



Classes will begin next Sunday, September 17. If you have not yet registered, please do so as soon as possible, as space is limited. Please note the parish expectation that parents and guardians participate in our Sunday Eucharistic celebrations as they are able and attend a number of our class sessions. The parents are the primary teachers and we are your helpers.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

(Envelope Donors & Loose Cash)

SEPTEMBER 2 & 3

\$1,096

THANK YOU!

SUNDAY SANDWICHES

We are seeking volunteers to make sandwiches for distribution to the homeless after the 10 o'clock Mass on Sundays. We need people who are able to shop for supplies, assemble sandwiches, and distribute them to homeless in our area. We have tentatively scheduled a meeting for those interested on Sunday, September 24 following the 10 o'clock Mass in Avila Hall.



Our St. Vincent de Paul Conference is holding a Food Drive throughout the month of September. Baskets have been set up in the church for your donations.

MOST NEEDED: Soup, fruit, meat (tuna, spam, Vienna sausage, etc.) Due to past generosity, these items are **NOT NEEDED** at this time: Canned corn or any type of beans (including green beans)

RCIA

The **RCIA** (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is the process where new members are incorporated into the Church. The preparation takes nearly a year, beginning in the Fall and culminating at the Easter Vigil with the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.

If you know anyone who is interested in becoming a Catholic, please have that person contact Fr. Mike Kwiecien or the Parish Office for information regarding the process. Easter is only 8 months away, and we will begin classes on September 14 at 7:00pm.

NEW CARPET!!

Carpeting has been installed in the Parish Hall. We ask that all parishioners be mindful of any spills, particularly those of their children. In order to avoid stains, parishioners are asked to clean any messes made by themselves or their children. A "Spill Kit" is available in the kitchen for this purpose.

The Consecration of the Archdiocese of San Francisco to the Immaculate Heart of Mary is less than one month away. How are you preparing for this singular event? Learn about consecration, Our Lady of Fatima, the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and much more at

www.sfarchdiocese.org/IHM.

Find beautiful examples of Mary in art and music and video there, too. And, mark your calendar to be at the Cathedral on October 7 for the Consecration! See bulletin board for event flyer.

ST TERESA'S GREEN TEAM

As we witness the increased impacts of global climate change around the world- through the hurricanes in Florida and Texas, to the monsoon rains in Asia, and in the record breaking heat and wildfires in the US West, let us remain faithful and hopeful in the efforts being done by people working towards creating a sustainable future. Our thoughts and prayers are with all those affected as they try to cope with the loss and impacts from natural disasters.

We Welcome You To St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church

Served by the Carmelites

**September 10, 2017
TWENTY-THIRD 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.

MASS INTENTIONS

As we celebrate Mass together we include in our prayers:

- 4:15pm **Saturday, September 9**
The People of the Parish
Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)
- 8:30am **Sunday, September 10**
† Sonny Greenwell
- 10:00am † Ray McGrath
- 8:30am **Tuesday, September 12**
The Sick of the Parish
- 8:30am **Friday, September 15**
All Affected by Hurricanes
- 4:15pm **Saturday, September 16**
† Hadley Keathley
Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)
- 8:30am **Sunday, September 17**
† Anita Sorokolit & Severo Gonzales
- 10:00am † Vincent Cocciolone & Kathleen Lynch

**Ministers Schedule for Next Week
September 16 & 17**

4:15 PM 10:00 AM

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| Lector: R. Groepper | 1 Lector: V. Flores |
| Bread: B. Noelke | 2 Lector: L. Jacklevich |
| Cup: J. Burns | 1 Bread: J. Schelstrate |
| Hosp: J. Marasco | 2 Bread: J. Warnock |
| | 3 Bread: M.K. Law |
| 8:30 AM | 1 Cup: C. Allen |
| Lector: D. Paquette | 2 Cup: G. McGrath |
| Bread: S. Perez | Hosp: L. Gauna |
| Cup: A. Lopez | |
| Hosp: T. Lando | |

SECOND COLLECTIONS

September 9 & 10

This week we will hold an emergency collection for Hurricane relief. As we are all aware, Hurricane Harvey has created an unprecedented and catastrophic weather event. Thirteen million people are under flash flood watches or warnings, 58 counties are under disaster declarations, 450,000 victims will ask FEMA for disaster assistance, and it is estimated that 30,000 people will need temporary shelter. Hurricane Irma is expected to cause significant damage to Florida and the East Coast. Our hearts and prayers go out to the families who have suffered losses or damages of any kind from these storms.

