

# We Welcome You To St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church

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**MAY 23, 2021  
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

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## USHERS URGENTLY NEEDED TO CONTINUE WEEKEND MASSES

**We have experienced a decrease in volunteers to assist us at both the Saturday 4:15pm and Sunday 10am Masses. In order to continue to safely hold In-Person Masses, we need at least 5 volunteers per Mass.**

We are looking for parishioners to commit to weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly service to our parish. To volunteer, please call or email the Parish Office. Let us know which Mass you attend and how often you would be available.

- Parishioners under the age of 60 are welcome to volunteer at and attend in-person Masses.
- Parishioners age 60+ may only volunteer if they are fully vaccinated more than two (2) weeks prior to the date they will begin volunteering.
- Parishioners age 60+ who have not yet been vaccinated are encouraged to stay home and continue to attend Mass via our live-stream (Link on [stteresasf.org](http://stteresasf.org)).

#### OPEN FOR PUBLIC MASS

**SATURDAYS @ 4:15PM  
TUESDAYS @ 8:30AM**

**SUNDAYS @ 10AM  
FRIDAYS @ 8:30AM**

#### MASS INTENTIONS

*As we celebrate Mass together we include in our prayers:*

4:15pm **Saturday, May 22**  
† [Grace Yaksich](#)

8:30am **Sunday, May 23**  
The People of the Parish  
10:00am The Special Intention of  
Geraldine McGrath

8:30am **Tuesday, May 25**  
† [John Kennedy](#)

8:30am **Friday, May 28**  
The Sick of the Parish

4:15pm **Saturday, May 29**  
† [Lupita Perea](#)

8:30am **Sunday, May 30**  
The People of the Parish  
10:00am † [Leticia Leaño](#)

Join Archbishop Salvatore J. Cordileone for a panel discussion moderated by Antonin Scalia Law School Professor Helen M. Alvaré on the topic of ***“Life in the Womb: The Preeminent Issue”*** with panelists: Students for Life of America President Kristan Hawkins, Live Action founder/investigative journalist Lila Rose, birth mother Kathy Folan, and her son, Nathan Sullivan, who was placed in an open adoption. Nathan says: “You’ve heard it before: ‘I am pro-life EXCEPT in cases of rape.’ I want everyone to realize, especially the EXCEPTers, that you’re talking about me, and everyone like me. Life is life, no exceptions.”

From her perspective as a First Amendment, religious freedom, and marriage & family life expert, Alvaré will lead the discussion of Archbishop Cordileone’s May 1st pastoral letter “Before I Formed You in the Womb I Knew You: A Pastoral Letter on the Human Dignity of the Unborn, Holy Communion, and Catholics in Public Life.”

**To register for free, visit**  
<https://sfoar.ch/womb>

#### ST TERESA'S GREEN TEAM

Looking for inspiration to incorporate sustainability into your home? Learn what fellow parishioners are doing to reduce their carbon footprint:

“I am focusing on reducing plastic waste. I stopped using plastic garbage bags and bought bins that can be emptied directly into the pick-up cans. A simple rinse in the tub once a week keeps them clean, especially since I do a quick rinse on recycled cans, bottles, and cartons (when I’m waiting for my water to get warm).

I also keep an empty bread bag on the counter and put all my soft plastic in it. When it’s full, I tie it up and toss it in the recycle bin once every week or two. If I have packaging that is mixed paper/soft plastic, I do my best to separate them before tossing them into the recycle bin, i.e. taking the plastic from a box of tissues or a box of pasta. Then I put the box into the recycle bin and the plastic into my countertop bread bag.

I also remember to reduce, reuse, and recycle in that order!” - Stephani S.

Want to be featured in the upcoming bulletins? Email the green team [GreenTeam@stteresasf.org](mailto:GreenTeam@stteresasf.org) to be featured! And remember, even small efforts can add up to great results, so don’t be shy!

#### Mass Intentions

There are available Masses throughout 2021. If you would like to reserve a Mass for a specific date for a loved one, please call or email the Parish Office.

