

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL
CONFERENCE**

**ANNUAL FALL
CANNED FOOD DRIVE**



Throughout the month of September our SVDP Conference is having a **CANNED FOOD DRIVE** for our pantry.

The food from the pantry goes into grocery bags every Tuesday and helps fill the 100+ Thanksgiving boxes given out each year.

Our **GOAL** is **1000 CANS!!** to replenish our limited supply. We ask that you bring **CANNED SOUPS, FRUITS, VEGETABLES, BEANS, MEAT AND FISH.** We hope to reach our goal by 9/27, the Feast Day of St. Vincent de Paul. Baskets are available in the Church.

MINISTERS SCHEDULES

Schedules for September & October were emailed last week. If you didn't receive the email, please let the office know and you will be added to the list. Copies are available in the Sacristy. Also our website: stteresasf.org

**MONTHLY DONORS & SECOND
COLLECTIONS — JULY**

First Collection	\$3,032
Building & Maintenance	\$2,577
Missionary Cooperation Plan	\$1,058
Garden Fund	\$ 775
St. Vincent de Paul	\$2,378

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Our Faith Formation program is in the process of being formulated. We expect classes to start with a Family Meeting on September 25th. Registration forms are in the church vestibule.

ST TERESA'S GREEN TEAM

Assembly Bill 32, the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006, called for California to reduce greenhouse gases to 1990 levels by 2020. With projected success of AB 32, the California State Assembly recently approved legislation that extends the State's target for reducing greenhouse gas emissions to 40% below 1990 levels by 2030. SB 32 provides a plan for the State's innovators to continue addressing one of the most current compelling problems.

The Mass Intention book for 2016 still has Masses available. If there are special dates on which you would like to dedicate a Mass to a loved one, please contact the Parish Office.

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

We are hoping that a few people will volunteer to help with hospitality in the hall after the Sunday 10am Masses. We need people to either assist Stella & Rita in the kitchen, or to help with clean-up (mostly wiping tables, straightening up, etc.) It is our hope that enough people volunteer so no one person has to be there more than one or two Sundays per month. Please either see Stella or Rita on Sunday or call the Parish Office.

RCIA

The **RCIA** (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is the current process the Church offers to interested adults. We are all asked to invite people. We do have something worth sharing.

St. Teresa's will have a new group of people entering this process in the fall. The program will be starting soon. If you are interested, please speak with Fr. Michael Kwiecien after Mass this weekend or call the Parish Office next week.

**WE WELCOME YOU TO
ST. TERESA OF AVILA CATHOLIC CHURCH
SERVED BY THE CARMELITES**



**SEPTEMBER 11, 2016
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**



**1490 19TH STREET (CHURCH)
LOCATED ON THE NE CORNER OF 19TH & CONNECTICUT STREETS**

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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, Sep 11 - Coffee & Donuts, following
10 am Mass
 Mon, Sep 12 - Choir Practice, 6:30pm
 - AA Step Meeting, 6:30pm
 Tue, Sep 13 - SVdP Grocery Distribution
 1:00 pm, Parish Hall
 - Pastoral Council
 7:00pm, Avila
 Sat, Sep 17 - AA Meeting, 7pm, Avila
 Sun, Sep 18 - Coffee & Donuts, following
 10 am Mass

WEEKEND COLLECTION

SEPTEMBER 3 & 4

\$1,488

THANK YOU!

Ministers Schedule for Next Week September 17 & 18

4:15 PM	10:00 AM
Lector: R.M. Ostler	1 Lector: L. Jacklevich
Bread: E. Perea	2 Lector: G. Femec
Cup: J. Daddio	1 Bread: G. McGrath
Hosp: L. Lechich	2 Bread: J. Warnock
	3 Bread: M.K. Law
8:30 AM	1 Cup: C. Allen
Lector: D. Canzoneri	2 Cup: Volunteer
Bread: P. English	Hosp: J. Warnock
Cup: R. Kingman	
Hosp: T. Lando	

SECOND COLLECTIONS

September 10 & 11

The second collection this weekend will benefit the victims of the floods in Louisiana.

September 17 & 18

Next weekend our second collection will benefit the Priests Retirement Fund. The Archdiocese is blessed to have hundreds of priests who dedicated, in some cases, as many as 50 years or more of their lives to ministering to us. Even in retirement, many continue to give of themselves in countless ways of service, for which we are grateful.

MASS INTENTIONS

As we celebrate Mass together we include in our prayers:

4:15pm **Saturday, September 10**
 The People of the Parish
 Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

8:30am **Sunday, September 11**
 10:00am The People of the Parish
 † Edwina Fenili

8:30am **Tuesday, September 13**
 The Sick of the Parish

8:30am **Friday, September 16**
 The Deceased of the Parish

4:15pm **Saturday, September 17**
 † Anita Sorokolit
 Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

8:30am **Sunday, September 18**
 10:00am The People of the Parish
 † Vincent Cocciolone & Kathleen Lynch

ABOUT PARABLES (ESPECIALLY THAT *PRODIGAL SON*)

This year our Sunday readings are taken from the C-cycle, which means that most of the Gospel readings are taken from Luke. Much of Luke's material is framed by eleven "meal stories," but we also are exposed to a variety of parables, many of them unique to Luke's Gospel. Today is one such Sunday, and the Prodigal Son is one of the best known and best loved parables in the Scriptures. It is also one of those parables that is only found in Luke.

When it comes to parables, the common mistake is to equate a parable with a fable. A fable is a western literary form in that it is a story with a moral . . . like the tortoise and the hare. In that story, the two creatures square off for a race, and the hare – being faster – bolts ahead, then rests, while the tortoise maintains a constant pace. Towards the end of the race the hare rests, falls asleep, and is passed by the tortoise, who then wins the contest. The moral of the story: slow and steady wins the race.

We recognize a fable by its familiar pattern: it is a story with a moral lesson. However, we often make the erroneous assumption that the parables of Jesus are like fables. The truth is that parables are really quite different. Unlike a fable, a parable is a middle-eastern literary form, and instead of being a story with a moral it is a story with a *twist*. In a parable there is a surprise or twist – an unexpected turn of events – that often produces shock or disbelief. When Jesus told parables his audience was surprised and often shocked by these "twists", and it is precisely this aspect of parables that makes the hearer perk up his ears and become engaged with the narrative.

Today's Gospel consists of three parables: the Lost Sheep, the Lost Coin, and the Prodigal Son. All three involve something that was "lost" and then "found", and the bottom-line, theological interpretation is that there is much rejoicing in heaven when sinners (be they lost sheep, lost coins, or prodigal children) repent and find their way back to God.

That's the theological interpretation. The twist or surprise in these three parables is that they are more about the compassion of God than they are about the conversion of sinners. In the first parable – the lost sheep – the "twist" is that no shepherd would *ever* leave the flock unattended to search for one that is lost. Left unattended, the flock would wander off, and instead of one lost sheep the shepherd would face the problem of a lost flock! No shepherd would ever abandon the flock in search of one lost sheep; yet this is precisely what God would do and how God would act.

The second parable – the Lost Coin – describes the almost obsessive-compulsive behavior of a woman as she relentlessly searches for a lost coin. When she finds it, her subsequent rejoicing and calling of friends and neighbors reinforces the depth of her compulsion, yet the evangelist draws upon this very aspect to show the almost obsessive manner that God pursues sinners who are lost.

God's unorthodox behavior is also found in the parable of the Prodigal Son, whose twist occurs when *both* sons are shocked by the father's actions. The hearers of this parable expected that the father would exalt the elder son and shame the younger; much to their surprise, they learn that the father loves them both, albeit differently. An additional twist occurs when we, as human beings, make the assumption that the father would act as we would act. In the parable we are surprised when the father acts *differently*: the father's forgiveness of his wayward son – as well as his interaction with the elder son – demonstrate how differently God might act compared to human beings.

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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