

We Welcome You To St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church

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January 23, 2022 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 6 months
in advance

BAPTISM & RECONCILIATION

Please call for an
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COVID SAFETY UPDATES

We are continuing to take precautions to keep all our Masses open to the public. Given the rise in cases due to the Omicron variant, if you are in a high-risk category to contract COVID: unvaccinated, immunosuppressed, older adult with multiple chronic conditions, please consider staying home. We will continue to live stream all our Masses.

We are pausing Coffee and Donuts after 10am Mass for the next 3 weekends and will re-evaluate in February in consultation with our health experts. If you choose to gather in our outdoor patio space after Mass, we encourage you to continue wearing a mask regardless of vaccination status.

TAKE THE DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX SURVEY

Pope Francis invites the whole Church to participate in the preparatory process for the upcoming Synod of Bishops on Synodality. The Archdiocese of San Francisco has kicked-off the local synodal process on January 15th by asking everyone to participate in the Disciple Maker Index survey between now and February 14. **We invite all members of your household to complete the survey online (stteresasf.org/Synod) by February 14.** Paper copies of the survey are available in the back of the church and can be turned in through the collection basket.

Be sure to participate by February 14!

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THE BEGINNINGS OF JESUS' MINISTRY IN GALILEE

November 28th marked the beginning of the liturgical year, and this year the majority of our Gospel readings will be taken from Luke. We have already read quite a bit from Luke's Gospel, since so many of the Christmas readings come from Luke's account of the Nativity.

In the first three chapters of his Gospel, Luke describes the Annunciation, the Visitation, the shepherds and angels witnessing Jesus' birth, the presentation in the temple, and the finding of Jesus in the temple at the age of twelve. Essentially, the first three chapters of Luke's Gospel tell the stories of Jesus' birth and early life, and the section concludes with the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan by John the Baptist. The transition to chapter four occurs when Jesus spends forty days in the desert before beginning his public ministry in Galilee.

In today's liturgy, our Gospel reading opens with the prologue to the Gospel of Luke (Lk 1:1-4) before jumping to the incident of Jesus' public teaching in the synagogue. This takes place in Nazareth, which is the setting for both this and next Sunday's Gospels.

Should you attend a synagogue service even today, it would not be uncommon that important guests known to the worshiping community might be invited to do one of the Torah readings, give a brief homily, or both. This custom would also have existed in first century Judea, so there is nothing unusual when Jesus was handed a scroll and asked to read. Jesus reads from the prophet Isaiah:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me" (Lk 4:18; Is 42:6-7).

Jesus' reflection or homily is surprisingly short:

"Today this passage is fulfilled in your hearing" (Lk 4:21).

The fact that Jesus is invited to read and offer a reflection demonstrates that he is an important guest known to the community. We have little idea of why this is so, except for this cryptic passage earlier in today's Gospel:

Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news of him spread throughout the whole region. He taught in their synagogues and was praised by all." (Lk 4:14-15)

The Gospel does not tell us what Jesus taught or why he was praised; all we know is that his reputation preceded him. When he returned to his hometown of Nazareth, the assembly in the synagogue knew that there was more to this Jesus than just being the carpenter's son.

Our Sunday Gospel ends rather abruptly. The Gospel text is suspended, and the passage ends with the synagogue assembly being stunned silent by the words of Jesus. Scripture scholars describe this phenomenon as Jesus' ability to *speak with authority*, an aspect of Jesus' ministry that is the topic for my homily this weekend.

The scene in the synagogue at Nazareth resumes next Sunday. The assembly's stunned silence turns into anger, and, filled with fury, they.

"... drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill... to hurl him down headlong." (Lk 4:29).

Tune in next week to find out what Jesus did to trigger the assembly's reaction.

Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm.

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.

