

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Tuesdays in Lent

Mass, 8:30am

Fridays in Lent

Mass, 8:30am

Stations of the Cross, 9:00am

PALM SUNDAY

Saturday Vigil, March 28: 4:15pm

Palm Sunday, March 29: 8:30 & 10am

EASTER TRIDIUM

Holy Thursday, April 2: 7:30pm

Good Friday, April 3: 12:15pm

Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil,

April 4: 8:00pm

Easter Sunday, April 5: 8:30 & 10:00am

LENTEN TALK

SPEAKER: FR. JACK WELCH, O. CARM.

Carmelite Educator and Author

"DARK PRAYER"

Wednesday, March 18

We will begin our evening with Mass at 6:15pm, followed by a Soup Supper in the Parish Hall, with the talk following in Church.

Wednesday, March 25

Soup Supper at 6:15
Taizé following in Church

Join the Circle of Light for supper and a service of prayer and song, based on the Taizé practice.

Please see the bulletin boards for more information about these events.

Just a reminder that there will be a "listening session" for young adults (college age to forty—single or married) on **SUNDAY, MARCH 29** after the 10 am Mass. Angela Pollock from the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries will facilitate the process. Grab some coffee & donuts and join us; the meeting should be over about noon.

AAA 2015

Assessed Amount: \$22,200
Amount Pledged: \$13,975
Balance Remaining \$ 8,225

We would like to thank everyone who have either given or pledged monies. The above figures reflect all donations, including those made on-line.

If you wish to donate online, access is through: <http://www.sfarchdiocese.org/home/stewardship/donate-to-the-appeal>

The easiest way is to use the direct link on our website's home page.

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

Last year we had AAA wrapped up by the end of March (including pledges to be paid over the year) — Let's do it again!

MONTHLY DONORS & SECOND COLLECTIONS — FEBRUARY

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| First Collection (Monthly Donors) | \$2,700 |
| Building & Maintenance | \$1,785 |
| * Carmelite Missions | \$2,565 |
| St. Vincent de Paul | \$2,434 |

* includes previously reported monies

Fr. Greenwell would like to express his regrets for his absence this weekend. Unfortunately, he has been called out of town for a funeral.

SOUP SUPPERS

Lent is a time for looking inward and sharing in community. Please share a meal as part of your Lent program - Mass, soup, and thought-provoking ideas. Sign up to let us know if you'll bring soup, rolls, beverages or something else. From the Circle of Light (Jeanne Burns, Briony Doyle, Deb Churton, Mary Katherine Law, Judi Daddio, and Lynn Jacklevich).

Sign-up sheets are in the back of the church for Easter Triduum Ministers & Soup Makers, bread bringers, etc. for our three Suppers.

WE WELCOME YOU TO ST. TERESA OF AVILA CATHOLIC CHURCH

SERVED BY THE CARMELITES

MARCH 15, 2015
THE FOURTH SUNDAY
IN LENT



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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 &

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, Mar 15- Faith Formation, 9:00am
 Mon, Mar 16 - Choir Practice, 6:30pm
 Tue, Mar 17 - SVdP Sandwich Tuesday
 9:00am, Parish Kitchen
 - SVdP Grocery Distribution
 1:00pm, Sammon
 Wed, Mar 18 - Mass, Soup Supper, &
 Lenten Talk, 6:15pm
 Sat, Mar 21 - AA Meeting, 7pm, Sammon
 Sun, Mar 22 - Faith Formation, 9:00am

MASS INTENTIONS

As we celebrate Mass together
 we include in our prayers:

Saturday, March 14

4:15pm + Sister Doris Cavanaugh, PBVM
 Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

Sunday, March 15

8:30am The People of the Parish
 10:00am + Vincent Cocciolone

Tuesday, March 17

8:30am The Deceased of the Parish

Wednesday, March 18

6:15pm The People of the Parish

Friday, March 20

8:30am The Sick of the Parish

Saturday, March 21

4:15pm + Lena Sicoli
 Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

Sunday, March 22

8:30am The People of the Parish
 10:00am + Michelle Gargotto

SECOND COLLECTION

March 14 & 15

“Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me” (Mt 25:40). Today, we are reminded that Jesus identified himself with our poorest brothers and sisters. The Catholic Relief Services Collection serves Jesus in the victims of human trafficking, in those who suffer from unjust laws, and in those who need pastoral care and humanitarian assistance across the globe. Through your support with today’s Collection, you help Jesus in disguise. Please be generous.

