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SAVE THE DATE

October 16, 2012
7pm – 9pm
Sammon Hall

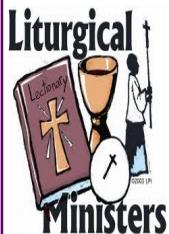
Meet and greet your fellow parishioners and attend a talk by guest author Marty Brounstein – who will discuss his book *TWO AMONG THE RIGHTEOUS FEW* – the story of a Catholic family called to truly live their faith.

LAY CARMELITES

The Lay Carmelites at St. Teresa’s will hold an open house at 11 a.m. in the parish hall on the next two First Saturdays (Oct. 6 and Nov. 3).

Anyone interested is invited. They will briefly describe what it means to be a Lay Carmelite and entertain questions.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS



We will be commissioning all new & current liturgical ministers, lectors, catechists and musicians at all Masses next weekend, September 29 & 30. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend one of these Masses.

We are called to help our neighbors. What better way than being prepared to care for ourselves and each other after a disaster. St. Teresa’s is hosting NERT-Neighborhood Emergency Response Team - training:

Tuesday evenings
6:30-9:00
October 9—November 11
(6 weeks)

Call 970-2024 to enroll or enroll online (sf-fire.org) - just search for NERT. Please invite a neighbor to come with you! If you have questions, see Lynn Jacklevich.



Today’s second reading warns that a heart consumed with avarice and envy leads to jealousy, strife, conflicts, and disputes. A giving heart, in contrast, can sing instead with the psalmist:

“Freely will I offer you sacrifice;
I will praise your name, O Lord,
for its goodness.”

See Psalm 54

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

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

SERVED BY THE CARMELITES



**SEPTEMBER 23, 2012
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**



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OFFICE HOURS

10:00am to 12:30pm
1:00pm to 4:30pm

**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.

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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 23 - Good Shepherd, 9:00am
 - Faith Formation, 9:00am
 Tue, Sep 25 - SVdP Sandwich Tuesday
 7:00am, Parish Kitchen
 - SVdP Grocery Distribution
 1:00pm, Parish Hall
 - Ministry of Consolation
 1:30pm, Rectory
 Sat, Sep 29 -AA Meeting
 7:00pm, Avila Hall
 Sun, Sep 30 - Good Shepherd & Faith
 Formation Family Meeting
 9:00am, Sammon Hall

WEEKEND COLLECTION

September 15 & 16

\$1,158

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Saturday, September 22

4:15pm + Virginia Burt
 Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

Sunday, September 23

8:30am The People of the Parish
 10:00am + Vincent Ceccarelli

Tuesday, September 25

8:30am + Frances M. Cheney

Friday, September 28

8:30am + Joaquin Ehachiz

Saturday, September 29

4:15pm Little Children's Aid
 Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

Sunday, September 30

8:30am The People of the Parish
 10:00am + Deceased Members of the
 St. Vincent de Paul Conference

SECOND COLLECTION

September 22 & 23

There will be no second collection this weekend.

September 29 & 30

The second collection next weekend benefits the St. Teresa's Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Is your marriage in trouble? Are you looking for help? Retrouvaille (retro-vī) has helped tens of thousands of couples save their marriages. This program can help you too. For confidential information about or to register for the next San Francisco program beginning with a weekend on November 2 -4, 2012.

Call **415.893.1005** or
 email: SF@RetiroCA.com or
 visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com



"Whoever receives
 one child such as
 this in my name,
 receives me."

Mark 9:37

Ministers Schedule for Next Week September 29 & 30

4:15		10:00 AM
Lector:	D. Aikins	1 Lector: L. Jacklevich
Bread:	J. Daddio	2 Lector: M. Schelstrate
Cup:	J. Burns	1 Bread: C. Arett
Hosp:	M. Comaich	2 Bread: M.K. Law
		3 Bread: J. Warnock
8:30 AM		1 Cup: C. Allen
Lector:	J. Propster	2 Cup: R. Labuguen
Bread:	R. Kingman	Hosp: J. Warnock
Cup:	M. Walters	
Hosp:	T. Lando	

THE FAGAN WINDOW: THE LAST SUPPER

At St. Teresa's there are seventeen windows on the main floor of the Church. These window – which mostly date from the 1930s – are in need of restoration. This is being done as funds become available, and, since we began the project, nine of the seventeen windows have been restored. Each month one issue of the pastor's column focuses on a particular window, and this month we examine the Fagan window depicting the Last Supper.

Certainly, over the centuries one of the most popular biblical subjects has been the Last Supper of Jesus. The most famous rendition, of course, is that of Leonardo DaVinci, which measures 15 x 29 feet and is on a wall of the refectory (dining hall) in the Convent of Santa Maria delle Grazie in Milan. In San Francisco, St. Teresa's Last Supper is not quite as grand. Our window measures 5½ x 6½ feet and occupies the second frame from the rear on the west side of the Church.

In examining our Last Supper window – or, for that matter, virtually any artwork depicting the Last Supper – we are immediately struck as to how extraordinarily *inaccurate* these historical renditions are. For example, in our window notice how Jesus and the disciples are seated, on benches, around a table. In the first-century Roman Empire, the practice would not be to sit around table; rather, the practice would be to recline at table. The tables themselves might be of coffee-table height, and the dinner guests would prop themselves up on cushions or pillows as they ate their meal. Lying on cushions around a coffee table might appear be bizarre in 2012, but it would have been common practice in 29 A.D.

A second thing to notice would be the gold cup held by Jesus. Even in the ancient world gold was a precious commodity, and neither fishermen (apostles) or carpenters (Jesus) would even use or possess such a treasure. In fact, the cup in our window more closely resembles a chalice . . . again, an item which would be incongruous with a Passover Meal celebrated by Jesus and the disciples in the upper room. Along these same lines, notice that the food on the table – bread and wine – is the material of Eucharist. Usual Passover fare – such as roasted lamb and bitter herbs – is conspicuously absent from the tableau.

Of course, the artist is not as concerned about maintaining historical accuracy as he is about making a theological statement. In Christian Theology, the Last Supper is not simply a Passover Meal but is the institution of the Eucharist. Although most scholars would cringe at the notion of the Last Supper as the "First Mass," the fact remains that our celebration of the Eucharist does have its origins in Jesus' words and actions on the night before he died. For this reason we should be neither surprised nor alarmed with artists' renditions of the Last Supper that more closely resemble the celebration of the Eucharist rather than the Exodus from Egypt. Why? because, from a theological perspective, such renditions are absolutely correct.

On a final note, note the figure of Judas in the right foreground, clutching the money bag near his chest. Every figure except Judas has both light (white) facial features and a halo. Judas, however, is shrouded in darkness (he looks like he's covered with coal dust), and – as the only character without a halo – is obviously the betrayer of Jesus. As for the other figures in the window, the young man to Jesus' right is obviously John ("the disciple Jesus loved"), but there do not appear any other "clues" that would enable us to identify the other apostles.

Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm.