

ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL 2019 WEEK 7

We are extremely happy to report we have met our goal of \$26,642 for this year, provided all pledges are fulfilled. We received pledges from **74** individuals/families. **Thank you for your most generous support!!**

If you have not done so already, please check with your employer to see if they provide matching funds to your donation.

If you still wish to contribute, all excess monies will be returned to St. Teresa's. You may also donate directly to us and earmark the monies towards our Church Garden Landscaping Fund.



ST TERESA'S GREEN TEAM

Although compostable and biodegradable are terms that are often used interchangeably, they do not mean the same thing. So what's the difference? Compostable is a legally defined word. Items labeled as "compostable" will break down and turn into soil at commercial composting facilities within a specified number of days. Help keep the compost waste stream clean by only adding compostable containers and utensils if they are labeled as "compostable" (items labeled as "biodegradable" or "plant based" should go into the trash). Don't forget that food scraps, dirty paper, yard trimmings, and other organic material can also go in the green bin!

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LENT & HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Tuesdays in Lent
 Mass, 8:30am
 Reconciliation & Adoration, 6—8 pm

Fridays in Lent
 Mass, 8:30am

PALM SUNDAY
 Saturday Vigil, April 13: 4:15pm
 Palm Sunday, April 14: 8:30 & 10am

TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK, April 16
 Holy Hour of Adoration: 7:00pm

EASTER TRIDUUM
Holy Thursday, April 18: 7:30pm
Good Friday, April 19: 12:15pm
Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil,
 April 20: 8:00pm

Easter Sunday,
 April 21: 8:30 & 10:00am

SPRING CLEANING = GENEROUS GIFT

At Christmas, you are generous with new gifts for individual children. This spring, as you sort through what your children have outgrown, you can give of your abundance to The Lantern for all their children. They are looking for **gently used** children's clothes, toys, books; from infant through teens. The Circle of Light will collect items over the next 3 weeks and deliver "Easter Baskets" of goodies on April 17 to The Lantern. If you wish to donate, please contact a member of the Circle of Light after Mass or via email (see bulletin board for list).

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU

This Lent, the Archdiocese will join an initiative to encourage greater participation in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, especially among those who have not received this sacrament recently.

In accordance, all parishes in the three counties of the Archdiocese will be open for confessions on the Tuesdays of Lent from 6:00 – 8:00 pm.

Join us at the same time for Eucharistic Adoration

We Welcome You To
St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church
 Served by the Carmelites

APRIL 7, 2019
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

1490 19TH STREET (CHURCH)
 LOCATED ON THE NE CORNER OF 19TH & CONNECTICUT STREETS




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OFFICE HOURS
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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.

MASS INTENTIONS

As we celebrate Mass together we include in our prayers:

- 4:15pm **Saturday, April 6**
† Kathleen A. Harnack
Henry Morgan, Jr. (Spec. Int.)
- 8:30am **Sunday, April 7**
† Alberto Salvi
The People of the Parish
- 10:00am † Edwina Fenili
- 8:30am **Tuesday, April 9**
The Four Intentions of the St. Vincent de Paul Society (The Church, the Holy Father, the Country, the Society)
- 8:30am **Friday, April 12**
The Sick of the Parish
- 4:15pm **Saturday, April 13**
The People of the Parish
Henry Morgan, Jr. (Spec. Int.)
- 8:30am **Sunday, April 14**
† Elena Natividad
- 10:00am † Raymond & Barbara McGrath

Parish Calendar

- Sun, Apr 7 - Faith Formation, 9am, Hall
- Mon, Apr 8 - AA Step Meeting, 6:30pm, Hall
- Choir Practice, 6:30pm, Church
- Tue, Apr 9 - SVdP Grocery Distribution
1pm, Hall
- Reconciliation & Adoration
6pm, Church
- Pastoral Council, 7pm, Avila
- Wed, Apr 10 - AA Meeting, 7pm, Avila
- Sat, Apr 13 - AA Meeting, 7pm, Avila
- Sun, Apr 14 - Faith Formation, 9am, Hall

SECOND COLLECTIONS.

April 6 & 7

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

April 13 & 14

Next week, we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Right now, over 40% of dioceses in the United States are considered mission territory because they are unable to fund essential pastoral work in their communities. Your support of this appeal eases the struggle of these dioceses. Find more information at:

www.usccb.org/home-missions

WEEKEND COLLECTION

MARCH 30 & 31
\$1,397

THANK YOU!

Ministers Schedule for Next Week
April 13 & 14

4:15 PM		10:00 AM
Lector: C. Groepper		1 Lector: D. Bernstein
Bread: J. Daddio		2 Lector: K. Rouser
Cup: R. Groepper		1 Bread: J. Schelstrate
Hosp: R. Jones		2 Bread: C. Illich
		3 Bread: J. Warnock
8:30 AM		1 Cup: S. Miller
Lector: Sr. Lucia		2 Cup: E. Kudyba
Bread: P. English		Hosp: J. Warnock
Cup: R. Kingman		
Hosp: T. Lando		

The Woman Accused of Adultery

*Because we have people being initiated into the Church at Easter, we are using the "A" Gospels at the 10:00 o'clock Mass on the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of Lent. At the other Sunday Masses we are using the "C" Cycle, and this Sunday's Gospel is from John Chapter 8, the **Woman Accused of Adultery**.*

The "C" Cycle Gospels of Lent focus on reconciliation and forgiveness, and today's Gospel is, perhaps, the most powerful and dramatic example of this theme. As Jesus is teaching in the temple precincts, the scribes and Pharisees lead a woman forward who had been caught in adultery. The Law of Moses demanded she be stoned to death, and the religious leaders ask Jesus what should be done. Jesus challenges the crowd (*"Let the one among you who is without sin cast the first stone . . ."*), and the crowd dissipates, leaving only Jesus and the woman. *"There is no one here to condemn you,"* says Jesus, *"neither do I condemn you. Go and avoid this sin."*

Certainly, today's homily will focus on themes of compassion and forgiveness. But in this week's column, I'd like to take a different approach: I'd like to examine some of the underlying religious, cultural, and political dimensions which frame the context of this week's gospel.

Our starting point for examining today's text is to recognize that this story – as described in today's Gospel – probably never happened. There are two major reasons why scholars and historians make this claim.

Scholars tell us that although there is evidence that this story "circulated" in the early Christian communities, the fact is that there is no mention of a woman caught in adultery anywhere in the Synoptic Gospels. This story is found only in John, and it does not appear in several of the early manuscripts of the Gospel. This raises the question as to whether the story was part of John's original Gospel, and the "sketchiness" surrounding the story raises questions about whether the incident actually took place.

But there is a more compelling reason as to why this story probably never happened. When Israel was under Roman rule, we have no evidence, either from Roman or Jewish sources, that anyone was ever executed under Jewish Law. The most compelling fact supporting this position is actually found in the Gospels themselves, and it concerns the execution of Jesus. After he is found guilty by the Sanhedrin, the Jewish authorities bring Jesus to Pilate, who says, *"Take him yourselves, and judge him according to your law."* The Jews answer, *"We do not have the right to execute anyone"* (Jn 18:31). The Jewish authorities would have liked to execute Jesus for blasphemy, but Roman occupation prohibited them from doing so. For this reason, the Jewish authorities turned Jesus over to Pilate for trial and execution. Had Jesus been executed under Jewish law, he would have been stoned to death for blasphemy; instead, under Roman law, he was crucified for the crime of treason.

In the New Testament there is one instance when a Jewish mob did take the law into its own hands: the martyrdom of Stephen (Acts 6:8-60). This occurred several years *after* the death of Jesus at a time when insurrection and revolution against Rome became increasingly more bold. Such rebellious disregard for Roman authority triggered a Roman response: in 70 AD, both Jerusalem and the Temple were destroyed, and any remaining Jewish resistance was wiped out at Masada (73-74 AD). The Romans suppressed and destroyed the Jewish state, and it was not restored until 1948.

The bottom line is that it makes no difference whether the incident described in today's Gospel ever happened. That's because, theologically, the story of the woman caught in adultery not only crystallizes the conflict between Jesus and the Jewish authorities, but also demonstrates the centrality of Jesus' message regarding reconciliation and forgiveness. The validity of the story rests, not in its historical accuracy, but in its theological truth, and as such it is one of the most profound examples of compassion and forgiveness found in the New Testament.

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.

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