

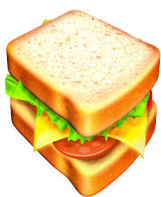
Our St. Vincent de Paul Conference . . .

is seeking volunteers to help distribute groceries from our Parish Hall on Tuesdays from 1-3 pm. This would be a one time per month commitment. If you would like to help, please call the Parish Office.

PASSINGS

We extend our sympathy and prayerful support to the family of Joyce Huddleston, who died Monday, October 9th. Joyce is the sister of our Deacon, Charles (Chuck) Allen, Jr.

SANDWICH TUESDAY



The faithful sandwich makers will meet on Tuesdays, October 18 & 25 to make over 200 sandwiches each day for delivery to the St. Vincent de Paul Shelter.



The Parish Office will be closed Friday, October 21st

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

We are hoping that a few people will volunteer to help with hospitality in the hall after the Sunday 10am Masses. We need people to either assist Stella & Rita in the kitchen, or to help with clean-up (mostly wiping tables, straightening up, etc.) It is our hope that enough people volunteer so no one person has to be there more than one or two Sundays per month. Please either see Stella or Rita on Sunday or call the Parish Office.

THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY OF SAN FRANCISCO is proud to announce

23rd Annual Brennan Award Dinner
Saturday, November 12, 2016
Reception: 6:00 pm
Dinner & Program: 7:00 pm
Westin St. Francis on Union Square

This year hundreds of guests will honor Dr. Mimi Silbert, Co-Founder, President and CEO of Delancey Street Foundation with the Frank Brennan Award. The event will feature a hosted reception and dinner, live auction and a benefit drawing.

For information: 415.977.1270, ext. 105 or thopper@svdp-sf.org

WEEKEND COLLECTION

OCTOBER 8 & 9

\$1,909

THANK YOU!

Please join us in welcoming to our parish community:



Luca Robert Gentile, the son of Neil & Breanna Gentile. Luca will be baptized by Rev. Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm. this Sunday at the 10 am Mass.

ST TERESA'S GREEN TEAM

Our thoughts and Prayers go out to our Brothers and Sisters in the Caribbean and along the east coast who have just gone through the strongest Caribbean hurricane since 2010 and record flooding. The United Nations estimates that at least 1.4 million people need assistance and 2.1 million have been affected by the hurricane, the worst disaster to strike Haiti since the 2010 earthquake.

WE WELCOME YOU TO ST. TERESA OF AVILA CATHOLIC CHURCH SERVED BY THE CARMELITES



OCTOBER 16, 2016 TWENTY-NINTH 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, Oct 16 - Faith Formation, 9:00am, Hall
 Mon, Oct 17 - No Choir Practice
 - AA Step Meeting, 6:30pm
 Tue, Oct 18 - SVdP Sandwich Tuesday
 9am, Parish Kitchen
 - SVdP Grocery Distribution
 1:00 pm, Parish Hall
 Fri, Oct 21 - Parish Office Closed
 Sat, Oct 22 - AA Meeting, 7pm, Avila
 Sun, Oct 23 - Faith Formation, 9am, Hall

MASS INTENTIONS

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

4:15pm **Saturday, October 15**
 † Gertrude Henke & Gertrude
 McEvoy
 Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

8:30am **Sunday, October 16**
 † Gertrude & John Lech
 10:00am † Paul Sullivan
 The People of the Parish

8:30am **Tuesday, October 18**
 The Sick of the Parish

8:30am **Friday, October 21**
 The Deceased of the Parish

4:15pm **Saturday, October 22**
 † Frank Burcina
 Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

8:30am **Sunday, October 23**
 10:00am The People of the Parish
 † Vincent Cocciolone

SECOND COLLECTIONS

October 15 & 16

No second collection scheduled.

October 22 & 23

Next weekend we will celebrate World Mis-
 sion Sunday. This special collection supports
 dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands,
 and parts of Latin America and Europe.

Please keep the Missions in your prayers and
 please be generous in next weekend's collec-
 tion for the Society for the Propagation of the
 Faith.

The Mass Intention book for 2017 is
 now available. If there are special dates
 on which you would like to dedicate a
 Mass to a loved one, please contact the
 Parish Office. We also have dates avail-
 able for the remainder of **2016**.

Ministers Schedule for Next Week

October 22 & 23

4:15 PM		10:00 AM
Lector: Volunteer		1 Lector: G. Femec
Bread: E. Perea		2 Lector: T. Labuguen
Cup: J. Daddio		1 Bread: R. Labuguen
Hosp: J. Marasco		2 Bread: M. Suisala
		3 Bread: A. Schelstrate
8:30 AM		1 Cup: C. Allen
Lector: T. Lang		2 Cup: J. Schelstrate
Bread: J. Newman		Hosp: J. Warnock
Cup: S. Lang		
Hosp: T. Lando		

WIDOWS

Suffice it to say, the two characters in this Sunday's Gospel are not especially attractive. The first is a corrupt judge "who respected neither God nor man"; the second is a persistent widow, an annoying woman who spends her time and energy nagging the judge. Jesus told this parable "on the necessity of praying always and not losing heart", but this point is lost because we, as hearers, identify with neither of the two characters. It's a tough Gospel, and making sense of it is a formidable task for today's homilist.

What I would like to focus on in today's column is the group known as *widows*. Here are some examples from the Hebrew and Christian Scriptures where widows play a central role:

- **1 Kgs 17:7-16** (*Elijah and the Widow*): The widow takes what little food she has and feeds Elijah; a miracle takes place and she is provided with food for a year.
- **Lk 7:11-17** (*Raising of the Widow's Son*): Jesus – journeying to the city of Naim – encounters a funeral procession of a man who had died. The deceased is the only son of a widow and, moved with pity, Jesus commands the man to rise. The dead man sits up and begins to speak, whereupon Jesus returns him to his mother.
- **Lk 21:1-4** (*The Poor Widow's Contribution*): A widow puts two small coins in the temple offering; from her poverty, she "has offered her whole livelihood".
- **Acts 6:1-7** (*The Need for Assistants*): The Hellenists complained against the Hebrews "because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution". The Apostles choose seven men to serve the widows; these are the first deacons.

Why do the Scriptures "feature" widows? Because, in the social structure of the Hebrew and Christian worlds, women and children have few (if any) rights and are dependent on the husband/father for survival and sustenance. Should the husband die, the survivors (widows and orphans) have nowhere to go. In some cases, the widow's family may take them in and provide for them. But if this does not happen, the widows and orphans are dependent on the generosity of others for their sustenance and survival.

Widows are part of a larger group referred to as the *anawim*, a word that might be best translated as the "poor people of God". Included in this group are women, children, widows, orphans, lepers, the sick, shepherds, criminals, aliens, foreigners, refugees, Samaritans, and Gentiles. . . basically, outcasts and marginated people who have no rights, power, or status in that society.

Both the Hebrew and Christian Scriptures emphasize that the *anawim* are special in God's eyes. Additionally, the Scriptures hint that we will be judged on how well we attend to the needs of the *anawim*. Those who are religious, economic, and political leaders are charged with utilizing their privileged position to minister to and care for those who are not as fortunate. These people – the *anawim* – are not able to make it on their own, and they are dependent on the generosity of others. The Scriptures are quite clear in emphasizing that the religious community – whether Hebrew or Christian – is challenged to care for the *anawim*, and the Gospel of Luke especially focuses on attending to the needs of this group.

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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