



AAA 2016

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 us and earmark the monies towards our Church Garden Landscaping Fund.



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



- Sophie Angulo Bertran
- Maite del Real
- Kara Gibbons
- Benicio Labuguen
- Anais Furey Rodriguez
- Diego Furey Rodriguez
- Katrina Rovner
- Natalie Rovner
- Adelle Tuisea
- Jack Yambao

and, **Enzo Krause**, receiving the Eucharist for the first time at St. Teresa's

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

MONTHLY DONORS & SECOND COLLECTIONS APRIL

First Collection	\$2,842
Building & Maintenance	\$1,970
Home Missions	\$1,210
Garden Fund	\$1,711
St. Vincent de Paul	\$1,841

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 May 22nd! 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 green house gas emissions!

WE WELCOME YOU TO ST. TERESA OF AVILA CATHOLIC CHURCH

SERVED BY THE CARMELITES



MAY 8, 2016 SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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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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WEEKEND COLLECTION

APRIL 30 & MAY 1

\$1,149

THANK YOU!

We have some older, stackable pink chairs in the hall which we no longer use. There are samples in the church vestibule and in the hall. We are happy to give these to anyone who has a use for them, or know of an organization in need. Please see Deacon Chuck for more information or to arrange pick-up.

The Parish Office will close at 1:00pm on Mondays, May 9 & 16 and will be closed Tuesday, May 17 (Full Day) while our secretary is on vacation

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 8 - Faith Formation, 9am, Hall
 - First Holy Communion, 10am
 Mon, May 9 - Choir Practice, 6:30pm
 - AA Step Meeting, 6:30pm
 Tue, May 10 - SVdP Grocery Distribution
 1:00pm, Church Hall
 - Pastoral Council, 7pm, Avila
 Thur, May 12 - NERT, 7pm, Church Hall
 Sat, May 14 - AA Meeting, 7pm, Church Hall
 Sun, May 15 - Faith Formation, 9am, Hall

MASS INTENTIONS

As we celebrate Mass together we include in our prayers:

Saturday, May 7

4:15pm † Harry Jelenich
 Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

Sunday, May 8

8:30am The People of the Parish
 10:00am † Gertrude & John Lech

Tuesday, May 10

8:30am † William Dwyer

Friday, May 13

8:30am † Harriet Sauders

Saturday, May 14

4:15pm † Gregory Lewis
 Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

Sunday, May 15

8:30am The People of the Parish
 10:00am † Dory Yochum

SECOND COLLECTIONS

May 7 & 8

This week is Catholic Charities Sunday. This annual second collection asks parishioners to live their faith by generously supporting the good work of Catholic Charities, the social services arm of the Catholic Church in our local area. Your contributions directly support programs and services that provide relief for homeless families, frail seniors, immigrants, the working poor, children and youth, and many 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. Together, we are Catholic Charities!

May 14 & 15

There will be no second collection next weekend.

Ministers Schedule for Next Week May 14 & 15

4:15 PM		10:00 AM
Lector: A. Rose		1 Lector: T. Labuguen
Bread: J. Burns		2 Lector: V. Flores
Cup: J. Daddio		1 Bread: R. Labuguen
Hosp: L. Lechich		2 Bread: J. Warnock
		3 Bread: M. Schelstrate
8:30 AM		1 Cup: C. Allen
Lector: P. Diaz		2 Cup: G. McGrath
Bread: R. Kingman		Hosp: J. Warnock
Cup: J. Marasco		
Hosp: T. Lando		

WHY ASCENSION THURSDAY IS CELEBRATED ON A SUNDAY

As recently as the 1980s the Ascension was celebrated on a Thursday. It was a Holy Day of Obligation, forty days after Easter and ten days before Pentecost. Now "Ascension Thursday" is celebrated on a Sunday. Why the change? And how did this come about?

First, let's take a look at what Scripture has to say about this feast. Surprisingly, the Ascension appears specifically in only one of the four Gospels. Luke mentions the Ascension in the second-to-last verse of his Gospel, and it is limited to one simple, declarative sentence:

"As he blessed them he parted from them and was taken up to heaven." (Lk 24:51)

In the Acts of the Apostles, Luke offers a more detailed account:

"When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven.'" (Acts 1:9-11)

The evangelist Mark tells us that:

"... the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up to heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God." (Mk 16:19)

However, this verse was added to the Gospel of Mark after the original Gospel was written, an attempt to harmonize Mark's Gospel with material in Luke. In Matthew, the Gospel ends on a mountain near Galilee where Jesus commissions the disciples to baptize all nations. It appears as if Jesus is about to ascend to heaven, but the Gospel abruptly ends with Jesus promising to be "...with you always, until the end of the age."

The Acts of the Apostles is the only place when any mention is made of "forty days". In the first chapter of Acts, Luke tells us that Jesus,

"... presented himself alive to them by many proofs after he had suffered, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God." (Acts 1:3)

If we take a literal interpretation of this text, Ascension is celebrated forty days after Easter (which is always a Thursday). Pentecost follows ten days later, and for centuries the liturgical calendar for the Easter season followed this pattern. If only it were that simple!

What complicates the issue is that mysterious number, "forty". Thumbing through the Scriptures, we find that, in the story of Noah's Ark, it rained for forty days and forty nights; in Exodus, the Israelites wandered in the desert for forty years; after his baptism in the Jordan, Jesus spent forty days in the desert prior to beginning his public ministry; and – in the liturgical year – Lent lasts for forty days (followed by forty days between Easter and the Ascension). Even non-Christians are aware of the significance of the number "forty", and, obviously, in the Judeo-Christian tradition, "forty" has serious religious overtones. "Forty" seems to be used whenever we want to emphasize a *significant* period of time. However, it is important to note that *significant* does not necessarily mean *specific* ... which is another of way of saying that forty days or forty years does not *literally* mean forty days or forty years.

Because of the ambiguity surrounding the number "forty", local bishops' conferences are permitted to move the Solemnity of the Ascension to a Sunday. That is why we celebrate the Ascension, not forty days after Easter (Thursday), but on the Seventh Sunday of Easter. This is now the practice in most English-speaking countries.

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: _____

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