

ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL 2018—WEEK 7

Assessed Amount: \$28,224
Amount Pledged: \$23,233
Balance Remaining: \$ 4,991

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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 **82%** 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 63 individuals/families.



In observance of Good Friday and Easter Monday, the Parish Office will be closed on Friday, March 30 and Monday, April 2.

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 one 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.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Adult Confirmation will take place on Saturday, May 19, at the 5:30pm Mass at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption. Preparation for Confirmation will be on Friday night, May 11th, from 6-8:30 pm, continuing on Saturday, May 12th, from 10 am until 4 pm. Any adults who need to be confirmed should see Fr. Michael Kwiecien. A reminder: in order to be a Godparent or Confirmation Sponsor you need to be Confirmed.

ST TERESA'S GREEN TEAM

Cellophane Easter grass, often found in Easter baskets, cannot go into the recycling bin. Rather than buying new "grass" for this year, try using shredded newspaper, tissue paper, or ribbon instead. For an even more sustainable Easter basket, choose Easter treats with less packaging to cut down on the amount of waste that is generated by the holiday festivities.

We Welcome You To St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church

Served by the Carmelites



MARCH 25, 2018 PALM SUNDAY



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 24**
† Dan Perea & Rachel Humphrey
Henry Morgan, Jr. (Spec. Int.)
- 8:30am **Sunday, March 25**
† Teresa Benavente
10:00am The People of the Parish
- 8:30am **Tuesday, March 27**
The Deceased of the Parish
- 7:30pm **Thursday, March 29**
The Sick of the Parish
- 8:00pm **Saturday, March 31**
† James J. Burns, Sr. & Kathleen Burns
Henry Morgan, Jr. (Spec. Int.)
- 8:30am **Sunday, April 1**
† Teresa Spalding
10:00am The People of the Parish

WEEKEND COLLECTION

(Envelope Donors & Loose Cash)

MARCH 17 & 18

\$1,101

THANK YOU!

Ministers' Schedule

for Next Week

March 29, 30, 31 & April 1

**Special sign-up for
Triduum & Easter
On table in back of Church**

SECOND COLLECTIONS

March 24 & 25

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

March 31 & April 1

Next week's second collection will benefit the St. Teresa Building & Maintenance Fund.

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.

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

Parish Calendar

- Sun, Mar 24 - Faith Formation, 9:00am, Hall
- Mon, Mar 25 - AA Step Meeting, 6:30pm, Hall
- Choir Practice, 6:30pm, Church
- Tue, Mar 27 - SVdP Sandwich Tuesday
9:00am, Parish Kitchen
- SVdP Grocery Distribution
1:00pm, Hall
- Thur, Mar 29 - Holy Thursday Service, 7:30pm
- Fri, Mar 30 - Parish Office Closed
- Good Friday Service, 12:15pm
- Sat, Mar 31 - AA Meeting, 7pm, Avila
- Easter Vigil, 8:00pm
- Sun, Apr 1 - No Faith Formation
- Coffee & Donuts following the
8:30 & 10 am Masses
- Mon, Apr 2 - Parish Office Closed

HOLY WEEK

Today marks the beginning of Holy Week, the most solemn week of the liturgical year. During this week we focus on the *Paschal Mystery*: the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of the Lord. The week begins with Palm Sunday, which commemorates the Lord's triumphal entrance into Jerusalem, and it concludes with the Easter Vigil, where we not only celebrate Jesus' conquering of sin and death but also initiate new members into the Church. Over the next seven days we will celebrate several unique liturgies, and in this week's column I'd like to provide some additional background on these celebrations.

Palm Sunday is an unusual liturgy because it has *two* gospels. The first gospel is read outside the church/sanctuary where the ministers and assembly have gathered for the blessing and procession of the palms. This Gospel (taken from Matthew, Mark, or Luke, depending on the year) describes Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. Following the blessing of palms, the procession moves into the church. There is no penitential rite, and the liturgy continues with the opening prayer. The readings follow, but the Gospel is always the Passion. This year, because we are in Cycle B, we read the Passion according to Mark. The liturgical color for Palm Sunday is red.

The next major liturgy occurs on Holy Thursday, the first day of the Easter Triduum. This is the *Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper*, and it is the only Mass than can be celebrated in the parish on this day. White vestments are worn, and the Gospel is taken from the Johanne account of the Last Supper. In John's Gospel, Jesus washes the feet of the disciples and, in imitation of Jesus, we wash one another's feet. This ritual, called the *mandatum*, is done only once a year, on Holy Thursday. Another unique aspect of this liturgy is that, at the end, there is no blessing or dismissal. Instead, we move in procession and transfer the Eucharist from the body of the Church to the altar of repose. After song and prayer, we disperse in silence, only to gather on Good Friday for the *Commemoration of the Lord's Passion*.

The Good Friday Liturgy is not a Mass. There is no procession or entrance hymn; it simply begins with the opening prayer. The First Reading is from Isaiah, and the Gospel is always the Passion according to John. After the homily we pray the *Great Intercessions*. These are ten solemn prayers, usually sung, which focus on how the saving death of Christ redeems the world and its people. The liturgy continues with the *Veneration of the Cross*, which is followed by a simple communion service. As on Holy Thursday, there is no blessing, dismissal, or final hymn; the assembly departs in silence, to return on Holy Saturday for the Easter Vigil.

The Easter Vigil begins outside with the blessing of Easter Fire and the lighting of the Paschal Candle. Moving into the Church, a light service follows, cumulating with the *Exultet*. The Liturgy of the Word has a minimum of three readings, but may be expanded to include as many as nine. These readings, taken from the Hebrew Scriptures, chronicle the history of God's saving acts, beginning with creation and leading up to the saving actions celebrated at Easter: the Death and Resurrection of the Lord. Following the homily, the Sacraments of Initiation are celebrated.

This year we have three adults – Irmarie Berdecia, Sandy Choi, and Yixin Huang– who will be received into the Church. Irmarie and Sandy have already been baptized; they will make their profession of faith and will complete their Christian Initiation with the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. Yixin has not been Baptized, so she will be initiated into the Church by receiving the three Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.

Although the three days of the Triduum are the holiest days of the year, they are not Holy Days of Obligation. We hope that you will join us at St. Teresa's as we celebrate the Easter Triduum: Holy Thursday at 7:30 pm; Good Friday at 12:15 pm; and Holy Saturday at 8:00 pm.

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: _____

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