#### ATTEND MASS BY PHONE

To access the audio only from St. Teresa’s livestream Masses  
**DIAL:** 408-638-0968 from any phone  
**ENTER Meeting Code:** 820-821-335  
**ENTER ID:** #

## Pentecost: *Hearing Something New instead of Speaking In Tongues*

“And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim . . . [and] each one heard them speaking in his native language.” (Acts 2:4, 6)

The first reading for Pentecost, taken from the Acts of the Apostles, chronicles the strange events of that first Pentecost. “Tongues as of fire” appeared and came to rest on the disciples, and they expressed themselves in bold proclamations as the Spirit prompted them.

We are told that Jews in the crowd – who had come from every nation under heaven – each heard the disciples speaking his own language. And we – as 21<sup>st</sup> century readers – quickly jump to the question, “How did they do that?” Our question focuses on the disciples *speaking*, as we wonder how the Holy Spirit enabled these Galilean fishermen to suddenly become fluent in so many different tongues.

I like to suggest a different approach: instead of focusing on the disciples *speaking*, let us instead focus on the crowd *hearing*. If you were a person in that first Pentecost crowd, what might you have *seen*? and what might you have *heard*?

First of all, the phenomenon of speaking in tongues, called *glossolalia*, frequently occurs in charismatic Christian communities. It is more prevalent among Protestant Christians than Roman Catholics, and it might best be described as the fluid vocalizing of speech-like syllables that lack any readily comprehended meaning. That’s a formal definition of *glossolalia*; informally, it looks like the person is babbling incoherently, as if in a trance. Nevertheless, speaking in tongues is not all that unusual, and it is a fairly common phenomenon in charismatic religious circles. It has been around for over 2000 years, and is still quite prevalent today.

Returning to the Pentecost story, let’s assume that the disciples were speaking in tongues (*glossolalia*). How might the crowd have reacted to this phenomena?

If I were a member of the crowd that day, I would have been amazed at the *boldness* and *fearlessness* of the disciples. Remember that these were the same men who went into hiding after the death of Jesus, and not even the experience of the Resurrected Christ gave them the courage to emerge from behind closed doors. Then – on Pentecost – something happened: they were filled with the Holy Spirit, whereupon they emerged from the upper room *fearless*, making bold proclamations as the Spirit prompted them. If I were in that crowd, it would have made no difference as to what they were saying, whether it was the babble of “speaking in tongues” or a language familiar to my ears. The very fact that they were boldly speaking without reservation or fear would have challenged me to listen and respond to what was taking place. For me, it would have been obvious that these followers of Jesus had experienced something that was powerful, convincing, and transformative – essentially, they experienced a *conversion* – and, as a member of the crowd that day, I would certainly have been impacted by the disciples’ behavior and would have been challenged to take seriously what was being said.

Perhaps the Pentecost crowd *heard* the stories of Jesus as they’d never heard them before. They no longer saw Jesus as a carpenter’s son from Galilee, a preacher, healer, or miracle worker who some claimed was the Messiah. Instead, the members of the crowd – like the  
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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.

disciples in the upper room – experienced a conversion and recognized Jesus as the Son of God raised from the dead. From this perspective, what happens on Pentecost is not a miracle of the *tongues*; rather, it is a miracle of the *ears*. Pentecost is not so much about the disciples *speaking in tongues*; rather, Pentecost is about the crowd *hearing with new ears*.

Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm.

## PASSINGS

We extend our sympathy and prayerful support to the family & friends of Ed Gleason. Ed was a long-time parishioner of St. Teresa’s. He and his wife, Peg, worked at the Archdiocese in charge of Family Life Ministries. They were also very involved with the Retrouvaille marriage program.

Services will be held at a future date and we will update as details become known..

## THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO CONTINUES TO SUPPORT OUR PARISH!

We are truly blessed to have such a wonderful community!!



### 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**.

## SECOND COLLECTION

This week there will be no second collection.

Next week’s second collection will benefit the St. Teresa’s Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.



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

## 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