

# Happy Father's Day



A father is neither an anchor to hold us back, nor a sail to take us there, but a guiding light whose love shows us the way.



Through the summer months, we will be offering coffee and donuts after both the 8:30 and 10:00 am Sunday Masses. Please join us in the Parish Hall after Mass.

Please check the bulletin boards in the vestibule & hall for upcoming events or special notices from the Archdiocese.

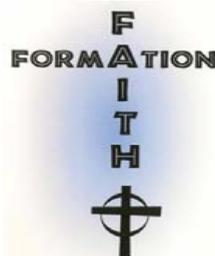
## PASSINGS

We extend our sympathy and prayerful support to the family and friends of Mike Comaich, a long-time parishioner and Potrero Hill resident. A Memorial Mass will be celebrated at St. Teresa's on Saturday, June 27th at 10:00 am.

## RCIA

The **RCIA** (Rite of **C**hristian **I**nitiation for **A**dults) is the process where new members are incorporated into the Church. The preparation takes nearly a year, beginning in the Fall and cumulating at the Easter Vigil with the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.

If you know anyone who is interested in becoming a Catholic, please have that person contact Fr. Mike Kwiecien or the Parish Office for information regarding the process. Easter is only 10 months away, and we'd like to begin the catechumenate as soon as possible!



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.



We request your prayers that Daniel Ornelas has a swift return to good health.

# WE WELCOME YOU TO ST. TERESA OF AVILA CATHOLIC CHURCH

SERVED BY THE CARMELITES

**JUNE 21, 2015**  
**TWELFTH SUNDAY**  
**IN ORDINARY TIME**



1490 19TH STREET (CHURCH)

LOCATED ON THE NE CORNER OF 19TH & CONNECTICUT STREETS

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### OFFICE HOURS

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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, June 21 -  
 Mon, June 22 - Choir Practice, 6:30pm  
 Tue, June 23 - SVdP Sandwich Tuesday  
 9:00am, Parish Kitchen  
 - SVdP Grocery Distribution  
 1:00pm, Sammon  
 Sat, June 27 - AA Meeting, 7pm, Sammon  
 Sun, June 28 -

### MASS INTENTIONS

As we celebrate Mass together  
 we include in our prayers:

#### Saturday, June 20

4:15pm + Mary Louise Green  
 Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

#### Sunday, June 21

8:30am + Mike Comaich  
 The People of the Parish  
 10:00am + Agnes Petkovich Leach

#### Tuesday, June 23

8:30am + Gregory Lewis  
Bob Rose (Spec. Int.)

#### Friday, June 26

8:30am + Gregory Lewis  
Bob Rose (Spec. Int.)

#### Saturday, June 27

4:15pm + Gregory Lewis  
Bob Rose (Spec. Int.)  
 Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

#### Sunday, June 28

8:30am The People of the Parish  
 10:00am + Francine Berry & Paul Sullivan

## SECOND COLLECTIONS

### June 20 & 21

In the second collection today, we support Pope Francis in his charitable works. The Peter's Pence Collection is taken up worldwide to support the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. This is an opportunity to join with our Holy Father, Pope Francis, and be a witness of charity to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous in today's collection.

### June 27 & 28

Next week our second collection benefits the St. Teresa Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

## WEEKEND FIRST COLLECTION

JUNE 13 & 14

**\$1,611**  
**THANK YOU!**

### Ministers Schedule for Next Week June 27 & 28

#### 4:15 PM

Lector: R. Ostler  
 Bread: E. Perea  
 Cup: B. Noelke  
 Hosp: R. Jones

#### 10:00 AM

1 Lector: B. Doyle  
 2 Lector: M. Schelstrate  
 1 Bread: R. Labuguen  
 2 Bread: J. Warnock  
 3 Bread: K. Schelstrate

#### 8:30 AM

Lector: T. Lang  
 Bread: J. Newman  
 Cup: S. Lang  
 Hosp: T. Lando

1 Cup: C. Allen  
 2 Cup: S. Miller  
 Hosp: J. Warnock

## THE WORLD OF JESUS: NATURE MIRACLES & HEALING MIRACLES

In the gospels, the most common type of miracle is called a *healing miracle*. In healing miracles, Jesus makes the blind see, the deaf hear, and the lame walk. He also cures people who have leprosy, heals those who suffer from fever or hemorrhage, and brings back to life people who have died. By far the majority of Jesus' miracles are healing miracles.

In this weekend's gospel, however, we find a different type of miracle. Jesus and his disciples are crossing the Sea of Galilee when a storm brews up. The disciples are terrified, thinking they're about to drown. Jesus wakes from a nap, rebukes the wind, and commands the sea to be quiet and still. The wind and the sea are calmed, whereupon Jesus confronts the disciples for their lack of faith. The disciples do not respond, but are overcome with great awe at Jesus' apparent ability to command the wind and sea.

The miracle in today's gospel is an excellent example of the second type of miracle found in the scriptures: a *nature miracle*. Nature miracles do not deal with healing; rather, they deal with extraordinary events that seem to defy the laws of nature. Nature miracles are a bit of a rarity. Immediately, only three come to mind: the feeding of the five thousand with a five barley loaves and two fish; the "spectacular catch" when Jesus instructs the disciples to cast their nets into the sea; and the miracle in today's Gospel, where the wind and the sea appear to respond to Jesus' command.

The question becomes, why are there so many healing miracles and so few nature miracles? And how are we to understand each type?

To understand healing miracles, we have to go back to the Garden of Eden and the transgression of Adam and Eve. Because of their sin, suffering and death entered into the world. In other words, suffering and death are the *consequences* of sin. Conversely, when suffering and death disappear, it's a sign that "the Kingdom of God is at hand". . . that the world destroyed by Adam's sin is being restored through the action of Jesus. To put it another way, because healing miracles take away the consequences of sin, they are – in effect – taking away the sin. And who takes away sin? God does . . . which means that the healing actions of Jesus make a powerful statement about who he is.

Nature miracles, however, are a different animal. On the surface, they appear to be demonstrations of power. However, when we look beneath the surface, their meaning can only be understood through the *eyes of faith*.

Take today's miracle, for example. On the surface, it appears that Jesus orders the wind and the sea to be calm and still, and in the eyes of a believer it is Jesus who commands such power. But if we change our perspective to that of a non-believer, Jesus' command and the calming of the wind and sea appear only to be a coincidence. The only way that we "see" this as a miracle is to look at it through the "eyes of faith".

The same may be said of the other "nature miracles". The miraculous feeding of five thousand may be seen as a mass example of communal sharing, and the miraculous catch with nets bursting with fish might be regarded as a fisherman's incredibly good luck. But through the "eyes of faith" they are not seen as coincidence or luck; instead, they are regarded as the presence and action of God.

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