

ST TERESA'S GREEN TEAM

As part of Saint Rita Catholic Church's Lenten season, they are hosting a lecture next Sunday about "The Ten Green Commandments of Laudato Si". The lecture is part of their great "Laudato Si' and World Peace" Lenten lecture series. All are invited!

Saint Rita Catholic Church
100 Marinda Drive
Fairfax CA 94930
March 22, 3pm

PASSINGS

We extend our sympathy and prayerful support to the family & friends of Robert Jones, who died on Saturday, March 7th. Robert was a long-time parishioner and Potrero Hill resident. He served as Hospitality Minister at the Saturday 4:15 Masses for many years.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Teresa's on Friday, March 20 at 10:00am. It will be preceded by Visitation at 9:00am and a Rosary at 9:30am. Interment at Holy Cross will follow.

ON-LINE GIVING



To make a **one time gift**, scan the QR code, scroll past the log in, click on **Quick Give**. To **register for the program**, scan the QR code and complete the log in, etc.

AAA 2020—Week 6

Assessed Amount: \$28,868
Amount Pledged: \$21,795
Balance Remaining: \$ 7,073

We are at **75%** of our goal! Thank you to all who have donated & pledged. Last year we had AAA wrapped up in 6 weeks (including pledges to be paid over the year) and received donations from 75+ parishioners/families. We would like to receive pledges from 100 people this year. So far we have received donations from 68 individuals/families.

Please check with your employer to see if they provide matching funds for charitable donations.

You can donate through the Archdiocesan website: <https://sfarch.org/aaa>
Choose St. Teresa Church

or by scanning this QR code



LECTORS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sign-up sheets are in the back of the church for Easter Triduum Ministers. We are in need of Ministers for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday.



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is an EPA ENERGY STAR®
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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 A Warm, Welcoming, Inclusive Faith Community Served by the Carmelites



**MARCH 15, 2020
THIRD SUNDAY
OF LENT**



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

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 8:30 am
Friday 8:30 am

MARRIAGE

Please call 6 months
in advance

BAPTISM & RECONCILIATION

Please call for an
appointment

PARISH OFFICE / MAILING ADDRESS

HOURS—10:00AM TO 4:30PM

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PARISH RESPONSE TO COVID-19

Fr. Mike Greenwell has announced some common sense measures in light of concerns about the potential spread of COVID-19. These include having hand sanitizer & tissues available in the church, refraining from handshakes, offering only the Body of Christ during the Eucharist, refraining from holding hands during the Our Father, and suspending coffee and donuts after Mass. Additionally, Faith Formation classes have been cancelled for the remainder of the term. As a further precaution, we ask that business with the office be conducted by phone or email whenever possible.

The decision to attend Mass is an individual decision of parishioners. The obligation to attend Mass does not apply to the sick, and parishioners should stay home if they are ill.

LENT & HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Tuesdays & Fridays in Lent
Mass, 8:30am

Reconciliation & Adoration
March 24, 5—8 pm

PALM SUNDAY

Saturday Vigil, April 4: 4:15pm
Palm Sunday, April 5: 8:30 & 10am

EASTER TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday, April 9: 7:30pm

Good Friday, April 10: 12:15pm

Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil,
April 11: 8:00pm

Easter Sunday,
April 12: 8:30 & 10:00am

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

March 14 & 15

There will be no second collection This weekend.

March 21 & 22

Next week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC). Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here and abroad. Learn more about the collection at

www.usccb.org/catholic-relief

MASS INTENTIONS

As we celebrate Mass together we include in our prayers:

4:15pm **Saturday, March 14**
 † Robert Jones
 Henry Morgan, Jr. (Spec. Int.)

8:30am **Sunday, March 15**
 The People of the Parish
 10:00am † Crispina Fernandez Castillo

8:30am **Tuesday, March 17**
 Tom Trynor (Spec. Int.)

8:30am **Friday, March 20**
 Norbert Hennessey (Spec. Int.)

4:15pm **Saturday, March 21**
 † Rachel Humphrey
 Henry Morgan, Jr. (Spec. Int.)

