

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 2nd at the 10 am Mass.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

The word *liturgy* comes from a Greek word meaning "the Work of the People." Liturgy is done by the entire worshipping community - sometimes acting together, sometimes with different members acting in particular roles.

All parish members are invited to become Liturgical Ministers. There are many ways to serve:

- **Ministry of the Eucharist** (We are in particular need of Bread & Cup Ministers)
- **Ministry of the Word**
- **Ministry of Hospitality** (Greeters & Ushers)

The Archdiocese will be offering training at St. Elizabeth Church on Nov. 15 & 22. Both days are required. This training is NOT required for those currently serving as ministers, but you can attend if you would like a "refresher". The parish will pay the registration fee for those who wish to attend. A flyer and informational brochure are on the bulletin boards.

Please let us know if you would like to join this important Parish Ministry.

Come! Enjoy! Celebrate!

All children in Grades K-8 are invited to bring a decorated pumpkin and enter it into a contest on **Sunday, November 2nd**.

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.



PASSINGS

We extend our sympathy and prayerful support to the families of:

John Warnock, a long-time parishioner, who died Friday, October 17th. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Teresa's on Thursday, October 23rd; and

Rick Alber, husband of parishioner (and choir member) Maureen McVerry, who also died on Friday, October 17th. At this time no public services are planned.

Please check the bulletin boards in the vestibule and hall for events in our Archdiocese, as they are updated weekly.

FOUND: Set of keys in church last Monday. Please call the Parish Office to claim.



Daylight Saving Time

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

Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery invites you to All Saints Day Mass at Holy Cross Mausoleum Chapel in Colma, Saturday, November 1st at 11am. Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone will be the main celebrant. You are invited to enjoy refreshments and fellowship following the Mass.

WE WELCOME YOU TO ST. TERESA OF AVILA CATHOLIC CHURCH

SERVED BY THE CARMELITES

OCTOBER 26, 2014
THIRTIETH 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 26 - No Faith Formation,
 Mon, Oct 27 - Choir Practice, 6:30pm
 Tues, Oct 28 - SVdP Sandwich Tuesday
 9:00am, Parish Kitchen
 - SVdP Grocery Distribution
 1:00pm, Sammon
 Thur, Oct 30 - Finance Council
 7:00pm, Priory
 Sat, Nov 1 - AA Meeting, 7pm, Sammon
 Sun, Nov 2 - Faith Formation,
 9:00am, Parish Hall
 - Pumpkin Contest & Hot Dog
 Lunch, 11:00m , Sammon

MASS INTENTIONS

As we celebrate Mass together
 we include in our prayers:

Saturday, October 25

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

Sunday, October 26

8:30am The Sick of the Parish
 10:00am + Hazel Gosano

Tuesday, October 28

8:30am The Sick of the Parish

Friday, October 31

8:30am + John Warnock

Saturday, November 1

4:15pm The Deceased Poor
 Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

Sunday, November 2

8:30am The People of the Parish
 10:00am The Deceased of the Parish

SECOND COLLECTION

October 25 & 26

This week's second collection benefits the St. Teresa Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

November 1 & 2

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

WEEKEND COLLECTION

OCTOBER 18 & 19

\$1,257

THANK YOU!

ALL SAINTS DAY

Saturday, November 1st, is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year.

Ministers' schedules were emailed Friday, October 24. Copies are available in the Sacristy and on our website. If you did not receive an email, please contact the Parish Office.

Ministers Schedule for Next Week November 1 & 2

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| 4:15 PM | | 10:00 AM |
| Lector: T. Jackson | | 1 Lector: V. Flores |
| Bread: J. Burns | | 2 Lector: L. Jacklevich |
| Cup: E. Perea | | 1 Bread: R. Labuguen |
| Hosp: M. Comaich | | 2 Bread: K. Schelstrate |
| | | 3 Bread: G. McGrath |
| 8:30 AM | | 1 Cup: C. Allen |
| Lector: R. O'Connor | | 2 Cup: J. Schelstrate |
| Bread: J. Newman | | Hosp: K. Varandas |
| Cup: J. Marasco | | B. Cassidy |
| Hosp: T. Lando | | L. Mastrangelo |

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

PHARISEES, SADDUCEES, & "WHICH COMMANDMENT IS THE GREATEST?"

Our recently-ordained Deacon, Marty Schurr, is preaching on Restorative Justice at all the Masses this weekend. So, for this week's column, I'd like to take a look at this week's Gospel . . . which raises some interesting, unspoken questions about Pharisees and Sadducees.

In today's Gospel, the Pharisees, having heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, attempt to trip him up by asking, "Teacher, which command of the law is the greatest?" As a curious reader, one might be tempted to ask, "What is it about the Pharisees' seemingly innocent question that might cause Jesus to 'trip up'?"

The answer lies in the religious and political differences between Pharisees and Sadducees. All too often the Gospels speak of the Pharisees and Sadducees in the same breath, as if the two groups could be "lumped together". Speaking of Pharisees and Sadducees in the same sentence would be like talking about Republicans and Democrats as if there were no differences between the two political parties.

During the time of Jesus, the Pharisees and Sadducees were the two major groups within Judaism. The Sadducees were an aristocratic, priestly caste primarily located in Jerusalem. One had to be *born* a Sadducee, and the temple priests in Jerusalem, the high priest, and the members of the Sanhedrin were almost always Sadducees.

Surprisingly, the Sadducees were politically *liberal* but religiously *conservative*. They were politically liberal because they cooperated with the occupying Roman power. Why did they do that? Because, as a result of their political capitulation, they were not only allowed to continue to practice their religion but were also allowed to maintain Temple operations. In other words, cooperation with the occupying power allowed them some degree of religious freedom. Nevertheless, they were religiously conservative because they rejected any notion of the resurrection of the dead and strictly adhered to the Law as prescribed in the *Torah*.

Pharisees – who were known as "the separated ones" or the "pious ones" – were politically *conservative* but religiously *liberal*. Unlike the priestly caste of Sadducees, Pharisees were devout "lay people" who were trying to live a holy life. Because they did not have political power, they were not forced to "get their hands dirty" through cooperation with an occupying power; hence they were politically conservative. However, because Pharisees largely lived in the *diaspora* (Jewish communities outside of the geographical boundaries of Palestine), they were exposed to different ideas and cultures. Thus they were "open to" ideas about resurrection and afterlife, liberal thinking when contrasted to the rigidity of the Sadducees.

The tension in today's Gospel revolves around the interpretation of *Law*. In Judaism, the *Torah* (the first five books of the Bible) contains over 600 laws that govern every aspect of Israelite life. The Sadducees believed that all laws carried equal weight. In other words, for a Sadducee it would be just as serious to work on the Sabbath as it would be to kill a man.

Pharisees, on the other hand, believed that some laws were more important than others, that there was a "hierarchy of laws." In Pharisee thinking, killing a man would be far more serious than working on the Sabbath.

In today's Gospel, when Jesus is asked about the greatest commandment, *any* answer will get him in trouble. If he says that all commandments are equal, his answer will please the Sadducees and offend the Pharisees; if he answers that some commandments are more important than others, he will please the Pharisees and offend the Sadducees. So what does Jesus do when asked such a trick question? He gives an answer that offends both! To paraphrase Jesus, "There are two commandments: love God and love your neighbor. On these two commandments the whole law is based, and the prophets as well." Both Pharisees and Sadducees walked away from the encounter scratching their heads, since Jesus' surprising answer challenged them to look at law in a new and different way.

Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm.