

Readings for the Week of October 16

SUNDAY Is 45: 1, 4-6;
1 THES 1: 1-5b;
MT 22: 15-21

MONDAY ROM 4: 20-25;
LK 12: 13-21

TUESDAY 2 TIM 4: 10-17b;
LK 10: 1-9

WEDNESDAY ROM 6: 12-8;
LK 12: 39-48;

THURSDAY ROM 6: 12-23;
LK 12: 49-53

FRIDAY ROM 7: 18-25a;
LK 12: 1-7

SATURDAY VIGIL EX 22: 20-26;
1 THES 1: 5c-10;
MT 22: 34-40

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Saturday, October 15

4:15pm The Sick of the Parish
Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

Sunday, October 16

8:30am The People of the Parish
10:00am + Eugenio & Giulia Bischeri

Tuesday, October 18

8:30am The Sick of the Parish

Friday, October 21

8:30am + Ruth Allen

Saturday, October 22

4:15pm + Frank Burcina
Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

Sunday, October 23

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

Parish Calendar

Sun, Oct 16 - Good Shepherd
9:00am, Francis Room
- Faith Formation
9:15am, Parish Hall
- RCIA, 11:00am, Avila Hall
- Potrero Hills Days

Mon, Oct 17 - Choir Practice
7:00pm, Church

Tues, Oct 18 - SVdP Sandwich Tuesday
7:00am, Sammon Hall
- SVdP Grocery Distribution
1:00pm, Sammon Hall

Wed, Oct 19 - Social Committee
1:30pm, Avila Hall

Thur, Oct 20 -

Fri, Oct 21 -

Sat, Oct 22 - AA Meeting
7:00pm, Avila Hall

Sun, Oct 23 - Good Shepherd
9:00am, Francis Room
- Faith Formation
9:15am, Parish Hall
- RCIA, 11:00am, Avila Hall

Ministers Schedule for Next Week September October 22 & 23

4:15	Lector: D.B. Aikins	10:00	1 Lector: R. Bral
	Bread: J. Daddio		2 Lector: L. Jacklevich
	Cup: M.L. Green		1 Bread: E. Miller
	Hosp: R. Jones		2 Bread: D. Tejada
			3 Bread:
8:30	Lector: S. Cabatic		1 Cup: C. Allen
	Bread: J. Newman		2 Cup: S. Miller
	Cup: J. Marasco	Hosp: B. Cassidy	
	Hosp: J. Propster		

WE WELCOME YOU TO ST. TERESA OF AVILA CATHOLIC CHURCH

ADMINISTERED BY THE CARMELITES

OCTOBER 16, 2011 TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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OFFICE HOURS

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Please visit our website:
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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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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

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.*

CHRISTMAS

This year Christmas falls on a Sunday. Next weekend we will be taking a survey to see what Mass schedule the parishioners would like. Please take some time to think about what would work best for your family this year.

ALL SAINTS

Tuesday, November 1 is the feast day of All Saints. This year it is a Holy Day of Obligation in our Archdiocese. In addition to our regular 8:30am Mass, we have scheduled an additional Mass at 6:15pm.

2011 AAA UPDATE

As of September 30:

Assessed Amount: \$26,600
Amount Received: \$13,346 (50.2%)
Additional Pledged: \$ 600 (2.3%)
Amount Needed: \$12,654 (47.5%)

Last year at this time, we had received 80% of our assessed amount, from a total of 79 individuals/families. This year we have received contributions from 35 individuals/families.

MONTHLY DONORS & SECOND COLLECTIONS — September

First Collection \$ 2,398
Building & Maintenance \$ 718
Carmelite Seminary \$ 283
Priests' Retirement Fund \$ 1,058
St. Vincent de Paul \$ 1,031

WEEKEND COLLECTION

October 8 & 9

First Collection \$ 1,056



COME! ENJOY! CELEBRATE!



ALL CHILDREN IN GRADES K-8 ARE INVITED TO BRING A DECORATED PUMPKIN AND DISPLAY IT ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30TH. ALL PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED TO COME DOWN TO THE HALL AND JOIN IN THE FUN. A HOT DOG, CHIPS AND SODA LUNCH WILL BE AVAILABLE AT 11:30 AM FOR \$3 PER PERSON.

SECOND COLLECTION

October 16 & 17

This weekend there is no scheduled second collection.

October 23 & 24

Next Sunday, Pope Benedict XVI calls every Catholic in the world to celebrate our vocation to be missionary. It's World Mission Sunday!

As Catholics around the world — here at home and in the Missions — gather at the Eucharist around the table of the Lord, we are to pray for the Church's worldwide missionary work. We pray for those awaiting the "Good News" of our Lord's great love for us and for the missionaries who offer the poor and suffering the light of Christ. And we are to offer financial help through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith for more than 1,150 dioceses in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Pacific Islands.

CHRISTMAS WREATHS

Parishioners Therese and Ron Labuguen and their son Dominic are selling Christmas wreaths after all the Masses this weekend to support the Golden Gate Boys Choir, a SF Bay Area Catholic boys choir. Thank you for supporting these young liturgical musicians! Wreaths will be delivered to St. Teresa's the first week of December.

CATHOLIC TEACHING ON DIVORCE

Both Catholics and non-Catholics are often perplexed about the Catholic Church's position on divorce and remarriage. The Church holds that only death dissolves a valid marriage, and many find this position to be quite insensitive, rigid and unyielding. Why does the Church hold to this position? And where does this teaching come from?

In the Gospel of Mark, Jesus speaks to the question of divorce (Mk 10:2-12). The context is a question posed by the Pharisees: "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" The Pharisees are testing Jesus, since divorce is permitted under Jewish law. Jesus replies that ". . . what God has joined together, no human being must separate" (Mk 10:9).

In Jesus's day this response was considered radical and controversial . . . but not for the reasons you think. Jesus's response was regarded as too *liberal* because it championed the rights of women! According to Mosaic law, a man could divorce his wife almost at will, and the woman had no say in the matter. Once divorced she was an outcast, and, if her family did not accept her back, she was literally turned out into the streets. Jesus's position on divorce actually protected women from an oppressive structure that not only denied a woman's rights and dignity, but also excluded her from any access or recourse under the law.

Today we look at this teaching as archaic because, in the eyes of many, the teaching restricts or limits a person's freedom and choice. The cold fact is the divorce rate among Roman Catholics is not much different from that of the general population, which presents us with an immense pastoral problem: How do we deal with an issue that affects so many members of our community?

As a starting point we need to remember that the word *divorce* does not exist in the Church's vocabulary. As far as the Church is concerned, the only thing that can dissolve a valid marriage is death. The State of California may permit divorce and remarriage, but as far as the Church is concerned this is an impossibility.

The way that the Church gets "around" this is to examine the validity of the marriage. Only death dissolves a valid marriage, but if the marriage is not valid — well, then there is no marriage. The Church issues an *annulment* when it discovers that a marriage is invalid, and some cynically refer to this as a "Catholic divorce". This is a misnomer, since a divorce assumes a marriage. An annulment is different in that it declares that no marriage ever existed.

A second point to consider is that the annulment process is a pastoral attempt by the Church to reach out to those who are divorced and/or remarried. The Church wants to reconcile these members to the community so that they might fully and actively participate in the liturgical and sacramental life of the Church. In next week's column I'll write in more detail about the Catholic Theology of Marriage and how, out of this theology, grounds for annulment are determined.

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