

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.

SANDWICH TUESDAY



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

THANKSGIVING 2016

SHARING YOUR THANKFUL SPIRIT

Help our neighbors in Marin, San Mateo and San Francisco counties enjoy a memorable Thanksgiving meal; provide food baskets, turkeys or pumpkin pies to families in need. Volunteer at one of our programs by helping with food preparation, set-up, carving a turkey, leading activities, and helping to clean-up after a Thanksgiving luncheon or dinner. Find out how you can participate in spreading holiday cheer for people in need by visiting: CatholicCharitiesSF.org/All-Opportunities or by contacting Volunteer Manager Diana Contreras at 415.972.1297 or volunteer@CatholicCharitiesSF.org

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.

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 6th at the 10 am Mass.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

OCTOBER 15 & 16

\$1,725

THANK YOU!

Come! Enjoy! Celebrate!

Our Faith Formation students and teachers are busily putting together lots of fun activities to celebrate Halloween next Sunday, October 30th after the 10am Mass.

Come down to the hall to visit their "mini" pumpkin patch, play games and view the



carved/decorated pumpkins. There will even be a costume parade & contest!

ST TERESA'S GREEN TEAM

Make the most of your jack-o'-lantern! Use the removed insides to make pumpkin pie or muffins and roast the seeds for fun snack. When Halloween is over, cut up your carved pumpkin before it spoils and toss it in the compost bin. Bonus points if you buy a pumpkin that was grown locally!

WE WELCOME YOU TO ST. TERESA OF AVILA CATHOLIC CHURCH

SERVED BY THE CARMELITES

OCTOBER 23, 2016 THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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10:00am to 12:30pm
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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.

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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 23 - Faith Formation, 9:00am, Hall
 Mon, Oct 24 - Choir Practice, 6:30pm
 - AA Step Meeting, 6:30pm
 Tue, Oct 25 - SVdP Sandwich Tuesday
 9am, Parish Kitchen
 - SVdP Grocery Distribution
 1:00 pm, Parish Hall
 Sat, Oct 29 - AA Meeting, 7pm, Avila
 Sun, Oct 30 - Faith Formation, 9am, Hall

MASS INTENTIONS

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

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

8:30am **Tuesday, October 25**
 † Harry & Katherine Law

8:30am **Friday, October 28**
 The Sick of the Parish

4:15pm **Saturday, October 29**
 The People of the Parish
 Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

8:30am **Sunday, October 30**
 10:00am The People of the Parish
 † Mary Lech

SECOND COLLECTIONS

October 22 & 23

This weekend we will celebrate World Mission 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 collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

October 29 & 30

Next weekend's second collection benefits the St. Teresa Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Please check the bulletin boards in the vestibule & hall for upcoming events or special notices from the Archdiocese.

Ministers Schedule for Next Week October 29 & 30

4:15 PM		10:00 AM
Lector: R.M. Ostler	1 Lector: V. Flores	
Bread: F. Patt	2 Lector: L. Jacklevich	
Cup: B. Noelke	1 Bread: R. Labuguen	
Hosp: L. Lechich	2 Bread: K. Schelstrate	
	3 Bread: J. Warnock	
8:30 AM	1 Cup: C. Allen	
Lector: P. Diaz	2 Cup: S. Miller	
Bread: R. Kingman	Hosp: L. Mastrangelo	
Cup: J. T. Wymer		
Hosp: T. Lando		

TAX COLLECTORS

The phrase, "tax collectors, prostitutes, and sinners" is the Gospel's catch-all expression for the riffraff Jesus hangs out with. The Pharisees especially utter this derogatory comment when they attempt to discredit Jesus because of the company he keeps.

This Sunday's Gospel is the parable of the *Publican and the Pharisee*. It is one of the more well-know parables in the New Testament, and its meaning is more deeply appreciated when we understand the social status of publicans (i.e., tax collectors) in first-century Judea.

Before we look in depth at tax collectors, it is essential to grasp a central assumption of Judaism: for a Jew, the *only* higher power that exists is God (Yahweh). The Jewish kings were understood as Yahweh's representatives on earth, and – for a Jew – any foreign king or power was illegitimate. Surveying Jewish history, we note that Jews despised any foreign power that ruled over them, be it the Egyptians (1600-1240 BC), the Babylonians (6th century BC), the Greeks (325-190, BC), or the Romans (63 BC ff). When under foreign domination, it was almost a religious duty, for Jews, to be "in revolt" and overthrow the occupying power. In Jesus' time, an example of such a revolutionary was Barabbas, the "criminal" released by Pilate when Jesus was crucified.

Given this understanding, it follows that any Jew who associated with or worked for the Romans was regarded as a traitor, not only to their own countrymen, but also to their religion and God as well. Because they worked for the hated Romans, tax collectors were seen as turn-coats. Rather than fighting the Roman oppressors, tax collectors were helping them . . . and enriching themselves at the expense of their fellow Jews. Dianne Bergant writes:

"Tax collectors were despised because they were part of the economic system put in place by the occupying Romans. They were not paid by their employers, so they added fees to the taxes collected. There was no standard scale involving this added charge, and tax collectors often extracted exorbitant amounts. They could easily fall under the Pharisees' category of the greedy and the dishonest." (Dianne Bergant, *Preaching the New Lectionary*, p.399)

It was common knowledge that tax collectors cheated the people they collected from. In each district the tax collector was required to collect a certain amount of money, and any extra money he collected was his profit. The more money the tax collector could extract from his district, the greater his profits. It is not surprising that tax collectors were so hated and despised.

Because they extorted their constituents and "skimmed off the top", tax collectors were often wealthy and "well-to-do". This further separated the tax collectors from the lower classes who resented the injustice of having to support such a lavish lifestyle.

For these reasons, publicans (tax collectors) were, in effect, excommunicated from Judaism. Their allegiance to, and association with, the hated Romans made them pariahs in Jewish society, which is quite evident in today's parable where the Pharisee shuns the Publican.

Given this understanding, the crowds would have been shocked when they learned that one of Jesus' twelve apostles, Matthew, was a tax collector. They would also have been shocked at the twist in today's parable when it is the prayer of the Publican that is heard instead of the prayer of the Pharisee.

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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