

ST TERESA'S GREEN TEAM

June 5th is World Environment Day! It is one of the principal vehicles through which the United Nations raises awareness and encourages people to take positive environmental action to protect nature and the planet. This year, the focus is on beating air pollution. Consider making a pledge to reduce your contribution to air pollution by taking at least one action and turning it into a habit. Here are some ways that you can help:

- ◆ Use public transport or car sharing, cycle or walk
- ◆ Switch to a hybrid or electric vehicle and request electric taxis
- ◆ Turn off the car engine when stationary
- ◆ Reduce your consumption of meat and dairy to help cut methane emissions
- ◆ Compost organic food items and recycle non-organic trash
- ◆ Switch to high-efficiency home heating systems and equipment
- ◆ Save energy: turn off lights and electronics when not in use
- ◆ Choose non-toxic paints and furnishings

INTERESTED IN JOINING THE GREEN TEAM?

Call in on Tuesday, June 4 at 6pm:

PHONE: 1-773-231-9226

TABLET OR COMPUTER: (May need to download the app)

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

You are always warmly welcomed, but on the first weekend 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. 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 tag 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 8:30 or 10am Mass on Sunday for refreshments and fellowship in our Hall.



Together in Holiness
Marriage Enrichment Conference
Saturday, August 3, 2019
9:00AM – 4:00PM

Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary
Belmont, CA

See Bulletin Board for more information

ON-LINE GIVING



To make a **one time gift**, scan the QR code, scroll past the log in, click on **Quick Give**

To **register**, scan the QR code and complete the log in, etc.

We Welcome You To St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church

Served by the Carmelites



JUNE 2, 2019 THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil 4:15 pm
Sunday 8:30 & 10:00 am

MARRIAGE

Please call 6 months in advance

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 8:30 am
Friday 8:30 am

BAPTISM & RECONCILIATION

Please call for an appointment

PARISH OFFICE / MAILING ADDRESS

HOURS—10:00AM TO 4:30PM

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You are invited . . .

to attend a piano recital by the students of our parishioner Therese Labuguen on this Sunday, June 2 at 3pm here at St. Teresa's.

COME, ENJOY THE MUSIC!

IF YOU WRITE CHECKS TO US, PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING

We have been advised by our bank that they will only honor checks made payable to St. Teresa's or St. Teresa's Church. They will not honor those made payable to St. Teresa of Avila.

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:** _____

Email: _____

Address: _____ **City:** _____ **Zip:** _____

New Parishioner New Address and/or phone Send Sunday envelopes On-Line Giving

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 COLLECTIONS.

June 1 & 2

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

June 8 & 9

Next week, our special collection is for the Catholic Communication Campaign. This campaign connects people with Christ in the United States and in developing countries around the world through the Internet, television, radio, and print media. Fully 50% of funds collected remain here in the Archdiocese of San Francisco to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the Gospel message! To learn more, visit

www.usccb.org/cc

The Mass Intention book for 2019

has many dates available. If there are special dates on which you would like to dedicate a Mass to a loved one, please contact the Parish Office.

MASS INTENTIONS

As we celebrate Mass together we include in our prayers:

4:15pm	Saturday, June 1 † Eileen Leal Henry Morgan, Jr. (Spec. Int.)
8:30am 10:00am	Sunday, June 2 The People of the Parish † Maria & Giuseppe Molinari
8:30am	Tuesday, June 4 The Sick of the Parish
8:30am	Friday, June 7 The Deceased of the Parish
4:15pm	Saturday, June 8 The People of the Parish Henry Morgan, Jr. (Spec. Int.)
8:30am 10:00am	Sunday, June 9 † John Sallaberry † Francine Berry

DO YOU HAVE AN HOUR OR TWO PER MONTH TO HELP?



