

**Catholic San Francisco**, the official newspaper of the Archdiocese, has rolled out a new and improved website. *Catholic San Francisco* is published 26 times a year; and the Spanish-language *San Francisco Católico* is published 20 times a year. The newspapers' redesigned and upgraded website, with news, opinion, events calendars, and social media, makes it easier to keep up with developments in the Church and the world, and with activities throughout the Archdiocese.

**WEEKEND COLLECTION**  
**MAY 6 & 7**  
**\$1,489**  
**THANK YOU!**

**Plants Available**

Many of our Easter plants are available for "adoption". Please feel free to take those in the church garden.



**LAST CALL!**

Adult Confirmation will take place on Pentecost Sunday, June 4th, at the 11:00 o'clock Mass at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption. Preparation for Confirmation will be on Friday night, May 19th, from 6-8:30 pm, continuing on Saturday, May 20th, from 10 am until 4 pm. Any adults who need to be confirmed should see Fr. Michael Kwiecien. **Remember:** in order to be a Godparent or Confirmation Sponsor you need to be Confirmed.

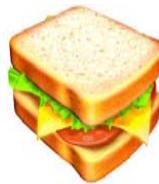


Please join us in welcoming to our parish community:



Harker Jack MacKenzie, the son of David & Kristen MacKenzie. Harker will be baptized by Rev. Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm. this Sunday at the 10 am Mass.

**SANDWICH TUESDAY**



The faithful sandwich makers will meet on Tuesdays, May 16, 23 & 30 to make over 200 sandwiches each day for delivery to the St. Vincent de Paul Shelter.

**ST TERESA'S GREEN TEAM**

Need ideas to sustainably celebrate Mother's Day? Rather than buying mass-produced gifts when you're stuck for ideas, consider scheduling a cooking class, massage, or a day to go for a nice hike together! These ideas are less straining on the environment and they also have the potential to make great memories with family!

**Are you interested in becoming a member of the Green Team?** Our virtual meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month.

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



**MAY 14, 2017**  
**FIFTH SUNDAY**  
**OF EASTER**



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

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

**Website:** [stteresasf.org](http://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.*

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

- 4:15pm **Saturday, May 13**  
† Gregory Lewis  
Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)
- 8:30am **Sunday, May 14**  
The People of the Parish
- 10:00am † Dory Yochum
- 8:30am **Tuesday, May 16**  
The Deceased of the Parish
- 8:30am **Friday, May 19**  
† Joseph L. Greenwell, Sr.
- 4:15pm **Saturday, May 20**  
† Gregory Lewis  
Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)
- 8:30am **Sunday, May 21**  
The People of the Parish
- 10:00am † Vincent Cociolone

**Parish Calendar**

- Sun, May 14 - Faith Formation, 9:00am, Hall
- Mon, May 15 - Choir Practice, 6:30pm  
- AA Step Meeting, 6:30pm
- Tue, May 16 - SVdP Sandwich Tuesday  
9:00am, Parish Kitchen  
- SVdP Grocery Distribution  
1:00pm, Hall  
- Young Adults Meeting  
7:00pm, Priory
- Sat, May 20 - AA Meeting, 7pm, Avila
- Sun, May 21 - Faith Formation, 9:00am, Hall

**SECOND COLLECTIONS**

**May 13 & 14**

This week is Catholic Charities Sunday. Parishioners are asked to live their faith by generously supporting their good work in our Archdiocese. Your contributions directly support programs that provide housing services for homeless families, refugee and immigrant service for newcomers, aid for the working poor, children and youth, and thousands of others who are struggling to meet their most basic needs. Put your faith into action and change a life for the better.

**May 20 & 21**

Next week, our second collection is for the Catholic Communication Campaign. This campaign connects people with Christ, here and around the world in developing countries, through the internet, television, radio, and print media. Fifty percent of funds remain in our diocese to fund local communications efforts.

**Ministers Schedule for Next Week  
May 20 & 21**

<b>4:15 PM</b>		<b>10:00 AM</b>
Lector: R. Ostler		1 Lector: R. Pitts
Bread: A. Rose		2 Lector: C. Arett
Cup: E. Perea		1 Bread: J. Schelstrate
Hosp: J. Marasco		2 Bread: J. Warnock
		3 Bread: M.K. Law
<b>8:30 AM</b>		1 Cup: C. Allen
Lector: D. Paquette		2 Cup: J. Schelstrate
Bread: P. English		Hosp: J. Warnock
Cup: R. Kingman		
Hosp: T. Lando		

**WIDOWS, THE DISTRIBUTION OF FOOD, AND THE DEACONATE**

A few weeks ago I wrote in my column that the normal pattern of the Sunday readings includes a first reading from the Hebrew Scriptures, a psalm response, a New Testament reading, the *Alleluia*, and the Gospel. The lectionary follows this pattern on virtually every Sunday in Ordinary Time, as well as on every major feast . . . except during Easter time. For the seven weeks from Easter Sunday through Pentecost, the first reading is not from the Hebrew Scriptures. Instead, during Easter time the first reading is taken from the *Acts of the Apostles*.

The *Acts of the Apostles* was written by the evangelist Luke, and it is the “companion book” to his Gospel. Written about 50 years after the death and resurrection of Jesus, *Acts* describes the “missionary period” of the early church. This 30-year period begins with the Ascension and Pentecost and comes to an end with the deaths of Peter and Paul (about 64 AD).

One of the more interesting things about *Acts* is that it serves as a “window” into the early Church. However, when reading either Luke’s Gospel or *Acts*, it is important to note that, in Luke’s window, the Evangelist always “puts the best face forward”. In his writing, Luke portrays the early Church as a harmonious community free of tension and strife. In other words, Luke doesn’t “air the dirty laundry”.

Nevertheless, by “reading between the lines” we are able to reconstruct situations and gain insight into the early Church. For example, in today’s reading Luke describes a “problem” surrounding widows, some who are Greek and some who are Hebrew:

*“. . . the ones who spoke Greek complained that their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution of food, as compared with the widows of those who spoke Hebrew.” (Acts 6:1)*

Luke’s “solution” to the problem is the appointment of seven men (deacons) who will see that food is distributed in a fair and equitable manner. The way Luke tells the story, the issue surrounding the distribution of food gives rise to the ministry known as the deaconate.

But if we “read between the lines” there is another way to look at the story, one which raises an interesting question regarding *equality*. If Hebrew and Greek widows were treated differently, does this mean that discrimination and prejudice were present in the early Christian community? Was there a distinction between “Jewish Christians” and “Gentile Christians”? In today’s reading, Luke’s narrative gives us an unintentional and inadvertent glimpse of a situation that, perhaps, might be considered an embarrassment for the early church. It suggests that, in all probability, the early church had to deal with tension, division, conflict, and strife between Jewish Christians and Gentile Christians.

I think that most Christians naively assume that the early church was “one big, happy family”. In today’s reading – as well as in other sections of *Acts* – we can “read between the lines” and recognize that even the “ideal early church” experienced growing pains as it expanded, developed, and evolved (we see this in today’s reading regarding the distribution of food). But we also see that, as the Word of God continued to spread and “the number of disciples in Jerusalem enormously increased,” there arose a need for the expansion and development of ministry. This resulted in the appointment of seven men “acknowledged to be deeply spiritual and prudent” to attend to this task. This “new ministry” eventually became the deaconate.

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: \_\_\_\_\_

- New Parishioner       New Address       New Phone  
 Send Sunday envelopes       Send Monthly Donor Form       Moving—remove from mailing list