September 16 & 17

Next week's second collection benefits the Priests' Retirement Fund.

Parish Calendar

- Sun, Sep 10 - Coffee & Doughnuts following the 8:30 & 10:00 am Masses
- Mon, Sep 11 - Choir Practice, 6:30pm
- AA Step Meeting, 6:30pm
- Tue, Sep 12 - SVdP Grocery Distribution
1:00pm, Church Hall
- Pastoral Council
7:00pm, Avila
- Sat, Sep 16 - AA Meeting, 7pm, Avila
- Sun, Sep 17 - Faith Formation
9:00am, Parish Hall

SON OF GOD & SON OF MAN

Over the past couple of weeks the terms *Son of God* and *Son of Man* have appeared in the Sunday readings. In this week's column I'd like to take a closer look at these titles, beginning with the reading from the Old Testament.

"You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel; when you hear me say anything, you shall warn them for me." (Ezekiel 33:7a)

The Book of Ezekiel dates from the sixth century BC, and in today's reading Ezekiel uses *son of man* as a synonym for *human being*. There is nothing extraordinary about today's passage from Ezekiel; *son of man* and *human being* are interchangeable.

But in the Book of Daniel (which written about the same time as Ezekiel), *son of man* takes on a completely different meaning. In Chapter 7, Daniel has a vision in which,

"... I saw one like a son of man coming, on the clouds of heaven; when he reached the Ancient One and was presented before him, he received dominion, glory, and kingship; nations and peoples of every language serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not be taken away, his kingship shall not be destroyed." (Daniel 7:13-14)

In the Book of Daniel, *Son of Man* refers to a divine being who descends from heaven and initiates the Messianic Age. Jesus' contemporaries would have been quite familiar with this understanding, and whenever the title *Son of Man* and the name of Jesus were used in the same sentence, those present would immediately connect Jesus with the divine being from the Book of Daniel. Essentially, this means that whenever someone in the New Testament refers to Jesus as the *Son of Man*, that person is implying that Jesus is, to some degree, *divine*.

Ironically, more often than not, *Son of God* is not connected with divinity. To be a son or daughter of God has its roots in creation itself. In the book of Genesis we learn that,

"God created man in his image; in the divine image he created him; male and female he created them." (Genesis 1:27)

In other words, because we are created in God's image, we are God's children. Hence, all of us are *Sons of God* or *Daughters of God*. When the Hebrew Scriptures use the term *Son of God*, they are alluding to the fact that we have been created in God's image. As a general rule, in the Hebrew Scriptures there is usually nothing "divine" about being a *Son of God*.

In the New Testament this begins to change. When Jesus walked the earth, he was often associated with the *Son of Man*, the apocalyptic, divine figure from the book of Daniel. Eventually, people started to speak of Jesus as the *Son of God*, and when they did this it represented an attempt to talk about the *divinity* of Jesus. Certainly, by the time the Gospels were written, *Son of God* evolved to take on a new meaning: no longer did *Son of God* mean to be made in God's image; instead, it referred to the *divine* nature of Jesus. The difficulty is in precisely determining when this shift took place.

As a general rule, when you come across the term *Son of Man* while reading the Gospels it is a reference to the book of Daniel. When you encounter *Son of God* in a Gospels text, consider it as an attempt by the Evangelist and Christian Community to articulate their deepening understanding of Jesus as the divine Son of God.

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: _____

- New Parishioner
- Send Sunday envelopes
- New Address
- Send Monthly Donor Form
- New Phone
- Moving—remove from mailing list