

PASTORAL COUNCIL

We are seeking two (2) parishioners to join our Pastoral Council. The Council meets on the second Tuesday of each month, from 7-9pm, September—May. The Pastoral Council advises the parish administration on various aspects of community life at St. Teresa's. Please see either Fr. Mike or call the office if you are interested in joining.

CALLING ALL KNITTERS & CROCHETERS

Want to help make scarves and blankets for those who need them this winter? We'll be knitting and crocheting after the 10am Mass every Sunday until early December. Come join us in the hall: no experience or tools necessary, we've got supplies and can help you get started!

Caritas Abundat: Love Abounds

We are happy to host Solstice, an all woman a cappella group, on Saturday, November 4, at 8pm here at St. Teresa's as they sing in support of *Refugee Transitions*. This concert will take you from 11th-Century Europe to China, Japan, Columbia and back home again. Suggested donation at the door: \$20-50. No one will be turned away for lack of funds. Solstice will keep \$10 per attendee to cover their expenses, and the remainder will go to RT. More information on their website at www.solsticesings.com or for information on Refugee Transitions: www.reftrans.org

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 on Sunday, November 5th at the 10am Mass.

The Pope Asks Young People to Take a Survey

The Pope is requesting your feedback. A survey for young people 16 to 29 years old is online:

survey-synod2018.glauco.it/limesurvey/index.php/147718

See bulletin board for more information. The direct link is available on our website.

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

Marie Caracciolo	Lillian Jeanette Cimino
Beatrice Cocciolone	Manuela Irma Flores
Rosita Bullecer Flores	Margaret Fring-Keyes
Betty Marie Garcia	Generosa Jarumay
Bran Bhautik Joshi	Raymond McGrath
Richard Morri	Daniel Ornelas
Rose Patt	Frank Louis Rahmer
Robert James Rakish	Alberto Vincent Salvi
Rose Schurr	Joseph Scholton

Adult Confirmation will take place at St. Mary's Cathedral on **Saturday, November 25th** at the 5:30 pm Mass. Adults who wish to be confirmed will have to attend preparation sessions on Friday, November 10th & Saturday, November 11th. If you're interested, please contact Fr. Kwiecien ASAP. Just a reminder: In order to be a Godparent you must be confirmed, and the next adult confirmation will not take place until Pentecost Sunday (June 2018).

WEEKEND COLLECTION (Envelope Donors & Loose Cash)

OCTOBER 21 & 22

\$1,073

OCTOBER 28 & 29

\$1,486

THANK YOU!

ST TERESA'S GREEN TEAM

As you start to plan your Thanksgiving meal, consider expressing your gratitude in an environmentally friendly way. At least 20% of our personal carbon footprint comes from the food we eat every day. An average turkey weighs about 15 pounds, which has the carbon footprint equivalent to driving 170 miles in your car! Keep the climate in mind by choosing meatless menu options that have a smaller carbon footprint, such as vegetables. Can't imagine Thanksgiving without turkey? Consider reducing the overall amount of meat in the meal by making all of the side dishes vegetarian!

TO JOIN THE VIRTUAL MEETING:

Phone: 641-715-3580 Passcode: 738182#

We Welcome You To St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church

Served by the Carmelites



November 5, 2017 THIRTY-FIRST 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.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

As we celebrate Mass together we include in our prayers:

- 4:15pm † Robert "Bert" James Barnett
Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)
- 8:30am † Alberto Salvi
The People of the Parish
- 10:00am † Frank Sullivan
- 8:30am **Tuesday, November 7**
The Sick of the Parish
- 8:30am † Juana Ramirez
- 4:15pm † Harry Jelenich
Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)
- 8:30am **Sunday, November 12**
The People of the Parish
- 10:00am † Deceased Priests of the
Archdiocese, especially Pastors of St. Teresa: Rev. John Kemmery, Rev. Patrick O'Connell, Rev. John Hamerr, Rev. Thomas Heretin, Rev. John Hunt, Rt. Rev. Peter Flynn, Rev. Harold J. O'Day, Rev. Peter J. Sammon, Rev. Edward K. Murray

Parish Calendar

- Sun, Nov 5 - Faith Formation, 9:00am, Hall
- Mon, Nov 6 - AA Step Meeting, 6:30pm
- Tue, Nov 7 - SVdP Meeting, 9:00am, Hall
- SVdP Grocery Distribution
1:00pm, Hall
- Green Team Virtual Meeting
6:00pm (See back page to join)
- Wed, Nov 8 - Choir Practice, 6:30pm
- Sat, Nov 11 - AA Meeting, 7pm, Avila
- Sun, Nov 12 - Faith Formation, 9:00am, Hall

SECOND COLLECTIONS

November 4 & 5

This week' second collection will benefit the St. Teresa Building & Maintenance Fund.

