

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Tuesdays in Lent

Mass, 8:30am

Fridays in Lent

Mass, 8:30am

Stations of the Cross, 9:00am

PALM SUNDAY

Saturday Vigil, March 28: 4:15pm

Palm Sunday, March 29: 8:30 & 10am

EASTER TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday, April 2: 7:30pm

Good Friday, April 3: 12:15pm

Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil,

April 4: 8:00pm

Easter Sunday, April 5: 8:30 & 10:00am

LENTEN TALKS

SPEAKER: FR. JACK WELCH, O. CARM.

Carmelite Educator and Author

THE CHALLENGE OF AN INTERIOR LIFE

Wednesday, March 11

"DARK PRAYER"

Wednesday, March 18

We will begin our evening with Mass at 6:15pm, followed by a Soup Supper in the Parish Hall, with the talk following in Church

Wednesday, March 25

Soup Supper at 6:15

Taizé following in Church

Join the Circle of Light for supper and a service of prayer and song, based on the Taizé practice.

Please see the bulletin boards for more information about these events.

Just a reminder that there will be a "listening session" for young adults (college age to forty—single or married) on **SUNDAY, MARCH 29** after the 10 am Mass. Angela Pollock from the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries will facilitate the process. Grab some coffee & donuts and join us; the meeting should be over about noon.

AAA 2015

Assessed Amount: \$22,200

Amount Pledged: \$ 8,895

Balance Remaining \$13,305

We would like to thank everyone who have either given or pledged monies. The above figures do not reflect any donations made on-line. We will not receive an accounting of on-line donations until Mid-March at the earliest.

If you wish to donate online, access is through: <http://www.sfarchdiocese.org/home/stewardship/donate-to-the-appeal>

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.

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!

DAY OF REFLECTION

The Lay Carmelites are holding a Day of Reflection on Saturday, March 14. Parishioners are welcome to attend. The day will begin at 8:00am and end with the 4:15pm Mass. Lunch will be provided. If you would like to attend, or want more information, please contact the Parish Office.

SOUP SUPPERS

Lent is a time for looking inward and sharing in community. Please share a meal as part of your Lent program - Mass, soup, and thought-provoking ideas. Sign up to let us know if you'll bring soup, rolls, beverages or something else. From the Circle of Light (Jeanne Burns, Briony Doyle, Deb Churton, Mary Katherine Law, Judi Daddio, and Lynn Jacklevich).

Sign-up sheets are in the back of the church for Easter Triduum Ministers & Soup Makers, bread bringers, etc. for our three Suppers.

WE WELCOME YOU TO ST. TERESA OF AVILA CATHOLIC CHURCH

SERVED BY THE CARMELITES

MARCH 8, 2015
THE THIRD SUNDAY
IN LENT



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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.

Parish Calendar

- Sun, Mar 8 - Faith Formation, 9:00am
 Mon, Mar 9 - Choir Practice, 6:30pm
 Tue, Mar 10 - SVdP Meeting, 9:00am
 - SVdP Grocery Distribution
 1:00pm, Sammon
 - Pastoral Council
 7:00pm, Avila
 Sat, Mar 14 - Lay Carmelite Day of
 Reflection, 8:00am, Avila
 - AA Meeting, 7pm, Sammon
 Sun, Mar 15 - Faith Formation, 9:00am

MASS INTENTIONS

*As we celebrate Mass together
 we include in our prayers:*

Saturday, March 7

4:15pm + Anton & Helen Jelenich
 Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

Sunday, March 8

8:30am The People of the Parish
 10:00am + Earl Schneider

Tuesday, March 10

8:30am The Deceased of the Parish

Friday, March 13

8:30am + Fred Caracciolo

Saturday, March 14

4:15pm + Sister Doris Cavanaugh
 Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

Sunday, March 15

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

SECOND COLLECTION

March 7 & 8

This second collection benefits the St. Teresa Building & Maintenance Fund.

March 14 & 15

Next week, our parish will take up the Catholic Relief Services Collection. This Collection supports six Catholic agencies that touch more than 100 million lives around the world. The funds from this Collection provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and show Christ's love and respect to all people. Next week, please give generously to the Catholic Relief Services Collection and help Jesus in disguise.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

FEBRUARY 28 & MARCH 1

\$1,616

THANK YOU!

Ministers Schedule for Next Week March 14 & 15

4:15 PM

Lector: M. Schurr
 Bread: F. Patt
 Cup: J. Burns
 Hosp: M. Comaich

10:00 AM

1 Lector: R. Pitts
 2 Lector: V. Flores
 1 Bread: J. Schelstrate
 2 Bread: M.K. Law
 3 Bread: M. Schelstrate

8:30 AM

Lector: E. Dunn
 Bread: R. Kingman
 Cup: S. Lang
 Hosp: T. Lando

1 Cup: C. Allen
 2 Cup: S. Miller
 Hosp: J. Warnock

THE CLEANSING OF THE TEMPLE

Back in the days when I was studying theology, one of my professors made the comment that the incident described in today's Gospel – the Cleansing of the Temple – was the “final straw” that pushed the authorities over the edge, setting into motion plans to put Jesus to death.

Jesus, of course, had already put together an impressive resume of things that offended the Pharisees and Sadducees. Touching lepers, eating with “tax collectors, prostitutes and sinners,” suggesting there was such a thing as a “good Samaritan”, and talking with that woman at the well were only a few of the things that got under the skin of the religious leaders. But what was it about this particular incident that brought about such ire? In order to answer this question we have to understand today's Gospel in the historical and cultural context of first century Judea.

Sophisticated 21st century readers probably assume that the moneylenders in the temple were nothing more than squatters who set up a first-century swap meet in the temple precincts. If this were the case, then Jesus' actions would have been heralded as a much-needed urban clean-up, and the temple authorities would have wanted to make him mayor. That, of course, is not what happened; instead, they wanted to put Jesus to death. Why?

To understand why they wanted to kill Jesus we have to recognize that the business of Jerusalem is religion. Throughout history the Holy City has been the destination of religious pilgrims; this was true for Jerusalem in Jesus' day, just as it is true today. The Gospels allude to this when they describe how the city's population would swell during the religious festivals. This is most evident when Jesus and his disciples – men of Galilee – spent their final Passover (the Last Supper) in Jerusalem.

The city of Jerusalem, as well as the Jewish religion, was centered around the Temple. First built by Solomon, the Temple was destroyed and rebuilt several times in Jewish history, the most recent reconstruction accomplished during the reign of Herod the Great. Sacrifice could be offered only in the Temple, and only a priest could offer the sacrifice. Hence, pilgrims would not only have to give the priest a monetary stipend to offer the sacrifice, they would also have to purchase the animal or bird from one of the “moneylenders” in the temple precincts. Additionally, these money lenders functioned as a type of currency exchange, exchanging a pilgrim's money for local currency.

The bottom line is that these “moneylenders” were an important cog in the local economy, both for the city of Jerusalem and the Temple itself. In fact, it would come as no surprise should we learn that the moneylenders might “kick back” some of their profits to the Temple as a “commission” for doing business!

Given this understanding, one can easily see how Jesus' actions provoked and angered the religious authorities. It's one thing to be a miracle worker or healer in an obscure town of Nazareth in the distant province of Galilee; it's quite another thing to overturn tables in the Temple precincts in the very center and heart of Judaism. Jesus' action was a bold challenge to the religious and political forces of his day, and it is not surprising that the reaction of those religious leaders was to begin to plot Jesus' death.

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: _____

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