

**ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL
APPEAL 2018—WEEK 5**

Assessed Amount: \$28,224
Amount Pledged: \$19,957
Balance Remaining: \$ 8,267

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From the drop-down menu, select St. Teresa Church

Please check with your employer to see if they provide matching funds for charitable donations.

We are at **71%** of our goal! Thank you to all who have donated & pledged. Last year we had AAA wrapped up in 10 weeks (including pledges to be paid over the year) and received donations from 92+ parishioners/families. So far we have received donations from only 46 individuals/families.

ST TERESA'S GREEN TEAM

While rain and snow have relieved drought conditions in parts of the state, conservation must remain a way of life for Californians. Water is essential for life and less than 1% of water on earth is available for human consumption. As God's stewards we are called to care for this sacred gift. We must learn to protect water and use it carefully.

DECORATORS NEEDED

Easter is only three weeks away, and we need volunteers to help decorate the Church! For nearly a quarter of a century Deacon Chuck handled the decorations, but Chuck retired in January. We need help on Holy Thursday (March 29), Good Friday (March 30), and Saturday (March 31). If you'd like to volunteer for any of the three days, please see Fr. Mike Kwiecien.

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Tuesdays & Fridays in Lent
Mass, 8:30am

PALM SUNDAY

Saturday Vigil, March 24: 4:15pm
Palm Sunday, March 25: 8:30 & 10:00am

EASTER TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday, March 29: 7:30pm
Good Friday, March 30: 12:15pm
Easter Vigil, March 31: 8:00pm
Easter Sunday, April 1: 8:30 & 10:00am

GARDEN FUND

WORK HAS BEGUN!!

We would like our parishioners to help with the final design. If you would like to share your ideas on the garden design, please speak with Fr. Mike G. after Mass, email him your ideas or get in touch with the Parish Office. 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!

WEEKEND COLLECTION

(Envelope Donors & Loose Cash)

MARCH 3 & 4

\$1,337—THANK YOU!

PART-TIME SEXTON WANTED

Our current sexton, Drew, has been accepted in to the Fire Department Academy. Drew's last day at St. Teresa will be March 25. While we are happy for him and wish him the best, we are now in need of a replacement. The sexton is responsible for maintaining/cleaning the church & hall, inside and out. This position would be 10-15 hours per week, days & hours flexible. Perfect for a college student or retiree. Please contact the Parish Office:

stephani@stteresasf.org or
415.285.5272 to apply.

**We Welcome You To
St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church**
Served by the Carmelites



**MARCH 11, 2018
FOURTH SUNDAY
OF LENT**



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

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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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.*

MASS INTENTIONS

As we celebrate Mass together we include in our prayers:

- 4:15pm **Saturday, March 10**
 Pascual "Sonny" Castro (Spec. Int.)
 Henry Morgan, Jr. (Spec. Int.)
- 8:30am **Sunday, March 11**
 The People of the Parish
 10:00am † Marie Caracciolo
- 8:30am **Tuesday, March 13**
 † Lowell Busalacchi
- 8:30am **Friday, March 16**
 The Sick of the Parish
- 4:15pm **Saturday, March 17**
 The People of the Parish
 Henry Morgan, Jr. (Spec. Int.)
- 8:30am **Sunday, March 18**
 The People of the Parish
 10:00am † Cristina Fernandez

Parish Calendar

- Sun, Mar 11 - Faith Formation, 9:00am, Hall
 Mon, Mar 12 - AA Step Meeting, 6:30pm, Hall
 - Choir Practice, 6:30pm, Church
 Tue, Mar 13 - SVdP Meeting
 9:00am, Hall
 - SVdP Grocery Distribution
 1:00pm, Hall
 - Pastoral Council
 7:00pm, Avila
 Sat, Mar 17 - AA Meeting, 7pm, Avila
 Sun, Mar 18 - Faith Formation, 9:00am, Hall

SECOND COLLECTIONS

March 10 & 11

There will be no second collection this week.

March 17 & 18

Next week, our parish will take up the Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC). Funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here at home and abroad. Learn more about the collection at:

www.usccb.org/catholic-relief

Sign-up sheets are in the back of the church for Easter Triduum Ministers. We are in need of Ministers for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday.

Ministers Schedule for Next Week March 17 & 18

<u>4:15 PM</u>		<u>10:00 AM</u>	
Lector:	R.M. Ostler	1 Lector:	L. Jacklevich
Bread:	J. Burns	2 Lector:	D. Churton
Cup:	E. Perea	1 Bread:	R. Labuguen
Hosp:	J. Marasco	2 Bread:	K. McMahan
		3 Bread:	A. Schelstrate
<u>8:30 AM</u>		1 Cup:	G. McGrath
Lector:	Sr. Lucia	2 Cup:	E. Kudyba
Bread:	S. Perez	Hosp:	L. Gauna
Cup:	A. Lopez		
Hosp:	T. Lando		

The full schedules for March & April were emailed on Friday, March 2. Copies are in the Sacristy.

JOHN'S GOSPEL & THE MAN BORN BLIND

"Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him."

So begins this Sunday's Gospel. The disciples want to know whose sin caused him to be born blind, and this attitude appears later in the narrative when the Pharisees address the man before expelling him from the synagogue:

"You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?" Then they threw him out. (Jn 9:34)

The fact that both the disciples and the Pharisees connect blindness with sin indicates that this notion is deeply rooted in Jewish culture. Jesus' answer is curt and harsh:

"Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him." (Jn 9:3) In his response, Jesus virtually reprimands the disciples, and its content and tone indicate that Jesus rejects any notion that the man's blindness is connected to personal sin.

What is especially surprising in this story is that the disciples – who have already seen Jesus perform countless miracles – nevertheless fail to grasp that those who are blind or deaf or physically challenged are **not** being punished for personal sin. Yet the question remains: Where does the connection between suffering and sin come from? And why do the disciples and the Pharisees so persistently hold on to this notion?

In order to answer this question we have to go back to "the beginning of the story," to the account of the fall found in the Book of Genesis. According to the story, when Adam and Eve disobeyed God (i.e., "sinned"), there were consequences for their transgression: only through a man's toil does the earth yield its fruit, and only through pain and suffering do women bear children. Adam and Eve lose their immortality, and in symbolic language the Genesis author is saying that suffering and death entered the world as a consequence of Adam and Eve's sin. St. Paul crystallizes this theology when he tells us that "the wages of sin are suffering and death".

The story of the fall in Genesis uses the *personal* transgression of Adam and Eve to explain the *universal* existence of suffering and death. But we must emphasize that this is first and foremost a story, one which tries to offer an explanation of why suffering and death exist.

On one hand, our theology recognizes that suffering and death are the consequences of sin. On the other hand, that same theology emphasizes that, when the Messiah comes, suffering and death will disappear. This is why the majority of Jesus' miracles involve healing and restoration of life. Essentially, these healing miracles conquer suffering or death: they are signs of both God's power and God's presence among us. To put it another way, miracles proclaim that "the Kingdom of God is at hand."

In today's Gospel, when Jesus restores the blind man's sight, it is not to forgive either the man's nor his parents' sin. Rather, it is to demonstrate that God – the Messiah – is "walking among us" in the person of Jesus. Both the disciples and the crowd are blind to this fact. They ask the wrong question when they inquire, "Whose sin caused this man to be born blind? Instead, they should be asking, "Who is this man, this Jesus of Nazareth?" and "What does it mean when he restores the blind man's sight?"

The irony in today's Gospel is that only the man born blind "sees" and "recognizes" Jesus. The other characters – who are sighted – fail to recognize who Jesus is.

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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