

REMEMBER, LOVING GOD THE SOULS OF THOSE WHO OVER THE YEAR HAVE PASSED INTO ETERNAL LIFE

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REMEMBERING OUR DECEASED LOVED ONES

November is called "the Month of the Holy Souls". During November a Book of Remembrance will be placed inside the Church. Parishioners are invited to write the names of deceased loved ones in this book and to bring a photo(s) for display during the month. All photos will be returned at the end of the month. Please put your name & phone number on the back of the picture.

We will remember those we have lost this year at the 10:00am Mass on November 1st.

DONATION ENVELOPES

We are readying the donation envelopes for the next Liturgical Year, which starts on December 1st. If you do not currently have envelopes but would like to use them to keep track of your donations, please contact the Parish Office.

We also have a Monthly Donor plan. In this plan, a notice of all the collections for the coming month is mailed to you. You just mark what amount you would like to go towards each collection, write one check and put it in the provided return envelope. You may then drop it in the collection basket or mail it to the Parish Office. If you would like to sign up for this Donor plan, please contact the Parish Office.

WINTER SHELTER PROGRAM

Please watch this bulletin for a call for volunteers to assist with cooking & serving dinners to the homeless served by the Interfaith Winter Shelter program. This has been a wonderful experience for those who have volunteered in the past.

ST. TERESA GREEN INITIATIVE

Interested in what Catholics are doing about climate change? Catholic Climate Covenant brings Catholic people and institutions together to care for the people God loves and to live justly on God's Earth. Their website provides a wealth of resources, study guides, prayers, videos, and energy savings toolkits. You will also find the St. Francis pledge to pray, act, and advocate to solve climate change.

MINISTERS SCHEDULES

Schedules for November & December were emailed on Friday, October 30. If you did not receive an email, please contact the Parish Office to be added to the contact list. Copies are available in the Sacristy and on our website at:

stteresasf.org/category/parish-ministries

Please check the bulletin boards in the vestibule & hall for upcoming events or special notices from the Archdiocese.

WE WELCOME YOU TO ST. TERESA OF AVILA CATHOLIC CHURCH
SERVED BY THE CARMELITES



NOVEMBER 1, 2015
ALL SAINTS DAY



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10:00am to 12:30pm
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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, Nov 1 - Faith Formation, 9am, Hall
 Mon, Nov 2 - SVdP Meeting, 9am, Hall
 - AA Meeting, 6:30pm, Avila
 - Choir Practice, 6:30pm
 Tue, Nov 3 - Election Day
 Wed, Nov 4 - SVdP Grocery Distribution
 1:00 pm, Church Hall
 Sat, Nov 7 - AA Meeting, 7pm, Church Hall
 Sun, Nov 8 - Faith Formation, 9:00am, Hall

MASS INTENTIONS

As we celebrate Mass together
 we include in our prayers:

Saturday, October 31
 † John Warnock
 Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

Sunday, November 1
 8:30am The Deceased of the Parish
 10:00am The People of the Parish

Tuesday, November 2
 8:30am † Harry & Katherine Law

Friday, November 6
 8:30am The Sick of the Parish

Saturday, November 7
 4:15pm † James J. Burns, Jr.
 Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

Sunday, November 8
 8:30am The People of the Parish
 10:00am † John Warnock

SECOND COLLECTIONS

October 31 & November 1

This weekend's second collection benefits
 the St. Teresa Building & Maintenance Fund.

November 7 & 8

There will be no second collection next
 weekend.

The Mass Intention book for 2016 is now
 available. If there are special dates on which
 you would like to dedicate a Mass to a loved
 one, please contact the Parish Office. There
 are also some dates left for 2015.

WEEKEND FIRST COLLECTION

OCTOBER 24 & 25

\$1,277

THANK YOU!

Ministers Schedule for Next Week November 7 & 8

4:15 PM		10:00 AM	
Lector:	A. Rose	1 Lector:	L. Jacklevich
Bread:	B. Noelke	2 Lector:	G. Femec
Cup:	E. Perea	1 Bread:	S. Miller
Hosp:	M. Perea	2 Bread:	G. McGrath
		3 Bread:	M.K. Law
8:30 AM		1 Cup:	C. Allen
Lector:	D. Canzoneri	2 Cup:	C. Arett
Bread:	R. Kingman	Hosp:	K. Varandas
Cup:	D. Paquette		L. Mastrangelo
Hosp:	T. Lando		

ALL SAINTS, ALL SOULS, & ALL HALLOWS' EVE

This weekend features three "holidays" in a row: Halloween (Saturday), All Saints' Day (Sunday), and All Souls' Day (Monday). What is the origin and history of each of these feasts? Is there a connection among them? And why do they follow each other on three consecutive days in the calendar?

Broadly speaking, all three of these days deal with speculation about what happens after death. Halloween offers a plethora of secular images that includes ghosts and goblins . . . which are contrasted with the religious images of souls and saints commemorated on All Saints' and All Souls' Days. Let us begin with the religious feasts and work our way backwards to Halloween.

Since the earliest days of the Church, Christians have honored and venerated the dead. In the first century, for example, Christians of Rome gathered in the city's catacombs where they celebrated the Eucharist in proximity to the bones of Christian martyrs (this is the origin of the relics that are sealed in a church's altar when the church is consecrated). From our earliest days, we confess, in our Creeds, our belief in the "Communion of Saints," a wonderful theological term which visions Christ's body, not simply as the baptized community gathered on earth, but also as those who have died "who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith" and who now dwell with God in heaven. These are the saints: those who have died and are now with God.

All Saints' Day, November 1st, celebrates these saints. In one sense, All Saints' Day is much like the American holiday of Veteran's Day, in that just as we celebrate all veterans (without naming names), so do we celebrate all of the "nameless saints" who are with God. The official saints – those who have been canonized by the Church (and there are thousands of them) – often have their own feast days on the liturgical calendar. But on All Saints' Day we remember the "unknown saints" – such as our relatives and friends – who because of their upright and holy lives now enjoy their eternal reward and are dwelling with God. The only reason these saints are "nameless" is because they have not been officially canonized by the Church.

All Souls' Day, November 2nd, celebrates those who are in the process of becoming saints. In Catholic theology we have a doctrine of purgatory. Surprisingly, the new *Catechism of the Catholic Church* is almost deliberately vague on this subject. The *Catechism* does not tell us *where* purgatory is, *what* purgatory is like, or *how long* a soul spends in purgatory. Succinctly stated, the *Catechism* defines purgatory as the time following death when the soul is "purged" or "purified" before entering the kingdom of heaven. Souls in purgatory are in transition between earthly existence and heavenly glory, and when we pray for the dead we do so with the intention that they might be delivered from purgatory and admitted to heaven. November 1st (All Saints' Day) honors those who are in heaven and are saints with God; November 2nd (All Souls' Day) honors those in purgatory who are not yet saints (but who soon will be).

Where does Halloween fit in? In virtually every culture there are feasts and festivals that honor or commemorate the dead. Many of these non-Christian celebrations are pagan in origin, and "All Hallows' Eve" may have been one such celebration. In effect, Christianity "baptized" All Hallows' Eve so that, instead of being a pagan celebration of the dead, it became a Christian celebration of the living (i.e. saints) on the "evening before" All Saints' Day. Essentially, the pagan images of ghosts and goblins are trumped by the Christian images of saints and heavenly glory.

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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