

**Readings for the Week of September 18**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	Is 55: 6-9; PHIL 1: 20c-24, 27a; MT 20: 1-16a
<b>MONDAY</b>	EZR 1: 1-6; LK 8: 16-18
<b>TUESDAY</b>	EZR 6: 7-8, 12b, 14-20; LK 8: 19-21
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	EPH 4: 1-7, 11-13; MT 9: 9-13;
<b>THURSDAY</b>	HG 1: 1-8; LK 9: 7-9
<b>FRIDAY</b>	HG 2: 1-9; LK 9: 18-22
<b>SATURDAY VIGIL</b>	EZ 18: 25-28; PHIL 2: 1-11; MT 21: 28-32

**Ministers Schedule  
for Next Week September 24 & 25**

<b>4:15</b>	<b>10:00</b>
Lector: D. Aikins	1 Lector: D. Aikins
Bread: E. Perea	2 Lector: R. Bral
Cup: D. B. Aikins	1 Bread: E. Miller
Hosp: R. Jones	2 Bread: D. Tejada
<b>8:30</b>	3 Bread:
Lector: S. Cabatic	1 Cup: C. Allen
Bread: J. Newman	2 Cup: J. Schelstrate
Cup: J. Marasco	Hosp: B. Cassidy
Hosp: J. Propster	

**Parish Calendar**

Sun, Sep 18	- Faith Formation 9:15, Parish Hall
Mon, Sep 19	-
Tues, Sep 20	- SVdP Sandwich Tuesday 7:00am, Parish Kitchen - SVdP Grocery Distribution 1:00pm, Sammon Hall
Wed, Sep 21	- Social Committee 1:30pm, Avila Hall
Thur, Sep 22	-
Fri, Sep 23	-
Sat, Sep 24	- Joe Beresford Funeral 10:00am, Church - AA Meeting 7:00pm, Avila Hall
Sun, Sep 25	- Faith Formation 9:15, Parish Hall

**MASS INTENTIONS**

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

<b>Saturday, September 17</b>	4:15pm + <u>Ann McGee</u> Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)
<b>Sunday, September 18</b>	8:30am The People of the Parish 10:00am + <u>Vincent Ceccarelli</u>
<b>Tuesday, September 20</b>	8:30am + <u>Rita Merlino</u>
<b>Friday, September 23</b>	8:30am + <u>Irene Edwards</u>
<b>Saturday, September 24</b>	4:15pm + <u>Barbara Johnson</u> Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)
<b>Sunday, September 25</b>	8:30am The People of the Parish 10:00am + <u>Ruth Allen</u>

**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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| <input type="checkbox"/> New Parishioner       | <input type="checkbox"/> New Address             | <input type="checkbox"/> New Phone                          |
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**WE WELCOME YOU TO  
ST. TERESA OF AVILA CATHOLIC CHURCH**

ADMINISTERED BY THE CARMELITES

**SEPTEMBER 18, 2011  
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**



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**OFFICE HOURS**

9:30am to 12:30pm  
1:00pm to 5:00pm

**Please visit our website:  
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.*

### WHAT EXCEPTIONAL EVENT COMES TO MIND ABOUT A RETIRED PRIEST..?

How has one of our retired priests been a special person for you or your family? Did he help you through a tough time or maybe celebrate a milestone in your family's sacramental life?

There are almost ninety priests in our Archdiocese who are retired. Almost all of these retired priests stay active to the degree they can. Our retired priests are even now regularly asked to celebrate Mass, perform baptisms, witness marriages, hold funeral services, mentor younger priests, and hear confessions. Many of them celebrate important dates during their retirement years, reaching a 60th anniversary of ordination and beyond. Many of these men take care of their personal needs themselves, and depend on the Priests' Retirement Fund for assistance.

On Friday, October 21st, at 1:00pm, we are holding the First Annual St. John Vianney luncheon at St. Mary's Cathedral. This gathering will honor the retired priests of the Archdiocese and help raise funds for the Priests' Retirement Fund. It will be a wonderful opportunity to show your appreciation to the retired priests for the many ways you have been blessed by them who have done so much for your Catholic life of faith.

