

Parish Survey



Early next week we will be emailing you a link to a brief parish survey which will help us update our parish records. For those who do not have access to a computer, we will have hard copies available in the church, as well as laptops for your use in the near future.

This email will be sent from our parish email: info@stteresasf.org. Please add this email to your contact list and check your spam folder.

WINTER SHELTER PROGRAM

The SF Interfaith Council is currently scheduling dates for this program. If your group (can be a group of friends) would like to prepare and serve a meal to homeless seeking shelter in one of the churches this winter, please call the parish office and we will help you arrange a date. For more information please contact Cynthia Zamboukos by email:

czamboukos.sfic@gmail.com

The dates fill up quickly, so if there are specific days or dates your group prefers, don't hesitate!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SAN FRANCISCO IMMIGRATION NATURALIZATION CLINIC!

Volunteers are needed for a free naturalization clinic in San Francisco at 9:00 am on Saturday, June 29, 2013 at UC Hastings College of the Law. Anyone can volunteer! No legal knowledge is necessary. We need volunteers to assist in a variety of capacities, including interpreting, form filling, and logistics. If you speak Spanish, Cantonese or Mandarin, or any other second language, your assistance interpreting for applicants who may be monolingual would be greatly appreciated!

There will be a mandatory volunteer training on Monday, June 24th from 6:00 to 7:30pm at 50 Van Ness Ave. in San Francisco (first floor conference room). If you would like to volunteer for the June 29th clinic or would like to receive more information, please sign up at <http://tinyurl.com/natzvolunteer>

We wouldn't be able to help our community without wonderful volunteers like you! If you have more questions, please contact Christopher Martinez at 415.972.1311 or cmartinez@cccyo.org. If you are interested in additional volunteer opportunities with Catholic Charities CYO, please visit

www.cccyo.org/volunteer

Event sponsored by Catholic Charities CYO, the City and County of San Francisco, Asian Law Caucus, Asian Pacific Islander Legal Outreach, Self-Help for the Elderly, La Raza Community Center, International Institute of the Bay Area, and Jewish Family & Children's Services.

WE WELCOME YOU TO ST. TERESA OF AVILA CATHOLIC CHURCH

SERVED BY THE CARMELITES

JUNE 23 2013
TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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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.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

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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

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 23 -
 Mon, Jun 24 - Choir Practice, 6:30pm
 Tue, Jun 25 - SVdP Sandwich Tuesday
 9:00am, Parish Kitchen
 - SVdP Grocery Distribution
 1:00pm, Sammon
 - Ministry of Consolation
 1:30pm, Priory
 Sat, Jun 29 - AA Meeting
 7:00pm, Sammon

There are a number of Mass Intentions available in the next few months. Please call the Parish Office if you would like to reserve one of the Masses either in memory of a loved one, or for the Special Intentions of someone dear to you.

MASS INTENTIONS

As we celebrate Mass together we include in our prayers:

Saturday, June 22

- 4:15pm + Harry Jelenich
 Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

Sunday, June 23

- 8:30am + Paul Beaumont
 10:00am + Vincent Cocciolone

Tuesday, June 25

- 8:30am + Rita Phillips Beaton

Friday, June 28

- 8:30am Alleen Reordica Guevara
 (Spec. Int.)

Saturday, June 29

- 4:15pm Little Childrens Aid
 Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

Sunday, June 30

- 8:30am The People of the Parish
 10:00am + Joseph "Giuli" Ferrando

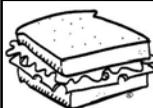
SECOND COLLECTION

June 22 & 23

Today we support the Holy Father in his charitable works. The Peter's Pence Collection is taken up worldwide to support the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, and natural disaster and others in need of emergency assistance. Be a pilgrim of charity—please be generous in today's Collection.

June 29 & 30

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



SANDWICH TUESDAY

The faithful sandwich makers will meet at 9:00am on Tuesday, June 25 to make over 200 sandwiches for delivery to the St. Vincent de Paul Shelter.

