

**SATURDAY, May 18  
SOUND OF MUSIC  
SING-A-LONG**

This fun, family-friendly event will begin after the 4:15pm Mass in Sammon Hall. We will have a costume contest. There will be a No Host Bar serving beer & wine. Food & soft drinks are included in the entry price:

\$10 Adults and \$5 Children.

**PASSINGS**

We extend our sympathy and prayerful support to the family of Anita Tejada, who died Tuesday, May 7th. Anita is the mother/in-law of our parishioners David Tejada and Jude Deckenbach. No arrangements have been announced.

**ARCHBISHOP'S  
ANNUAL APPEAL  
2013**

**As of March 31:**

Assessed Amount: \$20,300  
Amount Received/Pledged: \$19,554  
Amount Needed: \$ 746

We are waiting to hear from the Archdiocese with updated amounts.

A workshop entitled, "RESPONDING TO THE HOMELESS AT OUR DOORSTEPS", sponsored jointly by the Office of Mayor Edwin Lee and the San Francisco Interfaith Council will be offered at St. Mary's Cathedral on Thursday, May 16, 2013, 10:30 – 11:30 AM.

This training will provide an overview of the resources and tools available to help meet the needs of these individuals.

Among the topics:

- Expansion of SF Homeless Outreach Team (SFHOT) to 24 hours and how to request outreach through #311 or (415) 734-4233
- Important resources through Project Homeless Connect and Every Door Connect
- Resources to assist families facing homelessness to prevent eviction and other services for Homeless Families
- Homeward Bound helping individuals reconnect with family and to return to the support of their loved ones
- Housing and social Services for Homeless Veterans — VASH
- Helping low-income individuals sign-up for free Lifeline Wireless/ Cellular provided by Assurance and Nexus
- How to direct individuals needing mental health or substance treatment

If you would like to attend this training, please contact the Parish Office.

**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

**WE WELCOME YOU TO  
ST. TERESA OF AVILA CATHOLIC CHURCH**

SERVED BY THE CARMELITES



**MAY 12, 2013  
THE ASCENSION  
OF THE LORD**



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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, May 12 - Good Shepherd & Faith Formation, 9:00am  
- May Crowning  
10:00am Mass
- Mon, May 13 - Choir Practice, 6:30pm
- Tue, May 14 - SVdP Grocery Distribution  
1:00pm, Sammon  
- Pastoral Council  
7:00pm, Avila
- Sat, May 18 - Sound of Music Sing-A-Long  
5:00pm, Sammon  
- AA Meeting  
7:00pm, Avila
- Sun, May 19 - Good Shepherd & Faith Formation, 9:00am

Please see the flyers on the bulletin board in the vestibule for information about 2 programs offered by the San Francisco Archdiocese.

TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS ASSIGNED TO  
STAR OF THE SEA PARISH

HEALING THE WOUNDED FAMILY:  
A CAMPAIGN FOR CITIZENSHIP  
AND DIGNITY

## MASS INTENTIONS

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

### Saturday, May 11

4:15pm The Deceased of the Parish  
Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

### Sunday, May 12

8:30am + Michele Foss  
10:00am The People of the Parish

### Tuesday, May 14

8:30am Little Childrens Aid

### Friday, May 17

8:30am The Sick of the Parish

### Saturday, May 18

4:15pm + Maria Patricia Perea  
Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

### Sunday, May 19

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

## SECOND COLLECTION

### May 11 & 12

**THIS WEEK IS CATHOLIC CHARITIES CYO SUNDAY.** This annual second collection asks parishioners within the Archdiocese of San Francisco to live their faith by generously supporting the good work of Catholic Charities CYO. Your contributions directly support programs and services that provide relief for homeless families, ailing seniors, immigrants, the working poor, children and youth, and many of our most vulnerable neighbors who are in need. Help us change lives today.

For more information on the work of Catholic Charities CYO and how you can help strengthen families, build community, and reduce poverty locally please contact Jane Ferguson Flout at 415.971.1227 or

jfergusonflout@cccyo.org.

### May 18 & 19

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

**Please Note:** There is a change in upcoming Second Collections. The Catholic Communication Campaign will be held the weekend of June 15/16.

## WEEKEND COLLECTION

### May 4 & 5

**\$1,425**

### Ministers Schedule for Next Week May 18 & 19

<b>4:15</b>		<b>10:00 AM</b>
Lector:	A. Rose	1 Lector: M. Schelstrate
Bread:	F. Patt	2 Lector: S. Chavez
Cup:	B. Noelke	1 Bread: S. Miller
Hosp:	A. Rubke	2 Bread: D. Tejada
	R. DeTagle	3 Bread: M.K. Law
<b>8:30 AM</b>		1 Cup: C. Allen
Lector:	G. Foss	2 Cup: R. Labuguen
Bread:	Volunteer	Hosp: K. Varandas
Cup:	L. Foss	B. Cassidy
Hosp:	J. Propster	

## WHAT HAPPENED TO ASCENSION THURSDAY?

When I was growing up, Ascension was Ascension Thursday, a Holy Day of Obligation forty days after Easter and ten days before Pentecost. Now "Ascension Thursday" is celebrated on a Sunday. Why the change? How did this come about?

We begin by noting that the Ascension of Jesus is found in only two of the four canonical gospels. In the addenda to the Gospel of Mark, it states that:

*"... the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up to heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God." (Mk 16:19)*

In Luke's Gospel, the account of the Ascension is limited to one sentence:

*"As he blessed them he parted from them and was taken up to heaven." (Lk 24:51)*

Later, in the Acts of the Apostles, Luke offers a more detailed account of the event:

*"When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven.'" (Acts 1:9-11)*

What is interesting about all of these accounts is that the only mention of "forty days" is found earlier in the Acts of the Apostles. Acts 1:3 states that Jesus

*"presented himself alive to them by many proofs after he had suffered, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God."*

Based upon this reference, "Ascension Thursday" was celebrated forty days after Easter, with Pentecost following ten days later. This explanation is quite clear and straightforward . . . if only it were so simple!

The problem centers around the number "40". In a biblical/religious sense, "40" does not necessarily mean "40". Some examples: it rained for 40 days and 40 nights; the Israelites wandered in the desert for 40 years; Jesus spent 40 days in the desert before beginning his public ministry; Lent lasts for 40 days; and there are 40 days between the Resurrection and Ascension. In other words, the number "40" is used to designate a *significant* period of time without necessarily being a *specific* period of time.

Additionally, the Early Church patterned its feasts after Judaism. Hence, Easter is the Christian parallel to Passover, and Pentecost corresponds to the "Feast of Weeks", a prominent feast in the calendar of ancient Israel celebrating the giving of the Law on Sinai. When one considers the parallels between Jewish and Christian feasts, the likelihood that the Ascension was precisely forty days after Easter is seriously called into question.

Because of this, local bishops' conferences are permitted to celebrate the Ascension on the Seventh Sunday of Easter, which is the practice in most of the English-speaking countries. That is why we celebrate the Ascension, not on a Thursday, but on this Sunday.

Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm.