

PASSINGS

We extend our sympathy and prayerful support to the families of:

Lillian **Jeanette**, wife of Flo Cimino, a long-time parishioner and Potrero Hill resident, who died Wednesday, November 9. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Teresa's on Tuesday, November 15 at 10:00am.

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.

FROM DEACON CHUCK

Thank you all, for your thoughts, prayers and Mass Intentions after the recent death of my sister, Joyce Huddleston. My family and I are extremely appreciative.

ST TERESA'S GREEN TEAM

Food waste is one of the biggest environmental tragedies that comes out of Thanksgiving. The Natural Resources Defense Council estimates that Americans throw away 40 percent of their food every year. While composting the leftovers and scraps from people's plates are a valuable process, it shouldn't be the priority. This year, try portioning the food on your plate to only be what you are planning to eat. Start with a small portion and get more as you need it. Added bonus: you'll probably end up consuming fewer calories with this strategy too. When dinner is finished, save leftovers to eat later in the week.



PLEASE JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE THE EUCHARIST IN OBSERVANCE OF THANKSGIVING AT 10:00AM NOVEMBER 24TH

Please join us in welcoming to our parish community:



Anton Kenar Osika, the son of Andreu Osika & Aleksandra Kenar. Anton will be baptized by Rev. Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm. this Sunday at the 10 am Mass.

MONTHLY DONORS & SECOND COLLECTIONS — OCTOBER

First Collection	\$2,502
Building & Maintenance	\$2,144
World Mission Sunday	\$ 1,326
Garden Fund	\$ 440
St. Vincent de Paul	\$1,909

WEEKEND COLLECTION

NOVEMBER 5 7 6

\$1,604

THANK YOU!

CALLING 4:15 MASS ATTENDEES

We would like to begin quarterly gatherings after Mass, so those attending this Mass will have an opportunity to form community.

In order to have these events, we need some volunteers who will organize, set-up, and clean-up. We have tentatively scheduled a Wine & Cheese Night for December 3rd.

Please see either Fr. Michael after Mass or call the Parish Office to volunteer.

WE WELCOME YOU TO ST. TERESA OF AVILA CATHOLIC CHURCH

SERVED BY THE CARMELITES



NOVEMBER 13, 2016 THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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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 13 - Faith Formation, 9am, Hall
 Mon, Nov 14 - Choir Practice, 6:30pm
 - AA Step Meeting, 6:30pm
 Tue, Nov 15 - SVdP Sandwich Tuesday
 9:00am, Parish Kitchen
 - SVdP Grocery Distribution
 1:00pm, Hall
 - Circle of Light Giving Tree
 Meeting, 7:00pm, Avila
 Sat, Nov 19 - AA Meeting, 7pm, Avila
 Sun, Nov 20 - Faith Formation, 9am, Hall

MASS INTENTIONS

*As we celebrate Mass together
 we include in our prayers:*

- 4:15pm **Saturday, November 12**
 † Harry Jelenich
 Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)
- 8:30am **Sunday, November 13**
 10:00am The People of the Parish
 † Joyce Huddleston
- 8:30am **Tuesday, November 15**
 The Deceased of the Parish
- 8:30am **Friday, November 18**
 † John Dougherty
- 4:15pm **Saturday, November 19**
 † James Burns, Jr.
 Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)
- 8:30am **Sunday, November 20**
 10:00am The People of the Parish
 † Vincent Cocciolone

SECOND COLLECTIONS

November 12 & 13

Today we support our family and friends who have served this nation with distinction. The Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services will provide the Gospel, the sacraments and other forms of spiritual support to the men and women of the United States armed forces wherever they serve, no matter the circumstances. Please prayerfully consider a generous contribution to the first-ever national Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services.

November 19 & 20

Next week's collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) needs your help. CCHD was founded to break the cycle of poverty in the United States by funding organizations that help individuals help themselves. With the tradition of improving education, housing situations, and community economic development, CCHD continues to make a positive impact in communities nationwide. Your contribution will defend human dignity and reach out to those living on the margins.

Ministers Schedule for Next Week November 19 & 20

4:15 PM		10:00 AM
Lector: A. Rose		1 Lector: V. Flores
Bread: E. Perea		2 Lector: L. Jacklevich
Cup: J. Burns		1 Bread: R. Labuguen
Hosp: L. Lechich		2 Bread: J. Warnock
		3 Bread: A. Schelstrate
8:30 AM		1 Cup: C. Allen
Lector: P. Diaz		2 Cup: S. Miller
Bread: R. Kingman		Hosp: J. Warnock
Cup: S. Lang		
Hosp: T. Lando		

PAUL'S LETTERS TO THE THESSALONIANS

"Indeed, when we were with you we used to lay down the rule that anyone who would not work should not eat" [2 Thes 3:10]

What a bizarre passage from today's second reading! Paul instructs the Thessalonians that anyone who doesn't work shouldn't eat. What precipitated such a response from Paul?

Today's second reading opens a door for examining two dimensions of the Pauline epistles. The first is how the Pauline Letters are laid out and structured, and the second is how the Pauline letters give us snapshots of issues and problems that the early Church had to deal with in the middle of the first century.

The first thing we should note is that the Letters of Paul are the earliest writings in the New Testament. Paul experienced his conversion on the road to Damascus within five years of the death and resurrection of Jesus, but did not begin his public ministry until perhaps ten years later. Paul was martyred in Rome in about 64 AD, and the first Gospel (Mark) was written after his death, some time between 65-70 AD. Paul's letter to the Thessalonians was the first letter written by Paul, perhaps as early as 48 AD. In other words, 1 & 2 Thessalonians are probably the *earliest* writings of the New Testament.

The second thing we need to note is that Paul never intended that his letters would be regarded as Sacred Scripture. Paul wrote his letters to address specific problems in specific communities. Basically, when Paul went on a missionary journey, he would establish a church in a city on the Mediterranean (Corinth, Ephesus, Philippi, Thessalonika, etc.). After the Church was established, Paul would remain with that community for a period of time (a few months to, perhaps, a few years) until local leadership was in place. Once this was accomplished, Paul would move on to another locale.

Not surprisingly, after Paul left a community, questions, issues, and problems would arise, and the leaders would write to Paul, asking what to do. Paul would write back, and it is these written responses (letters) that have been included in what is now the New Testament. We do not have the original letters written to Paul, but we do have Paul's responses, and when we examine these responses, we can glean what questions were being asked.

Returning to today's reading we might ask, "What's going on in Thessalonika such that some of the community refuse to work?" The answer lies in the early church's belief in the *imminent parousia*. And what is the *imminent parousia*? It is the belief that Christ would return *soon*, and that the end of the world and messianic age would occur any day now, certainly within their lifetime.

We believe that the early missionary preaching focused on this theme. If the *parousia* was imminent, then any long-range plans and commitments should be avoided. (This, perhaps, is why – in the Corinthian correspondence – Paul instructs his hearers not to marry.) Apparently, some in Thessalonika ceased working because they believed that Jesus would be coming back any day now, and Paul's response to this problem is that ". . . anyone who would not work should not eat."

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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 Send Sunday envelopes Send Monthly Donor Form Moving—remove from mailing list