

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.

HOSPITALITY TRAINING

The holidays are around the corner, this is the time of year when many people come back to Church who may not have been around for the past year. What a wonderful opportunity to welcome people home to your parish community!

The Department of Pastoral Ministry would like to invite you to a Hospitality training in which they will share ideas for creating a more welcoming environment in our parish. Nov. 17, 10:00am - 12noon: Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, One Peter Yorke Way, San Francisco

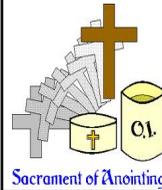
Please call the Parish Office by November 13th if you are interested in attending.

San Damiano Retreat presents a Grief Retreat on Nov. 21-23, Recovery Retreat on Nov. 28-30, and a Silent Advent Weekend on Dec. 12-14. See the flyers in the church vestibule.

Please check the bulletin boards in the vestibule and hall for events in our Archdiocese, as they are updated weekly.

MONTHLY DONORS & SECOND COLLECTIONS — October

First Collection (Monthly Donors)	\$2,690
Building & Maintenance	\$1,752
World Mission Sunday	\$ 646
St. Vincent de Paul	\$1,719



Sacrament of Anointing

ANOINTING
This weekend, we will be offering the Sacrament of Anointing at all our Masses.



PLEASE JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE THE EUCHARIST IN OBSERVANCE OF THANKSGIVING AT 10:00AM NOVEMBER 27TH

ATTENTION ALL LECTORS

Workbooks for the new Liturgical Year, which starts November 30th, are in the Ministers' Sacristy.

Please note you have picked-up your book on the provided listing. Thank you!

DONATION ENVELOPES

We are readying the donation envelopes for the next Donor 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 simply 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 back to the Parish Office. If you would like to sign up for this Donor plan, please contact the Parish Office.

Catholic Charities

Thanksgiving Volunteer Opportunities

For information about this program, please see the bulletin board and check out the website at this link:

CatholicCharitiesSF.org/all-opportunities or call Clint Womack at 415.972.1297 or email volunteer@CatholicCharitiesSF.org; or call Jane Ferguson Flout at 415.972.1227.

WE WELCOME YOU TO ST. TERESA OF AVILA CATHOLIC CHURCH

SERVED BY THE CARMELITES

NOVEMBER 16, 2014
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 16 - Faith Formation,
9:00am, Parish Hall
 Mon, Nov 17 - Choir Practice, 6:30pm
 Tues, Nov 18 - SVdP Sandwich Tuesday
9:00am, Parish Kitchen
 - SVdP Grocery Distribution
1:00pm, Sammon
 Sat, Nov 22 - AA Meeting, 7pm, Sammon
 Sun, Nov 23 - Faith Formation,
9:00am, Parish Hall

SECOND COLLECTION

November 15 & 16

The Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) provides funding for groups that make lasting change and uplift the poor in the United States. CCHD grants improve education, support economic development, and help communities provide housing in low-income neighborhoods. Help us continue to defend human dignity and aid those living on the margins of society. **Please give to the CCHD Collection.**

November 22 & 23

There will be no second collection next week-end.

MASS INTENTIONS

As we celebrate Mass together we include in our prayers:

Saturday, November 15

4:15pm + James J. Burns, Jr.
Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

Sunday, November 16

8:30am + Clara & Clare Foss
10:00am The People of the Parish

Tuesday, November 18

8:30am + John Dougherty

Friday, November 21

8:30am The Sick of the Parish

Saturday, November 22

4:15pm + Eloisa Perea
Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

Sunday, November 23

8:30am The People of the Parish
10:00am + John Warnock

WEEKEND COLLECTION

NOVEMBER 8 & 9

\$1,771

THANK YOU!

Ministers Schedule for Next Week November 22 & 23

4:15 PM

Lector: D. Aikins
Bread: J. Daddio
Cup: B. Noelke
Hosp: R. DeTagle

10:00 AM

1 Lector: L. Jacklevich
2 Lector: B. Doyle
1 Bread: R. Labuguen
2 Bread: A. Schelstrate
3 Bread: M.K. Law

8:30 AM

Lector: E. Dunn
Bread: J. Newman
Cup: J. Marasco
Hosp: J. Propster

1 Cup: C. Allen
2 Cup: C. Arett
Hosp: K. Varandas
B. Cassidy
L. Mastrangelo

THE DANGER IN “PLAYING IT SAFE”: THE PARABLE OF THE TALENTS

Next Sunday is the Feast of Christ the King, the last Sunday in this A-cycle liturgical year. Over the past twelve months we have heard many of the parables from the Gospel of Matthew, and on these last two Sundays of the year the Gospel again presents us with parables.

As I described in earlier columns, a parable is a mid-Eastern literary form which contains an unexpected shock, surprise, or twist. As modern-day readers of the parables, our challenge is to re-experience the shock, surprise, or twist of a parable in order to unlock its original meaning as intended by Jesus.

Today's parable involves a man entrusting three servants with five thousand, two thousand, and one thousand silver pieces, respectively. (This parable is also found in the Gospel of Luke, but instead of silver pieces the servants are entrusted with five, two, or one talents.) Two of the three invest their amounts – doubling their investments to ten thousand and four thousand – but the third “plays it safe”, burying the money so as not to lose it. When the master returns, he applauds the actions of the first two servants, putting each in charge of larger affairs. But the third is condemned: “Throw this worthless servant into the darkness outside, where he can wail and grind his teeth.”

The surprise, it seems, lies in the master's reaction to the third servant. At the very least, one would expect that the servant's prudent action would be commended. Instead, the master launches into a verbal tirade that borders on abuse: “You worthless, lazy lout! . . . All the more reason to deposit my money with the bankers, so that on my return I could have had it back with interest.” If a contemporary employer treated an employee like the master treats the third servant, the next part of the parable would involve a lawsuit for harassment!

Today's Gospel illustrates another aspect found in many of the parables: *risk*. Stepping back from the parable, we notice that the master affirmed what might best be described as the risky behavior of two industrious servants. Granted, each servant doubled his investment, but an equally plausible outcome might have been that each servant *lost* the entire amount! Given this possibility, one can better understand the third servant's burying the treasure – “playing it safe” – rather than taking the chance of losing it all.

On a larger scale, I'd like to suggest that the risk described in the parables is analogous to the risk involved in any act of faith. When we think about it, faith statements involve the phrase, “I *believe*” – which is very different statements that contain, “I *know*”.

When we say, “I know”, we imply certainty: “I know” means “It's a fact” or “I can't be wrong”. Notice how different this is from “I believe”. “I believe” simultaneously implies “I doubt”: when I say “I believe”, I am also saying “I hope it is true, but I could be wrong.”

The early followers of Jesus took precisely this type of risk. The apostles, when called by Jesus, “left their nets and followed him” (Mk 1:18). Such risk is in marked contrast with the response of the *Rich Young Man* (Mt 19:16-22). A follower of Jesus from a distance, the young man finally musters the courage to approach the Lord and asks, “What do I still lack?” Jesus tells him to “. . . go, sell what you have and give to [the] poor.” When the young man heard Jesus' statement, “he went away sad for he had many possessions” (Mt 19:22).

Ultimately, faith involves risk. Imitating Jesus, it involves turning oneself over to the unknown, to something beyond oneself. In the Garden on the night before he died Jesus models how we should do this: “Into your hands I commend my spirit.”

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