



If you have not yet registered your child/ren for classes, please take a moment to complete and application form and return it to us. They are available in the vestibule.

### Parish Survey



If you have not yet completed our survey, you may access it through our Facebook page:

[www.facebook.com/stteresasf](http://www.facebook.com/stteresasf)

or our website: [www.stteresasf.org](http://www.stteresasf.org)

We will have paper copies available after Masses next weekend.



### STAINED GLASS WINDOW NEWS

We have been offered a wonderful opportunity to have some of our stained glass windows refurbished at a discounted rate.

Thanks to the generosity of a number of donors we have been able to take advantage of the discount we were offered for two of our windows. There is still time to contribute!

Please see Fr. Greenwell if you would like to contribute to this very special project.

### WOULD YOU TAKE A MOMENT . . .

to write a review of St. Teresa's on Yelp? Recently a few people have come up to us and let us know that one of the reasons they came here was due to the good reviews we have on Yelp. Unfortunately, those reviews are 4-5 years old.

**Adult Catholics who have not received either Confirmation or First Eucharist** are asked to see Father Kwiecien or call the parish office if you would like to be prepared for these sacraments.

The Carmelite Provincial Council will be meeting at St. Teresa of Avila on October 8th —10th. Fr. Greenwell is requesting assistance setting up & serving lunch on Tuesday, Wednesday and possibly Thursday. Please contact the Parish Office to volunteer.

Please check the bulletin board in the vestibule for information about:

- **Catholic Charities' Parish Social Ministry Institute** an all-day workshop;
- **The Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul's** Religious Vocation Discernment Weekend Retreat;
- **Mass & Healing Liturgy** at the Rachel Shrine in Colma; and
- An invitation to join the **St Mary's Cathedral Choir of Boys and Girls.**

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

SERVED BY THE CARMELITES

SEPTEMBER 1, 2013

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME



1490 19TH STREET (CHURCH)

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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, Sep 1 -  
 Mon, Sep 2 - Choir Practice, 6:30pm  
 Tue, Sep 3 - SVdP Grocery Distribution  
 1:00pm, Sammon  
 Sat, Sep 7 - 3rd Order Lay Carmelite  
 Meeting  
 10:00am, Avila



In observance of Labor Day, the Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 2nd.

## WEEKEND COLLECTION August 24 & 25 \$1,058

### MASS INTENTIONS

As we celebrate Mass together we include in our prayers:

#### Saturday, Aug 31

4:15pm + Mary A. Burns  
 Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

#### Sunday, Sep 1

8:30am The People of the Parish  
 10:00am + Patty Griffin

#### Tuesday, Sep 3

8:30am The Canonization of Frederic Ozanam

#### Friday, Sep 6

8:30am + Rudy Tony Troya

#### Saturday, Sep 7

4:15pm Little Childrens Aid  
 Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

#### Sunday, Sep 8

8:30am The People of the Parish  
 10:00am + Kathleen Lynch

## SECOND COLLECTION

### August 31 & September 1

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

### September 7 & 8

The second collection next week benefits the Carmelite Seminary Fund.

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)

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

The Ministers' Schedules for September & October were emailed on Wednesday, August 28th. There are copies in the Sacristy and it is also available on our website.

### Ministers Schedule for Next Week September 7 & 8

<b>4:15</b>		<b>10:00 AM</b>
Lector:	D. Aikins	1 Lector: E. Koh
Bread:	J. Burns	2 Lector: J. Alber
Cup:	B. Noelke	1 Bread: J. Schelstrate
Hosp:	M. Comaich	2 Bread: M. Schelstrate
		3 Bread: J. Warnock
<b>8:30 AM</b>		1 Cup: A. Schelstrate
Lector:	G. Foss	2 Cup: T. Mana
Bread:	L. Foss	Hosp: J. Warnock
Cup:	Volunteer	
Hosp:	J. Propster	

## THE 22<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: A SABBATH MEAL IN THE HOUSE OF A PHARISEE

In the Gospel of Luke there are eleven "meal stories", and earlier this summer I wrote a column on this phenomenon. Drawing upon the work of Lucan scholar Eugene LaVerdiere, I suggested that these stories serve as a framework for understanding Luke's Gospel, especially as it pertains to Jesus' preaching and teaching on both the Eucharist and the Kingdom of God.

In this Sunday's Gospel we have the sixth of these eleven stories, a Sabbath meal in the house of a Pharisee. The first part of the narrative (where Jesus cures a man of dropsy) is not read, nor do we read the last part of the story (which serves as a transition into the Parable of the Great Feast). What we do read is the middle section (Lk 14:7-14), a passage in which Jesus delivers two messages, the first to the guests and the second to the host.

To appreciate the effect of Jesus' messages, we need to take a look at meal practices and customs in the Greco-Roman world. It might seem strange to look at "dinner parties in the world of antiquity", but the fact of the matter is that these meals were governed by a strict series of unwritten rules and customs. When we examine these rules and customs, we discover that the message of Jesus "turns them upside down" . . . which, of course, gets Jesus into trouble.

In addressing the guests, Jesus instructs them to "not sit in the place of honor," sitting instead in the lowest place. What we need to realize is that, at these dinner parties, all the places at table were pre-assigned according to one's rank, status, and importance. To sit at the lowest place – or, for that manner, to sit at *any* place which was not one's seat – upsets the apple cart. Why? because everyone above or below you is now also "out of place".

Jesus' message to the guests is clear: in the Kingdom of God all are equal in God's sight. There exists no hierarchy . . . except that those who are leaders are so because they are servants. We heard a variation on this theme in last week's Gospel: "Some who are last will be first and some who are first will be last."

The second message – delivered to the host – touches on a different area. In this ancient world the prevailing custom was that, when one hosted a dinner party, one invited only those who could reciprocate the invitation. When you invited someone to dinner, it was expected that you would be invited back in return. Jesus challenged this notion: ". . . invite beggars and the crippled, the lame and the blind. You should be pleased that they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid in the resurrection of the just." To do what Jesus suggested would be *unthinkable* in the Jewish-Greco-Roman society of the day.

But Jesus didn't simply suggest that these people be seated at table; he actually ate with them ("He eats with sinners!"). In doing so Jesus challenged the social conventions of his day, literally turning his contemporary world upside down. But such is the upside-down world of the Kingdom of God!

Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm.