

At the 10 am liturgy this weekend six of our young parishioners will receive First Eucharist. We offer our congratulations to:



Lucy Corrigan
Ariana Gomez
Mateo Jeremias-Lin
Katalina Matautia
Darcie Miller
Mariana Zarate

May your relationship with Jesus Christ deepen and grow as you continue on your Christian journey.

WE ARE MOST GRATEFUL TO . . .

our Liturgists for the many hours of preparation given by them to provide us with very beautiful and meaningful Liturgies during Lent & Easter;

those who so wonderfully prepared our RCIA catechumens and candidates to receive the Sacraments at the Easter Vigil.

our musicians and choir for the beautiful music and our ushers and devoted laity for providing their time and gifts;

those responsible for transforming our church into a wonderful environment in which to celebrate;

and that special someone who donated all the beautiful lilies.

Please check the bulletin board in the vestibule for notices about upcoming events or special notices.



AAA 2014

We are extremely happy to report we have met our goal for this year, provided all pledges are fulfilled. Thank you for your most generous support!!

If you still wish to contribute, all excess money will be returned to St. Teresa's. You may also donate directly to St. Teresa's and earmark the funds for one of our special projects: Stained Glass Window Restoration or Church Garden Landscaping.



Please join us next Sunday as we welcome Bishop William Justice to St. Teresa's. Bishop Justice will preside at the 10:00am Mass and will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation.

ATTENTION ALL HIGH-SCHOOL AGED YOUTHS

We are looking for someone to represent our parish on the Archdiocesan Youth Council. This Council meets once a month at the Pastoral Center and helps in the planning of youth events and in building our parish youth ministry. If you are interested, please call the Parish Office for the application, or visit:

www.sforeym.org/node/331

The deadline is May 11, 2014

WE WELCOME YOU TO ST. TERESA OF AVILA CATHOLIC CHURCH

SERVED BY THE CARMELITES



MAY 4, 2014
THIRD 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
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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.

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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 4 - Religious Education, 9:00 am
 - First Holy Communion
 10 am Mass
 Mon, May 5 - Choir Practice, 6:30pm
 Tue, May 6 - SVdP Grocery Distribution
 1:00pm, Sammon Hall
 Sat, May 3 - AA Meeting, 7:00pm,
 Sun, May 4 - Religious Education, 9:00 am
 - First Holy Communion
 10 am Mass

SECOND COLLECTION

May 3 & 4

The second collection this week will benefit the St. Teresa Building & Maintenance Fund.

May 10 & 11

Nest week is Catholic Charities CYO Sunday. This annual second collection asks parishioners within the Archdiocese of San Francisco to live their faith by generously supporting the good work of Catholic Charities CYO. Your contributions directly support programs and services that provide relief for homeless families, frail seniors, immigrants, the working poor, children and youth, and may of our most vulnerable neighbors who are struggling to meet even their most basic needs. Put your faith into action and change a life for the better today by contributing to Catholic Charities.

MASS INTENTIONS

As we celebrate Mass together we include in our prayers:

Saturday, May 3

4:15pm + James J. Burns, Sr.
 Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

Sunday, May 4

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

Tuesday, May 6

8:30am The Sick of the Parish

Friday, May 9

7:30pm The Deceased of the Parish

Saturday, May 10

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

Sunday, May 11

8:30am + Michele Foss
 10:00am + Leslie Rose

Ministers Schedule for Next Week May 10 & 11

4:15 PM

Lector: D. Aikins
 Bread: F. Patt
 Cup: E. Perea
 Hosp: R. Jones
 M. Perea

10:00 AM

1 Lector: Confirmation
 2 Lector: Candidate
 1 Bread: R. Labuguen
 2 Bread: M. Schelstrate
 3 Bread: K. Schelstrate

8:30 AM

Lector: J. Propster
 Bread: R. Kingman
 Cup: Volunteer
 Hosp: T. Lando

1 Cup: C. Allen
 2 Cup: S. Miller
 Hosp: K. Varandas
 B. Cassidy
 L. Mastrangelo

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

THE ROAD TO EMMAUS: HOW LUKE'S STORY IS ALSO *OUR* STORY

It was late afternoon on that first Easter Sunday. A mysterious stranger accompanied two disciples as they walked the seven miles from Jerusalem to Emmaus. The story hints that the stranger was Jesus, but the disciples did not recognize him until the end of their journey, when they sat down with him to eat and recognized him “in the breaking of the bread”.

The Road to Emmaus is found only in Luke, and we read it only once every three years: in the A Cycle on the Third Sunday of Easter. Personally, I have always been intrigued by this Gospel, not only because it is a mysterious, cryptic story about an encounter with the Risen Lord, but also because it raises, for me, intriguing questions about its author, Luke.

The third evangelist - known as Luke - was a convert to Christianity. Reputed to be “a physician from Macedonia,” Luke is the most prolific writer in the New Testament. Luke wrote both his Gospel and the *Acts of the Apostles*, and the consensus among scholars is that he is the best writer in the New Testament. Luke's language is elegant, poetic, and inspirational.

It is also a historical fact that Luke never actually *met* Jesus while Jesus walked the earth. For me, this has always given rise to a puzzling question: How does a person like Luke - who never met Jesus - become so passionate a believer? How does Luke become so convinced that Jesus is the promised messiah that he not only becomes a Christian but also becomes a traveling companion of Paul on his second missionary journey and later writes two of the most important books in the New Testament? The answer to this question, I believe, is found in today's Gospel, in what happened to the two disciples on the Road to Emmaus.

It is my belief that Luke's conversion to Christianity was the result of his interaction and encounter with the Christian community. I believe that Luke, like the two disciples on the road, had a profound experience of the Risen Lord and “recognized him in the breaking of the bread”. For Luke, this did not take place on a road between Jerusalem and Emmaus; rather, it happened during the community's celebration of the Eucharist. For the disciples on the road, they recognized Jesus when the stranger “took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them.” (Lk 24:30b) Luke, I believe, had the same experience of recognizing Jesus' presence when he participated in the community's Eucharistic celebration. In this sense, today's Gospel is not simply a story about two disciples on the Road to Emmaus; it is also, metaphorically, a story about Luke's conversion to Christianity.

To take it one step further, today's story is neither about Luke nor the two disciples on the road; it is a story about us. We, like Luke, were neither alive nor present when Jesus walked the earth. And although we are catechized and learn about our faith, there comes a time when we experience a conversion and accept as true what we have been taught. In today's Gospel, Luke gives us a paradigm for this conversion experience: we, like Luke and the two disciples, have our faith validated when we experience Christ's presence in the Eucharistic community and recognize him “in the breaking of the bread”.

Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm.