

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

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

ANNE ALLIO
GRACE MCCARTHY BRAY
MARIO BRONDELLO
LUCY CECCARELLI
JOSEPH (GIULI) FERRANDO
KEN KOH
DELLA LOPIPERO
LUIS MEGID
FAULALO MCKENZIE MOLI
BERENICE QUIROZ
MIGUEL QUIROZ
JOSEPHINE RONCO
ELLIE A. SABELLA
FR. VINCENT WALTERS

VOTE

Election Day
Tuesday, November 6th

PLEASE REMEMBER TO VOTE!

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

WE WELCOME YOU TO ST. TERESA OF AVILA CATHOLIC CHURCH

SERVED BY THE CARMELITES



NOVEMBER 4, 2012
THIRTY-FIRST 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 4 - Good Shepherd & Faith Formation Family Meeting, 9:00am
 - Remembrance of All Souls 10:00am
- Mon, Nov 5 - Choir Practice, 6:30pm
- Tue, Nov 6 - Election Day
 - SVdP Grocery Distribution Canceled
- Sat, Nov 10 - AA Meeting 7:00pm, Avila Hall
- Sun, Nov 11 - No Good Shepherd or Faith Formation
- Mon, Nov 12 - Veterans Day Observed
 Parish Office Closed



Thank you to the Social Committee and all who helped make the Pumpkin Contest & Hot Dog Lunch a success.

MASS INTENTIONS

As we celebrate Mass together we include in our prayers:

Saturday, November 3

4:15pm + Brian Beaton
 Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

Sunday, November 4

8:30am The People of the Parish
 10:00am The Deceased of the Parish

Tuesday, November 6

8:30am + Frances M. Cheney

Friday, November 9

8:30am + Dee Mooney

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

SECOND COLLECTION

November 3 & 4

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

November 10 & 11

Next week there will be no second collection.

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.

The Liturgical Ministers' scheduled were emailed on Friday. There are copies available in the Ministers' Sacristy and on our website.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

October 27 & 28

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Ministers Schedule for Next Week November 10 & 11

4:15		10:00 AM	
Lector:	B. Baird	1 Lector:	S. Chavez
Bread:	J. Daddio	2 Lector:	E. Koh
Cup:	J. Kennedy	1 Bread:	J. Schelstrate
Hosp:	R. Jones	2 Bread:	T. Mana
		3 Bread:	A. Schelstrate
8:30 AM		1 Cup:	C. Allen
Lector:	S. Cabatic	2 Cup:	C. Arett
Bread:	R. Kingman	Hosp:	J. Warnock
Cup:	J. Marasco		
Hosp:	T. Lando		

WHICH IS THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT?

In this week's Gospel a scribe asks Jesus this question: "Which is the first of all the commandments?" The question – and Jesus' response – not only alludes to a Jewish controversy regarding the role of law, but also has pertinent implications for how we understand the relationship between following the law and leading a moral life.

Questions surrounding the "greatest commandment" have their roots in the Babylonian Exile, some 600 years before Christ. In 587 BC, the Israelites were defeated by the Babylonians, and the entire Israelite nation was exiled to Babylon (what is now Iraq). It is no exaggeration to say that, in this defeat, the Israelites lost *everything*: the Promised Land was conquered; Solomon's Temple in Jerusalem was destroyed; and the Monarchy – which began with Saul, David, and Solomon and existed for over 400 years – was no more. Land, Temple, and King all disappeared, and during the 50-years of exile the Israelites had plenty of time to think about what happened. Their burning questions were simple: Why did God let this happen? and what did we do to so offend God that we would be so punished?

A half-century of soul searching yielded no answers, so when the remnant returned from Babylon to Israel they took steps to ensure that this would never happen again. They did this by expanding the original Decalogue (i.e., 10 commandments) to over 600 laws that covered every aspect of Israelite life. "Keeping the Law" became the focal point of their lives because they felt that, in rigorously following the law, they would never again so incur God's wrath. (If you want an idea of what this expansion of law looks like, read the books of Leviticus and Numbers.)

Within the rabbinical circles a debate emerged as to which law was the greatest. One side contended that all laws were equal: to break any one of the over 600 laws was to break the entire law. The other side contended that not all laws were equal – some laws were more serious than others (i.e., murder is more serious than work on the Sabbath). It is in the context of this debate that the question is posed to Jesus.

Notice that no matter how Jesus answers the question he will offend half the crowd. Jesus refuses to take sides in the controversy. Instead, he quotes Deuteronomy: "*You shall love the Lord with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.*" To this he adds a second command: "*You shall love your neighbor as yourself.*"

In Jesus' response he does two things. First, he simplifies these "600 laws" into two simple commandments: love God and love your neighbor. But more importantly, he changes the law from prohibition to imperative, from negative to positive: instead of saying "do not do this" or "do not do that", Jesus tells us to "love God and neighbor". He doesn't spell out *how* we are to love God and neighbor, but simply issues the challenge to do it.

Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm.