



BAPTISM

If you are a parent who has a child to be baptized, have been asked to be a godparent or wish receive the sacrament of Confirmation as an adult, please see Fr.

Mike Kwiecien to discuss the necessary preparation.

St. Vincent de Paul Invitation to Service Tuesday, October 7th 7:00pm, Avila Hall

Martha Arbonex, President of SF SVdP will speak on volunteering to be a Vincentian. Sign-up sheets for this Informational Meeting are in the back of the church.



Please keep Peter Castro, beloved son of our parishioners Carmen and Sonny Castro, in your prayers.

UPDATE ANNUAL FALL CANNED FOOD DRIVE UPDATE

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY IT'S A WRAP!



Our **GOAL** was **1000 CANS**
We exceeded our goal!!
Your generosity produced
1140 cans for our
CANNED FOOD DRIVE.

THANK YOU!!

HOPE UNCORKED

Catholic Charities invites you to attend a benefit for their Child & Youth Services on Saturday, November 1st. They are also hoping for volunteers and/or donations of goods & services. Please see the bulletin board for more information.

St. Anthony's Relics Visit Northern California October 26 - November 2

St. Anthony will be visiting us in the form of a precious relic from his Basilica in Padua, Italy. See the bulletin boards for more information.

SAN FRANCISCO ROSARY RALLY

Join Archbishop Cordileone, priests, and your fellow Catholics, on Saturday, October 11 in witnessing to the truth and beauty of the Catholic faith at the Fourth Annual San Francisco Rosary Rally! The day will begin with a 9am Hispanic Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral, followed by a procession to U.N. Plaza. The rally begins at 12 noon. For more info, visit

www.rosaryrallysf.com

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

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.

WE WELCOME YOU TO ST. TERESA OF AVILA CATHOLIC CHURCH

SERVED BY THE CARMELITES



OCTOBER 5, 2014 TWENTY-SEVENTH 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 5 - Faith Formation
9:00am, Parish Hall
 Mon, Oct 6 - Choir Practice, 6:30pm
 Tues, Oct 7 - SVdP Grocery Distribution
1:00pm, Sammon
- SVdP Meeting
7:00pm, Sammon
 Sat, Oct 11 - AA Meeting, 7pm, Sammon
 Sun, Oct 12 - Faith Formation
9:00am, Parish Hall

MASS INTENTIONS

As we celebrate Mass together
we include in our prayers:

Saturday, October 4

4:15pm Lidia Megid (Spec. Int.)
Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

Sunday, October 5

8:30am The People of the Parish
10:00am In Thanksgiving for Special Intention

Tuesday, October 7

8:30am The Sick of the Parish

Friday, October 10

8:30am + Harry & Katherine Law

Saturday, October 11

4:15pm + Katherine M. Burns
Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

Sunday, October 12

8:30am Jordan Sample (Spec. Int.)
10:00am + Vincent Cociolone
The People of the Parish

SECOND COLLECTION

October 4 & 5

The second collection benefits the St. Teresa Building & Maintenance Fund.

October 11 & 12

There will be no second collection next week.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

SEPTEMBER 27 & 28

\$1,163

THANK YOU!

It's Critter Season! Please do not prop open the hall door off the church yard. It is unlocked during Mass and can easily be opened by anyone wishing to use the restrooms.

Ministers Schedule for Next Week

October 11 & 12

4:15 PM

Lector: M. Schurr	1 Lector: L. Jacklevich
Bread: F. Patt	2 Lector: C. Arett
Cup: E. Perea	1 Bread: J. Schelstrate
Hosp: A. Rubke	2 Bread: C. Galvez

3 Bread: D. Tejada

8:30 AM

Lector: G. Foss	1 Cup: C. Allen
Bread: J. Newman	2 Cup: S. Miller
Cup: L. Foss	Hosp: K. Varandas
Hosp: J. Propster	B. Cassidy
	L. Mastrangelo

THE TAMING OF FRANCIS OF ASSISI

This weekend, on October 4th, we celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the Patron Saint of the City of San Francisco and, perhaps, the most well-known and venerated saint in the Christian tradition. Born in 1191, Francis lived only 44 years, but during his short life he impacted the Church and culture as few have done, either before or since.

Most of us are familiar with the central aspects of his life story. The son of a textile merchant, Francis was born into an aristocratic, wealthy family and was expected to follow his father in the family textile business. However, in 1202, a war broke out between Assisi and Perugia. Francis was captured in battle and held in prison for over a year before being ransomed.

Francis returned to Assisi a changed man. Shortly after his return, Francis was praying in the church of San Damiano when he reportedly heard the voice of Christ, who told him to rebuild the Christian Church and to live a life of extreme poverty. This led to Francis' conversion: he rejected his former life, abandoning a life of luxury in order to embrace the life of the poor.

Francis's Christ-like poverty was a radical notion at the time. The Christian Church was tremendously rich (much like the people heading it), which concerned Francis and many others, who felt the Church's long-held apostolic ideals had eroded. Francis saw, as his mission, the restoration of the original values of Jesus to the now-decadent Church. Francis possessed incredible charisma, and thousands of followers were drawn to him, listening to his sermons and joining in his way of life. The Franciscan Movement spread like wildfire.

It is important to note a few things about this movement, which I feel have been all-too-often overlooked. First, the Franciscan movement was a *lay* movement . . . it began "from the ground up". Francis and his followers were not priests, bishops, or clerics; rather, they were common "lay-folk" who were outside the formal structure of the institutional Church. Second, we have to remember that the Franciscan movement was a radical movement which threatened the very structure and existence of the institutional Church. Why? Because Francis and his followers challenged the Church to divest itself of wealth and power in order to focus on the marginalized and the poor, thus following more closely in the footsteps of Jesus.

How did the Church respond to the Franciscan "threat"? First, it took the Franciscan movement – which had its origins *outside* the institutional structure of the Church – and incorporated it into the formal Church structure. No longer on the outside, the Franciscans became a religious community *inside* the Church, with the followers of Francis becoming religious brothers and priests.

The second response to the Franciscan movement was to shift the emphasis of Francis' message. Instead of being critical of the Church's accumulation of wealth and power, Francis was "tamed" and became the patron saint of animals and ecologists. What does this mean? Well, let's be honest: being the friend of birds and animals is a lot safer than challenging the Church to divest itself of wealth and power!

Ironically, in a 21st century world where supposedly learned people dismiss global warming as folly, Francis of Assisi and his focus on our stewardship of the earth is, once again, ever-so-relevant. And, as it was in the 13th century, there are those today who would want to continue to tame Francis, restricting him to the blessing of animals rather than connecting him with the issues involving climate change.

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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