

**ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL  
APPEAL 2018—WEEK 4**

Assessed Amount: \$28,224  
Amount Pledged: \$15,403  
Balance Remaining: \$12,821

If you wish to donate online, access is through:

[www.sfarch.org/aaa](http://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 **55%** 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 40 individuals/families.

The SF Archdiocese is holding a **Digital Communication Conference** on Wednesday, March 21st at the Cathedral Event Center. The Conference is scheduled from 8:30am—2:00pm. Morning refreshments and lunch will be served.

The Parish will pay the registration fee for anyone who would like to attend. Registration is required, so please contact Stephani in the Parish Office if you plan on attending.

The flyer for the event is posted s in the church vestibule and the hall.

**PART-TIME SEXTON WANTED**

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.

**GARDEN FUND**

We are proceeding with the Parish Garden Project. **Work has begun!!** There are architectural renderings posted in the church and hall. Won't you please consider making a donation to this worthy cause, sure to benefit the entire parish community!

**CARE FOR OUR CHURCH**

With the retirement of Deacon Chuck, we no longer have someone to clean & straighten the church after each Mass. Please take a moment before you leave to replace the hymnals in their racks, bring any unwanted bulletins up front to the vestibule, and look around your area for anything that may need to be thrown out or returned to its proper place. Thank You!

**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

**ST TERESA'S GREEN TEAM**

Pledge to help protect our waterways by adopting a storm drain! By pledging to keep your storm drain free of leaves and debris, you are joining your neighbors in the City in helping to protect the environment, manage stormwater, and minimize flooding. Is your drain filled with medical waste, needles, construction materials, or toxic materials? If so, report it to the City's Customer Service Center (dial 3-1-1). For more information and to find the drain nearest your home, go to:

<https://adoptadrain.sfwater.org/>

To Attend March 6 Virtual Meeting at 6pm:  
**PHONE: 641-715-3580**  
**ACCESS CODE: 738182#**

**We Welcome You To  
St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church**  
Served by the Carmelites



**MARCH 4, 2018  
THIRD SUNDAY  
OF LENT**

1490 19TH STREET (CHURCH)  
LOCATED ON THE NE CORNER OF 19TH & CONNECTICUT STREETS

**PASTOR**

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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  
David Paquette Ron Labuguen  
Judy Warnock Victoria Flores

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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 3**  
4:15pm Audrey & Bob Rose (Spec. Int.)  
Henry Morgan, Jr. (Spec. Int.)

**Sunday, March 4**  
8:30am The People of the Parish  
10:00am † Rosita Bullecer Flores

**Tuesday, March 6**  
8:30am The Sick of the Parish

**Friday, March 9**  
8:30am The Deceased of the Parish

**Saturday, March 10**  
4:15pm Pascual "Sonny" Castro (Spec. Int.)  
Henry Morgan, Jr. (Spec. Int.)

**Sunday, March 11**  
8:30am The People of the Parish  
10:00am † Marie Caracciolo

**Parish Calendar**

Sun, Mar 4 - Faith Formation, 9:00am, Hall  
Mon, Mar 5 - AA Step Meeting, 6:30pm, Hall  
- Choir Practice, 6:30pm, Church  
Tue, Mar 6 - SVdP Grocery Distribution  
1:00pm, Hall  
- Green Team Virtual Meeting  
6:00pm, see reverse for  
dial-in instructions  
- Young Adult Meeting  
7:00pm, Priory  
Sat, Mar 10 - AA Meeting, 7pm, Avila  
Sun, Mar 11 - Faith Formation, 9:00am, Hall

**SECOND COLLECTIONS**

**March 3 & 4**  
The second collection this week benefits the St. Teresa Building & Maintenance Fund.

**March 10 & 11**  
There will be no second collection next week.



**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 10 & 11**

	<b>4:15 PM</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>
Lector:	Sr. Marie	1 Lector: D.B. Bernstein
Bread:	E. Perea	2 Lector: V. Flores
Cup:	J. Daddio	1 Bread: R. Labuguen
Hosp:	L. Lechich	2 Bread: Volunteer
		3 Bread: E. Kudyba
<b>8:30 AM</b>		1 Cup: J. Schelstrate
Lector:	D. Canzoneri	2 Cup: J. Warnock
Bread:	R. Kingman	Hosp: J. Warnock
Cup:	Volunteer	
Hosp:	T. Lando	

The full schedules for March & April were emailed on Friday, March 2. Copies are in the Sacristy.

**RECONCILIATION AND THE WOMAN AT THE WELL**

Like most good stories, this Sunday's Gospel can be understood on a number of different levels. On one level it is a story about conversion, but it can also be read as a story about discipleship. A third interpretation suggests that it is a story about evangelization or mission, and the strong image of living water suggests a fourth interpretation along baptismal lines. Finally, it is also possible to analyze the text with respect to reconciliation and healing, and that's the perspective I'd like to write about in this week's column.

The context of the story is the cultural world of Jesus, and in that world the well was the common area of the village where people gathered to interact and socialize. Community happened around the well, and in today's Gospel we immediately notice that the woman at the well is alone. She comes to the well when everyone else has gone, and from this we may conclude that, for some reason, the woman is either estranged or has been shunned by the community. We do not know the reason that she has been ostracized, but we do learn from her conversation with Jesus that she has no husband, has had five previous husbands, and the man she is now living with is not her husband. Given this curious history, we should not be surprised that the woman finds herself on the periphery of the town community.

Jesus and the woman engage in deep conversation . . . which puzzles both the woman and the disciples. At one point the woman asks, "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" The woman's question reveals that she is aware of Jesus' violation of social taboos (Jews and Samaritans don't interact, and a man or woman would not carry on a conversation with a person of the opposite sex unless that person were one's spouse). Both the Samaritan woman and the disciples are aware that Jesus is, once again, "crossing the line".

Notice that it makes no difference to Jesus that she is a Samaritan woman with a colorful past. When Jesus reveals to her that he is the Messiah, the woman,

*" . . . left her water jar and went into the town and said to the people, "Come see a man who told me everything I have done. Could he possibly be the Messiah?" (Jn 4:28-29)*

What she doesn't tell us (but what we can infer) is that "what she did" made absolutely no difference to this strange man from Galilee. Knowing everything about her, Jesus nevertheless accepted her, interacted with her, and did not judge her. When the woman realizes this, the encounter with Jesus becomes life-changing and transformative.

Jesus loves the woman unconditionally and neither judges her nor requires her to repent or change. The woman – aware of her own estrangement, alienation, and sinfulness – is awed by Jesus's acceptance of her in spite of who she is and what she has done. Essentially, Jesus' unconditional acceptance of the woman at the well allows her to accept herself and move towards healing and reconciliation, conversion and change.

What is the lesson for us? If we pattern our lives after Jesus, we – like our Savior – can facilitate reconciliation and healing through tolerance, unconditional love, and acceptance of others. When we change *our* attitude we give others the power to change themselves. In a very real sense the story about the woman and the well is about the woman's conversion. But on another, implied level, this story challenges us to conversion, to change our attitudes in order to become like the Jesus in today's Gospel.

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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