November 11 & 12

Next week' second collection will benefit St. Patrick's Seminary in Menlo Park.



Daylight Saving Time

Just a reminder to everyone that Daylight Saving Time will switch to Standard Time at 2:00am on Sunday, November 5th this year.

This is also the time to change the batteries in your smoke & CO₂ detectors.

Ministers' Schedules were sent out on Friday. The schedule is also available on our website. There are copies available in the Minister's Sacristy.

Ministers Schedule for Next Week November 11 & 12

	<u>4:15 PM</u>	<u>10:00 AM</u>
Lector:	Sr. Marie	1 Lector: R. Pitts
Bread:	B. Noelke	2 Lector: T. Labuguen
Cup:	E. Perea	1 Bread: S. Miller
Hosp:	L. Lechich	2 Bread: E. Kudyba
		3 Bread: Volunteer
		1 Cup: C. Allen
<u>8:30 AM</u>		2 Cup: E. Gries
Lector:	Sr. Kathleen	Hosp: M. Gries
Bread:	S. Perez	
Cup:	A. Lopez	
Hosp:	T. Lando	

FEELING SORRY FOR THE PHARISEES

For three weeks now the Pharisees have taken quite a beating in the Sunday Gospels. Two weeks ago they tried to trick Jesus with a question about paying taxes, and last week they queried him as to which commandment was the greatest. Jesus' unexpected responses – "render to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's" and "love God and love your neighbor" – stunned the Pharisees into silence, and this week Jesus continues to go after the Pharisees, instructing the crowd to ". . . do everything they tell you. But do not follow their example."

To some extent, the Pharisees don't deserve the bad press they get in the Gospels, and in this week's column I'd like to explain why.

First of all, the word *Pharisee* means "the pious ones" or "the separated ones", and as a religious group in Judaism they came into existence about 150 years before Christ. The Pharisaic movement started after the Maccabean Revolt, a Jewish rebellion that lasted from 167 to 160 BC. The underlying cause of this rebellion was the hellenization of Israel, an attempt by the Greeks to force Jews to accept their religion and culture. The Jews revolted against this imposition, and in this rebellion – led by Judah "the hammer" Maccabee – the Israelites secured their independence from Greek rule. Israel enjoyed such independence for just under 100 years (until they succumbed to Roman domination in 63 BC), and the Feast of Hanukkah commemorates the Maccabean Revolt. . . but that's the subject of another column.

The Maccabees may have been tremendous fighters, but after winning independence they turned out to be horrible leaders. Keep in mind that, at its roots, the Maccabean Revolt was a fight for *religious* freedom, but after securing victory it turned out that the Maccabees were only nominally religious. Their religious leadership left much to be desired, and it is out of this condition that the Pharisees – the "pious ones" or the "separated ones" – emerged as the "faithful Jews" in contrast to the Maccabees.

The victorious Maccabees controlled the Temple, and the temple priests were members of the Maccabee party. They were probably more political and corrupt than holy, and, as a reaction to this political and corrupt leadership, the Pharisees emerged as a group of lay people who were sincerely trying to live their lives as Jews faithful to the covenant.

In a very real sense, the Pharisees had little political or religious power. They controlled neither the government nor the temple, and were "outsiders" who tried to lead faithful and exemplary lives. When Israel was conquered by Rome in 63 BC, the Maccabees developed into the Sadducee party which – with the Pharisees – become the two major groups within Judaism.

In this weeks Gospel, Jesus criticizes the Pharisees because their words are bold but their deeds are few; they bind heavy loads to lay on other's shoulders; they perform works only to be seen; they are fond of places of honor at banquets and the front seats in synagogues; and they want to be called "Rabbi". In other words, Jesus criticizes the Pharisees because they are concerned only with the *external* rather than the *internal*.

In Mt 23:27, Jesus calls the Pharisees, ". . . whitewashed tombs, which appear beautiful on the outside but inside are full of dead men's bones and every kind of filth." Notice how this image is in marked contrast to the original Pharisees, who saw themselves as faithful adherents to the covenant.

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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