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OF
LISIEUX
OCTOBER, 1
2015

**I ONLY
HAVE
TODAY**




As the Carmelites prepare to celebrate the Feast of St. Therese of Lisieux on October 1, we invite you to reflect with us on her spirituality and share your own experience of the divine at:
www.carmelites.net

Please check the bulletin boards in the vestibule & hall for upcoming events or special notices from the Archdiocese.

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



Our current count is **1100 CANS** for our **CANNED FOOD DRIVE**. Our **GOAL** was **1000 CANS** to replenish our limited supplies. **We have exceeded our goal with one weekend to go!!**

We are asking that you bring **CANNED SOUPS, FRUITS, VEGETABLES, BEANS, MEAT AND FISH**. Baskets will be available on the altar, in the Vestibule and in the Hall.

This food will be most welcome to those served by the Tuesday grocery bag program, as well as the Thanksgiving boxes.

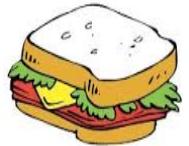
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**CLASSES HAVE
BEGUN!!**

If you have not yet registered your child/ren for classes, please contact Anarose Schelstrate to make arrangements to enroll in one of our programs



Adult Catholics who have not received either Confirmation or First Eucharist are asked to see Father Kwiecien or call the parish office if you would like to be prepared for these Sacraments.



**SANDWICH
TUESDAY**

The faithful sandwich makers will meet on Tuesday, September 29 following the 8:30am Mass to make over 200 sandwiches for delivery to the St. Vincent de Paul Shelter.

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 27, 2015
TWENTY-SIXTH 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, Sept 27 - Faith Formation, 9am, Hall
 Mon, Sept 28 - AA Meeting, 6:30pm, Avila
 - Choir Practice, 6:30pm
 Tue, Sept 29 - SVdP Sandwich Tuesday
 9:00am, Parish Kitchen
 - SVdP Grocery Distribution
 1:00 pm, Church Hall
 Sat, Oct 3 - Lay Carmelite Meeting
 10:00am, Avila
 - AA Meeting, 7pm, Church Hall
 Sun, Oct 4 - Faith Formation, 9:00am, Hall

MASS INTENTIONS

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

4:15pm **Saturday, September 26**
 † Agostino Sicoli
 Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

8:30am **Sunday, September 27**
 10:00am The People of the Parish
Canonization of Frederick Ozanam

8:30am **Tuesday, September 29**
 † The Deceased Poor

8:30am **Friday, October 2**
 † Tonsi Zidich

4:15pm **Saturday, October 3**
 † Sr. Maureen O'Brien, BVM
 Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

8:30am **Sunday, October 4**
 10:00am The People of the Parish
 † Rachael Cariglia

SECOND COLLECTIONS

September 26 & 27

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

October 3 & 4

The second collection next week benefits the St. Teresa Building & Maintenance Fund.

The Mass Intention book for 2016 is now available. If there are special dates on which you would like to dedicate a Mass to a loved one, please contact the Parish Office.

WEEKEND FIRST COLLECTION

SEPTEMBER 19 & 20

**\$1,614
 THANK YOU!**

Ministers Schedule for Next Week October 3 & 4

4:15 PM		10:00 AM
Lector: R.M. Ostler		1 Lector: M. Schelstrate
Bread: F. Patt		2 Lector: B. Doyle
Cup: E. Perea		1 Bread: S. Miller
Hosp: R. Jones		2 Bread: J. Warnock
		3 Bread: M.K. Law
8:30 AM		1 Cup: C. Allen
Lector: K. Causey		2 Cup: J. Schelstrate
Bread: J. Newman		Hosp: J. Warnock
Cup: R. Kingman		
Hosp: T. Lando		

PROBLEMS WITH "RECEIVING THE SPIRIT" OR "SPEAKING WITH THE AUTHORITY OF GOD"

Today's first and third readings are taken from the Book of Numbers and the Gospel of Mark, respectively. These readings parallel each other in that each deals with people who either "prophesy" or claim to speak with the authority of God. These "problem prophets" are brought to the attention of Moses and Jesus . . . but I find that the way that Moses and Jesus deal with the situations provides us with very few "guidelines" for dealing with such "prophets" of today.

In the first reading, God speaks to Moses on the mountain, bestowing upon him the spirit. Moses in turn bestows this spirit on seventy of the elders, who then begin to prophesy. This is not a problem until they return from the mountain to camp. There they find that two men who remained behind also appear to have received the spirit. When these two men prophesy, Joshua asks Moses to stop them. Moses refuses to do so; instead, he appears to recognize the legitimacy of their action.

A similar situation is described in today's gospel. One of the disciples informs Jesus that a man has been using Jesus' name to expel demons. The disciples tried to stop him "because he is not one of our company," but Jesus, like Moses in the earlier reading, does not take action. Apparently, Jesus allows the man to continue his practice of expelling demons in Jesus' name.

The point that the biblical authors are trying to make is that this phenomenon of being possessed by the spirit and/or speaking and acting with the authority of God is very much a part of our Judeo-Christian tradition. The scriptures overflow with examples of God speaking through people. For example: the familiar pattern of prophetic discourse begins with "The Word of the Lord came to me thus . . .", and we have other examples – such as the boy Samuel or the husband of Mary, Joseph – who experienced the revelation of God in their dreams.

Our Christian history likewise is filled with people who experienced privileged revelations from God. Two examples of this phenomenon are the children of Fatima and Juan Diego at Tepeyac (Our Lady of Guadalupe). In each of these cases the people who experienced the apparition were instructed to deliver messages to the world, messages which – at least initially – fell on deaf ears.

This week's readings point to a recurring, underlying problem, both for people of faith and the Church: How does one distinguish between a true, legitimate revelation of God from one that is delusional? To put it in practical terms: at times I have been approached by someone who "heard voices," had a vision, or was instructed by God to deliver a message. Usually, my initial response is to enquire whether the person is under psychiatric care or using prescription medication, but – flippancy and cynicism aside – the point I am trying to make is that it is very difficult to determine whether a person's revelatory experience is genuinely from God or is nothing more than the product of human imagination.

Ultimately, it is up to the Church to determine the validity of such phenomena. This involves a process that often takes years, a process which takes into account both the credibility of the person who received the revelation and the "shared wisdom" of those charged with determining its legitimacy. And because this process is so complicated, time-consuming and intense, the responses by Moses' and Jesus' in today's readings are naive and simplistic: they do not help us when we have to deal with those who claim that God spoke to them and that they, in turn, are speaking with the authority of God.

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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