

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

As Halloween approaches and you're getting ready to buy small candies to give away, consider purchasing sweets that have a Fair Trade certification. Bonus points if you're able to find Fair Trade treats to hand out with sustainable packaging! To consumers, a Fair Trade certification communicates that the goods in question were produced in a more socially, economically, and environmentally sustainable way (and have undergone a verification process). To producers, Fair Trade standards support the community by offering price minimums to support farmers in unstable markets, providing frameworks for environmental sustainability, prohibiting child labor, and contributing premiums toward community development projects such as improving access to education and healthcare.

MASS INTENTIONS

As we celebrate Mass together we include in our prayers:

4:15pm **Saturday, October 17**
 † Leon & Cecelia Greenwell
 Henry Morgan, Jr. (Spec. Int.)

8:30am **Sunday, October 18**
 † Peter & Bianca Lodolo
 10:00am † Paul Sullivan
 The People of the Parish

8:30am **Tuesday, October 20**
 † Bob & Nita Smith

8:30am **Friday, October 23**
 Kathleen Uhlhorn (Spec. Int.)

4:15pm **Saturday, October 24**
 † Paul & Lillian Smith
 Henry Morgan, Jr. (Spec. Int.)

8:30am **Sunday, October 25**
 † Joanne Smith
 10:00am † Frank Sullivan
 The People of the Parish

Need immigration support? Catholic Charities Center for Immigration Legal & Support Services is open. We will be offering 40 consultants every Monday on a first-come, first-serve basis. Learn how to register at catholiccharitiessf.org/what-we-do/immigration

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: _____

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



October 18, 2020 TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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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

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UPDATES

As we continue to open our Masses to parishioners, we are continually looking at ways to make our environment as safe as possible. With this in mind, two exhaust fans have been installed in the church loft to improve ventilation / air flow.

We have received the missals for the next Liturgical Year, which begins on November 29. In addition to music, these new missals include the readings for every weekend, as well as the daily Propers (Psalm Responsorials).

We may be able to arrange to mail them to our out-of-area parishioners. We are looking at the costs and logistics.

The new Workbooks for Lectors are also available for pick-up.



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 and complete the log in or scroll down to **Quick Give**.

PHARISEES & SADDUCEES

In today's Gospel, the Pharisees and Sadducees try to trip up Jesus with a question about whether they should pay taxes. Next Sunday, they'll try to do it again when they ask, "Which commandment is the greatest?" And, in another passage, Jesus instructs the crowd regarding the scribes, Pharisees, and Sadducees: "Do what they say, not what they do." As curious readers with inquiring minds, we may want to know, "Just who are the Pharisees and Sadducees?"

All too often Christians speak of Pharisees and Sadducees in the same breath, as if the two groups could be lumped together. Let me just say that speaking of Pharisees and Sadducees in the same sentence would be like talking about Republicans and Democrats as if there were no differences between the two political parties.

The fact is that, during the time of Jesus, the Pharisees and Sadducees were the two major groups within Judaism. The Sadducees were an aristocratic, priestly caste primarily located in Jerusalem. A person was a Sadducee by birth in that he or she was born into this priestly class. Sadducees traced their ancestry to the Tribe of Levi, and the high priest, the temple priests in Jerusalem, and the majority of members of the Sanhedrin were primarily Sadducees,

The Sadducees were politically *liberal* but religiously *conservative* . . . which initially sounds strange. They were politically liberal because they cooperated with the occupying Roman power. Why did they do this? Because, by cooperating with Rome, they were allowed to continue to practice their religion and maintain Temple operations. In other words, cooperation with Rome allowed the Sadducees some degree of religious freedom. For these reasons, Sadducees were regarded as politically liberal because they cooperated with the (gentile) Roman authority.

The Sadducees were religiously conservative for two reasons. First, they rejected any notion of the resurrection of the dead, and second, they had a rather constricted notion of what constituted Sacred Scripture. The Sadducees strictly adhered to the Law or *Torah*, placing particular emphasis on the first five books of the Bible. One final thing: because the Sadducees were the priestly class, the majority lived in Jerusalem so as to be in close proximity to the temple.

Pharisees were politically *conservative* but religiously *liberal*. The Pharisees were not a priestly caste like the Sadducees; rather, they were devout "lay people" who were trying to live a holy life. Since the Pharisees did not have political power, they didn't "get their hands dirty" by cooperating with Rome . . . Which is why Pharisees were considered politically *conservative*. And although there were Pharisees living in Jerusalem, the majority of Pharisees lived in other areas of the country (such as Galilee) or in the *diaspora* (Jewish communities outside of the geographical boundaries of Palestine, such as Alexandria, Egypt). In fact, many Pharisees in the diaspora probably were more fluent in Greek than in Hebrew.

It's important to note that, because Pharisees were spread throughout the empire, they were exposed to a variety of ideas and cultures. In other words, because Pharisees were exposed to new ideas and ways of thinking, they were more "open" to ideas regarding resurrection and afterlife. Such radical thought would brand the Pharisees as being religiously *liberal*.

In spite of their differences, Sadducees and Pharisees were in agreement regarding their

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suspicion of Jesus. Jesus preached that ". . . the last will be first and the first will be last," and "tax collectors, prostitutes, and sinners will get into heaven before you (Sadducees and Pharisees)". Should Jesus' ideas become reality, the social order would be turned on its head. For this reason, neither Pharisees nor Sadducees were especially responsive to the message of Jesus.

With the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD, the state of Israel ceased to exist. The temple was destroyed, there was no longer a high priest, and the temple priesthood disappeared. Essentially, the Sadducee party ceased to exist in 70 AD, and the Judaism which survives today traces its roots in what was, in Jesus' day, the Pharisaic movement.

Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Did you now that, although you do not have to be confirmed to get married, you do have to be confirmed in order to be a godparent? This fall, Adult Confirmation will take place at the Cathedral on Saturday, November 21st, at the 5:30 Mass. The three Confirmation Preparation Classes will be on Thursday and Friday, November 5th & 6th, from 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm, and on Saturday, November 7th, from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm (you must attend all three sessions). If you are over 17 and would like to be confirmed, please see Fr. Kwiecien.

SECOND COLLECTION

Today, on World Mission Sunday, we respond, "**Here I Am, Send Me,**" to our baptismal call to mission, and we offer, at the Eucharistic celebration, our prayers and our generous financial support to continue the mission of Jesus. Today we are "sent" out to witness to mission in the world through our prayers and sacrifices for our brothers and sisters around the world. As little as...

- **\$25** helps support a catechist for a month in remote Latin America
- **\$75** provides for the work of religious Sisters caring for orphaned children in Africa
- **\$100** assists families in sending their children to schools in Asia

As always, your prayers are your most treasured gift to the Missions. Your prayers and financial help support mission priests, religious Sisters and Brothers, and lay catechists who are Christ's witnesses to a world so in need of His healing, love, and peace.

Vigil for Justice

Join The Circle of Light in a vigil - a day time event - to support the Black Lives Matter movement and keep attention on the fight for racial justice. This is a vigil: we will stand silent, masked and 6 feet apart, holding signs with a simple, positive message such as "We Stand With Black Lives Matter" or "Say Their Names" or the name of one or more of the people killed by police. We will meet at 12 noon on Saturdays at 16th and Potrero and spread south toward 17th Street and East toward Utah Street, staying for 30 minutes. We have signs for you to use, or you are welcome to bring your own. You can contact Lynn Jacklevich via email kg6cev@yahoo.com if you have questions.