SECOND COLLECTION

This week's second collection benefits the Church in Latin America. Many people in Latin America and the Caribbean do not have access to church programs and ministries because of a rising secular culture, rugged rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers. Your generosity enables our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean to share in the life of the Church and grow closer to Christ. Donate online [here](https://www.usccb.org/latin-america). To learn more, please visit

www.usccb.org/latin-america

Next week's second collection will benefit the St. Teresa Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Donate on-line [here](https://www.usccb.org/latin-america).



Warm their hearts by warming their feet!

We are on our way to meeting our goal with the collection of **1,730** pairs of socks as of Friday, January 21! Throughout the remainder of January, there will be baskets throughout the church awaiting your donations of **new, white athletic socks**. We encourage you to order socks on-line and have them directly shipped to St. Teresa's, 390 Missouri St, SF, CA 94107. Call or email the office to make alternate arrangements. In past years, we have set a goal of 2,000 pairs of socks. We know this has been a tough year for many, but let's see how close we can come to this goal.



St Teresa of Avila Church is an EPA ENERGY STAR® certified building.



ON-LINE GIVING
To register for on-line giving or to make a one time gift, scan the QR code, log in or scroll down to **Quick Give**.

Welcome to St. Teresa of Avila'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, or complete the form on our website.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ Email: _____

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ST TERESA'S GREEN TEAM

While rain and snow have relieved drought conditions in parts of the state, conservation must remain a way of life for Californians. As God's stewards, we are called to care for this sacred gift. We must learn to protect water and use it carefully. Roughly 66% of the state is still in a severe drought. Even with the recent rain, it's important to be conscious of our water use by promptly fixing leaks and avoiding water waste. Need ideas on how to save further? Check out SFPUC's helpful resource guide! If we all do our part, we can make it through this drought.

<https://sfpu.org/learning/conserves-water>

Converging Roads Medical Ethics Conference Health Care at the Service of Patient & Professional Saturday, February 12, 2022 St. Patrick's Seminary & University Menlo Park

Presented by the St. John Paul II Foundation, the Archdiocese of San Francisco, Region XI of the Catholic Medical Association, and St. Patrick's Seminary & University.

Continuing education credits for healthcare professionals will be offered.

In-Person Registration: \$69-\$149 based on CME/CNE inclusion.

Online Registration: \$39-\$119 based on CME/CNE inclusion.

For more information, please visit convergingroads.com or email CR@forlifeandfamily.org.

SIGN-UP FOR EMAIL UPDATES

We have a new email announcement service called Flocknote. We use this to send our weekly bulletin and important updates about the parish. Emails come from [<mail@flocknote.com>](mailto:mail@flocknote.com) and the sender's name is **St. Teresa of Avila Parish**. If you need to register or update your email address, contact the office to be added to the list.

MASS INTENTIONS

As we celebrate Mass together we include in our prayers:

- Saturday, January 22**
4:15pm Kathleen Uhlhorn (Spec. Int.)
- Sunday, January 23**
8:30am † Jack Boatright
10:00am † Daniel Ornelas
The People of the Parish
- Tuesday, January 25**
8:30am † Michael Walters
- Friday, January 28**
8:30am The Deceased of the Parish
- Saturday, January 29**
4:15pm Thanksgiving to our Lady of Guadalupe
- Sunday, January 30**
8:30am The People of the Parish
10:00am † Yolanda Stagliano

Mass Intentions

The book for Mass Intentions for 2022 has available Masses. If you would like to reserve a Mass for a specific date for a loved one, please call or email the Parish Office.

PASSINGS

Former long time parishioner, Andrea Goodman, died suddenly during the last week of December. She was a graduate of Presentation High School and the University of San Francisco, and a beloved member of the Small Christian Community of Hill's Angels.

YEAREND TAX REPORTING

Letters acknowledging donations for 2021 will be sent out during the month of January to those who contributed directly by check. If you donate **on-line**, you can print a record of your donations directly from the donation site. If you have any questions, please call Stephani in the Parish Office.