

ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL 2018—WEEK 6

Assessed Amount: \$28,224
Amount Pledged: \$18,613*
Balance Remaining: \$ 9,611*

* The above numbers are correct, there was an error in last week's bulletin.

If you wish to donate online, access is through:

www.sfarch.org/aaa

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 **66%*** 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 49 individuals/families.

The Circle of Light will lead a vigil prayer service after the Holy Thursday Mass. Everyone is invited to stay and participate.

SAVE THE DATE

Archbishop Cordileone will visit St. Teresa's on Sunday, April 15th. He will celebrate at the 10am Mass and visit with our Faith Formation classes. He is looking forward to speaking with parishioners at our coffee & donuts after the 10am Mass.

He will also be meeting with the Finance Council, Pastoral Council, and Parish Staff.

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

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.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

(Envelope Donors & Loose Cash)

MARCH 10 & 11

\$1,358—THANK YOU!

ST TERESA'S GREEN TEAM

The U.S. is less than 5% of the world's population, but we are responsible for about 20% of the carbon dioxide being emitted. Minimizing the use of our cars and selecting alternative means of transportation whenever possible can help curb the trend toward global climate change and save precious petroleum resources for future generations. Since 1/3 of U.S. air pollution comes from petroleum-powered transportation, we need to think carefully about how we get around. Try abstaining from the car for one whole day. Select a day when you can walk or bicycle if you need to go somewhere.

We Welcome You To St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church

Served by the Carmelites



MARCH 18, 2018 FIFTH 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

Jim Schelstrate Steve Miller
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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:

Saturday, March 17
4:15pm The People of the Parish
Henry Morgan, Jr. (Spec. Int.)

Sunday, March 18
8:30am † Joseph L. & Cecelia Greenwell
10:00am † Cristina Fernandez

Tuesday, March 20
8:30am † Irma Flores

Friday, March 23
8:30am The Deceased of the Parish

Saturday, March 24
4:15pm † Dan Perea & Rachael Humphrey
Henry Morgan, Jr. (Spec. Int.)

Sunday, March 25
8:30am † Teresa Benavente
10:00am The People of the Parish

Parish Calendar

Sun, Mar 18 - Faith Formation, 9:00am, Hall
- Sandwich Sunday
11:00am, Hall

Mon, Mar 19 - AA Step Meeting, 6:30pm, Hall
- Choir Practice, 6:30pm, Church

Tue, Mar 20 - SVdP Sandwich Tuesday
9:00am, Parish Kitchen
- SVdP Grocery Distribution
1:00pm, Hall
- Young Adults Meeting
7:00pm, Priory

Sat, Mar 24 - AA Meeting, 7pm, Avila

Sun, Mar 25 - Faith Formation, 9:00am, Hall

SECOND COLLECTIONS

March 17 & 18

This week we are taking up the Catholic Relief Services collection to respond to Jesus in disguise. This collection helps six Catholic agencies provide relief and support to struggling communities and to work toward peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world.

March 24 & 25

Next week's second collection will benefit the St. Teresa Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

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 24 & 25**

	4:15 PM	10:00 AM
Lector:	P. Diaz	1 Lector: B. Doyle
Bread:	A. Rose	2 Lector: G. Femec
Cup:	B. Noelke	1 Bread: J. Schelstrate
Hosp:	R. Jones	2 Bread: A. Schelstrate
		3 Bread: K. McMahon
	8:30 AM	1 Cup: R. Labuguen
Lector:	D. Paquette	2 Cup: J. Warnock
Bread:	R. Kingman	Hosp: J. Warnock
Cup:	Volunteer	
Hosp:	T. Lando	

JESUS' REACTION TO THE DEATH OF LAZARUS

This is a reprint of a column that I wrote when we previously read from the "A" Cycle on the Fifth Sunday of Lent. A literal translation of a phrase in the original Greek text offers a fascinating insight as to what might have happened when Jesus approached the tomb of Lazarus.

In today's Gospel, John the Evangelist tells us that when Jesus approached the tomb of Lazarus, he "*became perturbed and deeply troubled*". What does that mean?

When we look at four of the "Catholic" translations of the Bible, we get four different translations of the text:

- "*When Jesus saw her weeping, . . . he became perturbed and deeply troubled, and said, 'Where have you laid him?'*" (New American Bible, 1991 translation, read at today's liturgy)
- "*When Jesus saw her weeping, . . . he was troubled in spirit, moved by the deepest emotions. 'Where have you laid him?' he asked.*" (New American Bible, 1971 translation)
- "*At the sight of her tears, . . . Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?'*" (Jerusalem Bible, 1966 Translation)
- "*Jesus, therefore, when he saw her weeping, . . . , groaned in the spirit, and troubled himself, and said: Where have you laid him?*" (Douhy-Reims Translation, 1889 American Edition)

Each of these translations seems a bit nebulous in its attempt to describe Jesus' reaction. If we could ask a question of John the Evangelist it might be this: What are you trying to communicate when you tell us that Jesus "*. . . became perturbed and deeply troubled*"?

I'd like to suggest that a footnote in the 1991 NAB translation provides the key to understanding the text. The translators note that, in the original Greek, the literal translation of the text is that he [Jesus] "*. . . snorted in the spirit.*" Certainly, "snorting in the spirit" is a rather crude and bizarre image, and each of the four translations attempts to render this expression in a somewhat palatable manner. But the literal translation opens another door, posing a new and different question: What does it mean to "*snort in the spirit*"?

When I first heard the expression, the image that came to mind was that of a horse being "spooked" when it detects danger – such as the presence of a snake or the proximity of fire. The horse rears back on its haunches, kicks its front legs, and its eyes convey fear, panic, and terror. The animal feels frightened and threatened because it detects the presence of something sinister, malicious, and evil. I would suggest that this is what Jesus experiences when he approaches the tomb of Lazarus: he "snorts in the spirit" because he is coming face-to-face with evil (death).

Today's Gospel – which describes the seventh and last "sign" in the Gospel of John – is a microcosm of Jesus' ministry, mission, and purpose. God became a human being in order to undo the sin of Adam, and our tradition teaches us that, as a consequence of Adam's disobedience, suffering and death entered the world. Jesus – unlike Adam – is "obedient unto death", and through his suffering, death, and resurrection he "undoes" the sin of Adam. When Jesus brings Lazarus back from the dead it demonstrates the triumph of life over death, good over evil, light over darkness, and grace over sin. The Raising of Lazarus prefigures Jesus' own Resurrection, and both the Raising of Lazarus and the Resurrection of Jesus convincingly demonstrate that it is God – not Satan – who has the final word.

The dramatic intensity of today's Gospel is diminished or minimized if we speak of Jesus as being "perturbed", "deeply troubled", or "moved by the deepest emotions". In this case, the literal expression "snorted in the spirit" seems to more accurately capture the sense of what happened when Jesus came face to face with the presence of evil (death).

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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