SUMMER CAMP

Please see the notice on the vestibule bulletin board for information about CYO Camp.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

June 15 & 16

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Ministers Schedule for Next Week June 29 & 30

4:15		10:00 AM	
Lector:	M. Schurr	1 Lector:	B. Doyle
Bread:	B. Noelke	2 Lector:	E. Koh
Cup:	J. Daddio	1 Bread:	R. Labuguen
Hosp:	A. Rubke	2 Bread:	D. Tejada
	R. DeTagle	3 Bread:	Volunteer
8:30 AM		1 Cup:	C. Allen
Lector:	T. Lang	2 Cup:	C. Arett
Bread:	R. Kingman	Hosp:	K. Varandas
Cup:	S. Lang		B. Cassidy
Hosp:	J. Propster		

WHO DO THE CROWDS SAY THAT I AM?

This Sunday's Gospel finds Jesus asking the disciples, "Who do the crowds say that I am?" The disciples answer "John the Baptist" or "Elijah" or "one of the prophets returned from the dead." Jesus then directly asks them, "But you – who do *you* say that I am?" Peter is the only one who speaks – "The Messiah of God," he proclaims – whereupon Jesus forbids them to tell this to anyone!

This passage appears in all three synoptic gospels. In Matthew and Mark the conversation takes place on the road to Caesarea Philippi; in Luke it occurs while Jesus and the disciples are secluded in prayer. It's fair to say that this is a pivotal story for all three evangelists, which causes us to ask, what is its significance? Why is this conversation so important, both to the gospel writers and to the early Christian community?

To a twenty-first century Christian, the answer to Jesus' question seems all too obvious. Who do people say that I am? Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah, the Son of God, of course! Yet to a first-century Jew, these answers are not so immediately apparent.

When we look at the Hebrew Scriptures, we notice that there are many events which, to say the least, are god-like and extraordinary. Some examples: Moses initiates the plagues against the Egyptians; later, he parts the Red Sea and brings forth water from a rock. Elijah defeats the prophets of Baal, and – in the first reading from the Book of Kings two Sundays ago – he brings back to life the widow's infant son who had stopped breathing. In none of these examples does the crowd jump to the conclusion that either Moses or Elijah is God. Why, then, should the crowd conclude that Jesus is God when he similarly demonstrates such miraculous power? When we put ourselves in the shoes of a first-century Jew, it is not at all obvious that this person Jesus is the Incarnation of the Divine Word.

Therein lies the importance of this critical text. The crowds – thinking Jesus to be the reincarnation of a prophet, Elijah, or the Baptist – do not know who Jesus really is; the silence of the disciples on this question suggests that they, too, are confused as to Jesus' identity. Only Peter "gets it right" when he confesses Jesus as the Messiah of God. And what does he gain for coming up with the correct answer? A reprimand from Jesus and the command not to tell anyone!

This pattern of behavior – someone confesses Jesus as the Lord/God/Messiah and is then told to be quiet and not tell anyone – is known as the *Messianic Secret*. It occurs frequently in the synoptic gospels, and suggests that the identity of Jesus rests, not in the "proofs" flowing from the miracles and extraordinary deeds of Jesus, but in the "eyes of faith" particular to an individual believer. In today's gospel Peter "sees" who Jesus is . . . but he cannot "see" for the other disciples. Each disciple has to come to "see" on his own . . . which is why Peter is told to be silent and not tell anyone.

In a similar way, members of the community have to "come to belief" and confess Jesus as the Messiah and Son of God. That was true for those who encountered Jesus when he walked the earth 2000 years ago. It was true of the early communities who gathered together, heard the stories, and broke the bread. And it is still true for us today, in the twenty-first century, when we, like Peter, evaluate the "evidence" and confess Jesus as the Messiah of God.

Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm.