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Calendar

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.

If you would like to attend the Installation Mass for Archbishop Cordileone on Thursday, October 4th, please contact the Parish Office by end of day Monday, September 10th

WHAT EXCEPTIONAL EVENT COMES TO MIND ABOUT A RETIRED PRIEST?

How has one of our retired priests been a special person for you or your family? Did he help you through a tough time or maybe celebrate a milestone in your family's sacramental life?

There are almost ninety priests in our Archdiocese who are retired. Almost all of these retired priests stay active to the degree they can. Many of these men take care of their personal needs themselves, and depend on the Priests' Retirement Fund for assistance. Our Archdiocesan collection for this

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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| <input type="checkbox"/> New Parishioner | <input type="checkbox"/> New Address | <input type="checkbox"/> New Phone |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Send Sunday envelopes | <input type="checkbox"/> Send Monthly Donor Form | <input type="checkbox"/> Moving—remove from mailing list |

FINANCE COUNCIL

As with any family or institution, fiscal responsibility is a necessity. The Finance Council is charged with the maintenance of our monetary health. It helps the pastor prepare the annual budget, reviews monthly financials, and reports on financial matters to Pastoral Council and parishioners. Additionally, the Council monitors incoming revenues compared to budget.



There is an opening on our Finance Council. The Council meets 4-6 times per year and serves as an advisory board to the pastor. If you would like to nominate yourself for this position, please contact the Parish Office (415.285.5272).

FAREWELL . . .

Please join with your fellow parishioners for a reception honoring Sr. Maureen O'Brien upon her retirement in the parish hall this Sunday following the 10am Mass. The Social Committee will be providing finger foods, pastries & cake and beverages.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

We will be commissioning all new & current liturgical ministers at all the Masses the weekend of September 29 & 30. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend one of the Masses that weekend.

WE WELCOME YOU TO ST. TERESA OF AVILA CATHOLIC CHURCH

SERVED BY THE CARMELITES

SEPTEMBER 9, 2012
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME



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OFFICE HOURS

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

Please visit our website:
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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 9 - Catechists' Meeting, 8:30am
- Faith Formation & Good Shepherd Family Meeting, 9am
- Tue, Sep 11 - SVdP Grocery Distribution
1:00pm, Parish Hall
- Pastoral Council
7:00pm, Avila Hall
- Sat, Sep 15 -AA Meeting
7:00pm, Avila Hall

PASSINGS

We extend our sympathy and prayerful support to the family of Lucy Ceccarelli, a long-time parishioner, who died Thursday, September 6. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Teresa's on Tuesday, September 11 at 11:00am. A reception will follow in the parish hall.

MASS INTENTIONS

As we celebrate Mass together we include in our prayers:

Saturday, September 8

4:15pm The People of the Parish
Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

Sunday, September 9

8:30am + Clare & Clara Foss
10:00am + Joe Beresford

Tuesday, September 11

8:30am The Sick of the Parish

Friday, September 14

8:30am + Frances M. Cheney

Saturday, September 15

4:15pm + Maria Pasquini
Henry Morgan Jr. (Spec. Int.)

Sunday, September 16

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

SECOND COLLECTION

September 8 & 9

The second collection this weekend benefits the Carmelite Seminary.

September 15 & 16

The second collection next weekend benefits the San Francisco Archdiocesan Priests' Retirement Fund. Please see the last page of this bulletin for more information.

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. Please see Fr. Kwiecien's column for more information.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

September 1 & 2
\$1,094

Ministers Schedule for Next Week September 15 & 16

<u>4:15</u>		<u>10:00 AM</u>	
Lector:	B. Baird	1 Lector:	C. Arett
Bread:	J. Burns	2 Lector:	S. Chavez
Cup:	J. Kennedy	1 Bread:	S. Miller
Hosp:	M. Comaich	2 Bread:	J. Warnock
		3 Bread:	M.K. Law
<u>8:30 AM</u>		1 Cup:	R. Labuguen
Lector:	T. Lang	2 Cup:	A. Schelstrate
Bread:	Volunteer	Hosp:	J. Warnock
Cup:	S. Lang		
Hosp:	T. Lando		

MIRACLES IN THE WORLD OF JESUS

While growing up I was always amazed at the number of miracles contained in the scriptures. It seemed to me that – in the world of Jesus – miracles were ordinary, everyday events. In today's column, I'd like to write about miracles, especially about how they were understood in Jesus' day. This week's Gospel is taken from Mark Chapter 7, and the evangelist tells us a story about the healing of a deaf man, a man who had a speech impediment.

How many of us know someone who has a speech impediment? Or someone who stutters? How many of us know someone who has had a seizure? Or who suffers from dementia or Alzheimer's disease? How many of us know someone who suffers from mental illness, for example, depression or bipolar disorder? These conditions – which are relatively common – were, in the world of Jesus, regarded as signs of sickness and possession. Medicine was decidedly primitive, and little was understood about disease, let alone the underlying physiological or psychological causes behind it. In such a world disease was often blamed on evil spirits, and more often than not a cure involved, not medicine or drugs, but prayer and exorcism. It is in this world that Jesus cured people.

In today's Gospel Jesus puts his fingers into the man's ears and, spitting, touches his tongue. In these actions Jesus is "crossing the line" with respect to cultural taboos. That's because when a person was sick ("possessed" or "unclean"), touching that person made you unclean as well. When Jesus touches the deaf man's ears he does not respect a boundary, he crosses it. Jesus' use of saliva reflects the belief that it contained some of the personal power of the healer. Jesus also "looked up to heaven and groaned", which would also be consistent with behavior of the miracle workers of his day.

There are two aspects of this story that I would like to highlight. The first is the word "*Ephphatha!*", an Aramaic word here translated by Mark as "Be opened!" The fact that Mark translates the expression tells us that his audience does not understand Aramaic, indicating that his hearers (and readers) are not from the area surrounding Palestine.

The second aspect is what takes place after the cure. Jesus orders them not to tell anyone. Of course, the more he ordered them to keep quiet the more they proclaimed it.

This particular pattern is called the *Marcan* or *Messianic Secret*. We find it in all three synoptic gospels, and the pattern of the story is this: Jesus performs a cure, the recipient confesses Jesus as Lord or Messiah, and Jesus instructs the person "not to tell anyone." Why does Jesus do this?

The most persuasive thinking is that faith and conversion involve an individual, personal decision. In today's gospel, for example, the deaf man becomes a believer after he is cured and, enthusiastically, wants to announce it to the world. Jesus' command to be silent might, perhaps, be better understood as this: "You figured out. You got it! Now be quiet and let others figure it out as well!"

Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm.