

THANK YOU FROM CATHOLIC CHARITIES

It was a pleasure to join in partnership with your parish during the Catholic Charities Sunday second collection. We thank you for opening your hearts and listening to our message of how we are implementing the social teachings of the Church by serving the poor and vulnerable in our community.

Your contributions are vital to helping us fund our programs and continuing the crucial work of servicing our most vulnerable neighbors. For more information on the impact of your donations in strengthening families and reducing poverty through the work of Catholic Charities please visit:

CatholicCharitiesSF.org

Again, thank you for supporting our mission of strengthening families and reducing poverty, one person at a time.

Blessings,
Catholic Charities of the
Archdiocese of San Francisco

WEEKEND COLLECTION

MAY 7 & 8
\$1,810

THANK YOU!

We have some older, stackable pink chairs in the hall which we no longer use. There are samples in the church vestibule and in the hall. We are happy to give these to anyone who has a use for them, or know of an organization in need. Please see Deacon Chuck for more information or to arrange pick-up.

The Parish Office will close at 1:00pm on Monday, May 16 and will be closed Tuesday, May 17 (Full Day) while our secretary is on vacation



This Sunday, at the 10 o'clock Mass, one of our young parishioners will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Join us in offering congratulations to:

CASEY RAWLINGS

May your relationship with Jesus Christ deepen and grow as you continue on your Christian journey.

Remembering those who paid for our freedom.



In observance of Memorial Day, the Parish Office will be closed Monday, May 30

APARTMENT OR ROOM TO RENT?

A teacher at Mercy Burlingame is in need of a room, apartment, etc.. to rent. He is single, young, Jesuit educated and wants to stay in the Bay Area but it is just so expensive! Do you have or know of anyone who has a room or apartment to rent? His price range is \$1,500.00-1,800.00.

Please check the bulletin boards in the vestibule & hall for upcoming events or special notices from the Archdiocese.

ST TERESA'S GREEN TEAM

Whether it is a BMX, electric, hybrid, folding, road, or mountain bike, it is a zero emission form of transportation while in use. Riding a bike not only reduces greenhouse gas emissions, but it also reduces noise pollution. Show off your skills by biking to St. Teresa's on May 22nd for Walk and Bike to Worship Week!

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



**MAY 15, 2016
PENTECOST SUNDAY**



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

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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 15 - Faith Formation, 9am, Hall
Mon, May 16 - Choir Practice, 6:30pm
- AA Step Meeting, 6:30pm
Tue, May 17 - SVdP Sandwich Tuesday
9:00am, Parish Kitchen
- SVdP Grocery Distribution
1:00pm, Church Hall
Sat, May 21 - AA Meeting, 7pm, Church Hall

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Saturday, May 14

4:15pm † Gregory Lewis
Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

Sunday, May 15

8:30am The People of the Parish
10:00am † Dory Yochum

Tuesday, May 17

8:30am † Betty Wartelle

Friday, May 20

8:30am † Dennis Doyle

Saturday, May 21

4:15pm † Gregory Lewis
Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

Sunday, May 22

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

SECOND COLLECTIONS

May 14 & 15

There will be no second collection this weekend.

May 21 & 22

Next week, our parish will take up the Collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign. This collection communicates the Gospel through Catholic social media activities and enriches our faith through podcasts, television, radio, and print media. Half of all proceeds remain in our Archdiocese and support local needs, so please be generous in this collection.

SANDWICH TUESDAY

The faithful sandwich makers will meet on Tuesdays, May 17, 24 & 31 following the 8:30am Mass to make over 200 sandwiches for delivery to the St. Vincent de Paul Shelter.

Ministers Schedule for Next Week May 21 & 22

| 4:15 PM | | 10:00 AM | |
|---------|-------------|-----------|----------------|
| Lector: | R.M. Ostler | 1 Lector: | G. Femec |
| Bread: | B. Noelke | 2 Lector: | L. Jacklevich |
| Cup: | A. Rose | 1 Bread: | R. Labuguen |
| Hosp: | M. Perea | 2 Bread: | M. Suisala |
| | | 3 Bread: | K. Schelstrate |
| 8:30 AM | | 1 Cup: | C. Allen |
| Lector: | D. Paquette | 2 Cup: | J. Schelstrate |
| Bread: | J. Newman | Hosp: | A. Cardona |
| Cup: | R. Kingman | | L. Bolton |
| Hosp: | T. Lando | | |

ORIGINS & BACKGROUND OF THIS FEAST CALLED PENTECOST

Christians often take for granted the links and connections between Judaism and Christianity. All too often we speak of Jesus “founding a Church” when – if we scrutinize texts such as the *Acts of the Apostles* – we discover that the first followers of Jesus saw themselves in continuity with Judaism rather than as a separate or distinct sect. Of course, within a few decades of the death and resurrection of the Lord, Christians were “expelled” from the synagogue. Their “heretical beliefs” (e.g., their “blasphemy” in proclaiming Jesus as the Son of God, as well as their “sacrilege” in transforming the Passover Meal into the Lord’s Supper) caused them, in effect, to be “excommunicated” from Judaism.

Nevertheless, many Christian traditions and practices have their roots in Judaism. The Eucharist took place at a Passover meal, and the central feast of Christianity (Easter) is forever linked to the central feast of Judaism (Passover).

The Christian feast of Pentecost also has its roots in Judaism. Exodus 34 describes the giving of the Law (i.e., the 10 Commandments) to Moses, and in Ex 34:22 the Lord instructs the Israelites to “keep the feast of Weeks,” which is supposedly 49 days (i.e., seven weeks) after Moses received the Tablets on Mount Sinai. In Deuteronomy 16, the author instructs the Israelites on celebrating religious feasts, and after focusing on Passover (v. 1-8), he moves to the *Feast of Weeks*: “You shall count off seven weeks [from Passover], . . . then keep the feast of Weeks in honor of the Lord, . . .” (Dt 16:9-11) Notice that just as the Christian Easter parallels the Jewish Passover, so does Pentecost parallel the *Feast of Weeks*.

In Judaism the *Feast of Weeks* is a spring harvest festival; in Christianity, Pentecost celebrates the reception of the Holy Spirit and the “birth of the Church”. The event is recounted in the second chapter of Acts:

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim. (Acts 2:1-4)

According to tradition, the descent of the Holy Spirit took place in the Upper Room. This was the same place where the Last Supper took place, and, after the Ascension, the disciples returned to this place where they “devoted themselves with one accord to prayer, together with some women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.” (Acts 1: 14) Tradition also has it that they hid in the upper room because they feared persecution by the authorities. Only after the descent of the Holy Spirit did they have the courage to leave their hiding place and preach the Gospel. For this reason, Pentecost is celebrated as the “birth of the Church”.

The date for Pentecost is fifty days after Easter, and because Easter is a movable feast, the earliest possible date is May 10 (as in 1818), with the latest possible date being June 13 (which will next happen in 2038). The main sign of Pentecost is the color red, which symbolizes joy and the fire of the Holy Spirit. Ministers wear red vestments, and in modern times, the custom has extended to the assembly wearing red clothing in celebration as well.

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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| <input type="checkbox"/> Send Sunday envelopes | <input type="checkbox"/> Send Monthly Donor Form | <input type="checkbox"/> Moving—remove from mailing list |