

AAA 2012

We are pleased to announce that St. Teresa's participation in the Archbishop's Annual Appeal has reached our goal of **\$24,100**. Thank you to everyone who enabled us to reach this goal! Fr. Michael has promised that he will not mention the AAA appeal until 2013.

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.

ESTATE PLANNING

Are you interested in attending a seminar that will give you information about wills, trusts, probate, estate taxes, options for legacy gifting, and how to clearly communicate your intentions so your estate is distributed the way you want? An estate planning attorney volunteers to present such seminars, at no cost to the parish or attendees. The Archdiocesan Office of Development arranges these seminars at individual parishes, usually on a Saturday morning.

Everyone, regardless of marital status, age, or wealth, should have an estate plan.

Please contact the parish office if you are interested in attending a seminar here at St. Teresa's.



Please join us as we Celebrate the Eucharist in observance of Memorial Day on May 28 at 9:00am

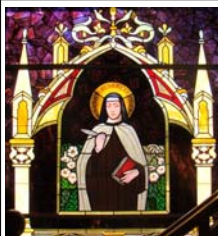
The Parish Office will be closed Monday, May 28th

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).

PASSINGS

We extend our sympathy and prayerful support to the family of Josephine Ronco, who died May 8th. Josephine and her husband, Vince frequently attended the 4:15pm Mass.



Thanks to generous donations, seven of our stained glass windows have been 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.

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 27, 2012 PENTECOST SUNDAY



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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 27 - No Good Shepherd
- No Faith Formation
- Mon, May 28 - Memorial Day Mass
9:00am
- Parish Office Closed
- Tue, May 29 - SVdP Sandwich Tuesday
7:00am, Parish Kitchen
- SVdP Grocery Distribution
2:00pm, Sammon Hall
- Sat, June 2 - 3rd Order Lay Carmelite
Meeting
10:00am, Avila Hall
- AA Meeting
7:00pm, Avila Hall
- Sun, June 3 - No Good Shepherd
- No Faith Formation

WEEKEND COLLECTION May 19 & 20 \$1,606

MASS INTENTIONS

As we celebrate Mass together
we include in our prayers:

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

Monday, May 28

9:00am Members of the Military who
have died in our nation's service

Tuesday, May 29

8:30am Little Children's Aid

Friday, June 1

8:30am + Frances M. Cheney

Saturday, June 2

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

Sunday, June 3

8:30am The People of the Parish
10:00am + Guiseppe & Maria Molinari

SECOND COLLECTION

May 26 & 27

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

June 2 & 3

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

PRAYER FOR A NEW ARCHBISHOP

Good and Gracious God, by your providence you have given the Church of the Archdiocese of San Francisco good shepherds throughout its history.

As the process of discernment continues towards the appointment by the Holy Father of a new Archbishop of San Francisco, we humbly pray that You, Heavenly Father, will choose a new shepherd who will continue the good work his predecessors have achieved.

We pray that you will enable and inspire a shepherd who will preach the Word joyfully, teach the faith fearlessly, celebrate the sacraments reverently, doing all in a spirit of love and compassion, for the unborn who have no voice, for the poor who are often forgotten, for the young who seek guidance, for the sick who need healing, for the aged who yearn for hope, and for all your faithful people who come together as on Body in Christ to profess, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one Church.

We pray that you grant Archbishop Niederauer peace and happiness in his retirement.

Through the Intercession of Mary, Mother of the Church, by the power of the Holy Spirit, we ask this in the name of Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Ministers Schedule for Next Week June 2 & 3

4:15	Lector: J. Kennedy	10:00 AM	1 Lector: C. Arett
Bread: D.B. Aikins		2 Lector: R. Bral	
Cup: B. Baird		1 Bread: E. Miller	
Hosp: R. Plut		2 Bread: D. Tejada	
		3 Bread: T. Labuguen	
8:30 AM	Lector: G. Foss	1 Cup: C. Allen	
Bread: L. Foss		2 Cup: S. Miller	
Cup: J. Newman		Hosp: K. Varandas	
Hosp: J. Propster		B. Cassidy	

FIRST COMMUNION

At the 10 am liturgy this weekend four of our young parishioners will receive First Eucharist. We offer our congratulations to William Corrigan, Dalton Krogan, Jordan Lawrence and Reese Miller; may your relationship with Jesus Christ deepen and grow as you continue on your Christian journey.

Since this is First Communion Sunday, I thought I might offer a bit of history about this tradition and practice. In the Roman Catholic (Latin) Church, the custom has been to baptize children as infants and administer first communion at or about the age of reason (defined in Canon Law as seven years of age). What most Catholics would find surprising is that this practice has been around for only about 100 years.

Until the early part of the 20th century the previous custom had been to baptize children in infancy, confirm them at about the age of seven or eight, and admit them to Eucharist at about the age of twelve. The sequence of these *Sacraments of Initiation* – Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist – followed an ancient tradition going back to the earliest days of the Church. We still see this sequence maintained when we initiate adults at the Easter Vigil: the catechumens are baptized and confirmed before receiving Eucharist at the Easter Liturgy. This sequence and practice is also maintained in the Orthodox and Eastern Rite (Catholic) Churches: infants are baptized and confirmed (“chrismated”) before having a drop of the Precious Blood (Eucharist) placed on the tongue. Today, if you attend an Eastern Rite (Catholic) or Orthodox service, you will notice that small children – even infants – receive Eucharist. Why is this so? and why don't we do this in the Roman Catholic Church?

Historically, this is how the different practices developed and evolved. In the earliest days of the Church it was the bishop who presided at the Sacraments of Initiation. However, as Christianity spread and the Church grew in numbers, *presbyters* (priests) presided at the initiation sacraments. In the Eastern (Orthodox) churches priests took over the role of bishop and administered the three sacraments at the same liturgy. But in the West, when a priest baptized an infant, confirmation was delayed until the bishop could administer the sacrament. Sometimes it was years before the bishop “was in town,” so confirmation often did not take place until late childhood. Communion followed confirmation, so in the West the practice evolved to one where infants were baptized, children were confirmed (at about the age of seven,) and they received first communion at about the age of twelve.

This practice continued into the early 20th century until the reign of Pope Pius X (1903-1914). Pius X was noted for his devotion to the Eucharist, and he felt that children should not be deprived of the Sacrament. With the stroke of a pen, the pope changed church practice. Essentially, the pope “flipped” confirmation and Eucharist, with first communion occurring at or about the “age of discretion” and confirmation being moved back to about the age of twelve or thirteen. This is the practice that continues today . . . but it is not an ancient practice since it dates back only about 100 years!

Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm.