



Please join us as we  
Celebrate the Eucharist  
in observance of  
Memorial Day  
Monday, May 26th  
at 8:30am

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

**WEEKEND COLLECTION**  
**May 17 & 18**  
**\$1,369**  
**THANK YOU!**

**MEMORIAL DAY  
MEDITATION**  
**MONDAY, MAY 26**  
**12:30—2:30 pm**

The *Interfaith Center of the Presidio Chapel* will be open Memorial Day for meditation and prayer. This safe, sacred space will be open to those who wish to continue their honoring of our military dead.

The Presidio Memorial Day parade begins at 10am, followed by a ceremony at the San Francisco National Cemetery next to the Chapel.

130 Fisher Loop, Presidio of San Francisco

Beginning June 1st and continuing through the summer months, we will be offering coffee and donuts after both the 8:30 and 10:00 am Sunday Masses.

**FREE NATURALIZATION CLINIC**  
**SATURDAY, JUNE 7<sup>TH</sup>**  
**BILL GRAHAM CIVIC AUDITORIUM**

If you or someone you know needs assistance with any portion of the Naturalization process, please take advantage of the free services available at this event.

**If you would like to volunteer**, all are welcome, no need for any expertise in the field of immigration or naturalization. Volunteers are needed to assist in a variety of capacities, including interpreting, form filling, and logistics. If you speak Spanish, Russian, Tagalog, Tigrinya, Cantonese or Mandarin, or any other second language, your assistance would be greatly appreciated!

Please see the flyers on the bulletin boards for further information.

Or go to: [tinyurl.com/natzvolunteer](http://tinyurl.com/natzvolunteer)

**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 25, 2014**  
**SIXTH SUNDAY**  
**OF EASTER**



1490 19TH STREET (CHURCH)

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](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.*

## Parish Calendar

Sun, May 25 - No Religious Education  
Mon, May 26 - Memorial Day  
Parish Office Closed  
Tue, May 27 - SVdP Sandwich Tuesday  
9:00am, Parish Kitchen  
- SVdP Grocery Distribution  
1:00pm, Sammon Hall  
Sat, May 31 - AA Meeting, 7:00pm,  
Sun, Jun 1 - Religious Education, 11:00 am

### MASS INTENTIONS

As we celebrate Mass together  
we include in our prayers:

#### 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

#### Tuesday, May 27

8:30am The Sick of the Parish

#### Friday, May 30

8:30am The Deceased of the Parish

#### Saturday, May 31

4:15pm The Four Intentions of the St.  
Vincent de Paul Society  
Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

#### Sunday, June 1

8:30am + Lois Trihub  
10:00am The People of the Parish

## SECOND COLLECTION

### May 24 & 25

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

### May 31 & June 1

Next week's second collection will benefit the St. Teresa Building & Maintenance Fund.

Thank you for your generosity in last week's Collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign. Because of your support, millions of faithful will have the opportunity to deepen their faith through resources on the Internet, television, radio, and print media. Remember, half of your donations are staying in our Archdiocese to support our communication needs. To learn more about the important work supported by the Collection for CCC, please visit [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)

### Ministers Schedule for Next Week May 31 & June 1

#### 4:15 PM

Lector: R. Ostler  
Bread: F. Patt  
Cup: J. Daddio  
Hosp: L. Lechich

#### 10:00 AM

1 Lector: J. Alber  
2 Lector: A. Schelstrate  
1 Bread: C. Arett  
2 Bread: D. Tejada  
3 Bread: C. Galvez

#### 8:30 AM

Lector: T. Lang  
Bread: J. Newman  
Cup: S. Lang  
Hosp: J. Propster

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

## WHICH COMES FIRST: BAPTISM OR THE SPIRIT?

In last week's column I wrote about the *Acts of the Apostles* – the “companion book” to the Gospel of Luke – which focuses on the “missionary period” of the early church. This 30-year period begins with the Ascension of Jesus and Pentecost, and continues until the deaths of Peter and Paul, c. 61-64 AD. In last week's column I noted that, at times, Luke's narrative gives us an unintentional and inadvertent glimpse of a situation in the early church, and today's first reading is a prime example of such a case.

On the surface, today's first reading seems quite simple and straightforward. Philip preaches with great success 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)

The problem with this reading is not immediately apparent until we contrast it with a similar passage found 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 question is, what comes first? Baptism with water? Or the descent of the Holy Spirit? In this Sunday's reading, the converts in Samaria were baptized, but did not receive the Holy Spirit until Peter and John journeyed from Jerusalem and laid hands upon them. In the second passage, the exact opposite takes place: the Spirit is first poured out on the Gentiles, and only then are they baptized.

What we have here is a *contradiction* in the Scriptures: in one case, the Spirit manifests itself before baptism; in the other, the Spirit appears only after the person is baptized. Thus, if one wants to use scripture to “prove” when a person receives the Holy Spirit, one gets different answers, depending on which passage one cites. How does the Church resolve this dilemma?

The answer is simple: we draw upon doctrine, dogma, and *tradition*. In the Roman Catholic (and mainline Christian) Churches, we speak of God's revelation coming to us through the two “fonts” of *Scripture* and *Tradition*. Generally speaking, Catholics favor *Tradition over Scripture*, whereas the Protestant denominations usually prioritize *Scripture over Tradition*.

The point I am trying to make is that it's a mistake to rely on Scripture alone. As illustrated above in the passages from *Acts*, Scripture sometimes presents us with mutually exclusive points of view. When this happens, we have to find some way to resolve the inconsistency. With respect to Baptism, the Roman Catholic Church takes the position that a person receives the Holy Spirit when he or she is baptized. For Catholics, this is a matter of dogma or doctrine. It also serves as an excellent example of why we draw upon *Tradition* (in addition to *Scripture*) to clarify God's revelation and determine our liturgical/sacramental practice.

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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 Send Sunday envelopes       Send Monthly Donor Form       Moving—remove from mailing list