

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES AGING SUPPORT SVCS.
OMI COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR**
Saturday, Sept 19, 11:00 am – 3:00 pm
Participate, Volunteer, Have Fun!

You are invited to attend the OMI Community Health Fair at Minnie & Lovie Ward Recreational Center and Park, 650 Capitol Ave, San Francisco! This event is open to people of all ages. They will be sharing community and health resources (providing various health screenings and checkups).

There will also be a Kid's Game Corner, an Obstacle Course, and food!

You are welcome not only as an attendee, but also as a volunteer to help run this fun and beneficial event. For more information please see the flyer on the bulletin board.

MONTHLY DONORS & SECOND COLLECTIONS – August

First Collection (Monthly Donors)	\$3,340
Building & Maintenance	\$2,521
Assumption	\$ 180
St. Vincent de Paul	\$2,087

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



As of September 1st, our SVDP Conference's **CANNED FOOD DRIVE** is up and running.

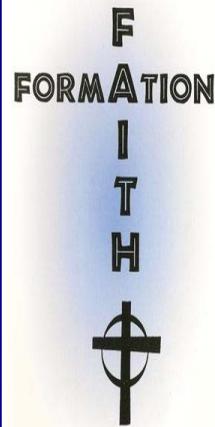
Our **GOAL** is **1000 CANS!!** to replenish our limited supply. We ask that you bring **CANNED SOUPS, FRUITS, VEGETABLES, BEANS, MEAT AND FISH**. Baskets will be available in the Church.

To kick off the drive, SVDP members will speak at all Sept. 12th & 13th liturgies. We hope to reach our goal by 9/27, the Feast Day of St. Vincent de Paul.

Please join us in welcoming to our parish community:



Sabrina Pei-Hui Luke, the daughter of Mona & Anthony Luke. Sabrina will be baptized by Rev. Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm. this Sunday at the 10 am Mass.



CLASSES BEGIN THIS SUNDAY!!

If you have not yet registered your child/ren for classes, please contact Anarose Schelstrate so she is aware your child/ren will be attending classes this year and proper preparations may be made.

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.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

The Archdiocese will be offering training at Mission Dolores Basilica on Oct. 24 & 31. The parish will pay the registration fee for those who wish to attend. It is encouraged that anyone desiring to become either an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion or a Lector sign-up for this training. There is a flyer and informational brochure on each of the bulletin boards.

(This training is NOT required to serve as ministers.)

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

SERVED BY THE CARMELITES

SEPTEMBER 13, 2015

**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**



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1:00pm to 4:30pm

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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.

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, Sept 13 - Faith Formation Family
9:00am, Parish Hall
Mon, Sept 14 - AA Meeting, 6:30pm, Avila
Tue, Sept 15 - SVdP Sandwich Tuesday
9:00am, Parish Kitchen
- SVdP Grocery Distribution
1:00 pm, Church Hall
- Pastoral Council
7:00pm, Avila
Sat, Sept 19 - AA Meeting, 7pm, Church Hall
Sun, Sept 20 - Faith Formation, 9:00am

MASS INTENTIONS

As we celebrate Mass together
we include in our prayers:

4:15pm **Saturday, September 12**
+ Mike Comaich
Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

8:30am **Sunday, September 13**
The People of the Parish
10:00am + Vincent Cocciolone & Kathleen Lynch

8:30am **Tuesday, September 15**
+ Sister Maureen O'Brien, BVM

8:30am **Friday, September 18**
The Sick of the Parish

4:15pm **Saturday, September 19**
+ Hadley Keathley
Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

8:30am **Sunday, September 20**
The People of the Parish
10:00am + Deceased Members of the SVdP Society

SECOND COLLECTIONS

September 12 & 13

This week the second collection benefits the Carmelite Seminary Fund.

September 19 & 20

The second collection next week benefits the Priests' Retirement Fund. The Archdiocese is blessed to have hundreds of priests who dedicated, in some cases, as many as 50+ years of their lives to ministering us. Even in retirement, many continue to give of themselves in countless ways of service, for which we are grateful.

WEEKEND FIRST COLLECTION

SEPTEMBER 5 & 6

\$1,439

THANK YOU!

Ministers Schedule for Next Week September 19 & 20

4:15 PM		10:00 AM
Lector: T. Jackson		1 Lector: C. Arett
Bread: E. Perea		2 Lector: V. Flores
Cup: B. Noelke		1 Bread: S. Miller
Hosp: M. Perea		2 Bread: J. Warnock
		3 Bread: M. Schelstrate
8:30 AM		1 Cup: J. Schelstrate
Lector: T. Lang		2 Cup: G. McGrath
Bread: J. Newman		Hosp: J. Warnock
Cup: S. Lang		
Hosp: T. Lando		

A PIVOTAL CONVERSATION ON THE ROAD TO CAESAREA PHILIPPI

Mark's gospel begins with the following statement:

"The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ [the Son of God]." (Mk 1:1)

It is obvious that, from the very first words of the gospel, the evangelist makes it quite clear what he believes about Jesus. Mark emphatically confesses his belief that Jesus is the Son of God . . . which is important, because, in the rest of the gospel, he repeatedly asks the question, "Who do you say that I am?"

Today's gospel finds Jesus posing the question to the disciples. They answer "John the Baptist" or "Elijah" or "one of the prophets," whereupon Jesus directly asks them, "And you – who do you say that I am?" Peter is the only one who speaks – "You are the Messiah!" he proclaims – whereupon Jesus orders them not to tell anyone about him.

This passage appears in all three synoptic gospels. In Matthew and Mark the conversation takes place on the road to Caesarea Philippi; in Luke it occurs while Jesus and the disciples are secluded in prayer. Obviously, this is an important story for all three evangelists, and in today's column I'd like to explore why it is such a pivotal story in the Gospel of Mark.

Mark's gospel is the first and shortest of the gospels, comprising only sixteen chapters. The first half of the gospel takes place in Galilee, where Jesus preaches, teaches, and performs miracles. The second half of the gospel moves towards Jerusalem, where

" . . . the Son of Man had to suffer much, be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, be put to death, and rise three days later." (Mk 8:31)

Today's reading, from Chapter 8, is found at the approximate half-way point of the gospel. In a very real sense, it marks a "turning point" in the mission and ministry of Jesus: as the narrative shifts from Nazareth to Jerusalem, Jesus' Galilean ministry of healing and preaching gives way to the suffering and death Jesus will endure in Jerusalem.

What I have always found puzzling about this passage is that the disciples (except Peter) are so conspicuous in their silence. After all: in Galilee, did not all twelve disciples see Jesus raise a little girl from death? (Mk 5:35-43) And, earlier in this chapter, were not all twelve present when Jesus fed the four-thousand with seven loaves and a few fish? (Mark 8:1-9) Apparently, even though the disciples were present to witness these extraordinary events, they nevertheless appear unsure of his identity when asked, "Who do you say that I am?"

I'd like to suggest that the question posed by Jesus on the road to Caesarea Philippi is not simply directed to the disciples; rather, it is directed to all who read or hear the gospel. Looking at the gospel as a whole, Mark's *modus operandi* appears to be:

- i] *Here are the things that Jesus said.*
- ii] *Here are the things that Jesus did.*
- iii] *Now: what do you believe about Jesus? (Who do you say that I am?)*

The original Gospel of Mark ends with the empty tomb. The three women encounter a young man, dressed in white. "You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified. He has been raised. He is not here." It's almost as if Mark is saying, "Here is the empty tomb. What do you believe?"

Which is another way of asking the question, "Who do you say that I am?"

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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