For reservation and tickets, you may call the Parish office or contact the Office of Development at 614-5580 or email at

sfdevelopment@sfarchdiocese.org

### SECOND COLLECTION

**September 17 & 18**

This weekend our parish will participate in the special collection for the Priests' Retirement Fund. Please prayerfully reflect on how you can best contribute to the Priests' Retirement Fund.

**September 24 & 25**

Next weekend the second collection will benefit the St. Teresa Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

### WEEKEND COLLECTION

**September 10 & 11**

**First Collection \$ 1,439**

### 2011 AAA UPDATE

As of August 30:

Assessed Amount: \$26,600  
Amount Received: \$12,676 (48%)  
Additional Pledged: \$ 1,150 (4%)  
Amount Needed: \$12,774 (48%)

### TRANSFORMING GRIEF

Transforming Grief is a day of spiritual retreat for those who are grieving the death of a loved one. Come together with others who are grieving and presenter, Barbara Elordi (Archdiocese of San Francisco), on Saturday, October 29, from 9:30am – 2:30pm at St. Roberts in San Bruno.

Please call Barbara Elordi at 415-614-5506 if you would like to attend.

### MONTHLY DONORS & SECOND COLLECTIONS – AUGUST

First Collection	\$ 3,360
Building & Maintenance	\$ 625
Assumption	\$ 56
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 865
Famine Relief	\$ 1,063

*"The Journey of a Lifetime"* is the story of our lives as disciples of Jesus. Anyone who would like to join a group on this journey is invited to contact Sr. Maureen as soon as possible. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a process for adults to:

1. look into the Catholic Church, or
2. learn more about their church if they are already baptized Catholic, or
3. Prepare to receive Eucharist and/or Confirmation if they are Catholic and have not received these Sacraments.

Catholics, people of other faiths and people of no particular faith gather together to share their stories, ask their questions and pray about what God is asking of them. No one is required to join the church.

A group will begin meeting in Avila Hall on Sunday, September 25 after the 10am Mass. All are welcome.

### "HAVE MERCY ON US"

Twice during the Liturgy – at the *Kyrie* and at the *Agnus Dei* – we ask the Lord to "have mercy on us". What do we mean when we utter this prayer?

Most would probably suggest that, when God has mercy on us, He spares us from some form of punishment. In this view, God is like the judge who has mercy on a convicted defendant: the judge "has mercy" on the person when he grants clemency or suspends the sentence rather than send the person to prison.

While it is true that God has mercy on us when he spares us from punishment due to sin, this notion of mercy is somewhat limited because it reduces God to nothing more than a judge. The truth is that, in the Bible, mercy is understood in a much broader sense. To put it simply and succinctly, when God has mercy on us it means that God does for us what we cannot do for ourselves.

This notion of mercy has its roots in – of all things – the spoils of war! In the ancient world, when a nation went to war, those left behind had to "tighten their belts," sacrificing, rationing, and getting by with less in order that resources might be directed towards the war effort. When the victors returned home with the spoils, those left behind welcomed the conquering heroes with cries "begging mercy." Essentially, they asked the victors to share with them the spoils of war, providing for them those things that they did not have or could not provide for themselves.

Returning to the Liturgy, let us take, as an example, one of the options from the Penitential Rite, form C:

- *You raise the dead to life in the spirit: Lord, have mercy.*
- *You bring pardon and peace to the sinner: Christ, have mercy.*
- *You bring light to those in darkness: Lord, have mercy.*

Notice how God does for us what we cannot do for ourselves. God "raises the dead," "brings pardon and peace," and "brings light." These are things that we are incapable of doing ourselves, and we plead with God – who is all-powerful and can do all things – to do them for us. Examining the other options for Penitential Rite C, we notice that this pattern is consistently repeated. All of the petitions have virtually nothing to do with the taking away of punishment due to sin. Instead, they deal with the almighty power of God whom we call upon to do those things for us that we cannot do for ourselves.

Michael Kwiecien, O.Carm.

*The new translation of the Roman Missal goes into effect on the First Sunday of Advent. This is one in a series of bulletin articles which both examine parts of the Mass and focus on elements of the new translation.*