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 \*The Social Committee invites you to at-  
 \*tend a Spring Tea on Saturday, May 26  
 \*in the Parish Hall. Tea and mini sand-  
 \*wiches & sweets will be served. Tickets  
 \*will be on sale after all Masses this week-  
 \*end.  
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 \* Adults: \$5.00  
 \* Children 12 and under: Free  
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The Missionaries of Charity (Sisters of Blessed Teresa of Calcutta) invite you to the Professions of First Vows of four of their novices on Wednesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at St. Paul Church. The Most Reverend James Wall, Bishop of Gallup, New Mexico, will be the main celebrant for the Holy Mass which will begin at 4:00pm. All are most welcome! Please keep the Sisters in your prayers.

**PASTORAL COUNCIL**  
 There are several openings on our Pastoral Council. The Council meets once per month and serves as an advisory board to the pastor. If you would like to nominate yourself for this position, please contact the Parish Office (415.285.5272).

**ARE YOU . . .**  
 A registered member of our parish community? Last month we sent out Easter greetings to all who have registered. If you did not receive this letter, please take a moment to complete the form below. You may place this in the collection plate or mail it to the Parish Office. It is important for us to have an accurate record of parishioners.



Thanks to generous donations, we have been able to have seven of our stained glass windows restored since the autumn. There are still some that are in need of restoration as soon as possible.

Please consider making a donation to assist with this very special project.

**REMINDER**  
 The training for all Eucharistic Ministers, both new and current, will be held after all Masses this weekend. Please plan to stay for a short time after Mass.

 The Parish Office will be closed Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup> In observance of Memorial Day

**AAA 2012**  
 St. Teresa's participation in the Archbishop's Annual Appeal has reached **\$22,718, or 94% of our goal of \$24,100.** This figure includes on-line donations through April 30th, and assumes all pledges will be fulfilled. We have received donations/pledges from 52 households.  
 We are now in need of **\$1,382** to complete our Appeal for the year. Won't you take a moment to pick up a donation envelope and help us reach our goal. Remember, any monies received in excess of our assessment are returned directly to our parish.

**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 20, 2012  
 THE ASCENSION  
 OF THE LORD**



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

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**OFFICE HOURS**  
 9:30am to 12:30pm  
 1:00pm to 5:00pm

**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 20 - Eucharistic Ministers' Training  
After 8:30 & 10am Masses  
- Good Shepherd, 9:00am  
- Faith Formation, 9:15am
- Mon, May 21 - Choir Practice  
7:00pm, Church
- Tue, May 22 - SVdP Sandwich Tuesday  
7:00am, Parish Kitchen  
- Ministry of Consolation  
11:00am, Rectory  
- SVdP Grocery Distribution  
2:00pm, Sammon Hall
- Sat, May 26 - Spring Family Tea  
2:00pm, Sammon Hall  
- AA Meeting  
7:00pm, Avila Hall
- Sun, May 27 - No Good Shepherd  
- No Faith Formation
- Mon, May 28 - Memorial Day  
Parish Office Closed

## WEEKEND COLLECTION

May 12 & 13  
\$1,091

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

### Saturday, May 19

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

### Sunday, May 20

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

### Tuesday, May 22

8:30am + Frances M. Cheney

### Friday, May 25

8:30am + Harriet Sauders

### Saturday, May 26

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

### Sunday, May 27

8:30am The People of the Parish  
10:00am Leadership Conference of Women  
Religious

## FINANCE COUNCIL

There is an opening on our Finance Council. The Council meets 4-6 times per year and serves as an advisory board to the pastor. If you would like to nominate yourself for this position, please contact the Parish Office (415.285.5272).

## SECOND COLLECTION

### May 19 & 20

The Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC) follows the Holy Father's direction that we make good use of our digital presence in the world by making it easy to access the important ideals of the Catholic faith online and through television, radio, and print media. CCC provides content the way you need it, in podcasts for daily readings, on websites to connect with other faithful, and on social networking sites. Please be generous in this week's Collection and support this important work. Remember, half of your donations stay in our Archdiocese to support our communication needs.

### May 26 & 27

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

## MONTHLY DONORS & SECOND COLLECTIONS — April

First Collection	\$ 2,970
Building & Maintenance	\$ 1,105
Holy Land	\$ 288
Easter	\$ 337
Home/Black & Indian Missions	\$ 373
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 1,265

## Ministers Schedule for Next Week May 26 & 27

<b>4:15</b>		<b>10:00 AM</b>	
Lector:	A. Rose	1 Lector:	B. Doyle
Bread:	J. Burns	2 Lector:	M. Schelstrate
Cup:	E. Perea	1 Bread:	J. Schelstrate
Hosp:	M. Comaich	2 Bread:	J. Warnock
		3 Bread:	M.K. Law
<b>8:30 AM</b>		1 Cup:	C. Allen
Lector:	E. Dunn	2 Cup:	E. Miller
Bread:	R. Kingman	Hosp:	J. Warnock
Cup:	J. Marasco		
Hosp:	T. Lando		

## THE HARGADON WINDOW: JESUS BLESSES THE CHILDREN

The Hargadon Window (east side of the church, fifth window from the front) depicts a scene found in all three synoptic gospels: Jesus' Blessing of the Children. The Lucan passage reads,

*"People were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them, and when the disciples saw this, they rebuked them. Jesus, however, called the children to himself and said, 'Let the children come to me and do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Amen, I say to you, whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it.' Then he embraced them and blessed them, placing his hands on them." (Lk 18:15-17; see also Mk 10:13-16 and Mt 19:13-15)*

Usually, when homilists preach on this particular reading they focus on the words of Jesus: *"Whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it."* They often develop a theme along the line of encouraging the faithful to approach the kingdom like a child, not necessarily with a child's simplicity and naiveté, but with an attitude of openness and wonder which is characteristic of childhood and which, all too often, is lost in the sophistication and cynicism of adulthood. Over the years homilists have certainly gotten a lot of mileage out of this approach, but I'd like to suggest that there's more to this passage (and this window) than meets the eye.

Take a look at the window. Count the number of figures. What do you see?

Notice that, of the fifteen figures, there is only one adult male (Jesus). The other fourteen figures are either women or children. The disciples – who rebuked the people in the Scriptures – are not present in the window. Curiosity or coincidence? Not by a longshot!

This artist who designed this simple, elegant window is making a significant *theological* statement, a statement that, in Jesus' day, would have been regarded as *outrageous*. For you see, in Jesus' society – a society dominated by men – women and children didn't count. Had this window appeared in Jesus' day it would have been judged as outrageously countercultural.

The Gospel of Luke, especially, focuses on this countercultural theme. Luke pays particular attention to the marginalized members of society – the poor, the sick, the crippled; widows, Samaritans, and Gentiles; lepers, criminals, and prisoners; tax collectors, prostitutes, and sinners – and as a group these people are collectively known by the Aramaic word *anawim*. *Anawim* might be translated as the "poor people of God", and it refers to those members of society who have no power or voice. Included among the *anawim* would be women and children.

In light of this understanding, the Hargadon window is no longer a pastoral scene in which Jesus is surrounded by little children. Instead, it becomes a powerful theological statement about inequality, injustice, and power. Given our Gospel understanding of *anawim*, this apparently idyllic image becomes surprisingly subversive. My guess is that you will no longer be able to look at this window in the same way.

The window *Jesus Blesses the Children* is dedicated to the memory of Bernard Hargadon.

Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm.

*At St. Teresa's there are twelve windows in the main body of the Church. These windows, which date from the 1930s, are being restored as funds become available. Each month one installment of the pastor's column focuses on a "Window of the Month."*