

UPDATE ON PRIORY ENERGY CONSERVATION

After checking our older appliances on the Energy Star website, we discovered that our old refrigerator and even older freezer were energy hogs! By replacing the freezer with a new, efficient model, we will be able to recoup the cost of this appliance in approximately 5 years with the projected savings on our PG&E usage.

If you would like to check your appliances' energy efficiency, visit the Energy Star Refrigerator Retirement Savings Calculator:

<http://www.energystar.gov/?fuseaction=refrig.calculator>

PG&E will even haul your old equipment away and pay you to do so!

Other information available at:

EnergyStar Appliances and Equipment:
<http://energystar.gov>

Pacific Gas & Electric:
<http://www.pge.com/en/myhome>

CYO CAMP REGISTRATION OPEN FOR SUMMER 2014

CYO Summer Camp, a program of Catholic Charities CYO, is the Bay Area's premier Catholic Camp. Campers experience a positive and meaningful summer adventure. Campers develop self-confidence, make new friends and are challenged in an exciting, educational and memorable place. Children of all religious backgrounds feel comfortable participating in youth-centered programming – focusing on value-based themes of community, stewardship and friendship. Activities include swimming, canoeing, arts and crafts, archery, hiking and field games.

Registration is now open for CYO Camp's Summer 2014 sessions! For dates, rates, more information and to register, please visit www.cyocamp.org or call 707.874.0240. Financial aid opportunities are available.

Beginning this Sunday and continuing through the summer months, we will be offering coffee and donuts after both the 8:30 and 10:00 am Sunday Masses.

FREE NATURALIZATION CLINIC SATURDAY, JUNE 7TH BILL GRAHAM CIVIC AUDITORIUM

If you or someone you know needs assistance with any portion of the Naturalization process, please take advantage of the free services available at this event.

If you would like to volunteer, all are welcome, no need for any expertise in the field of immigration or naturalization. Volunteers are needed to assist in a variety of capacities, including interpreting, form filling, and logistics. If you speak Spanish, Russian, Tagalog, Tigrinya, Cantonese or Mandarin, or any other second language, your assistance would be greatly appreciated!

Please see the flyers on the bulletin boards for further information.

Or go to: tinyurl.com/natzvolunteer

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. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office.

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

WE WELCOME YOU TO ST. TERESA OF AVILA CATHOLIC CHURCH

SERVED BY THE CARMELITES

JUNE 1, 2014
ASCENSION
OF THE LORD



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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, Jun 1 - Religious Education, 11:00 am
Last meeting of session
Mon, Jun 2 - Choir Practice
Tue, Jun 3 - Election Day
7:00am, Sammon Hall
Wed, Jun 4 - SVdP Grocery Distribution
1:00pm, Sammon Hall
Sat, Jun 7 - Lay Carmelite Meeting
10:00am, Avila Hall
- AA Meeting, 7:00pm, Sammon
Sun, Jun 8 -

MASS INTENTIONS

As we celebrate Mass together we include in our prayers:

Saturday, May 31

4:15pm The Four Intentions of the St. Vincent de Paul Society
Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

Sunday, June 1

8:30am + Lois Trihub
10:00am The People of the Parish

Tuesday, June 3

8:30am + Gearoid Fitzgerald

Friday, June 6

8:30am The Sick of the Parish

Saturday, June 7

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

Sunday, June 8

8:30am The Deceased of the Parish
10:00am + Giuseppe & Maria Molinari

SECOND COLLECTION

May 31 & June 1

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

June 8 & 9

There will be no second collection next week.

PASSINGS

We extend our sympathy and prayerful support to the friends and family of John Cooper, a long-time parishioner. A Memorial Mass will be held at St. Teresa's on Wednesday, June 4 at 11:00am.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

May 24 & 25

\$1,338

THANK YOU!

Ministers Schedule for Next Week June 7 & 8

4:15 PM		10:00 AM
Lector: R. O'Connor		1 Lector: D.B. Bernstein
Bread: E. Perea		2 Lector: L. Jacklevich
Cup: J. Burns		1 Bread: J. Schelstrate
Hosp: R. Jones		2 Bread: M. Schelstrate
	M. Perea	3 Bread: K. Schelstrate
8:30 AM		1 Cup: C. Allen
Lector: K. Causey		2 Cup: R. Labuguen
Bread: R. Kingman		Hosp: K. Varandas
Cup: J. Marasco		B. Cassidy
Hosp: T. Lando		L. Mastrangelo

THE ASCENSION: DIDN'T THAT USED TO BE ON A THURSDAY?

When I was growing up, Ascension was a Thursday. It was a Holy Day of Obligation, forty days after Easter and ten days before Pentecost. Now "Ascension Thursday" is celebrated on a Sunday. Why the change? And how did this come about?

Before I discuss why Ascension Thursday now falls on a Sunday, I'd like to begin by taking a look at what Scripture has to say about this feast. Surprisingly, the Ascension appears in only one of the four canonical Gospels. In the Gospel of Luke we find mention of the Ascension only in the second-to-last verse of the Gospel, and it is limited to one simple, declarative sentence:

"As he blessed them he parted from them and was taken up to heaven." (Lk 24:51)

Luke later picks up the story in the Acts of the Apostles, where he offers a more detailed account:

"When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven.'" (Acts 1:9-11)

The only other hint of the Ascension of Jesus is found in the Gospel of Mark:

"... the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up to heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God." (Mk 16:19)

However, this verse was added to the Gospel of Mark after the original Gospel was written, an attempt to harmonize Mark's Gospel with material in Luke.

The Acts of the Apostles is the only place when any mention is made of "forty days". In the first chapter of Acts, Luke tells us that Jesus,

"... presented himself alive to them by many proofs after he had suffered, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God." (Acts 1:3)

Based upon a literal interpretation of this text, the Ascension was celebrated forty days after Easter (which always falls on a Thursday). Pentecost follows ten days later, and this explanation is quite clear and straightforward . . . if only it were that simple!

What complicates the issue is the mystery surrounding the number "40". Some examples: in the story of Noah's Ark, it rained for 40 days and 40 nights; in the Exodus, the Israelites wandered in the desert for 40 years; after his baptism in the Jordan, Jesus spent 40 days in the desert prior to beginning his public ministry; and in the liturgical year, Lent lasts for 40 days, which is then followed by 40 days between Easter and the Ascension. Even non-Christians are aware of how frequently the number "40" pops up, and it appears that, in the Judeo-Christian tradition, the number "40" has serious religious overtones. The number "40" seems to be used whenever we want to emphasize a *significant* period of time. However, it is important to note that *significant* does not necessarily mean *specific* . . . which is another of way of saying that 40 days or 40 years does not *literally* mean 40 days or 40 years.

Because of the ambiguity surrounding the number "40", local bishops' conferences are permitted to move the Solemnity of the Ascension to a Sunday. That is why we celebrate the Ascension, not 40 days after Easter on a Thursday, but on the following Sunday, which is consistent with the practice in most English-speaking countries.

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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