

The Social Committee invites you to attend a **SPRING TEA** on Saturday, May 11 in the Parish Hall from 2—4pm. Tea, finger foods and desserts will be served. Tickets will be on sale after all Masses this weekend.



Adults
\$5.00
Children
(10 and under)
Free



SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY, May 18
SOUND OF MUSIC SING-A-LONG

This fun, family-friendly event will begin after the 4:15pm Mass in Sammon Hall. We will have a costume contest. Food & drink will be included in the entry price:

\$10 Adults and \$5 Children.

PASSINGS

We extend our sympathy and prayerful support to the family of John Carney, a good friend of our parishioner Mary Louise Green and a long-time Potrero Hill resident. A Memorial Mass will be held at St. Teresa's on Tuesday, May 7 at 10:30am, with a reception to follow in the Parish Hall.

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

PRESENTATION BY SISTER HELEN PREJEAN

The San Francisco Public Defender's Office is hosting a free, public talk by world renowned author and death penalty abolitionist, Sister Helen Prejean, on May 9th at Temple Emanu-El, 2 Lake Street, San Francisco.

Since 1984, Sister Helen Prejean has divided her time between educating citizens about the death penalty and counseling individual death row prisoners. She has accompanied six men to their deaths. Sister Helen has been instrumental in sparking national dialogue on the death penalty and helping to shape the Catholic Church's newly vigorous opposition to state executions. She considers herself a southern storyteller and inspired the 1995 film *Dead Man Walking*.

Please arrive early for the 7:00 p.m. program. Public transit is encouraged. The evening includes a book signing and books available for purchase. This event is free, but tickets are required through:

sisterhelenevent.brownpapertickets.com

For more information or assistance with tickets, please call 415.575.8830.

ARCHBISHOP'S
ANNUAL APPEAL
2013

As of March 31:
Assessed Amount: \$20,300
Amount Received/Pledged: \$19,554
Amount Needed: \$ 746

WE WELCOME YOU TO ST. TERESA OF AVILA CATHOLIC CHURCH

SERVED BY THE CARMELITES

MAY 5, 2013
SIXTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER



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OFFICE HOURS

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Please visit our website:
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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.

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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 5 - Good Shepherd & Faith Formation, 9:00am
Mon, May 6 - Choir Practice, 6:30pm
Tue, May 7 - SVdP Grocery Distribution 1:00pm, Sammon
Wed, May 8 - Finance Council 7:00pm, Priory
Sat, May 11 - Spring Tea 2:00pm, Sammon
- AA Meeting 7:00pm, Sammon
Sun, May 12 - Good Shepherd & Faith Formation, 9:00am

WEEKEND COLLECTION April 27 & 28 \$1,269

MASS INTENTIONS

As we celebrate Mass together we include in our prayers:

Saturday, May 4

- 4:15pm + Ron Potter
Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

Sunday, May 5

- 8:30am + James Wu
10:00am The People of the Parish

Tuesday, May 7

- 8:30am The Sick of the Parish

Friday, May 10

- 8:30am + Dana Hennessy

Saturday, May 11

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

Sunday, May 12

- 8:30am + Michele Foss
10:00am The People of the Parish

SECOND COLLECTION

May 4 & 5

The second collection this weekend benefits the Carmelite Missions.

May 11 & 12

NEXT 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, ailing seniors, immigrants, the working poor, children and youth, and many of our most vulnerable neighbors who are in need. Help us change lives today.

For more information on the work of Catholic Charities CYO and how you can help strengthen families, build community, and reduce poverty locally please contact Jane Ferguson Flout at 415.971.1227 or

jfergusonflout@cccyo.org.

Please Note: There is a change in upcoming Second Collections. The Building & Maintenance Fund will be held the weekend of May 18/19 and the Catholic Communication Campaign will be held the weekend of June 15/16.

Ministers Schedule for Next Week May 11 & 12

4:15

Lector: J. Kennedy
Bread: J. Daddio
Cup: B. Baird
Hosp: R. Jones

8:30 AM

Lector: J. Propster
Bread: J. Newman
Cup: J. Marasco
Hosp: T. Lando

10:00 AM

1 Lector: D.B. Bernstein
2 Lector: L. Jacklevich
1 Bread: J. Schelstrate
2 Bread: T. Mana
3 Bread: A. Schelstrate
1 Cup: C. Allen
2 Cup: E. Miller
Hosp: K. Varandas
B. Cassidy

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES AND THE EASTER READINGS

Most Catholics are aware that the normal pattern of the Sunday readings includes an Old Testament reading, a Psalm, a New Testament reading, the *Alleluia*, and the Gospel. We experience this familiar pattern every Sunday and on every major feast . . . except during the Easter season. In the seven-week period from Easter Sunday through Pentecost we do not read from the Old Testament; instead, the first reading is taken from the Acts of the Apostles. Why?

One reason is that the Church – in putting together the Lectionary – tries to expose us to as much of the Bible as possible. This takes place over a three-year cycle, and we are familiar with the fact that Cycles A, B, and C are linked to the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke, respectively. Additionally, over this three-year cycle the first reading – during Easter time – is from the *Acts of the Apostles*. In this way the Church is trying to expose us to as much of *Acts* as possible.

A more important reason might be that, if we examine the events in *Acts*, we discover that it is basically a history of the early church. The *Acts of the Apostles* chronicles the period from the Ascension of Jesus to the deaths of Peter and Paul, roughly a 30-year period from 33 – 65 AD. The Gospels tell us how Jesus died, rose from the dead, and walked among us for a while, but very quickly he ascended to His Father. *Acts* picks up where the gospels leave off, beginning with the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost and continuing with a description of how the community continued to experience the presence of Jesus and the Spirit. In *Acts* it is important to note that Jesus was no longer *physically* with them, and in this sense we are like those early communities: we experience the presence of Jesus and the Spirit, and, like the earliest Christians, we are tasked to form community and build up the Church.

The *Acts of the Apostles* was written by the evangelist Luke and is the “companion book” to his Gospel. Written about 50 years after the death and resurrection of Jesus, Luke describes what is referred to as the “missionary period” of the early church, with its “main characters” being Peter and Paul.

It is important to note that Luke’s narrative is not a “journal” but is written from the perspective of hindsight. The events described in *Acts* took place long before Luke wrote about them; and in a very real sense, the issues and concerns raised in *Acts* were resolved long before Luke put pen to paper. In fact, at times Luke might actually be *avoiding* an issue that plagued the early Christian community.

Take, for example, today’s reading, from Acts 15. This chapter, referred to as the “Council of Jerusalem”, addresses the Gentile Question: “Do you have to be(come) Jewish in order to be a Christian?” The apostles and earliest followers of Jesus – who were all Jewish – answered in the affirmative; Paul, in his preaching, proclaimed the opposite. To quote John Foley’s hymn, *One Bread, One Body*, Paul proclaimed, “Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more!” In today’s reading from Acts 15 we get a “tame” version of what happened. For a significantly different slant, take a look at Paul’s Letter to the Galatians (Gal 2:1-10).

Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm.