



**ST VINCENT DE PAUL
CONFERENCE
ANNUAL FALL
CANNED FOOD DRIVE**

We are extremely happy to announce our final tally was **1856 CANS**. Our **GOAL** was **1000 CANS** to replenish our limited supplies. **We have far exceeded our goal thanks to our most generous parishioners!!**

Included in the above tally are cans bought at the SF Food Bank with cash donations received towards the Drive.

This food will be most welcome to those served by the Tuesday grocery bag program, as well as the Thanksgiving boxes.

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.

**Classes Have
Begun!!**

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If you have not yet registered your child/ren for classes, please contact Anarose Schelstrate or the Parish Office to make arrangements to enroll in one of our programs.

**Welcome to all Parishioners,
Guests and Newcomers
at St. Teresa's.**

You are always warmly welcomed, but on the first Saturday and Sunday of each month we make a special point of spending time to get to know one another.

If you are visiting our church today, know that we are honored by your presence. Our parish serves the needs of the community in many different ways. If we can be of service to you, do not hesitate to call on us.

If you have not already done so, please take a moment to make a name tag in the vestibule. If you are here early reading your bulletin, say hello to someone sitting close by, particularly if you have not met before. Join us after the 10am Mass on Sunday for refreshments and fellowship in our Hall.

**Baptized Adult Catholics who
have not received either Confir-
mation or First Eucharist**

are asked to see Father Kwiecien or call the parish office if you would like to be prepared for these Sacraments.

ST TERESA'S GREEN TEAM

Heavenly Father, we praise and thank you for the gift of Your creation. Humbly, we ask your forgiveness for our failure to care for and protect that gift as you commanded. We pray for the victims of recent flooding in the Southern United States. May they find comfort and peace in the volunteers working to be a witness to Jesus' healing presence. May all Catholics join in worldwide efforts to stem the tide of the changing climate so as to praise You more fully through the repair of our broken world. We ask this in Jesus' name, Amen.



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



**OCTOBER 2, 2016
TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**



**1490 19TH STREET (CHURCH)
LOCATED ON THE NE CORNER OF 19TH & CONNECTICUT STREETS**

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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 2 - Faith Formation, 9:00am, Hall
 Mon, Oct 3 - Choir Practice, 6:30pm
 - AA Step Meeting, 6:30pm
 Tue, Oct 4 - SVdP Grocery Distribution
 1:00 pm, Parish Hall
 - Virtual Green Team Meeting
 6:00pm (Call 641.715.3580,
 Access Code: 979-179
 Sat, Oct 8 - AA Meeting, 7pm, Avila
 Sun, Oct 9 - Faith Formation, 9am, Hall

SECOND COLLECTIONS

October 1 & 2

This weekend our second collection benefits the St. Teresa Building & Maintenance Fund.

October 8 & 9

No second collection scheduled.

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 available for the remainder of **2016**.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

SEPTEMBER 24 & 25

\$1,634

THANK YOU!

Ministers Schedule for Next Week

October 8 & 9

4:15 PM		10:00 AM	
Lector:	R.M. Ostler	1 Lector:	D. Churton
Bread:	F. Patt	2 Lector:	B. Doyle
Cup:	J. Daddio	1 Bread:	J. Schelstrate
Hosp:	L. Lechich	2 Bread:	M. Suisala
		3 Bread:	K. Schelstrate
8:30 AM		1 Cup:	G. McGrath
Lector:	R. O'Connor	2 Cup:	Volunteer
Bread:	J. Newman	Hosp:	J. Warnock
Cup:	S. Lang		
Hosp:	T. Lando		

WHY DOES JESUS TALK SO MUCH ABOUT SEEDS?

I can think of at least three times in the Gospel when Jesus draws upon the image of seeds to make or emphasize a point. One of those instances occurs today when Jesus says,

"If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to [this] mulberry tree 'Be uprooted and planted into the sea.' and it would obey you."

Why does he draw upon this particular image?

Before we deal with today's Gospel, we must first recognize that the mustard seed is one of the smallest of seeds. In the *Parable of the Mustard Seed* (Lk 13:18-19), Jesus draws upon this fact, noting that, after planting a mustard seed,

"When it was fully grown, it became a large bush and 'the birds of the sky dwelt in its branches.'"

This parable is a parable of *abundance* in that from a small source (the mustard seed) comes a large bush. The size of the tree is disproportionate to the size of the seed, just as a bit of yeast is able to leaven a large amount of dough. In parables about abundance Jesus is trying to make the point that, from a tiny source, great things are possible. For example: the faith of a small group of Jesus' first-century followers blossomed into the Church.

The most famous parable involving seeds is *The Parable of the Sower* (Lk 8:4-8). In this parable, we learn that some seed falls on the path where it is trampled; some seed falls on rocky ground and cannot put down roots; and some seed is eaten by birds. But the seed that falls on good ground yields a hundredfold. Focusing on the good ground, we realize that this, too, is a parable about abundance: a hundredfold is an unheard of, huge harvest . . . Jesus' point being that, when the Word of God takes root, the result is beyond our wildest expectations.

There's a twist in Jesus' use of the mustard seed in today's Gospel. He contrasts the mustard seed with the roots of the mulberry tree. Mulberry trees have a very deep and extensive root system; for this reason it is difficult to uproot the tree. Jesus is saying that a miniscule of faith (e.g., a "mustard seed of faith") has the potential to do great things . . . like uproot a mulberry tree, and this image is Jesus' response to the opening line of today's Gospel: "The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our Faith.'"

Mustard seeds teach us that great results are the end result of little things. This Sunday, as we focus on the environment in light of the Feast of St. Francis (October 4th), we recognize that little things such as avoiding the use of plastic and paper, reducing water consumption, separating refuse, cooking only what can reasonably be consumed, using public transportation, car-pooling, and turning off unnecessary lights collectively have an enormous impact on the environment. Something as simple as lowering the thermostat and wearing an extra layer of clothes shows the kind of conviction and attitude which really makes a difference with respect to protecting and renewing our world.

As we heighten our awareness of climate and environmental issues, we draw upon today's Gospel image of the mustard seed in that we recognize that a little bit of effort by each of us will have a significant ecological impact on all.

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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