March 21 & 22

No second collection is scheduled.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

MARCH 7 & 8

**\$1,410
 THANK YOU!**

Ministers Schedule for Next Week March 21 & 22

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| 4:15 PM | | 10:00 AM | |
| Lector: | T. Jackson | 1 Lector: | M. Schelstrate |
| Bread: | J. Daddio | 2 Lector: | B. Doyle |
| Cup: | E. Perea | 1 Bread: | R. Labuguen |
| Hosp: | L. Lechich | 2 Bread: | A. Schelstrate |
| | | 3 Bread: | K. Schelstrate |
| 8:30 AM | | 1 Cup: | C. Allen |
| Lector: | T. Lang | 2 Cup: | J. Schelstrate |
| Bread: | J. Newman | Hosp: | K. Varandas |
| Cup: | R. Kingman | | B. Cassidy |
| Hosp: | J. Propster | | L. Mastrangelo |

THE PARADOX OF THE CROSS

“Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that all who believe may have eternal life in him. Yes, God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,” [Jn 3:14-16a]

Many of us, I am sure, recognize the final part of the above quotation. John 3:16 is the passage referred to in those countless posters held up by fans towards television cameras at athletic events around the country. As intriguing as this practice may be, it is the first part of the above quotation – where Jesus is compared to the serpent in the desert – that is the subject of today’s column.

What a bizarre image! Jesus being compared to a snake! The original reference is to the 21st Chapter of the Book of Numbers, which describes how Israelites were being bit by serpents so that many of them died. They complained to Moses,

“. . . and the Lord said to Moses, “Make a saraph and mount it to a pole, and if anyone who has been bitten looks at, he will recover.” [Num 21:8]

This behavior reflects a non-Israelite religious practice, probably Egyptian in origin. Basically, the idea was that the power of a dangerous creature could be overcome by worshiping an image of that creature. This cultic practice was abolished in the religious reform of King Hezekiah, but the passage remained in the Book of Numbers and is referred to in the Gospel of John. Obviously, the Evangelist is saying when one looks upon Christ “mounted on a pole” (i.e., the cross), that person is saved.

But there is another dimension involving this image. In his first letter to the Corinthians, Paul writes:

“For Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, Jews and Greeks alike, Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.” [1 Cor 1:22-25]

What Paul is addressing in this passage is a problem that the crucifixion of Jesus posed for the early Church in its missionary activity among Jews and Gentiles. For Jews, the Book of Deuteronomy stated that *“. . . God’s curse rests on him who hangs on a tree,” [Dt 21:23]* – which meant that the manner of Jesus’ death was a “stumbling block” to Jews since death on a tree (crucifixion) was a sign of God’s *disfavor*. For Gentiles (i.e. Romans and Greeks), crucifixion of the God-Man appeared just plain foolish; hence, the difficulty that Paul and the other missionaries encountered when they tried to preach “Christ crucified”.

As you can see, today’s Gospel is *very* messy. It draws upon the Old Testament books of Deuteronomy and Numbers, Egyptian religious practices, and attitudes of first century Jews and Gentiles who found the crucifixion of Jesus so scandalous that it was an obstacle to belief. How did the early Christians deal with this paradox of the cross and crucifixion? Basically, they put a spin on it: what was a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles became, through the eyes of faith, the wisdom of God, such that he who looks upon the crucified Christ “will live” and have eternal life. Thus, the cross and crucifixion – instead of being a symbol of scandal and foolishness – is reinterpreted and transformed into a symbol of triumph and glory.

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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