8:30am **Sunday, March 22**
 † Fr. Peter Sammon
 10:00am The People of the Parish

Ministers Schedule for Next Week March 21 & 22

4:15 PM

Lector: A. Rose
 Bread: R. Ostler
 Cup: J. Skowera
 Hosp: L. Lechich

8:30 AM

Lector: N. Drego
 Bread: P. English
 Cup: B. Noelke
 Hosp: T. Lando

10:00 AM

1 Lector: D. McManus
 2 Lector: L. Jacklevich
 1 Bread: J. Schelstrate
 2 Bread: M. Ta'aga
 3 Bread: E. Kudyba
 1 Cup: G. McGrath
 2 Cup: A. Schelstrate
 Hosp: J. Warnock

Parish Calendar

- Sun, Mar 15 - Cancelled Faith Formation
 - Cancelled Sandwich Sunday
 Mon, Mar 16 - Choir Practice, 7pm, Church
 - AA Step Meeting, 6:30pm, Hall
 Tue, Mar 17 - AA Meeting, 7:30am, Avila
 - SVdP Sandwich Tuesday
 9am, Parish Kitchen
 - SVdP Grocery Distribution
 1pm, Hall
 - Cancelled Young Adult Scripture
 Study
 Wed, Mar 18 - AA Meeting, 7pm, Hall
 Sat, Mar 21 - AA Meeting, 7pm, Avila
 Sun, Mar 22 - Cancelled Faith Formation

Mass Intentions

The book for Mass Intentions for 2020 has available Masses. If you would like to reserve a Mass for a loved one on a specific date, please call or email the Parish Office.

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT SAMARITANS

Today's Gospel, taken from the 4th Chapter of John, is the story of the *Woman at the Well*. When Jesus asks the woman for some water, she responds, "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?" The Evangelist informs us that "Jews use nothing in common with Samaritans", and towards the end of the reading – when the disciples reappear – they, too, are scandalized by Jesus' behavior. As modern readers, our question is simply this: Why were interactions with Samaritans considered so controversial and scandalous?



The answer lies in the geography and history of Israel. As you can see from the map, Jerusalem is in the South (near the Dead Sea) and Nazareth is in the North (near the Sea of Galilee). In order to travel between Galilee and Jerusalem one must pass through Samaria. So what's the big deal?

The answer to this question lies in Israelite History. A thousand years before Jesus, Saul united the Twelve Tribes of Israel into a single nation and became its first king. David succeeded Saul, and Solomon followed David. After the death of Solomon in 931 BC, the Kingdom divided in two, with Israel in the North and Judah in the South. And although both Kingdoms were Jewish, Israel and Judah had separate kings.

Two hundred years later, the Northern Kingdom fell to the Assyrians (721 BC). This Northern Kingdom included the lands of Samaria and Galilee, and, over time, Jews in this region began not only to intermarry with the "foreigners" but also to worship their gods. These two things were a source of scandal to Jews of the South, and herein lies the root of the animosity.

What most Christians do not realize is that, for all intents and purposes, Samaritans are Jews! We see this in today's reading when the woman asks Jesus, "Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us this cistern and drank from it himself with his children and his flocks?" (Jn 4:12) The woman is referring to

Jacob's well, and it is apparent from her question that the Samaritan Woman is a descendent of Jacob. (Jacob, son of Isaac and grandson of Abraham, fathered twelve sons whose descendants became the Twelve Tribes of Israel.) Essentially, the Samaritan Woman and Jesus share a common ancestry.

In Jesus' day, Jews despised Samaritans because Jews from the South – especially from the area around Jerusalem – were trying to preserve and maintain religious and ethnic purity. As such, they were suspicious of Jews in the Mediterranean who spoke Greek instead of Hebrew, and they referred to Jesus' homeland as "Galilee of the Gentiles" (Mt 4:15). When discussing Jesus, they made the cynical comment, "What good ever came out of Nazareth?" (Jn 1:46)

The interaction between Jesus and the Samaritan Woman scandalized Jews of Jesus' day. This is evident in today's reading when the woman herself is taken aback when Jesus initiates the conversation. Later in the reading, when the disciples return, they, too, are shocked when they find Jesus in deep conversation with this Samaritan woman.

In the Gospel of Luke we have the *Parable of the Good Samaritan* which, like today's Gospel of the *Woman at the Well*, offended Jews of first century Judea. In today's column I tried to supply a historical and geographical lens to frame the "Samaritan problem". Given this background material, it is not hard to understand why any interaction or contact with Samaritans provoked a hostile Jewish response and also led to controversy regarding the ministry of Jesus.

Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm.