

## ST. TERESA OF AVILA



Monday, October 15 is the feast day of St. Teresa of Avila. Although this is not a Holy Day of Obligation, we invite you to attend a special Mass in her honor at 6:15pm.

*Mark your Calendar*

### SAVE THE DATE

October 16, 2012  
7pm – 9pm  
Sammon Hall

Meet and greet your fellow parishioners and attend a talk by guest author Marty Brounstein – who will discuss his book ***TWO AMONG THE RIGHTEOUS FEW*** – the story of a Catholic family called to truly live their faith. Please see the insert for more information.



***Restless Heart***, a movie based on St. Augustine's landmark work, *The Confessions*, will be shown at the AMC Metreon on Wednesday, October 17th at 6:30pm.

This is the first full-length film to be based on the life of St. Augustine, one of the most influential Doctors of the Church. For more information, please see the flyer in the vestibule.

## 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

We are called to help our neighbors. What better way than being prepared to care for ourselves and each other after a disaster. St. Teresa's is hosting NERT-Neighborhood Emergency Response Team - training:

Tuesday evenings  
6:30-9:00  
October 9—November 11  
(6 weeks)

Call 970-2024 to enroll or enroll online (sf-fire.org) - just search for NERT. Please invite a neighbor to come with you! If you have questions, see Lynn Jacklevich.



## Come! Enjoy! Celebrate!

All children in Grades K-8 are invited to bring a decorated pumpkin and enter it into a contest on Sunday, October 27th.

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 am for a nominal fee.



# WE WELCOME YOU TO ST. TERESA OF AVILA CATHOLIC CHURCH

SERVED BY THE CARMELITES



OCTOBER 7, 2012  
TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME



1490 19TH STREET (CHURCH)

LOCATED ON THE NE CORNER OF 19TH & CONNECTICUT STREETS

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### OFFICE HOURS

10:00am to 12:30pm  
1:00pm to 4:30pm

Please visit our website:  
[stteresasf.org](http://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.

### PASTORAL COUNCIL

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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 7 - No Good Shepherd or Faith Formation
- Mon, Oct 8 - Columbus Day Observed  
- Choir Practice  
7:00pm, Church
- Tue, Oct 9 - SVdP Grocery Distribution  
1:00pm, Parish Hall  
- NERT Training  
6:30pm, Sammon  
- Pastoral Council  
7:00pm, Avila
- Sat, Oct 13 - AA Meeting  
7:00pm, Avila Hall
- Sun, Oct 14 - Catechists' Meeting, 8:30am  
- Good Shepherd & Faith Formation, 9:00am

## SECOND COLLECTION

### October 6 & 7

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

### October 13 & 14

There will be no second collection next weekend.

*Retrouvaille* helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. Our next program in San Francisco starts with a weekend November 2-4. There are brochures in the church vestibule or for confidential info:

call 415.893.1005 or  
email: [SF@RetroCA.com](mailto:SF@RetroCA.com) or  
visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com)

## MARK CHAPTER 10: THE CONTEXT OF JESUS' TEACHING ON DIVORCE

In Catholic theology, a valid marriage is dissolved only by death – which means that, theologically speaking, there is no such thing as divorce. For many non-Catholics (and for many Catholics as well!), this teaching is often regarded as unusually strict and rigid. In this week's column, I'd like to examine the origins and scriptural basis for the Church teaching on divorce, paying particular attention to the historical and cultural context of Jesus' words.

The Church's prohibition on divorce is grounded in this Sunday's Gospel reading, Mk 10:2-16. In today's passage, Jesus declares that "what God has joined together no human being must separate," and "whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her," tough words indeed regarding the indissolubility of marriage. Yet the *historical context* of today's gospel forces us to look at Jesus' proclamation in a somewhat different light.

Notice that Jesus' words are in response to a question posed to him by the Pharisees. They approach Jesus to ask whether it is lawful for a man to divorce his wife. Mark tells us that they were testing him, and Jesus' response provokes quite a bit of controversy . . . but not for the reasons you think!

Under Jewish Law divorce was permitted, but it was only the *husband* who could write a bill of divorce and divorce his wife. In this system, a woman had neither rights nor voice: she could be divorced at the whim of her husband and – if not accepted back into her father's household – she was abandoned to a life of poverty and shame. Thus, in the cultural context of first-century Judea, Jesus' prohibition of divorce would have been seen as *liberating* for women! Why? because in marriage it would put a woman on equal footing with her husband, providing her with rights and dignity that previously had been denied.

Men, of course, were outraged and livid about Jesus' teaching. This teaching was so radical that, in the Gospel of Matthew, the evangelist "waters down" Mark's text, permitting divorce in cases where the "marriage is unlawful" (Mt: 19:9).

In summary, in the original, historical context, Jesus prohibited divorce, not because divorce was rampant, but because women suffered unjustly under the practice.

Understanding the historical context tempers the words of Jesus; they no longer seem so harsh and rigid. This is the result of a process known as *historical-critical method*, a process of analyzing the scriptures that starts with the original, historical context to determine the original meaning of a text. The process asks, "How did people understand this passage when it was first written?" because it is only after we discover the original meaning of a text that we can ask whether that same meaning holds today.

In our homilies this weekend we will undoubtedly address the question of divorce and remarriage, a thorny and complicated issue that deeply plagues the Church today. But the origin of the Church's teaching – this Sunday's Gospel from Mark – also provides us with an excellent example of examining the process of historical-critical method. As you can see from the process, the prohibition on divorce had a meaning in the first century Judea that is considerably different from the way we understand it today.

Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm.

## MASS INTENTIONS

As we celebrate Mass together we include in our prayers:

### Saturday, October 6

4:15pm + Filomena Trveva  
Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

### Sunday, October 7

8:30am + Maria Brignole  
The People of the Parish

10:00am + Joe Beresford

### Tuesday, October 9

8:30am + Mike Martiarena

### Friday, October 12

8:30am + Souls in Purgatory

### Saturday, October 13

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

### Sunday, October 14

8:30am + Maria Brignole  
The People of the Parish

10:00am + Vincent Cocciolone

## SAVE THE DATE

### PANCAKE BREAKFAST SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

(Following the 8:30 & 10:00am Masses)

## WEEKEND COLLECTION

### September 29 & 30 \$1,299

### Ministers Schedule for Next Week October 13 & 14

<u>4:15</u>		<u>10:00 AM</u>	
Lector:	D.B. Aikins	1 Lector:	L. Jacklevich
Bread:	B. Noelke	2 Lector:	R. Pitts
Cup:	J. Burns	1 Bread:	S. Miller
Hosp:	M. Comaich	2 Bread:	J. Warnock
		3 Bread:	M. Schelstrate
<u>8:30 AM</u>		1 Cup:	C. Allen
Lector:	S. Cabatic	2 Cup:	R. Labuguen
Bread:	R. Kingman	Hosp:	J. Warnock
Cup:	Volunteer		
Hosp:	T. Lando		