

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD DRIVE

We are having a food drive to benefit our own St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, starting next weekend. Food is given out every Tuesday afternoon at St. Teresa's and the supplies are getting very low. They are also organizing a Thanksgiving give away of 125 boxes of food. Please help by bringing any canned goods. The pantry is particularly low on:

Soup Fruits

Containers will be in the vestibule through Thanksgiving.

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 JOIN
US FOR
MASS ON
THANKSGIVING
AT 10:00AM
NOVEMBER 22ND

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

ANOINTING



Sacrament of Anointing

Next weekend we will be offering the Sacrament of Anointing at all our Masses.

We ask that anyone who would like to be anointed next weekend give us your name and what Mass you plan to attend so that we can make the necessary preparations.

DIRECTORIES

We have received the new edition of the Archdiocesan Directory. There are copies in the vestibule for any who would like one.

Donation Envelopes

The donation envelopes for the new Liturgical year are being readied for distribution. They will be available for pick-up in the church starting the weekend prior to Thanksgiving. Please contact Stephani in the Parish Office if you would like to request envelopes, need more information about/would like to enroll in the monthly donor program. We are unable to provide a statement of donations if you are not enrolled in either of these plans.

WE WELCOME YOU TO ST. TERESA OF AVILA CATHOLIC CHURCH

SERVED BY THE CARMELITES

NOVEMBER 11, 2012
THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME



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OFFICE HOURS

10:00am to 12:30pm
1:00pm to 4:30pm

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, Nov 11 - No Good Shepherd or Faith Formation
Mon, Nov 12 - Veterans Day Observed
Parish Office Closed
Choir Practice, 6:30pm
Tue, Nov 13 - SVdP Grocery Distribution
1:00pm, Sammon
- Pastoral Council
7:00pm, Avila
Sat, Nov 17 - AA Meeting
7:00pm, Avila Hall
Sun, Nov 18 - Good Shepherd & Faith Formation, 9:00am
- Family Mass, 10:00am

In observance of Veterans' Day, the Parish Office will be closed Monday, November 12th.

WEEKEND COLLECTION November 3 & 4 \$1,506

MASS INTENTIONS

As we celebrate Mass together we include in our prayers:

Saturday, November 10

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

Sunday, November 11

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

Tuesday, November 13

8:30am + Souls In Purgatory

Friday, November 16

8:30am + Frances M. Cheney

Saturday, November 17

4:15pm + Anne Marie Allio
Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

Sunday, November 18

8:30am The People of the Parish
10:00am + Vincent Ceccarelli

SECOND COLLECTION

November 10 & 11

We have been asked by the Archdiocese to take up a special collection this weekend to benefit those affected by Hurricane Sandy. According to the USCCB, Catholic Charities USA has been working tirelessly throughout the storm-related areas in the East Coast bringing relief and assistance to those left without shelter and in need of aid. Personnel from Catholic Relief Services have been assisting those in need in Haiti, Cuba, & Jamaica, since Hurricane Sandy brought pain and destruction to the people of these and other Caribbean countries, too.

The resources of CCUSA and CRS are being spread very thin and any financial support will be welcomed. It will be used for the immediate humanitarian needs of the most vulnerable and to support the local Catholic Church in its ongoing mission.

November 17 & 18

Next week's Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) needs your support. CCHD was founded to end the cycle of poverty in America by funding organizations that help individuals help themselves. With the tradition of improving education, housing situations, and economic development, CCHD continues to make a positive impact in communities nationwide. Fight poverty in America. Defend human dignity. Give to the CCHD Collection.

Ministers Schedule for Next Week November 17 & 18

4:15		10:00 AM	
Lector:	M.L. Green	1 Lector:	D.B. Bernstein
Bread:	J. Burns	2 Lector:	J. Alber
Cup:	B. Noelke	1 Bread:	S. Miller
Hosp:	M. Comaich	2 Bread:	M. Schelstrate
		3 Bread:	M.K. Law
8:30 AM		1 Cup:	C. Allen
Lector:	E. Dunn	2 Cup:	J. Schelstrate
Bread:	J. Newman	Hosp:	K. Vandaras
Cup:	Volunteer		B. Cassidy
Hosp:	J. Propster		

TODAY'S FIRST READING: ELIJAH AND THE WIDOW

Just over a year ago – around July 20th – I wrote about Elijah, the first of Israel's prophets. The Elijah stories are found in the book of Kings (1 Kgs 17:1 - 19:21), and Elijah the Prophet is, perhaps, most well known for his confrontation with the 450 pagan prophets of Baal.

For Carmelites, Elijah is our "spiritual founder". Most religious communities trace their origins to an individual person (i.e., the Franciscans have St. Francis; the Dominicans, St. Dominic; the Jesuits, Ignatius Loyola). The Carmelites, however, do not have a founder *per se*. We trace our origins, not to a *person*, but to a *place*. Our roots are on Mount Carmel, a mountain in Northwestern Israel which overlooks the Mediterranean Sea, near the city of Haifa. Hermits "in the Spirit of Elijah" have continuously lived on Mount Carmel since about 1000 years before Christ, and we Carmelites trace our origins to these hermits.

For Carmelites, the Elijah stories are rooted deeply in our bones, and today's first reading is no exception. The story centers around a widow and her son who possess only a handful of flour and a smattering of oil. The widow plans to prepare something simple to eat, and "when we have eaten it we shall die."

Elijah asks that the widow first prepare him a small cake before preparing something for herself and her son. What follows then is one of the Hebrew Scriptures' most rousing prophecies:

"The jar of flour shall not go empty, nor the just of oil run dry, until the day when the Lord sends rain upon the earth."

The Elijah passage from 1 Kings was chosen in order to parallel the Gospel passage for the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. In today's gospel, Mark describes how a poor widow contributed only a few cents to the temple treasury. Jesus comments that,

". . . this poor widow has put in more than all the other contributors to the treasure. For they have all contributed from the surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood."

The salient point contained in all three readings is that it is in those moments when we are most empty and vulnerable that we are also most open to God. Elijah, the widow, and her son have hardly any flour and oil for bread; the widow in the temple – when she contributes her last few pennies – has nothing left to her name. The characters in today's readings demonstrate the spirituality of the poor who, because of their poverty, recognize their total dependence on God. Ironically, it is in their utter poverty – which detaches them from all material things of this world – that they are able to most profoundly encounter the mystery and presence of God.

Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm.