

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Tuesdays in Lent

Mass, 8:30am

Wednesdays in Lent

Mass, 6:15pm

March 26, April 2 & 9

Lenten Talk, 7:00pm

Fr. David Simpson, O. Carm.
March 26

Fridays in Lent

Mass, 8:30am

Stations of the Cross, 9:00am

PALM SUNDAY, April 13

Saturday Vigil: 4:15pm

Palm Sunday, 8:30 & 10am

EASTER TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday: 7:30pm

Good Friday: 12:15pm

Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil: 8:30pm

Easter Sunday: 8:30 & 10:00am

LENTEN TALK:

March 26th, 7:00pm

Praying with St. Teresa of Avila
by Fr. David Simpson, O. Carm.

Join us as we welcome Fr. David Simpson, O. Carm. to our parish. Fr. David will give a talk regarding St. Teresa of Avila's life and influences. This will lead into a discussion of her teachings on prayer.

"Prayer is an act of love; words are not needed. Even if sickness distracts from thoughts, all that is needed is the will to love."

Saint Teresa of Avila

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

During illness many people experience feelings of loneliness and isolation. You can make a difference.

Bring the Lord's presence to the sick through your life experience and caring as a Eucharistic Minister at the oldest and only Catholic hospital in San Francisco.

Call the St. Mary's Medical Center's Chaplain Services Department to speak with a chaplain about our volunteer ministry program. We provide training and ongoing support.

Contact: Father Pablo at 415-668-1000 (ext. 7174) or Mary Poppingo 415-750-5790.



CALLING ALL EGG HUNTERS!

All children (toddler to age 12) are invited to participate in the St. Teresa Annual Easter Egg Hunt after the 10:00am Mass on Easter Sunday. We ask that children bring their own basket. If you would like to help the Easter Bunny hide eggs that Sunday, please contact the Parish Office.

AAA 2014

Assessed Amount:	\$20,500
Amount Pledged:	\$16,590
Balance Remaining	\$ 3,910

We thank everyone who has either given or pledged monies. The above figures now reflect donations made on-line.

If you wish to donate online, access is through: www.sfarchdiocese.org and click on the link [Annual Appeal](#) to donate.

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!

WE WELCOME YOU TO ST. TERESA OF AVILA CATHOLIC CHURCH

SERVED BY THE CARMELITES

MARCH 23, 2014
THIRD SUNDAY
OF LENT



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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

Please visit our 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.*

Parish Calendar

Sun, Mar 23 - Religious Education
9:00am, Parish Hall
Mon, Mar 24 - Choir Practice, 6:30pm
Tue, Mar 25 - SVdP Sandwich Tuesday
9:00am, Parish Kitchen
- SVdP Grocery Distribution
1:00pm, Sammon Hall
Wed, Mar 26 - Mass, 6:15pm
- Lenten Talk, 7:00pm
Sat, Mar 29 - AA Meeting
7:00pm, Sammon
Sun, Mar 30 - Religious Education
9:00am, Parish Hall

SECOND COLLECTION

March 22 & 23

There is no second collection this weekend.

March 29 & 30

The second collection next weekend benefits the St Teresa Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Sign-up sheets for Easter Triduum are in the back of the church.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

March 15 & 16

\$1,360

THANK YOU!

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: _____

- New Parishioner New Address New Phone
 Send Sunday envelopes Send Monthly Donor Form Moving—remove from mailing list

MASS INTENTIONS

As we celebrate Mass together we include in our prayers:

Saturday, Mar 22

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

Sunday, Mar 23

8:30am The Deceased of the Parish
10:00am The Sick of the Parish

Tuesday, Mar 25

8:30am + Dan Perea

Wednesday, Mar 26

6:15pm The Sick of the Parish

Friday, Mar 28

8:30am The People of the Parish

Saturday, Mar 29

4:15pm + James J. Burns, Sr.
Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

Sunday, Mar 30

8:30am + Michele Foss
10:00am + Mary Smith

Ministers Schedule for Next Week March 29 & 30

4:15 PM	10:00 AM
Lector: P. Diaz	1 Lector: L. Jacklevich
Bread: A. Rose	2 Lector: D. Aikins
Cup: J. Burns	1 Bread: J. Schelstrate
Hosp: M. Comaich	2 Bread: K. Schelstrate
	3 Bread: D. Tejada
8:30 AM	1 Cup: C. Allen
Lector: J. Propster	2 Cup: G. McGrath
Bread: R. Kingman	Hosp: K. Varandas
Cup: J. Newman	B. Cassidy
Hosp: T. Lando	

WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL ABOUT SAMARIA?

Today's Gospel is taken from the 4th Chapter of John, the story of the *Woman at the Well*. Jesus asks the woman, a Samaritan, for a some water; she responds, "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan, for drink?" The Evangelist goes on to say that "Jews use nothing in common with Samaritans", and – later in the reading when the disciples appear – they, too, are amazed at Jesus' behavior. Why is interaction with a Samaritan 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 get from Galilee to 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 Solomon – in 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.

Approximately 200 years after Solomon, the Northern Kingdom fell to the Assyrians (721 BC). This Northern Kingdom included the lands of Samaria and Galilee, and, over time, Jews from Samaria and Galilee began to intermarry with the "foreigners". This intermarriage (coupled with the worship of the foreigners' gods) was a source of scandal to Jews of the South, and herein lies the root of the animosity between Samaritans and Jews.

What most Christians do not know is that, for all intents and purposes, Samaritans are Jews! We can 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 Jacob's well, and it is apparent from her question that the Samaritan Woman is a descendent of Jacob, the father of the twelve sons who later became the Twelve Tribes of Israel. Essentially, the Samaritan Woman and Jesus share the same ancestry.

Jews despised Samaritans because the Jews from the South – especially from the area around Jerusalem – tried to preserve and maintain a type of religious and ethnic purity. As such, they were suspicious of other Jews in the Mediterranean because they spoke Greek, not Hebrew; they refer to Jesus' homeland as "Galilee of the Gentiles"; and, in discussing Jesus, they make cynical comment, "What good ever came out of Nazareth?"

Jesus' interaction with the Samaritan Woman shocks even his disciples; the conversion of Samaritans to follow Jesus certainly scandalized many "devout Jews" of Jesus' day. And certainly the Parable of the Good Samaritan – found in Luke's Gospel – in itself was offensive to many Jews. But in order to understand why Samaritans provoked such a hostile response, we have to know something about the History of Israel and how the "Samaritan issue" evolved.

Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm.