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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.

We are at 83% of our goal! Thank you to all who have donated & pledged. We are in the 7th week of this campaign. Last year we had AAA wrapped up in 8 weeks (including pledges to be paid over the year). This is the start of Week 8 — Let's do it again!

The Mass Intention book for 2017 has dates available. If there are special dates on which you would like to dedicate a Mass to a loved one, please contact The Parish Office.



SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE Tuesday, March 21st 6:00— 7:30pm St Paul's School

Learn more about their program. Tours will be given and application packets will be available.

St. Paul's School is committed to academic excellence, diversity, and community. They are an inclusive Catholic community that celebrates the contributions each student (and family) makes to the heritage and future of St. Paul's. They pride themselves on challenging academics, supportive relationships and community spirit.

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Tuesdays in Lent

Mass, 8:30am

Fridays in Lent

Mass, 8:30am

PALM SUNDAY

Saturday Vigil, April 8: 4:15pm
Palm Sunday, April 9: 8:30 & 10am

EASTER TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday, April 13: 7:30pm
Good Friday, April 14: 12:15pm
Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil,
April 15: 8:00pm
Easter Sunday,
April 16: 8:30 & 10:00am

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.

ST TERESA'S GREEN TEAM



World Water Day is an annual event celebrated on March 22. The day focuses attention on the importance of fresh water and advocates for the sustainable management of freshwater resources. Use this time to learn about the infrastructure in the Bay Area and find out how the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission provides fresh water resources to their customers. Consider reflecting on the important role water plays and pray for the communities who are not as fortunate as the Bay Area to have the same infrastructure and fresh resource.

WE WELCOME YOU TO ST. TERESA OF AVILA CATHOLIC CHURCH SERVED BY THE CARMELITES



MARCH 19, 2017 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



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OFFICE HOURS

10:00am to 12:30pm
1:00pm to 4:30pm

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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.*

MASS INTENTIONS
As we celebrate Mass together we include in our prayers:

- 4:15pm **Saturday, March 18**
† Bill & Frances Perac
Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)
- 8:30am **Sunday, March 19**
10:00am The People of the Parish
† Vincent Cocciolone
- 8:30am **Tuesday, March 21**
The Sick of the Parish
- 8:30am **Friday, March 24**
† Dan Perea
- 4:15pm **Saturday, March 25**
Tim Faye & Lauren Nemeth (Spec. Int.)
Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)
- 8:30am **Sunday, March 26**
10:00am The People of the Parish
† Rachel Humphrey

Parish Calendar

- Sun, Mar 19 - Faith Formation, 9:00am, Hall
Mon, Mar 20 - Choir Practice, 6:30pm
- AA Step Meeting, 6:30pm
Tue, Mar 21 - SVdP Sandwich Tuesday
9:00am, Parish Kitchen
- SVdP Grocery Distribution
1:00pm, Hall
Sat, Mar 25 - AA Meeting, 7pm, Avila
Sun, Mar 26 - Faith Formation, 9:00am, Hall

SECOND COLLECTIONS

March 18 & 19

This week, we are taking up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. This collection helps six Catholic agencies provide relief and support to struggling communities and work toward peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Learn more at:

www.usccb.org/catholic-relief

March 25 & 26

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

WEEKEND COLLECTION
MARCH 11 & 12
\$1,707
THANK YOU!

Ministers Schedule for Next Week
March 25 & 26

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| 4:15 PM | | 10:00 AM |
| Lector: T. Jackson | | 1 Lector: D.B. Bernstein |
| Bread: F. Patt | | 2 Lector: C. Arett |
| Cup: E. Perea | | 1 Bread: S. Miller |
| Hosp: R. Jones | | 2 Bread: A. Schelstrate |
| | | 3 Bread: M. Suisala |
| 8:30 AM | | 1 Cup: C. Allen |
| Lector: Sr. Lucia | | 2 Cup: G. McGrath |
| Bread: R. Kingman | | Hosp: J. Warnock |
| Cup: S. Perez | | |
| Hosp: T. Lando | | |

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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| <input type="checkbox"/> New Parishioner | <input type="checkbox"/> New Address | <input type="checkbox"/> New Phone |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Send Sunday envelopes | <input type="checkbox"/> Send Monthly Donor Form | <input type="checkbox"/> Moving—remove from mailing list |

WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL ABOUT SAMARIA?

Today's Gospel, taken from the 4th Chapter of John, is the story of the *Woman at the Well*. Jesus asks the woman for some water, and she responds, "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?" The Evangelist informs us that "Jews use nothing in common with Samaritans", and towards the end of the reading (when the disciples reappear) they, too, are scandalized by Jesus' behavior. The question for the modern reader is simply this: Why was any interaction with Samaritans so controversial and scandalous?



The answer lies in the history and geography of Biblical Israel. As you can see from the map, Jerusalem is in the South (near the Dead Sea) and Nazareth is in the North (near the Sea of Galilee). In order to travel between Galilee and Jerusalem one must pass through Samaria. What's the big deal?

The answer to this question lies in Israelite History. A thousand years before Jesus, Saul united the Twelve Tribes of Israel into a single nation. David succeeded Saul, and Solomon followed David. After the death of Solomon (about 931 BC), the Kingdom divided in two, with Israel in the North and Judah in the South. And although both Kingdoms were Jewish, Israel and Judah had separate kings.

Two hundred years later, the Northern Kingdom fell to the Assyrians (721 BC). This Northern Kingdom included the lands of Samaria and Galilee, and, over time, Jews in this region began not only to intermarry with the "foreigners" but also to worship the foreigners' gods. These two things were a source of scandal to Jews of the South, and herein lies the root of the animosity.

What most Christians do not realize is that, for all intents and purposes, Samaritans are Jews! We see this in today's reading when the woman asks Jesus, "Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us this cistern and drank from it himself with his children and his flocks?" (Jn 4:12) The woman is referring to Jacob's well, and it is apparent from her question that the Samaritan Woman is a descendent of Jacob (the father of twelve sons whose descendants became the Twelve Tribes of Israel). Essentially, the Samaritan Woman and Jesus share the same ancestry.

In Jesus' day, Jews despised Samaritans because Jews from the South – especially from the area around Jerusalem – were trying to preserve and maintain religious and ethnic purity. As such, they were suspicious of other Jews in the Mediterranean who spoke Greek instead of Hebrew; they referred to Jesus' homeland as "Galilee of the Gentiles"; and, in discussing Jesus, they made the cynical comment, "What good ever came out of Nazareth?"

The interaction between Jesus and the Samaritan Woman scandalized Jews of Jesus' day. We see evidence of this in today's reading when the woman herself is taken aback when Jesus initiates the conversation. Later in the reading when the disciples return, they, too, are shocked when they find Jesus in deep conversation with this Samaritan woman.

In the Gospel of Luke, the *Parable of the Good Samaritan* – like today's *Woman at the Well* – offended the Jews of first century Judea. Hopefully, today's column supplies some background and history as to why interaction or contact with Samaritans not only provoked such a hostile Jewish response but also stirred up such controversy regarding the ministry of Jesus.

Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm.