

Remembering those  
who paid for our  
freedom.

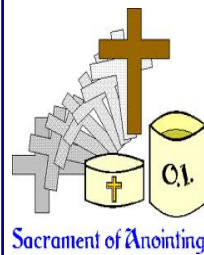


In observance of Memorial Day,  
the Parish Office will be closed  
Monday, May 26

**WEEKEND COLLECTION**  
**May 10 & 11**  
**\$1,736**  
**THANK YOU!**

**THANK YOU FROM  
CATHOLIC CHARITIES CYO**

Catholic Charities CYO would like to thank every parishioner for your donation during the recent CCCYO second collection at your parish. Because of your generosity, homeless families will receive food and shelter, children will exceed even their parents' hopes and dreams for their futures, seniors and their caregivers will find comfort, and our neediest neighbors will receive the help they need to live their lives with dignity. Thank you for your ongoing support of Catholic Charities CYO and of the people we serve. Together, we demonstrate the love of God by strengthening families and reducing poverty in our community.



**ANOINTING**  
This weekend  
May 17 & 18  
we will offer the  
Sacrament of Anointing  
at all our Masses

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTRY  
OPPORTUNITY**

During illness many people experience feelings of loneliness and isolation. You can make a difference.

Bring the Lord's presence to the sick through your life experience and caring as a Eucharistic Minister at the oldest and only Catholic hospital in San Francisco.

Call the St. Mary's Medical Center's Chaplain Services Department to speak with a chaplain about our volunteer ministry program. We provide training and ongoing support.

Contact:

Father Pablo at 415-668-1000 (ext. 7174)  
or Mary Poppingo 415-750-5790.

**Are you looking for a way to be of service to your parish? Consider joining the Pastoral Council!** The purpose of the Council is to consult, advise, and propose policy to the Pastor regarding the various programs, operations and activities of our parish. Please see the flyer in the vestibule for more information. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office.

Please check the bulletin boards in the vestibule and parish hall for notices about upcoming events or special notices.

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

SERVED BY THE CARMELITES

**MAY 18, 2014  
FIFTH SUNDAY  
OF EASTER**



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LOCATED ON THE NE CORNER OF 19TH & CONNECTICUT STREETS

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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 18 - Religious Education, 9:00 am  
- Confirmation, 10 am Mass  
Mon, May 19 - Choir Practice, 6:30pm  
Tue, May 20 - SVdP Sandwich Tuesday  
9:00am, Parish Kitchen  
- SVdP Grocery Distribution  
1:00pm, Sammon Hall  
Sat, May 24 - AA Meeting, 7:00pm,  
Sun, May 25 - Religious Education, 9:00 am  
Mon, May 26 - Memorial Day  
Parish Office Closed

### MASS INTENTIONS

As we celebrate Mass together  
we include in our prayers:

#### Saturday, May 17

4:15pm + Joe Padilla  
Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

#### Sunday, May 18

8:30am The People of the Parish  
10:00am + Armando Acevedo

#### Tuesday, May 20

8:30am Little Childrens Aid

#### Friday, May 23

8:30am + Alex Plut

#### Saturday, May 24

4:15pm + Mary Morgan  
Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

#### Sunday, May 25

8:30am The People of the Parish  
10:00am Roostiana Wondany

## SECOND COLLECTION

### May 17 & 18

Today, we will take up the Collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). This Collection communicates the Gospel through Catholic social media activities and enriches our faith through Internet, television, radio, and print media. Please be generous in this week's Collection and support this important work. Remember, half of your donation stays in our Archdiocese to support our communication needs. CCC equips us to share our experience of faith, worship, and witness with the world.

### May 24 & 25

Next week's second collection will benefit the St. Teresa Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

### Ministers Schedule for Next Week May 24 & 25

#### 4:15 PM

Lector: M. Schurr  
Bread: J. Burns  
Cup: A. Rose  
Hosp: M. Comaich

#### 10:00 AM

1 Lector: B. Doyle  
2 Lector: C. Arett  
1 Bread: R. Labuguen  
2 Bread: J. Schelstrate  
3 Bread: K. Schelstrate

#### 8:30 AM

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

1 Cup: C. Allen  
2 Cup: A. Schelstrate  
Hosp: K. Varandas  
B. Cassidy  
L. Mastrangelo

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

The normal pattern of the Sunday readings includes a first reading from the Old Testament, a psalm response, a New Testament reading, the *Alleluia*, and the Gospel. We see this pattern of readings every week and on every major feast . . . except during Easter time. For the seven weeks from Easter Sunday through Pentecost we do not read from the Old Testament. Instead, 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, the *Acts of the Apostles* describes what is referred to as the "missionary period" of the early church. This 30-year period begins with the Ascension of Jesus and Pentecost, and lasts until the deaths of Peter and Paul, c. 61-64 AD.

One of the more interesting things about *Acts* is that it serves as a "window" into the early Christian community/church. For example, in today's reading Luke describes a "problem" because,

“. . . 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 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? 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.

I think that there is a tendency to 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 that in the "problem" 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 the task of distributing food. 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