Our St. Vincent de Paul Conference is in need of volunteers to help hand out grocery bags on Tuesday afternoons. The bags are given out between 2 & 3 pm every Tuesday. You need only commit to do it once per month. There is some preparation, so they usually meet in the hall around 1:30pm. If you'd like to volunteer, please contact Mary Katherine Law, bayvuer@aol.com

Ministers Schedule for Next Week June 8 & 9

4:15 PM	Lector: R. Groepper Bread: C. Groepper Cup: B. Noelke Hosp: J. Marasco	10:00 AM	1 Lector: T. Labuguen 2 Lector: P. Elyes 1 Bread: J. Schelstrate 2 Bread: M. D'Azevedo 3 Bread: Volunteer
8:30 AM	Lector: T. Lang Bread: R. Kingman Cup: S. Lang Hosp: T. Lando		1 Cup: R. Labuguen 2 Cup: A. Schelstrate Hosp: L. Gauna

Parish Calendar

Sun, Jun 2	- Coffee & Donuts after the 8:30 & 10 am Masses
Mon, Jun 3	- Piano Recital, 3pm, Church - Choir Practice, 6:30pm, Church
Tue, Jun 4	- AA Step Meeting, 6:30pm, Hall - AA Meeting, 7:30am, Avila - SVdP Grocery Distribution 1pm, Hall - Green Team Virtual Meeting 6pm, see back page to join call - No Young Adult Scripture Study
Wed, Jun 5	- AA Meeting, 7pm, Avila
Sat, Jun 8	- AA Meeting, 7pm, Avila
Sun, Jun 9	- Coffee & Donuts after the 8:30 & 10 am Masses

WHY DO WE CELEBRATE ASCENSION THURSDAY ON A SUNDAY?

As recently as the 1980s the Ascension was celebrated on a Thursday. It was a Holy Day of Obligation, forty days after Easter and ten days before Pentecost. Now the Ascension is celebrated on a Sunday. Why the change? And how did this come about? Let's begin by taking a look at the scriptural roots for this feast.

Surprisingly, the Ascension appears specifically in only one of the four Gospels. Luke mentions the Ascension in the second-to-last verse of his Gospel, and it is limited to one simple, declarative sentence:

"As he blessed them he parted from them and was taken up to heaven." (Lk 24:51)

In the Acts of the Apostles, Luke offers a more detailed account:

"When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven.'" (Acts 1:9-11)

The evangelist Mark tells us that:

"... the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up to heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God." (Mk 16:19)

However, we should note that this verse was added to the Gospel of Mark after the original Gospel was written in an attempt to harmonize Mark's Gospel with material in Luke. In Matthew, the Gospel ends on a mountain near Galilee where Jesus commissions the disciples to baptize all nations. It appears as if Jesus is about to ascend to heaven, but the Gospel abruptly ends with Jesus promising to be "...with you always, until the end of the age."

The Acts of the Apostles is the only place when any mention is made of "forty days". In the first chapter of Acts, Luke tells us that Jesus,

"...presented himself alive to them by many proofs after he had suffered, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God." (Acts 1:3)

If we take a literal interpretation of this text, Ascension is celebrated forty days after Easter (which is always a Thursday). Pentecost follows ten days later, and for centuries the liturgical calendar for the Easter season followed this pattern. If only it were that simple!

What throws a wrench into this calculation is that mysterious number, forty. Thumbing through the Scriptures, we find that, in the story of Noah's Ark, it rained for forty days and forty nights; in Exodus, the Israelites wandered in the desert for forty years; and after his baptism in the Jordan, Jesus spent forty days in the desert prior to beginning his public ministry. In the liturgical year, Lent lasts for forty days ... which is followed by forty days between Easter and the Ascension. Obviously, the number "forty" has serious religious overtones in the Judeo-Christian tradition, as we seem to use the number "forty" whenever we want to emphasize a *significant* period of time. However, it is important to note that *significant* does not necessarily mean *specific* ... which is another way of saying that forty days or forty years may not *literally* mean forty days or forty years.

Because there is ambiguity surrounding the number "forty", local bishops' conferences were permitted to move the Solemnity of the Ascension to a Sunday. That is why we celebrate the Ascension, not forty days after Easter (Thursday), but on the Seventh Sunday of Easter. This is now the practice in most English-speaking countries, including the United States and Canada.

Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm.