

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Tuesdays in Lent

Mass, 8:30am

Wednesdays in Lent

Mass, 6:15pm

April 2 & 9

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

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

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

BELATED CHRISTMAS THANK YOU FROM THE LANTERN

Please know that the thank you notes are being posted belatedly because I failed to bring them in a timely manner! Unfortunately the package was received and the message was not passed.

We have posted Sr. Maire's letter and the cards written by some of the families who received the most generous donations from St. Teresa's parishioners. Please have a look in the vestibule for the display of these Thank You notes.

Jeanne Burns, Circle of Light SCC

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:	\$16,915
Balance Remaining	\$ 3,585

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 30, 2014
FOURTH 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

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 30 - Religious Education
9:00am, Parish Hall
Mon, Mar 31 - Choir Practice, 6:30pm
Tue, Apr 1 - SVdP Grocery Distribution
1:00pm, Sammon Hall
Wed, Apr 2 - Mass, 6:15pm
Sat, Apr 5 - AA Meeting
7:00pm, Sammon
Sun, Apr 6 - Religious Education
9:00am, Parish Hall

SECOND COLLECTION

March 29 & 30

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

April 5 & 6

The second collection next weekend benefits the St Teresa Building & Maintenance Fund.

“Be kind, especially with the infirm. Love them well ... Oh yes! Be kind. It is a great grace God is giving you. In serving the aged, it is he himself whom you are serving.”
St. Jeanne Jugan, Founder of the Little Sisters of the Poor

WEEKEND COLLECTION

March 22 & 23

\$1,755

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 29

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

Sunday, Mar 30

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

Tuesday, Apr 1

8:30am The Sick of the Parish

Wednesday, Apr 2

6:15pm + Sr. Mary Ann Sugrue

Friday, Apr 4

8:30am + Frank & Mary Rahmer

Saturday, Apr 5

4:15pm + Kathleen M. Burns
Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

Sunday, Apr 6

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

Ministers Schedule for Next Week April 5 & 6

4:15 PM

Lector: M. Schurr
Bread: E. Perea
Cup: J. Daddio
Hosp: L. Lechich

10:00 AM

1 Lector: J. Alber
2 Lector: E. Koh
1 Bread: R. Labuguen
2 Bread: C. Arett
3 Bread: J. Warnock

8:30 AM

Lector: G. Foss
Bread: L. Foss
Cup: J. Marasco
Hosp: J. Propster

THE MAN BORN BLIND

“Rabbi, was it his sin or that of his parents that caused him to be born blind?” “Neither,” answered Jesus, “It was no sin, . . . rather, it was to let God’s works show forth in him.” (Jn 9:2-3)

What is fascinating about this Sunday’s Gospel is the question that is **not** asked. The disciples do not ask, “What caused this man to be born blind?” Instead, they ask Jesus, “Rabbi, was it his sin or that of his parents that caused him to be born blind?” Clearly the disciples believe that the man’s blindness was caused by sin; the only question for them is whose sin caused it, the blind man’s or his parent’s?

Jesus’ answer is curt and harsh – *“It was no sin, . . . rather, it was to let God’s works show forth in him.”* – and his tone indicates that Jesus rejects any notion that this man’s blindness is punishment for personal sin. Yet the fact remains that the disciples – and by extension, the people of his day – regard the man’s blindness as a consequence of sin. It seems fair to conclude that this notion was deeply rooted in Jewish culture and tradition. The question for us is, where does this notion come from?

To answer this question we need to go back to “the beginning of the story,” to the book of Genesis, to the Garden of Eden, and to the story of the fall. According to Genesis, when Adam and Eve disobeyed God (i.e., they sinned), the consequences of their transgression were suffering and death. We learn in Genesis that, after the fall, it is only through a man’s toil that the earth yields its fruit, and only through pain and suffering that women bring children into the world. In this regard, the story of the fall regards suffering as one of the consequences of sin.

The other consequence of sin – death – enters the world when Adam and Eve lose their immortality, and this is reinforced when Cain murders his brother, Abel. In the Christian Scriptures St. Paul puts it another way. He writes, “the wages of sin are suffering and death,” a phrase which indicates how this notion is so deeply embedded in the Hebrew psyche.

Both the Hebrew and Christian traditions link suffering and death with sin, and it is no coincidence that the majority of Jesus’ miracles deal with healing and the restoration of life. In this line of thinking, to take away a person’s suffering (or, by extension, to bring a person back from the dead) was, in effect, to take away the sin. And who takes away (i.e., forgives) sin? God!

Essentially, Jesus’ actions say something about who he is. If only God can forgive sin, then Jesus’ actions proclaim, symbolically, that he is God.

On one level, when Jesus restores the blind man’s sight he rejects the notion that the blindness was caused by someone’s sin. But on a deeper level something much more profound is taking place: the miracle demonstrates that God, the Messiah, is walking among us in the person of Jesus. The disciples – and the crowd – are blind to this fact. They ask the wrong question. Instead of asking, “Whose sin caused this man to be born blind?” they should be asking, “Who is this man, Jesus of Nazareth?” and “What does it mean when he restores the blind man’s sight?”

The ultimate irony is that only the man born blind “sees” and “recognizes” Jesus as the Messiah or Son of God. Everyone else in today’s Gospel – the people who have sight – are unable to see or recognize Jesus for who he truly is.

Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm.