

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

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## OCTOBER 31, 2021 THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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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**ALL MASSES OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**  
**MASKS REQUIRED**  
**3 FEET SOCIAL DISTANCE**  
**BRING A JACKET—ALL**  
**DOORS & WINDOWS OPEN**

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED COFFEE & DONUTS COMMUNITY TIME

At this time we do not have enough volunteers to enable us to serve after the 8:30am Sunday Masses, or after the 10am Mass on a regular basis. To volunteer, please call the office or see Fr. Greenwell.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**Eucharistic Ministers:**  
**10am Masses**—to set altar at Offertory and distribute communion  
**4:15pm & 8:30am**—to set altar At Offertory  
**Interested?** Call the Office or see Fr. Kwiecien.

### COFFEE & DONUTS

We will be gathering after the 10am Mass this Sunday for community time. Coffee & donuts may be moved indoors to the hall due to weather. **If held indoors, we will require all attendees to show proof of vaccination.**

## ALL SAINTS, ALL SOULS, & ALL HALLOWS' EVE

Today is Halloween, a celebration which – with its spirits, ghosts, and goblins – seems decidedly “pagan”. Tomorrow, Monday, is November 1<sup>st</sup>, the Feast of All Saints, and on Tuesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, we celebrate the Feast of All Souls. The later two feasts, All Saints and All Souls, are religious in character, and in this week’s column I’d like to focus on how these three days are connected.

Beginning with the religious feasts, All Saints’ Day (November 1<sup>st</sup>) is, in way, much like our American holiday of Veteran’s Day. Without naming names, Veteran’s Day remembers, celebrates and honors all who have served in the armed forces. In a similar fashion, on All Saints’ Day we remember, honor, and celebrate the “nameless saints” who are with God. Broadly speaking, a saint is anyone who has “made it” to heaven. This group includes not only the “official saints” who have been canonized by the Church, but more importantly, the “unknown saints” – such as our relatives and friends – whom we hope and believe are with God. These unknown saints remain “nameless” only because they have not been officially canonized by the Church.

All Souls’ Day (November 2<sup>nd</sup>) focuses those who are in the process of *becoming* saints. In Catholic theology we have a doctrine of purgatory which, simply stated, refers to the time following death when the soul is purged or purified before entering the kingdom of heaven. Souls in purgatory are in transition between earthly existence and heavenly glory. When we pray for the dead, we do so with the intention that they might be delivered from purgatory and admitted to heaven. On All Saints’ Day, we honor those who are already saints with God; on All Souls’ Day, we pray for those who are not yet saints but who soon will be.

Christians have honored and venerated the dead (and the saints) since the earliest days of the Church. In first century Rome, for example, Christians gathered in the catacombs of the city, celebrating the Eucharist on tables that stood over the bones of Christian martyrs (this is the origin of the relics that are sealed in an altar at its consecration). During the liturgy, we confess our belief in the “Communion of Saints” during the Creed, and later, in the Eucharistic prayer, we not only remember “those who have gone to their rest in the hope of rising again” but also name “Mary, the virgin Mother of God, Joseph, her spouse, the apostles, martyrs, and all of the saints who have done your will throughout the ages.”

The two Christian Feasts of All Saints and All Souls follow the celebration of Halloween. The origins of Halloween – or All Hallows’ Eve – are really difficult to pin down. In many non-Christian cultures there are feasts or festivals that focus on spirits and the dead. In pre-Christian Britain, for example, there was a fall festival which saluted Samhain, the “lord of death,” who was thought to gather together the souls of the year’s dead. Similar festivals focusing on the dead occur in other cultures as well, and it is safe to assume that the Church “baptized” these celebrations, transforming them from pagan celebrations to religious feasts.

A custom at St. Teresa’s is to commemorate the dead throughout the month of November. We invite our parishioners to bring photos of their deceased loved ones and arrange them around the baptismal font where they will remain on display until 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.*

First Sunday of Advent. Additionally, we have a special commemoration for those who have died during the past year or have been buried from this parish. Their names are inscribed on a banner which is on display in the sanctuary throughout the month of November, and at the 10 o'clock Mass on the first Sunday of November we read their names aloud as we light candles in their memory.

Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm.

## POTRERO HILL HISTORY NIGHT

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 7-9PM**

**JOIN VIA ZOOM @ [HTTPS://POTRERO-HISTORY.COM/2021](https://potrero-history.com/2021)**

- Meet Margaret Rice of the 113 year-old Potrero Women's Club. Margaret's a long-time parishioner who is a wonderful storyteller.
- Learn about Black pioneer James P. Dyer: soapmaking on the hill in 1865.

Informational flyer is available in the vestibule

## SECOND COLLECTION

**This week's** second collection benefits the St. Teresa Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Donate on-line [here](#).

**Next week's** second collection will benefit the St. Teresa Building & Maintenance Fund. Donate on-line [here](#).



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: \_\_\_\_\_

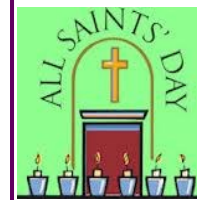
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City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

## ST TERESA'S GREEN TEAM

Make the most of your jack o' lantern! Hopefully you already removed and used the insides of the pumpkin to make pumpkin pie or muffins and roasted the seeds for a fun snack! Now that Halloween is over, remove the candles and decorations on the jack o' lantern and simply place the pumpkins in your green compost cart or bin for pick up on your regular collection day.



## ALL SAINTS

Monday, November 1<sup>st</sup> is the Feast Day of All Saints. This year it is not a Holy Day of Obligation in our Archdiocese.

Please join us as we Celebrate the Eucharist at 7:00pm.



## REMEMBERING OUR DECEASED LOVED ONES

November is called "the month of the Holy Souls". During November a Book of Remembrance will be placed inside the Church. Parishioners are invited to write the names of deceased

loved ones in this book and 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.

We will remember those we have lost this year on Sunday, November 7th at the 10am Mass.

## Daylight Saving Time



Just a reminder to everyone that Daylight Saving Time will switch to Standard Time at 2:00am on Sunday, November 7th this year.

This is also the time to change the batteries in your smoke & CO<sub>2</sub> detectors.

## MASS INTENTIONS

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

- 4:15pm **Saturday, October 30**  
† Mary Martin
- 8:30am **Sunday, October 31**  
The People of the Parish
- 10:00am † Frank Sullivan
- 7:00pm **Monday, November 1**  
The Deceased of the Parish
- 8:30am **Tuesday, November 2**  
† Robert Taruffelli
- 8:30am **Friday, November 5**  
The Sick of the Parish
- 4:15pm **Saturday, November 6**  
† Dick Fiore
- 8:30am **Sunday, November 7**  
The People of the Parish
- 10:00am The Deceased of the Parish

## ADVENT IS UPON US! CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE ARRIVES

The weekend of November 27/28 – is the first Sunday of the Advent Season. As always, we will have a Giving Tree up for these first days of Advent.

We hope to see you all back in Church – so you can pick your tag from the tree. It is an event that we look forward to as a community where we are able to share our blessings with children in our neighborhood.

More news to come – but please plan on re-joining us in person if you have not already. For those of us who have returned we feel safe, comfortable and such a joy to celebrate Mass in community and receive communion.

The Circle of Light  
Small Christian Community