

## 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.

### ST TERESA'S GREEN TEAM

Food waste is one of the biggest environmental tragedies that comes out of Thanksgiving. The Natural Resources Defense Council estimates that Americans throw away 40 percent of their food every year. While composting the leftovers and scraps from people's plates are a valuable process, it shouldn't be the priority. This year, try portioning the food on your plate to only be what you are planning to eat. Start with a small portion and get more as you need it. Added bonus: you'll probably end up consuming fewer calories with this strategy too. When dinner is finished, save leftovers to eat later in the week.

**STAY SAFE  
STAY HEALTHY  
WEAR A MASK**



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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

### MASS INTENTIONS

As we celebrate Mass together we include in our prayers:

4:15pm **Saturday, November 21**  
Elci Cortes (Spec. Int.)  
† Henry Morgan, Jr.

8:30am **Sunday, November 22**  
The People of the Parish  
10:00am † Carisa Yozelle Luna

8:30am **Tuesday, November 24**  
All suffering from COVID-19,

10:00am **Thursday, November 26**  
† Eloisa Perea

8:30am **Friday, November 27**  
The Deceased of the Parish

4:15pm **Saturday, November 28**  
† Gregory Lewis  
† Henry Morgan, Jr.

8:30am **Sunday, November 29**  
The People of the Parish  
10:00am Lynn Jacklevich (Spec. Int.)

We Welcome You To  
**St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church**  
Served by the Carmelites



**November 22, 2020**  
**SOLEMNITY OF**  
**CHRIST THE KING**



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

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## UPDATES

- **After consultation with our Safety Directors and Fr. Kwiecien, Fr. Greenwell has made the decision to suspend all Public Masses at St. Teresa's, effective immediately. All Masses will continue to be live-streamed.**
- Lectors are needed, particularly at the 10am Sunday Masses. Please email the office to sign-up.
- The annual Giving Tree will begin the first weekend of Advent (Nov 28 & 29). More information to follow.
- The St. Vincent de Paul Conference is planning their annual Thanksgiving food distribution. If you are able, please consider making a donation to this very deserving group.
- The Missals for the next Liturgical Year, which begins on November 29, are available for pick-up. Please email the office to make arrangements.
- The new Workbooks for Lectors are also available for pick-up. Please email the office to make arrangements.

## The Solemnity of Christ the King

Today is the last Sunday of Ordinary Time, the Solemnity of Christ the King. Established in 1925, this Feast has been around for less than 100 years, and in this week's column I'd like to look at some of the secular and historical conditions which, I believe, provided the rationale for adding this feast to the liturgical calendar.

At the onset we need to recognize that the Feast of Christ the King is an "idea feast". Throughout our ecclesial history, idea feasts have found their way into the liturgical calendar so that the readings, proper prayers, and homily might focus on some doctrinal aspect of the faith that needs to be emphasized. Examples of idea feasts are Trinity Sunday, the Immaculate Conception, the Assumption, and Corpus Christi.

The Feast of Christ the King was instituted in 1925 by Pope Pius XI during a time when respect for Christ and the Church was waning. If we examine the 150-year period prior to 1925 we notice that, among other things, this was a period marked by political revolution. In 1776 the American colonies rejected the kingship of George III, and in 1789 the French Revolution sent shockwaves throughout Europe with its overthrow of the monarchy. In these cases monarchies were rejected in favor of republican democracies, but the revolutionary spirit was not limited to the United States and France: 1917 witnessed the toppling of the czarist regime in Russia.

It doesn't take much imagination to recognize the parallels between a monarchy and the papacy, so it should come as no surprise that the Church was very suspicious of these emerging, modern democracies. When one factors in the enlightenment, the industrial revolution, the transition from a rural to an urban society, and the rise of atheism and secularism, we can understand why the Church developed and maintained a defensive stance against the world. For the Church, the modern world was perceived to be a threat to its very existence and structure.

Pope Pius XI, in his encyclical *Quas Primas* (1925), instituted The Feast of Christ the King in the hope that the establishment of such a feast would have the following effects:

- That nations would see that the Church has the right to freedom, and immunity from the state (*Quas Primas*, 32).
- That leaders and nations would see that they are bound to give respect to Christ (*Quas Primas*, 31).
- That the faithful would gain strength and courage from the feast, as we are reminded that Christ must reign in our hearts, minds, wills, and bodies (*Quas Primas*, 33).

Christ the King focuses on the *authority* of Christ and, subsequently, the authority of the Church, including the pope as its head. In an age when the authority of the Church was perceived to be under attack, the Feast of Christ the King buttressed the centrality of Christ and his teaching in what was perceived to be an increasingly secularized world.

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was originally assigned to the last day of October. Following the Second Vatican Council, the Feast was elevated to the rank of Solemnity and is now celebrated on the Last Sunday of Ordinary Time. This last Sunday of the year, which focuses on the end of time, dovetails nicely into the First Sunday of the Liturgical Year (Advent), which begins, not with the "first coming" of Christ at Christmas, but with the end of time when "Christ will come again."

Fr. Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm.

## GIVING TREE

This Christmas will be different in many ways so continuing our Giving Tree tradition is one way we can honor the past and imagine the future! Our Giving Tree is virtual this year; your generosity is real, as always.

To become a giver simply email [givingtreesteresa@googlegroups.com](mailto:givingtreesteresa@googlegroups.com). A Circle of Light member will send you a child's first name and family number. You may certainly ask to be Santa to more than one child. We anticipate about 70 children from 25 families. We also want to give a virtual holiday basket to each family to add to their festivities so you can choose to provide a gift card for groceries too.

For safety and convenience, all gifts this year will be gift cards. We suggest a card value of \$25. If you'd like to contribute a lesser amount, we will consolidate those cash donations into gifts for the children and gift baskets. Lantern staff recommend Target or VISA/MasterCard gift cards; look for cards that the families can use easily without computer access. If you'd like to donate a gift card toward the holiday baskets, we suggest Safeway.

Please send your cards to The Giving Tree, St. Teresa of Avila Church, 390 Missouri Street, San Francisco, CA, 94107 **no later than December 12**. You can also drop them in the mail slot at the Rectory. The Circle of Light will consolidate all gifts and deliver them to The Lantern. The staff at The Lantern will give your gifts to the families starting December 16.

**START YOUR THANKSGIVING DAY  
CELEBRATION BY JOINING US VIRTUALLY  
FOR EUCHARIST (MASS)  
AT 10:00AM ON  
NOVEMBER 26TH  
LINK ON WEBSITE**



## SECOND COLLECTION

This weekend's second collection benefits The Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Next week's second collection benefits the St. Teresa Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

You may donate to these collections through our on-line donation portal.



## REMEMBERING OUR DECEASED LOVED ONES

November is called "the month of the Holy Souls".

Parishioners are invited to bring a photo(s) for display during the month.

All photos will be returned at the end of the month. Please put your name & phone number on the back of the picture.