

**Strength for the Journey Ministry:  
For Those with  
Life-Threatening Illness**

First Friday of every month  
Starting June 2, 1:00 - 2:30pm  
Cathedral of Saint Mary of the Assumption  
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The focus and goal of this ministry is spiritual support for people with life-threatening illnesses. Diagnosis of an illness is an opportunity to seek spiritual support through word, sacrament and community. This support group is the First Friday of each month in the Msgr. Bowe Room at St. Mary's Cathedral. The facilitator is Deacon R. Christoph Sandoval. Also available is guidance on Catholic Teaching and the preparation of Health Care Directives. There is no charge. For information and registration contact Sr. Elaine Stahl, above.

**"New Sanctuary Congregation"  
Informational Meeting**

St. Agnes Church  
1025 Masonic Ave., San Francisco  
Thursday, May 25, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Are you wondering how St. Teresa's can actually become a New Sanctuary Congregation? A panel of New Sanctuary Leaders explain new sanctuary and the many ways that congregations can practice new sanctuary beyond housing individuals. Rev. Penny Nixon, Senior Minister of Congregational Church of San Mateo, Natalie Terry, Director of the Ignatian Spiritual Life Center at St. Agnes Parish, Fr. Richard Smith from St. John's Episcopal, and Sarah Lee of the Interfaith Movement for Human Integrity will share experiences with this work. The panel will answer your questions from navigating politically diverse constituencies to dealing with logistical details. To Register: Please contact the Parish Office

*Remembering those  
who paid for our  
freedom.*



In observance of Memorial Day,  
the Parish Office will be closed  
Monday, May 29

**WEEKEND COLLECTION  
MAY 13 & 14  
\$1,782  
THANK YOU!**

**SANDWICH TUESDAY**

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

**ST TERESA'S GREEN TEAM**

Time to tune up your bicycle, break out your walking shoes, or grab your Clipper Card- St. Teresa's is participating in Walk and Bike to Worship Week on June 4th! Commuting via alternative modes of transportation can be less stressful than driving in congested city traffic, while also reducing air pollution. Leave your car at home and save some stress and greenhouse gas emissions!

**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 21, 2017  
SIXTH SUNDAY  
OF EASTER**



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

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1:00pm to 4:30pm

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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.

**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:

**Saturday, May 20**  
4:15pm † Gregory Lewis  
Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

**Sunday, May 21**  
8:30am The People of the Parish  
10:00am † Vincent Cociolone

**Tuesday, May 23**  
8:30am The Sick of the Parish

**Friday, May 26**  
8:30am The Deceased of the Parish

**Saturday, May 27**  
4:15pm † Grace Yaksich  
Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

**Sunday, May 28**  
8:30am The People of the Parish  
10:00am † Ray McGrath

**Ministers Schedule for Next Week**  
**May 27 & 28**

<b>4:15 PM</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>
Lector: A. Rose	1 Lector: G. Femec
Bread: E. Perea	2 Lector: D. B. Bernstein
Cup: B. Noelke	1 Bread: R. Labuguen
Hosp: L. Lechich	2 Bread: A. Schelstrate
	3 Bread: M.K. Law
<b>8:30 AM</b>	1 Cup: C. Allen
Lector: T. Lang	2 Cup: J. Schelstrate
Bread: S. Seibel	Hosp: M. Gries
Cup: S. Lang	M. Gries
Hosp: T. Lando	

**SECOND COLLECTIONS**

**May 20 & 21**

Today, we are taking up the collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Your support helps the CCC connect people to Christ, here and around the world, through the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half of the funds we collect remains in our diocese to support local efforts. Be a part of this campaign to spread the gospel message and support the collection today! To learn more, visit [www.usccb.org/cc](http://www.usccb.org/cc).

**May 27 & 28**

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

**The Mass Intention book for 2017** has dates available. If there are special dates on which you would like to dedicate a Mass to a loved one, please contact The Parish Office.

**Parish Calendar**

Sun, May 21 - Faith Formation, 9:00am, Hall  
Mon, May 22 - Choir Practice, 6:30pm  
- AA Step Meeting, 6:30pm  
Tue, May 23 - SVdP Sandwich Tuesday  
9:00am, Parish Kitchen  
- SVdP Grocery Distribution  
1:00pm, Hall  
Sat, May 27 - AA Meeting, 7pm, Avila  
Sun, May 28 - Faith Formation, 9:00am, Hall  
Mon, May 29 - Parish Office Closed

**HOW TRADITION CLARIFIES SCRIPTURE**

On the surface, today's first reading seems quite simple and straightforward. One of the twelve, Philip, preaches in Samaria, and when the apostles in Jerusalem learn of Philip's success, they send Peter and John to Samaria to pray over these people,

*"... that they might receive the Holy Spirit. It had not as yet come down upon them since they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. The pair upon arriving imposed hands upon them and they received the Holy Spirit."* (Acts 8:15b-17)

Today's reading is not problematic until we contrast it with a similar passage found two chapters later in Acts. Peter is preaching to a crowd when,

*"... the holy Spirit fell upon all those who were listening to the word. The circumcised believers who had accompanied Peter were astonished that the gift of the holy Spirit should have been poured out on the Gentiles also, for they could hear them speaking in tongues and glorifying God. Then Peter responded, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have? He ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ."* (Acts 10:44-47)

The problem with these two readings is a *theological* one: When does a person receive the Holy Spirit? *after* Baptism (as in the first reading)? or *before* baptism (as in the second)?

What we have here are *conflicting scriptural accounts*: in once case, the Spirit manifests itself before baptism; in the other, one receives the Spirit after baptism. The problem is that if one draws upon Scripture to "prove" when a person receives the Holy Spirit, one gets two different answers . . . depending on which passage one cites!

To solve this dilemma Catholics draw upon what is referred to as the *Tradition*. In the Roman Catholic and mainline Christian Churches, we speak of God's revelation coming to us through two "fonts": *Scripture* and *Tradition*. The *Tradition* consists of beliefs, doctrines, and dogmas which are supported by Scripture but are not necessarily found in Scripture. An example of the *Tradition* is the Nicene Creed which we say at every Sunday Mass. The Creed articulates the kerygma or core of our basic beliefs, although some of these (such as the *Communion of Saints*) may not be found in Scripture.

From the perspective of *Tradition*, Catholics believe that a person receives the Holy Spirit whenever he or she receives a sacrament, and this reception of the Spirit need not be accompanied by "speaking in tongues and glorifying God". Our *Tradition* (belief or doctrine) claims that the Spirit is present and received regardless of whether there are any signs of the Spirit's presence.

The contrast between this Sunday's first reading and a later, similar passage from *Acts* makes the point that our set of beliefs is not based upon Scripture alone. As illustrated in the above two passages, Scripture sometimes presents us with mutually exclusive points of view. When this happens, we have to find some way to resolve the inconsistency, and this is where *Tradition* comes into play. Catholics draw upon teaching, doctrine, or dogma when the scriptural texts are contradictory or confusing. In fact, it can be said that, when push comes to shove, Catholics privilege *Tradition* over *Scripture*. In most Protestant congregations the opposite is true: *Scripture* takes priority over *Tradition*.

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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