet on Tuesday, July 31 to make over 200 sandwiches for delivery to the St. Vincent de Paul Shelter.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

July 22 & 23

\$1,275

Ministers Schedule for Next Week August 4 & 5

4:15

Lector: A. Rose
Bread: E. Perea
Cup: J. Daddio
Hosp: R. Jones

10:00 AM

1 Lector: E. Koh
2 Lector: S. Chavez
1 Bread: R. Labuguen
2 Bread: D. Tejada
3 Bread: J. Warnock

8:30 AM

Lector: T. Lang
Bread: Sr. Maureen
Cup: S. Lang
Hosp: T. Lando
1 Cup: C. Allen
2 Cup: S. Miller
Hosp: J. Warnock

THE SIXTH CHAPTER OF THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

Beginning today and continuing through August 26th, we depart from the Gospel of Mark and read instead from the Gospel of John. Over these five Sundays we read John's entire sixth chapter, and the question is: If we are in cycle-B (Mark), why do we devote five consecutive Sundays to John?

There are two reasons for this. The first is practical: Mark is the shortest of the four Gospels, and there's simply not enough Gospel material to fill the 34 weeks of Ordinary Time. The second reason is theological: John chapter six is such an important text that those who assembled the Lectionary wanted to be sure that the Sunday assembly heard this chapter some time during the three-year cycle of readings. What makes John chapter six so important?

First, some background about the four canonical Gospels.

As a group, Mark, Matthew, and Luke are known as the *synoptic gospels* (syn = "same"; optic = "point of view"). These Gospels were written between the years 65-90 AD. When we compare them side-by-side, we discover that these evangelists drew upon a common source. In many cases, such side-by-side comparison of common passages reveals that they are virtually identical, often word-by-word identical.

John's Gospel is radically different from the synoptic material. The Gospel of John was written much later, perhaps as late as 110 AD. The evangelist is familiar with Mark, Matthew, and Luke, but unlike his predecessors he doesn't simply copy the synoptic material. Instead, the fourth evangelist retells the story of Jesus, using new and vivid images (such as the *Vine and the Branches*) to nuance important *theological* points. John chapter six is an example of the evangelist's technique.

In chapter six the evangelist recounts one of the few stories that is present in all four gospels: the feeding of the five thousand. In the synoptic tradition this is told as a miracle story, how Jesus multiplied five loaves and two fish to feed a hungry crowd. John tells us about the miracle, but he then expands the story into what is known as the *Bread of Life Discourse*. Moving beyond bread and fish, Jesus tells the crowd that "I Am the Bread of Life", a profound statement because "I Am" quotes God's response to Moses in the burning bush. The crowd murmurs its disapproval, and Jesus continues by explaining that "Whoever eats this bread will have eternal life." Jesus commands the crowd to "eat my flesh and drink my blood" – words bordering on cannibalism – and some of the crowd walk away because this teaching is too hard.

Obviously, there is much more going on here than the feeding of a hungry crowd. This passage is about *Eucharist*, and it is in chapter six that John gives us a *theological* interpretation of the loaves and fishes.

On a final note: In John's account of the Last Supper there is no "This is my Body" or "This is my Blood" – John does not repeat what we know from the synoptic material. Instead, at John's Last Supper Jesus washes the disciples' feet. In the Gospel of John, foot washing does not displace Eucharist; it enhances it. Washing one another's feet is what we do as a Eucharist people. It is earlier in the Gospel – in chapter six – that John gives us his nuanced, theological understanding of Eucharist when he 'explains' the miracle of the loaves.

Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm.