



AAA 2016

We are extremely happy to report we have met our goal for this year, provided all pledges are fulfilled. Thank you for your most generous support!!

If you still wish to contribute, all excess money will be returned to St. Teresa's. You may also donate directly to us and earmark the monies towards our Church Garden Landscaping Fund.



WEEKEND COLLECTION

APRIL 23 & 24

\$1,240

THANK YOU!



Robert Jones returned home this week from a rehabilitation facility. He would like to thank all for their prayers, cards, and kind thoughts.

Plants Available

Many of our Easter plants are available for "adoption". Please feel free to take those in the vestibule home. Please do not take the crates in which they are placed.

6TH BIENNIAL DISASTER PREPAREDNESS WORKSHOP FOR CONGREGATIONS

The San Francisco Interfaith Council and its partners invite you to participate in the:

Crisis to Resilience: Congregations Understanding and Responding to Climate Change Impacts

Date: Wednesday, May 4, 2016

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Place: Saint Mary's Cathedral

To register, call the Parish Office or follow the link on

<http://www.sfinterfaithcouncil.org/>

ST TERESA'S GREEN TEAM

Encyclicals were first written by the Pope in the eighteenth century to address topics of concern. Since the industrial revolution, the Catholic Church has been issuing social encyclicals, addressed to all people of good will. The most recent encyclical written in May 2015, Laudato Si, Care for our Common Home, is about how we are shaping the future of our planet. On April 23rd, St. Anne's hosted a workshop to examine Laudato Si. There were over 100 people in attendance to hear about topics such as how to green the parish, how to educate and engage parishioners, and how to build solidarity for environmental justice- all tying back to how we can respond to Pope Francis's call for care of creation. St. Teresa's was well represented by having two Green Team members leading two of the three breakout sessions in addition to Father Michael Greenwell moderating the panel discussion. Many attendees appreciated the archdiocese's effort to implement the principles set forth by the Pope.

WE WELCOME YOU TO ST. TERESA OF AVILA CATHOLIC CHURCH SERVED BY THE CARMELITES



MAY 1, 2016 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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10:00am to 12:30pm
1:00pm to 4:30pm

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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, May 1 - Faith Formation, 9am, Hall
 Mon, May 2 - Choir Practice, 6:30pm
 - AA Step Meeting, 6:30pm
 Tue, May 3 - No SVdP Grocery Distribution
 - Green Team
 6:00pm, Telecon
 Sat, May 7 - Lay Carmelite Meeting
 10:00am, Avila
 - AA Meeting, 7pm, Church Hall
 Sun, May 8 - Faith Formation, 9am, Hall
 - First Holy Communion, 10am

MASS INTENTIONS

As we celebrate Mass together we include in our prayers:

Saturday, April 30

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

Sunday, May 1

8:30am The People of the Parish
 10:00am † Edward & Laura Markey

Tuesday, May 3

8:30am † Sean Morris

Friday, May 6

8:30am Robert Jones (Spec. Int.)

Saturday, May 7

4:15pm † Harry Jelenich
 Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

Sunday, May 8

8:30am The People of the Parish
 10:00am † Gertrude & John Lech

SECOND COLLECTIONS

April 30 & May 1

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

May 7 & 8

Next week is Catholic Charities Sunday. This annual second collection asks parishioners to live their faith by generously supporting the good work of Catholic Charities, the social services arm of the Catholic Church in our local area. Your contributions directly support programs and services that provide relief for homeless families, frail seniors, immigrants, the working poor, children and youth, and many of our most vulnerable neighbors who are struggling to meet even their most basic needs. Put your faith into action and change a life for the better today by contributing to Catholic Charities. Together, we are Catholic Charities!

Ministers Schedule for Next Week May 7 & 8

4:15 PM	10:00 AM
Lector: R.M. Ostler	1 Lector: M. Schelstrate
Bread: F. Patt	2 Lector: B. Doyle
Cup: B. Noelke	1 Bread: S. Miller
Hosp: M. Perea	2 Bread: K. Schelstrate
	3 Bread: M. Suisala
8:30 AM	1 Cup: C. Allen
Lector: R. O'Connor	2 Cup: J. Schelstrate
Bread: K. Causey	Hosp: L. Mastrangelo
Cup: J. Newman	
Hosp: T. Lando	

EVENTS LEADING UP TO THE "COUNCIL OF JERUSALEM"

The *Acts of the Apostles* – the “companion book” to the Gospel of Luke – focuses on the “missionary period” of the early church. This 30-year period begins with the Ascension of Jesus and continues until the deaths of Peter and Paul, and today’s reading is known as the “Council of Jerusalem”, a meeting that took place within the first two decades of the Death and Resurrection of the Lord. This passage gives us a keen insight into an issue that challenged the early Church, an issue which many 21st century believers may still find quite surprising today.

The reading begins with men coming from Judea to Antioch, preaching that “Unless you are circumcised according to Mosaic practice, you cannot be saved.” Reading between the lines, these first-century preachers contended that, in order to be a Christian, you had to first be Jewish. This was not a problem for the earliest followers of Jesus, since all of them – including the apostles – were Jewish. In fact, the earliest communities – Jerusalem, Galilee, Damascus, and Antioch (in Syria) – were Jewish-Christian communities, and these first followers of Jesus did not see themselves as a religion separate from Judaism. Rather, they saw Jesus as the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies, and they regarded themselves, not as a separate “Church”, but as a group that was in continuity with Judaism. We see this quite clearly in Acts 2:46: “Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple and to breaking bread in their homes.”

In Antioch, however, things began to change: “There were some Cypriots and Cyrenians . . . who came to Antioch and began to speak to the Greeks as well, proclaiming the Lord Jesus.” (Acts 11:20) Eventually, the community in Antioch began to include *gentiles*, and when the Jerusalem Church learned of this they, in effect, sent Barnabas to Antioch to “check things out”:

“. . . when he (Barnabas) arrived and saw the grace of God, he rejoiced and encouraged them all to remain faithful to the Lord. Then he went to Tarsus to look for Saul (Paul), and when he had found him he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church and taught a large number of people, and it was in Antioch that the disciples were first called Christians.” (Acts 11:25-26)

The inclusion of gentiles first appeared in Antioch, but it became central to Paul’s preaching on his missionary journeys in the Mediterranean. Essentially, Paul’s message was that, because of Christ, there was no longer any distinction between “Gentile or Jew, servant or free, (or) woman or man.” Paul’s theology emphatically proclaimed that you did not have to be Jewish (i.e., circumcised) to be Christian. The bottom line is that the message of Jesus was *rejected* by Greek-speaking Jews in the Diaspora, but it was *embraced* by gentiles in the region.

Some of the more conservative Jewish-Christians rejected Paul’s theology, and they were the men who came from Judea to Antioch to “correct” Paul’s teaching. We read that:

“Finally, it was decided that Paul, Barnabas, and some others should go up to see the apostles and elders in Jerusalem about this question.” (Acts 15:2)

The “resolution” of the problem involved the sending of a letter to the gentiles of Antioch, Syria, and Cilicia, asking them to 1) abstain from meat sacrificed to idols; 2) abstain from blood; 3) abstain from meat of strangled animals; and 4) abstain from marriages within the degrees of blood relationship and affinity forbidden by Jewish law. Essentially, this “resolution” did not require gentiles to convert to Judaism. It did, however, ask gentiles to honor and follow certain Jewish laws and dietary practices so as not to offend the Jewish-Christian members of the community.

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.

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