



**ST VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE  
ANNUAL FALL CANNED FOOD DRIVE**

We are extremely happy to announce our final tally was **1,418 CANS plus \$235** to purchase discounted items from the SF Food Bank. Our **GOAL** was **1000 CANS** to replenish our limited supplies. **We have far exceeded our goal thanks to our most generous parishioners!!**

**MONTHLY DONORS & SECOND COLLECTIONS – SEPTEMBER**

First Collection (Monthly Donors Only)	\$2,857
Building & Maintenance	\$1,384
Hurricane Relief	\$1,798
Priests' Retirement Fund	\$1,447
Garden Fund	\$ 349
Piano Fund	\$ 90
St. Vincent de Paul	\$1,572

**The Pope Asks Young People to Take a Survey**

The Pope is requesting your feedback. A survey for young people 16 to 29 years old is online on a special website. The Synod of Bishops that will meet in October 2018 will have this theme: **"Young People, the Faith, and Vocational Discernment"**. Young people from around the world are urged to help the Church prepare for the Synod by taking this survey. Pope Francis says, "The Church also wishes to listen to your voice, your sensitivities and your faith; even your doubts and your criticism... Make your voice heard." The survey is online at:

[survey-synod2018.glauco.it/limesurvey/index.php/147718](http://survey-synod2018.glauco.it/limesurvey/index.php/147718)

and can be taken in English, French, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese, or German. Surveys should be completed by November 30.

For any questions, please contact:

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In Observance of  
Columbus Day,  
the Parish Office  
Will Be Closed  
Monday, October 9

**WEEKEND COLLECTION**

(Envelope Donors & Loose Cash)

**SEPTEMBER 30 & OCTOBER 1  
\$1,424**

**THANK YOU!**

**PASTORAL COUNCIL**

We are seeking two (2) parishioners to join our Pastoral Council. The Council meets on the second Tuesday of each month, from 7-9pm, September—May.

The Pastoral Council advises the parish administration on various aspects of community life at St. Teresa's.

Please see either Fr. Mike or call the office if you are interested in joining.

**ST TERESA'S GREEN TEAM**

Don't flush your unused medications down the toilet! A recent study showed that 80% of US streams contain small amounts of human medicines. Most municipal wastewater treatment plants cannot remove these medicines from the sanitary sewer before the treated water is released into lakes, rivers, and oceans. Rather than flushing the medication, ask your pharmacist if the pharmacy will accept old medication back from patients. If they don't, check out San Francisco's Department of the Environment to find the nearest drop off location for your unwanted and expired medication.

[sfenvironment.org/safe-medicine-disposal](http://sfenvironment.org/safe-medicine-disposal)

**We Welcome You To  
St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church**

Served by the Carmelites

**October 8, 2017**

**TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**



1490 19TH STREET (CHURCH)

LOCATED ON THE NE CORNER OF 19TH & CONNECTICUT STREETS

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

**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**

Jim Schelstrate Steve Miller  
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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.*

**MASS INTENTIONS**

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

4:15pm **Saturday, October 7**  
† Gertrude Henke & Gertrude McEvoy  
Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

8:30am **Sunday, October 8**  
10:00am † Barbara McGrath

8:30am **Tuesday, October 10**  
† The Deceased Poor

8:30am **Friday, October 13**  
† Cecelia A. Greenwell

4:15pm **Saturday, October 14**  
† Kathleen M. Burns  
Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

8:30am **Sunday, October 15**  
10:00am † John & Gertrude Lech  
† Paul Sullivan  
The People of the Parish

**Ministers Schedule for Next Week  
October 14 & 15**

**4:15 PM**

**10:00 AM**

Lector: P. Diaz	1 Lector: L. Jacklevich
Bread: A. Rose	2 Lector: D. Churton
Cup: F. Patt	1 Bread: G. McGrath
Hosp: L. Lechich	2 Bread: K. McMahon
	3 Bread: A. Schelstrate
<b>8:30 AM</b>	1 Cup: C. Allen
Lector: Sr. Lucia	2 Cup: E. Gries
Bread: A. Lopez	Hosp: M. Gries
Cup: S. Perez	
Hosp: T. Lando	

**SECOND COLLECTIONS**

**October 7 & 8**

There will be no Second Collection this week.

**October 14 & 15**

Next week's second collection will benefit the Carmelite Seminary.

**The Mass Intention book for 2018** 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. We also have dates available for the remainder of **2017**.

**Parish Calendar**

Sun, Oct 8 - Faith Formation, 9:00am, Hall  
Mon, Oct 9 - Parish Office Closed  
- Choir Practice, 6:30pm  
- AA Step Meeting, 6:30pm  
Tue, Oct 10 - SVdP Meeting  
9:00am, Hall  
- SVdP Grocery Distribution  
1:00pm, Hall  
- Pastoral Council  
7:00pm, Avila  
Sat, Oct 11 - AA Meeting, 7pm, Avila  
Sun, Oct 15 - Faith Formation, 9:00am, Hall

**"THE VINEYARD OF THE LORD IS THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL"**

While looking for a topic for this week's column, I noticed that, for the past several weeks, a common thread in the readings has been the image of the vineyard. I thought it might be interesting to explore this scriptural image in more detail, and the title of this week's column (from Isaiah 5:7) also happens to be the suggested refrain for this Sunday's responsorial psalm.

For three weeks in a row, vineyards have been the setting for both the Old and New Testament readings:

- Two weeks ago, we heard a parable of an estate owner who hired workers for his vineyard. He hired them at different hours of the day, but paid each a day's wage.
- Last week, the Gospel was about a man who asked each of his two sons to work in the vineyard. The first said he would but didn't; the second said he wouldn't but did.
- Today's first reading from Isaiah describes how a man cultivated his vineyard, only to have it yield wild grapes.
- Today's Gospel describes a property owner who leased his vineyard to tenant farmers. When the owner tried to collect his share of the grapes, the tenants seized the slaves, beating one, killing another, and stoning a third. Eventually, the tenants kill the owner's son. In the end, the owner leases the vineyard to others who "will see to it that he has grapes at vintage time."

Obviously, the vineyard is a familiar image for the people of the Hebrew and Christian Scriptures. On a simple, practical level, the climate and geography of the Holy Land make it ideal for growing grapes, and wine is a beverage common to daily meals for both rich and poor. However, the related images of vineyard, grapes, and wine have deeper meanings for this Judeo-Christian culture:

- The planting and caring of vines is backbreaking work, demanding almost constant attention and pruning. The sacred writers develop the metaphor that God's attentiveness to his chosen people mirrors that of the owner to his vineyard.
- The yield of the vineyard (grapes and, eventually, wine) are symbols not only of God's generosity and blessing, but also of the future heavenly banquet. When "God's Kingdom comes" there will be feasting, characterized by fine foods and wine.
- The vineyard itself is a metaphor for God's kingdom. God calls us to be workers in the vineyard, and should we be unwilling or unsuccessful in our work, the vineyard will be turned over to those who will "produce good grapes at harvest."
- In the Gospel of John, Jesus says that "*I am the vine, and you are the branches,*" (Jn 15:5), and he also states at the Last Supper that "*... I shall not drink this fruit of the vine until the day when I drink it with you new in the kingdom of my Father.*" (Mt 26:29)

As you can see, whenever the Scriptures speak about vineyards and wine they are drawing upon to a world of complex images and metaphors. Ultimately, the images of vineyards and wine point to the Kingdom of God, the heavenly banquet that God has prepared for us.

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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