

ST TERESA'S GREEN TEAM

Inspired by the Ciclovía in Bogotá, Colombia, San Francisco Sunday Streets is a series of free, fun open street events that empower local communities to transform car congested streets into car-free community spaces for kids to play, seniors to stroll, organizations to connect and neighbors to meet. Celebrate the great outdoors this Sunday by going on a bike ride through Golden Gate Park! This Sunday from 11am to 4pm, JFK Drive and a part of MLK Drive will be car-free. The car-free bike route also extends along the city's western edge with the super-scenic Great Highway! Come check out the car-free open streets and fun activities for all!

RCIA

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is the process where new members are incorporated into the Church. The preparation takes nearly a year, beginning in the Fall and cumulating at the Easter Vigil with the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.

If you know anyone who is interested in becoming a Catholic, please have that person contact Fr. Mike Kwiecien or the Parish Office for information regarding the process.



FORMATION WITH We have begun making preparations for the upcoming Religious Education programs. Letters/emails will be sent out to parents of students enrolled in the programs last year. For families new to our programs, forms will be available in the vestibule. **PLEASE** return all forms and payments to the Parish Office, either by mail or by dropping in the collection basket.

We encourage all parents to register early. Please note the parish expectation that parents and guardians participate in our Sunday Eucharistic celebrations and attend a number of our class sessions. **The parents are the primary teachers** and we are your helpers.

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.

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: _____

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

We Welcome You To St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church

Served by the Carmelites

**JUNE 9, 2019
PENTECOST SUNDAY**



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

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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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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. To volunteer, please contact Mary Katherine Law, bayvuer@aol.com

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.**

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 8 & 9

Today, we are taking up the collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Your support helps the CCC connect people to Christ, in the United States and around the world, through the Internet, television, radio, and print media. Half the funds we collect remain here in the Archdiocese of San Francisco to support local efforts. Be a part of this campaign to spread the Gospel message. Support the collection today! To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/cc

June 15 & 16

There will be no second collection next weekend.

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:

Saturday, June 8

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

Sunday, June 9

8:30am † John Sallaberry
10:00am † Francine Berry

Tuesday, June 11

8:30am † Deceased Members of the St.
Vincent de Paul Society

Friday, June 14

8:30am † Edilberto Natividad

Saturday, June 15

4:15pm † Michael J. Comaich
Henry Morgan, Jr. (Spec. Int.)

Sunday, June 16

8:30am The People of the Parish
10:00am † Paul Sullivan

FIRST & SECOND COLLECTIONS

MAY

WEEKEND MASSES

First Collection \$5,473
Building & Maintenance \$ 718
St. Vincent de Paul \$ 611

On-Line Giving

First Collection \$2,937
Building & Maintenance \$ 990
St. Vincent de Paul \$ 275

COMBINED

Catholic Charities \$1,156
Garden Fund \$ 970

Ministers Schedule for Next Week June 15 & 16

4:15 PM

Lector: A. Rose
Bread: J. Daddio
Cup: C. Groepper
Hosp: R. Jones

10:00 AM

1 Lector: G. Jeong
2 Lector: S. Jeong
1 Bread: S. Miller
2 Bread: J. Warnock
3 Bread: E. Kudyba

8:30 AM

Lector: Sr. Lucia
Bread: S. Siebel
Cup: P. English
Hosp: T. Lando

Parish Calendar

Sun, Jun 9 - Coffee & Donuts after the
8:30 & 10 am Masses
Mon, Jun 10 - Choir Practice, 6:30pm, Church
- AA Step Meeting, 6:30pm, Hall
Tue, Jun 11 - AA Meeting, 7:30am, Avila
- SVdP Meeting, 9am, Hall
- SVdP Grocery Distribution
1pm, Hall
- Green Team Virtual Meeting
6pm, see back page to join call
Wed, Jun 12 - AA Meeting, 7pm, Avila
Sat, Jun 15 - AA Meeting, 7pm, Avila
Sun, Jun 16 - Coffee & Donuts after the
8:30 & 10 am Masses
- Sandwich Sunday, 11am, Hall

Jewish Origins of the Christian Feast of Pentecost

Generally, Christians are unaware of the links and connections between Judaism and Christianity. All too often we speak of Jesus “founding a Church” when – if we scrutinize the *Acts of the Apostles* – we discover that the first followers of Jesus saw themselves in continuity with Judaism rather than as a separate or distinct sect. Of course, within a few decades of the death and resurrection of the Lord, Christians were “expelled” from the synagogue for their heretical beliefs and practices. From a Jewish perspective, the Christians’ claim of Jesus as Lord was blasphemy, and their celebration of the Lord’s Supper was looked upon as sacrilege. Christian beliefs and practices, in effect, caused them to be “excommunicated” from Judaism.

Nevertheless, many Christian traditions and practices have their roots in Judaism. The Last Supper (Eucharist) took place at a Passover meal and the central feast of Christianity (Easter) is forever linked to the central feast of Judaism (Passover).

The Christian feast of Pentecost also has its roots in Judaism. In Exodus 34, God gives Moses the Ten Commandments, and in Verse 22 he instructs the Israelites to “keep the Feast of Weeks,” which is 49 days (seven weeks) after Moses received the Tablets on Mount Sinai. In Deuteronomy 16, the author instructs the Israelites on celebrating religious feasts and – after focusing on Passover (v. 1-8) – he moves to the *Feast of Weeks*:

“You shall count off seven weeks [from Passover], . . . then keep the Feast of Weeks in honor of the Lord, . . .” (Dt 16:9-11)

Notice that just as the Christian Easter parallels the Jewish Passover, so does Pentecost parallel the *Feast of Weeks*.

In Judaism the *Feast of Weeks* is a spring harvest festival; in Christianity, Pentecost celebrates the reception of the Holy Spirit and the “birth of the Church”. The event of Pentecost is described in the second chapter of Acts:

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim. (Acts 2:1-4)

According to tradition, Pentecost took place in the Upper Room. The Last Supper took place in this room, and, after the Ascension, the disciples returned to this place where they “devoted themselves with one accord to prayer, together with some women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.” (Acts 1: 14) They were hiding in this upper room because they feared persecution by the authorities, and it was not until the descent of the Holy Spirit that they found the courage to leave their hiding place and preach the Gospel. For this reason, Pentecost is a feast that celebrates the “birth of the Church”.

The date for Pentecost is fifty days after Easter, and because Easter is a movable feast, the earliest possible date for Pentecost is May 10th (as in 1818), with the latest possible date being June 13th (which will next happen in 2038). The main sign of Pentecost is the color red, which symbolizes both joy and the fire of the Holy Spirit. Ministers wear red vestments, and in many places the assembly has adopted the custom of wearing red clothing as well.

Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm.