

GARDEN FUND

We have begun the process of designing the garden space. There are architectural renderings posted in the church and hall. Won't you please consider making a donation to this worthy cause, sure to benefit the entire parish community!

In response to the call of Pope Francis who declared 2015 the **Year of Consecrated Life**, the Archdiocesan Council of Religious is presenting the film, "**Women and Spirit**" based on the exhibit of the same name which toured throughout the United States.

Please see the flyer on one of our bulletin boards for show times and information.



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.

We are in need of people to help after the 8:30 Mass. If you are able to assist us, please speak with one of the Fathers, Deacon Chuck, or call the Office.

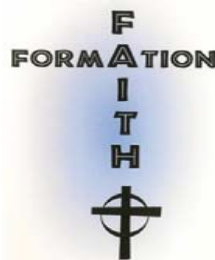
YOUTH COUNCIL

The Archdiocese is looking for high school teens to be on the Youth Council for the 2015/16 year. Members of the Council meet once a month to express their ideas and plan for the facilitation of Archdiocesan Youth Ministry events, such as the Youth Rally/ Youth Mass, Food Fast, and Confirmation Retreats. They also gather ideas for starting and maintaining parish youth ministry programs. For more information, please email the Associate Director for Youth Ministry, Ynez Lizarraga, at LizarragaY@sfarch.org Or call 415-614-5654

RCIA

The **RCIA** (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) 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.

YOUNG ADULTS

Please feel free to join the meeting of our Young Adult group following the 10:00am Mass. The general age guidelines are 18 – 40, single, married, with or without children.

WE WELCOME YOU TO ST. TERESA OF AVILA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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JUNE 7, 2015 CORPUS CHRISTI



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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 &

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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, June 7 - Young Adult Meeting
11:00am, Avila
Mon, June 8 - Choir Practice, 6:30pm
Tue, June 9 - SVdP Grocery Distribution
1:00pm, Sammon
Sat, June 13 - AA Meeting, 7pm, Sammon
Sun, June 14 -

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Saturday, June 6

4:15pm + Luis Megid, Sr.
Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

Sunday, June 7

8:30am + Emilio Brignole
10:00am + Maria & Giuseppe Molinari
The People of the Parish

Tuesday, June 9

8:30am The Sick of the Parish

Friday, June 12

8:30am The Deceased of the Parish

Saturday, June 13

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

Sunday, June 14

8:30am + Emilio Brignole
The People of the Parish
10:00am + Vincent Cocciolone & William
Crosby

SECOND COLLECTIONS

June 6 & 7

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

June 13 & 14

There will be no second collection next weekend.

WEEKEND FIRST COLLECTION

MAY 30 & 31

\$1,472

THANK YOU!

The Mass Intention book for 2015 has Masses available. If there are special dates on which you would like to dedicate a Mass to a loved one, please contact the Parish Office.

Ministers Schedule for Next Week June 13 & 14

4:15 PM		10:00 AM	
Lector: B. Baird		1 Lector: D. Churton	
Bread: B. Noelke		2 Lector: C. Arett	
Cup: J. Kennedy		1 Bread: S. Miller	
Hosp: R. Jones		2 Bread: J. Warnock	
		3 Bread: V. Flores	
8:30 AM		1 Cup: C. Allen	
Lector: T. Lang		2 Cup: G. McGrath	
Bread: J. Newman		Hosp: J. Warnock	
Cup: J. Kennedy			
Hosp: T. Lando			

PART II: WHY CHRISTIANS SPEAK OF GOD AS "TRINITY"

Last weekend we celebrated Trinity Sunday, and in my column I began to explore the question as to why Christians choose to speak of God as Trinity: one God in three persons. I contend that the answer is rooted in Jewish monotheism, and when "the Word became flesh and dwelt among us," people had to come to grips with what appeared to be two gods (Yahweh and Jesus). I believe that the doctrine of the Trinity developed in order to "solve" this problem of Father, Son, and Spirit.

It would surprise most Christians to learn that it was not until after the death and resurrection of Jesus that his followers fully realized that he was God. One might point out that, during his lifetime, Jesus had done marvelous things (such as miracles) . . . but then God had always "done great things" through human beings (think of Moses, David, or Elijah the prophet). Certainly the early followers drew parallels between Jesus and the great Jewish leaders of the past, but they did not immediately come to the conclusion that Jesus was different, that he was not simply a human being but was, in fact, the divine Son of God.

The early New Testament writings bear this out. Throughout the Letters of Paul, the Apostle preaches that "God raised Jesus from the dead through the power of the Spirit," and Paul's preaching is consistent with the synoptic accounts of the empty tomb: "You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth . . . He is not here . . . He has been raised!" For the early New Testament writers and preachers, Jesus did not *rise* from the dead; rather, it was God who *raised* Jesus from the dead.

Nevertheless, over time Christians began to suspect that Jesus was more than just a leader like Moses or a king like David. They began to speak of the divinity of Jesus, but even this divinity was unclear. Was Jesus divine in the same way that God was divine? Or was Jesus divine because he was "adopted" by God and given a place at God's right hand? These types of debates continued for almost three hundred years, resulting in the Council of Nicea (c. 325). The Council Fathers spoke of Jesus as "God from God, light from light, true God from true God, consubstantial with the Father. . . .", and the principle doctrine to emerge from Nicea was that Jesus was *fully* God and *equal* to God.

Which brings us to the problem of the "Spirit".

I did a global search on the Bible for "Spirit", and literally came up with hundreds of references. In the Hebrew Scriptures, *Spirit* usually referred to the Spirit of God, which could be either a Spirit that animates us and gives us life (e.g., the Breath of God), or a Spirit that empowers us to do great things (i.e., ". . . he has spoken through the prophets."). Moving to the Christian Scriptures, we find that "Spirit" is used in the same ways . . . but with an important difference: not only does the Spirit emanate from God; the Spirit emanates from Jesus as well.

Then there are other times when Spirit is presented as a separate entity:

"I will ask the Father and he will give you another Paraclete – to be with you always: the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, since it neither sees him nor recognizes him because he remains in you and will be within you." (Jn 14:16-18)

When Jesus predicts the events of Pentecost, the Advocate or Paraclete comes across as being different from either Jesus or God. In other words, we see in this language the emergence of the "third person" of the Trinity. However, the fact remains that, in the Scriptures, the lines among Father, Son, and Spirit are indistinct and blurred. It is only through the development of doctrine – primarily the Council of Nicea – that the dogma of the Trinity emerges.

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.

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