

ST. TERESA GREEN INITIATIVE

Interested in your carbon footprint? There are many online simple carbon footprint calculators that make estimates based on your answers to a few simple questions. Those of us who travel by air will quickly realize what a large percentage air travel contributes to our total footprint. If a trip is under 500 miles, it may be worthwhile to consider another way to get there. Or perhaps some trips are unnecessary altogether.

HALLOWEEN & FALL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES WITH CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Fall brings in the chill but provides opportunities for lots of indoor fun!

Show off your dance moves with seniors; plan and coordinate an event for women and their children; assist in costume-making; decorate; and lead art activities for families—these are but a few ways you can share your talents and contribute to Catholic Charities Fall festivities.

Help your neighbors enjoy the season as much as you do by participating in Catholic Charities Fall festivities.

For more on how to get involved, contact Diana Contreras, Volunteer Manager, at

dcontreras@CatholicCharitiesSF.org
or 415 972 1297

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

Daylight Saving Time

Just a reminder to everyone that Daylight Saving Time will switch to Standard Time at 2:00am on Sunday, November 1st this year.



Adult Confirmation Preparation Classes

Confirmation preparation classes for adults will be conducted by the Archdiocese Office of Religious Education & Youth Ministry on October 30 & 31 at the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, One Peter Yorke Way, SF 94109. The classes are offered in coordination with the parish of the prospective Confirmation candidates. The classes will be on a retreat format and offered both in English and Spanish. For more information or to register for the classes, please call (415) 614-5650 or email ar-bucklec@sfarchdiocese.org

Adult Confirmation will be celebrated at St. Mary's Cathedral at the Vigil Mass of feast of Christ the King, Saturday, November 21.

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 next Sunday, November 1st at the 10 am Mass.

WINTER SHELTER PROGRAM

Please watch this bulletin for a call for volunteers to assist with cooking & serving dinners to the homeless served by the Interfaith Winter Shelter program. This has been a wonderful experience for those who have volunteered in the past.

WE WELCOME YOU TO ST. TERESA OF AVILA CATHOLIC CHURCH

SERVED BY THE CARMELITES

OCTOBER 25, 2015
THIRTIETH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

1490 19TH STREET (CHURCH)

LOCATED ON THE NE CORNER OF 19TH & CONNECTICUT STREETS



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1:00pm to 4:30pm

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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 25 - Faith Formation, 9am, Hall
 Mon, Oct 26 - AA Meeting, 6:30pm, Avila
 - Choir Practice, 6:30pm
 Tue, Oct 27 - SVdP Sandwich Tuesday
 9:00am, Parish Kitchen
 - SVdP Grocery Distribution
 1:00 pm, Church Hall
 Sat, Oct 31 - AA Meeting, 7pm, Church Hall
 Sun, Nov 1 - Faith Formation, 9:00am, Hall

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Saturday, October 24
 † Harry & Katherine Law
 Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

Sunday, October 25
 8:30am The People of the Parish
 10:00am † John Warnock

Tuesday, October 27
 8:30am † Gregory Lewis

Friday, October 30
 8:30am Bob Rose (Spec. Int.)

Saturday, October 31
 4:15pm † John Warnock
 Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

Sunday, November 1
 8:30am The Deceased of the Parish
 10:00am The People of the Parish

SECOND COLLECTIONS

October 24 & 25

This weekend the second collection will benefit the St. Teresa Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

October 31 & November 1

Next weekend's second collection benefits the St. Teresa Building & Maintenance Fund.

The Mass Intention book for 2016 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. There are also some dates left for 2015.

WEEKEND FIRST COLLECTION

OCTOBER 17 & 18
\$1,320
THANK YOU!

Ministers Schedule for Next Week October 31 & November 1

4:15 PM		10:00 AM
Lector: T. Jackson		1 Lector: B. Doyle
Bread: F. Patt		2 Lector: C. Arett
Cup: E. Perea		1 Bread: R. Labuguen
Hosp: L. Lechich		2 Bread: A. Schelstrate
		3 Bread: K. Schelstrate
8:30 AM		1 Cup: C. Allen
Lector: K. Causey		2 Cup: G. McGrath
Bread: J. Newman		Hosp: J. Warnock
Cup: R. Kingman		
Hosp: T. Lando		

WHAT THE BLIND MAN BARTIMAEUS "SAW"

Perhaps the most frequent "miracle story" in the gospels involves Jesus enabling a blind person to see. There are at least five such stories – two in Mark, and one each in Matthew, Luke, and John – and these stories have a two-fold purpose.

On the most basic level, the miracle and healing stories are signs that "the Kingdom of God is at hand!" This is grounded in the Jewish belief that physical infirmities and mental disorders were the consequences of *sin*. A person was blind or deaf because someone (i.e., the person or the person's parents) had sinned. Therefore, if you heal the infirmity (make the blind see, the deaf hear, or the lame walk) you are, in effect, taking away the sin. And who takes away sin? God does. Therefore, when Jesus' performed miracles that involved healing the sick he was, in fact, taking away their sins. Jesus' very actions say something about who he is, in addition to being a sign that the Kingdom of God is at hand.

When we move past this initial significance of miracles, we recognize that there are other levels of meaning as well. This is, perhaps, most obvious in the Gospel of John (Chapter 9), where Jesus cures a man who has been blind from birth. The miracle story is simple and straightforward – it is described in the first eight verses of the chapter – but the chapter's remaining 32 verses deal with the reactions of those who interact with the man born blind. John the Evangelist emphasizes the point that it is only the blind man who "sees" Jesus as the Christ; everyone in the narrative who has "physical sight" is blind as to who Jesus really is.

Today's reading (Mk 10:46-52) appears in all three synoptic gospels, with its parallel passages being found in Matthew 20:29-34 and Luke 18:35-43. The three accounts are virtually identical except for two points: 1) in Mark's Gospel, the blind man is identified as Bartimaeus (Son of Timaeus); and 2) in Matthew's Gospel, there are two blind men instead of one.

All three accounts tell us the same thing: "On hearing that it was Jesus, [the blind] began to call out, 'Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me!'" In today's gospel, the crowd tries to silence Bartimaeus . . . which, when we think about it, is a bit strange. Why is it strange? Well, since Jesus had a reputation of performing miracles, we can assume that the crowd following him was doing so because they hoped that Jesus might perform a miracle in their midst. If this is the case, then why would the crowd want to *quiet* Bartimaeus and *prevent* a miracle from happening?

The answer, I think, rests in what Bartimaeus *says*: "Son of David, have pity on me!" When Bartimaeus addresses Jesus in this manner, he is using a *messianic* title. In other words, Bartimaeus, in effect, is acknowledging Jesus as the Messiah which, in first century Judea, would be a very dangerous thing to do. Calling Jesus the Messiah was tantamount to blasphemy, and whereas the crowd may have been eager to witness a miracle, they may not have been willing to risk persecution and death by acknowledging Jesus as the Son of God.

The irony of the story is that only the blind man Bartimaeus "sees" Jesus as the Messiah. The remainder of the crowd (who have physical sight) either do not recognize who Jesus really is or are reluctant to admit it.

But there is more to the story than Bartimaeus' newly-found sight: Bartimaeus not only "sees" what sighted people do not, but he ". . . threw aside his cloak, jumped up, [and] came to Jesus . . . and started to follow him up the road." Bartimaeus becomes a disciple, and in doing so he moves beyond being merely a member of the crowd to a deeper level of commitment. When Bartimaeus steps out of the crowd and becomes a disciple, he takes a step that other members of the crowd are not yet willing to make.

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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