

## SUNDAY SANDWICHES

We are seeking volunteers to make sandwiches for distribution to the homeless after the 10 o'clock Mass on Sundays. We need people who are able to shop for supplies, assemble sandwiches, and distribute them to homeless in our area. We have scheduled a meeting for those interested this Sunday, September 24 following the 10 o'clock Mass in Avila Hall.

**GOD IS CALLING YOU!** A vocation – marriage, priesthood, religious life, etc. - is a call to love and every baptized person has one! But perhaps you're feeling a tug to give your heart to Jesus exclusively, sitting at His feet like Mary Magdalene, or perhaps you've wondered what life is like as a cloistered nun? If you're a single, Catholic woman between the ages of 18-38 years, we invite you to spend a day of discernment with the Cloistered Dominican Nuns of Corpus Christi Monastery in Menlo Park, CA. Catch a glimpse of the same hidden life of love that has been lived at the heart of the Church and the Dominican Order since Saint Dominic founded the first community of Dominican nuns in 1206.

Contact Sister Joseph Marie, O.P., at: [vocations@nunsmenlo.org](mailto:vocations@nunsmenlo.org), or visit our website at <http://nunsmenlo.org/discernment-days/> to learn more and to register for one of our upcoming **Come and See Days**: Saturday, October 21, 2017; and Saturday January 20, 2018. The event will be from 8:00 AM to 5:30 PM and is free.



Our St. Vincent de Paul Conference is holding a Food Drive throughout the month of September. Baskets have been set up in the church for your donations.

**MOST NEEDED:** Soup, fruit, meat (tuna, spam, Vienna sausage, etc.)

Due to past generosity, these items are **NOT NEEDED** at this time: Canned corn or any type of beans (including green beans)

## REGISTERED . . . ?

Are you a registered parishioner? If not, please take a moment to complete the form in this bulletin and drop it in the collection basket, especially your email address.

We use this information to keep our parishioners informed of events in the parish & diocese that affect our community.

This information is never shared outside of the parish office. We rarely send out more than one email per month. If you did not receive an email regarding the Food Drive, we do not have your email (or we have an incorrect one).

Please join us at the 4:15 Mass as we celebrate the 50th wedding anniversary of



Ray and JoAnn (Lindquist) Juarez, who were married at St. Teresa's Church.

## PASTORAL COUNCIL

We are seeking 2 parishioners to join our Pastoral Council. The Council meets on the second Tuesday of each month, from 7-9pm, September—May.

The Pastoral Council advises the parish administration on various aspects of community life at St. Teresa's.

Please see either Fr. Mike or call the office if you are interested in joining.

## ST TERESA'S GREEN TEAM

On September 1st, Pope Francis and Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople issued a joint statement on the environment to mark the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. Staying true to the themes expressed in Laudato Si and the first Patriarchal Encyclical issued in 1989, they issued a joint statement inviting everyone "to take an attitude of respect and responsibility toward creation."

# We Welcome You To St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church

Served by the Carmelites



## September 24, 2017 TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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LOCATED ON THE NE CORNER OF 19TH & CONNECTICUT STREETS

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### OFFICE HOURS

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

Website: [stteresasf.org](http://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

Jim Schelstrate Steve Miller  
David Paquette Ron Labuguen  
Judy Warnock Victoria Flores

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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.*

**MASS INTENTIONS**

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

4:15pm **Saturday, September 23**  
The People of the Parish  
Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

8:30am **Sunday, September 24**  
Canonization of Frederic Ozanam  
10:00am † Edward & Laura Markey

8:30am **Tuesday, September 26**  
Tyler Murray (Spec. Int.)

8:30am **Friday, September 29**  
Deidre Buckley Murray (Spec. Int.)

