

**Welcome to all Parishioners,
Guests and Newcomers
at St. Teresa's.**

You are always warmly welcome, but the first Saturday and Sunday of each month we make a special point of spending time to get to know one another.

If you are visiting our church today, know that we are honored by your presence. Our parish serves the needs of the community in many different ways. We offer preparation for sacraments, education for children and adults, social activities, assistance to those in difficulty, comfort to the sick and those who mourn a loss. If we can be of service to you, do not hesitate to call on us.

If you have not already done so, please take a moment to make a name badge in the vestibule. If you are here early reading your bulletin, say hello to someone sitting close by, particularly if you have not met before. Join us after the 10am Mass on Sunday for refreshments and fellowship in our Hall.

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



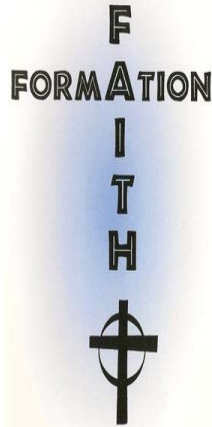
As of September 1st, our SVDP Conference is holding a **CANNED FOOD DRIVE** for our pantry.

Our **GOAL** is **1000 CANS!!** to replenish our limited supply. We ask that you bring **CANNED SOUPS, FRUITS, VEGETABLES, BEANS, MEAT AND FISH.** Baskets will be available in the Church.

To kick off the drive, SVDP members will speak at all Sept. 12th & 13th liturgies. We hope to reach our goal by 9/27, the Feast Day of St. Vincent de Paul.



Please join us as we celebrate the convalidation of the marriage of Szu-Ling & Sebastian Szendzielorz this Sunday at the 10:00am Mass.



**CLASSES BEGIN
NEXT SUNDAY!!**

If you have not yet registered your child/ren for classes, please contact Anarose Schelstrate so she is aware your child/ren will be attending classes this year and proper preparations may be made.

Please note the parish expectation that parents and guardians participate in our Sunday Eucharistic celebrations as they are able and attend a number of our class sessions. The parents are the primary teachers and we are your helpers.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

The Archdiocese will be offering training at Mission Dolores Basilica on Oct. 24 & 31. This training NOT required for to serve as ministers. 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.



In observance of Labor Day the Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 7th

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

SERVED BY THE CARMELITES

**SEPTEMBER 6, 2015
TWENTY-THIRD 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 6 -
 Mon, Sept 7 - Parish Office Closed
 - AA Meeting, 6:30pm, Avila
 Tue, Sept 8 - SVdP Grocery Distribution
 1:00 pm, Church hall
 Sat, Sept 12 - AA Meeting, 7pm, Church Hall
 Sun, Sept 13 - Faith Formation Family
 9:00am, Parish Hall

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Saturday, September 5
 4:15pm + Lucy Miranda
 Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

Sunday, September 6
 8:30am The People of the Parish
 10:00am + Luiz Ponte

Tuesday, September 8
 8:30am The Deceased of the Parish

Friday, September 11
 8:30am The Sick of the Parish

Saturday, September 12
 4:15pm + Mike Comaich
 Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

Sunday, September 13
 8:30am The People of the Parish
 10:00am + Vincent Cocciolone & Kathleen Lynch

SECOND COLLECTIONS

September 5 & 6

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

September 12 & 13

Next week the second collection benefits the Carmelite Seminary Fund.

WEEKEND FIRST COLLECTION

AUGUST 29 & 30

\$1,198

THANK YOU!

MINISTERS SCHEDULES

Schedules for September & October were emailed on Wednesday, September 2nd. Copies are available in the Sacristy and on our website.

Ministers Schedule for Next Week September 12 & 13

4:15 PM		10:00 AM
Lector: J. Kennedy		1 Lector: B. Doyle
Bread: J. Daddio		2 Lector: M. Schelstrate
Cup: B. Baird		1 Bread: C. Arett
Hosp: L. Lechich		2 Bread: K. Schelstrate
		3 Bread: A. Schelstrate
8:30 AM		1 Cup: C. Allen
Lector: P. Diaz		2 Cup: G. McGrath
Bread: D. Paquette		Hosp: K. Varandas
Cup: S. Lang		L. Mastrangelo
Hosp: T. Lando		



THE CARMELITE SHIELD

A couple of weeks ago, I was sitting on the priory front porch when a person from the neighborhood approached with the following question: "What is that symbol that is on the front of the Church?" The person was referring to the *Carmelite Shield*, which is painted on the apex of the church facade facing 19th Street, and I realized that it's been over five years since I've written about the shield.

I first wrote about the shield when the Carmelites assumed responsibility for St. Teresa's parish in 2010. Until that time, St. Teresa's had been a diocesan parish, staffed by priests from the Archdiocese of San Francisco for well over 100 years. When we arrived in 2010, many parishioners wondered if the parish would be "different", now that it was to be staffed by a religious community.

I think that it's fair to say that whenever a religious order staffs a parish some of the order's "charism" is experienced by the parish community. From my perspective as a Carmelite, I would suggest that our "charism" primarily involves two things. First, I hope that the Carmelites convey a down-to-earth spirituality that – like our spiritual founder, Elijah the prophet – seeks to find God in ordinary things (such as the gentle breeze). Second, I hope that, following the spirit of my Carmelite province, we exhibit a spirit of hospitality and welcome, not only to the members of the parish, but also to those who are visitors and guests at our parish liturgies, celebrations, and functions.

One of the ways that we identify our "Carmelite-ness" is through art and symbol. For example: when we refurbished the windows in the vestibule (Teresa of Avila and John of the Cross) we cemented their Carmelite identity by having them clothed in brown and white habits. Additionally, you may have noticed that, when Fr. Greenwell and I wear white vestments, the design on the stole often includes the Carmelite shield. This shield not only graces the facade of the Church, but also appears on our bulletin and website as well.

This shield is an ancient symbol of the Carmelites and its earliest images can be found as far back as the 13th century, the first century of our existence. The principle images of the shield are the mountain and the three stars. On one level, the mountain refers to Mount Carmel where hermits have lived since the time of Elijah the prophet (about 1100 years before Christ).

The symbol of the mountain, however, has an additional meaning: In both the Hebrew and Christian Scripture the mountain is the place where one encounters God. Moses received the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai; Jesus gave us the "New Law" in his Sermon on the Mount (Mt 5); and it is on the Mountain where Jesus was "transfigured" with Moses and Elijah before the apostles Peter, James, and John.

The symbolism of the stars is also quite complex. It has been suggested that the stars symbolize the religious vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience, but an equally valid interpretation is that the three stars refer to the three "patrons" of the Order: Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Elijah the Prophet, and Elijah's successor, Elisha.

On the front page of the bulletin, you'll notice that there is a banner that surrounds the shield. The words are in Latin, and they proclaim, "I am filled with jealous zeal for the Lord God of Hosts!" (1 Kgs 19:14). These are the words of the Prophet Elijah when he encountered the Lord at Mount Horeb, and they are the motto of the Carmelite Order.

Fr. 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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