

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.

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.

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FAITH FORMATION

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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

If every U.S. household used the most-efficient washers, it could save the equivalent of up to 40 million barrels of oil a year! For more savings, consider washing full loads of laundry with cooler water. Using hot water for both washing and rinsing uses three and a half times more energy than washing in warm water and rinsing in cold. Additionally, take advantage of San Francisco's Indian summer by hanging up damp clothes to dry rather than using the clothes dryer. Added bonus? Clothes can sometimes last longer when you line dry because there's less wear and tear than when you use the dryer.

Please join us in welcoming to our parish community:



Quinny Emma Pesamino
Tusea, the daughter of Nicanor
Tusea & Valelia Tusea. Quinny
will be baptized by Rev. Michael
Kwiecien, O. Carm. this Sunday
at the 10 am Mass.

Please join us as we celebrate
the the marriage of



Alicia Moreira and Eduardo Fenili
Who were married at St. Teresa's
this Saturday by Rev. Michael
Kwiecien, O. Carm.

SANDWICH TUESDAY



The faithful sandwich makers will meet on Tuesdays, September 20 & 27 to make over 200 sandwiches each day for delivery to the St. Vincent de Paul Shelter.

WE WELCOME YOU TO ST. TERESA OF AVILA CATHOLIC CHURCH

SERVED BY THE CARMELITES



SEPTEMBER 18, 2016 TWENTY-FIFTH 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.

Parish Calendar

- Sun, Sep 18 - Coffee & Donuts, following
8:30 & 10 am Mass
- Mon, Sep 19 - Choir Practice, 6:30pm
- AA Step Meeting, 6:30pm
- Tue, Sep 20 - SVdP Sandwich Tuesday
9:00am, Parish Kitchen
- SVdP Grocery Distribution
1:00 pm, Parish Hall
- Sat, Sep 24 - AA Meeting, 7pm, Avila
- Sun, Sep 25 - Coffee & Donuts, following
10 am Mass

MASS INTENTIONS

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

- 4:15pm **Saturday, September 17**
† Anita Sorokolit
Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)
- 8:30am **Sunday, September 18**
The People of the Parish
10:00am † Vincent Cocciolone & Kathleen
Lynch
- 8:30am **Tuesday, September 20**
The Deceased of the Parish
- 8:30am **Friday, September 23**
The Sick of the Parish
- 4:15pm **Saturday, September 24**
The People of the Parish
Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)
- 8:30am **Sunday, September 25**
The People of the Parish
10:00am † Edward & Laura Markey

SECOND COLLECTIONS

September 17 & 18

This weekend our parish is taking up a special collection to support the Priests' Retirement Fund. It will help ensure this Fund stays healthy and hearty and continues to provide minimal monthly pensions as well as health insurance to our retired priests. As you may know, the retirement years can be difficult for our priests. No longer supported by their parish communities, they rely on minimal Social Security benefits and their pension for basic needs.

September 24 & 25

Next weekend our second collection benefits the St. Teresa Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

SEPTEMBER 10 & 11

\$2,043

THANK YOU!

Ministers Schedule for Next Week September 24 & 25

4:15 PM		10:00 AM
Lector: T. Jackson		1 Lector: C. Arett
Bread: A. Rose		2 Lector: T. Labuguen
Cup: B. Noelke		1 Bread: R. Labuguen
Hosp: R. Jones		2 Bread: M. Suisala
		3 Bread: K. Schelstrate
8:30 AM		1 Cup: C. Allen
Lector: T. Lang		2 Cup: J. Schelstrate
Bread: J. Newman		Hosp: L. Mastrangelo
Cup: S. Lang		
Hosp: T. Lando		

THE TROUBLING PARABLE OF THE DISHONEST MANAGER

After 36 years of priesthood (and over 1800 homilies), I've come to the realization that, for the people in the pews, this week's Gospel contains the second most offensive parable in the entire New Testament. Today's puzzling text chronicles the antics of a dishonest steward who is about to be fired for the mismanagement of his master's property. Realizing that he is about to be sacked, the unscrupulous manager contacts his master's debtors and cuts each a deal: a hundred jars of oil is reduced to fifty, while a hundred measures of wheat becomes eighty. In doing this, the manager hopes ". . . to make sure that people will take me into their homes when I am let go."

One would suspect that the owner would condemn such devious behavior, and herein lies the parable's twist: The owner gives the devious employee credit for being enterprising!

For centuries both scripture scholars and people in the pews have been puzzled by this parable, and both have been hard-pressed to make sense of Jesus' apparently blatant approval of such dishonesty. Perhaps the most widespread attempt at a reasonable explanation is to suggest that the manager wasn't cheating his master at all. In this context, the fifty jars of oil and twenty measures of wheat represent the manager's "commission" for administering his master's affairs. Essentially, the dishonest manager is like your stock broker who takes a commission every time you make a trade or transaction. In this view, the manager is enterprising because, by forgoing his commission, everyone comes out ahead: the owner is happy because he's been paid; the debtors are happy because they've received a discount; and the manager is happy because he enjoys good standing, both with his boss and his clients. It is also worthy to note that such an interpretation also allows scripture scholars and church-going Christians to save face, since it saves us the embarrassment of Jesus endorsing a scoundrel.

A similar, face-saving maneuver is an interpretation which assumes that it is the owner who is dishonest. In this interpretation, the manager's discount to the two debtors is a remission of the interest that the owner is illegally charging. Once again, such an interpretation gets Jesus off the hook; unfortunately, there is nothing in the gospel text to suggest that the owner is anything but honest. Furthermore, such an interpretation transforms the dishonest manager into an honorable person of integrity, which is the exact opposite of the way he's presented in the text.

It is important to note that it is the owner who commends the manager's actions and gives him credit for being enterprising. Jesus, in telling the parable, steps back from the incident and draws a religious conclusion: children of this age (or children of the world) have more practical wisdom than "children of the light". Jesus seems to imply that the "children of the light" need to respond to the situation and make a decision regarding conversion and discipleship. Such an application, however, is not immediately obvious in our interpretation of the parable.

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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