4:15pm **Saturday, September 30**  
The People of the Parish  
Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

8:30am **Sunday, October 1**  
† Edwina Fenili  
10:00am † Rachael Cariglia

**Parish Calendar**

- Sun, Sep 24 - Faith Formation, 9:00am, Hall  
- Sunday Sandwich Meeting  
11:00am, Avila Hall
- Mon, Sep 25 - Choir Practice, 6:30pm  
- AA Step Meeting, 6:30pm
- Tue, Sep 26 - SVdP Sandwich Tuesday  
9:00am, Parish Kitchen  
- SVdP Grocery Distribution  
1:00pm, Church Hall
- Sat, Sep 30 - AA Meeting, 7pm, Avila
- Sun, Oct 1 - Faith Formation, 9:00am, Hall

**SECOND COLLECTIONS**

**September 23 & 24**

This week's second collection benefits the St. Teresa Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

**September 30 & October 1**

Next week's second collection benefits the St. Teresa Building & Maintenance Fund.

**MONTHLY DONORS & SECOND COLLECTIONS — AUGUST**

First Collection (Monthly Donors Only)	\$2,112
Building & Maintenance	\$2,242
Garden Fund	\$ 454
Piano Fund	\$ 185
St. Vincent de Paul	\$1,936

**WEEKEND COLLECTION**

(Envelope Donors & Loose Cash)

**SEPTEMBER 16 & 17**

**\$1,340**

**THANK YOU!**

**Ministers Schedule for Next Week  
September 30 & October 1**

<b>4:15 PM</b>		<b>10:00 AM</b>	
Lector:	R.M. Ostler	1 Lector:	T. Labuguen
Bread:	E. Perea	2 Lector:	D. Churton
Cup:	E. Perea	1 Bread:	J. Schelstrate
Hosp:	J. Marasco	2 Bread:	J. Warnock
		3 Bread:	K. McMahan
<b>8:30 AM</b>		1 Cup:	C. Allen
Lector:	T. Lang	2 Cup:	G. McGrath
Bread:	P. English	Hosp:	J. Warnock
Cup:	S. Lang		
Hosp:	T. Lando		

**PARABLES ABOUT GOD**

After 37 years of priesthood – preaching every Sunday – I can confidently say that this Sunday's Gospel is, perhaps, the one most disliked by the assembly. Today's parable from Matthew describes the owner of an estate hiring workman for his vineyard. He hires the first group at dawn, the second at mid-morning, the third and fourth at noon and mid-afternoon, and the fifth at late afternoon. At the end of the day he pays everyone a full day's wage, and those who worked a full day complained:

*“... you have put (those who did an hour's work) on the same basis as us who have worked a full day in the scorching heat.”*

Like the workers in the vineyard, what irks so many readers is the apparent *unfairness* of the owner:

*“When those who were hired late in the afternoon . . . received a full day's pay, . . . [the first group] supposed they would get more; yet they received the same daily wage.”*

The owner replies that he did them no injustice, that they agreed on the usual wage. He continues by saying that it's his money and he's free do with it as he pleases. Quite correctly, the owner states that some workers are envious because he is generous, and the parable concludes with a familiar saying of Jesus: *“Thus the last shall be first and the first shall be last.”*

The compliment to today's Gospel is found in the first reading from Isaiah:

*“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts.”*

Isaiah's point – which is echoed in other prophets as well – is that although human beings are made in God's image, it is a mistake to assume that God is made in our image. When God acts like God – as the owner acts in today's Gospel – we (human beings) think it unfair or unjust. When the owner acts like God we are angry. Why? because we expect him to act like us.

Today's parable is a parable about God, and there are other parables about God as well. Probably the most famous is found in Luke, the *Parable of the Prodigal Son*. Many of us focus on the wayward son and how he returns to his father to beg forgiveness. However, the profound meaning of the parable lies, not in the repentance of the son, but rather in the mercy of the father. The father welcomes his son with open arms and kills the fatted calf to celebrate the prodigal's return. The other son is outraged because he finds the father's response unwarranted. The bottom line is that the other son is upset because the father acts like God and he wants him to act like us. For this reason the *Parable of the Prodigal Son* should more properly named the *Parable of the Forgiving Father*.

Isaiah, Matthew and Luke offer examples of how God is so *different* than us, but perhaps the following quotation best crystalizes the point that the Prophets and Evangelists are trying to make:

*“God created man in his own image. And man, being a gentleman, kindly returned the favor.”*  
– (Source Unknown, but usually attributed to Mark Twain)

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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