

## 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 we know, the COVID-19 pandemic is overlapping with the occurrence of wildfires in California. Per the CDC website, exposure to air pollutants in wildfire smoke can irritate the lungs, cause inflammation, alter immune function, and increase susceptibility to respiratory infections, likely including COVID-19. Please continue to keep yourself and your family safe by following CDC guidelines for COVID-19 and checking the air quality in your neighborhood. Localized air quality can be found on the Airnow website:

<https://www.airnow.gov/aqi/>



**TO EVERYONE WHO CONTINUES TO SUPPORT OUR PARISH!**

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



**STAY SAFE  
STAY HEALTHY  
WEAR A MASK**

### 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, September 12**  
All suffering from racial injustice  
Henry Morgan, Jr. (Spec. Int.)

8:30am **Sunday, September 13**  
The People of the Parish  
10:00am Geraldine McGrath (Spec. Int.)

8:30am **Tuesday, September 15**  
† John Griffin

8:30am **Friday, September 18**  
Mary Maglio (Spec. Int.)

4:15pm **Saturday, September 19**  
Mary Maglio (Spec. Int.)  
Henry Morgan, Jr. (Spec. Int.)

8:30am **Sunday, September 20**  
† Edwina Fineli  
The People of the Parish  
10:00am Dora Reams (Spec. Int.)

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

Served by the Carmelites



## September 13, 2020 TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



1490 19TH STREET (CHURCH)

LOCATED ON THE NE CORNER OF 19TH & CONNECTICUT STREETS

### PASTOR

Rev. Michael A. Greenwell, O. Carm.  
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### PASTORAL COUNCIL

[PastoralCouncil@StTeresaSF.org](mailto:PastoralCouncil@StTeresaSF.org)

### 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

**HOURS—10:00AM TO 4:30PM**  
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Website: [stteresasf.org](http://stteresasf.org)

## BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Mary Maglio, one of our long-time parishioners, will Celebrate her 99th birthday on September 18. Mary was an active parishioner until moving into assisted living. You may remember her in her Giants gear, as she was an usher at the ballpark until just a few years ago. If you would like to send her a birthday card or a note, her mailing address is

Mary Maglio  
c/o Heritage on the Marina  
3400 Laguna  
San Francisco, CA 94123



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**.

## ***Follow-up to the Pastoral Council's Statement on Racism, Oppression, and Injustice***

Following the deaths of George Floyd, Breana Taylor, and Ahmaud Aubrey – and the subsequent demonstrations against police brutality – the Pastoral Council of St. Teresa's Parish developed a statement on racism, oppression, and injustice. This statement can be found on the parish website (<https://www.stteresasf.org/88>), and it was also published in the bulletin for July 26, 2020. The Pastoral Council welcomed feedback on the statement, as well as suggestions for further action.

In issuing the statement, the Pastoral Council recognized that it's one thing to develop a statement and quite another to respond in an appropriate manner. The past six months have witnessed demonstrations throughout the United States, but the bottom line is that structural change is necessary in order to address the problems of racism, oppression, and injustice.

For many of us, the problem is, where should we begin? It seems that an appropriate starting point might be to examine our own unconscious racism. As people of privilege, we are often unaware of our own latent prejudices. But how do we bring these unconscious dimensions to the surface so that we might engage one another in meaningful conversation?

At the beginning of September, I received an e-mail from Peter Levenstrong, the newly appointed Associate Rector at St. Gregory of Nyssa Episcopal Church on Potrero Hill. Part of Peter's role at St. Gregory's is to focus on community engagement, which includes working with neighboring churches. Peter reached out to St. Teresa's to invite members of our congregation to journey with them through an anti-racism program called *Sacred Ground*.

The *Sacred Ground* program is open to people of all races, but its primary focus is on "white people's work"; that is, the need for white people to deconstruct their own whiteness, as well as to learn about other racial groups and their histories in America.

*Sacred Ground* is a program developed and compiled by the Episcopal Church to talk about race. It is a 10-session course and the sessions should last from one to one-and-a-half hours. Tentatively, groups would meet biweekly, beginning in September and extending into the new year. Initially, the meetings would take place over zoom, until health authorities determine that face-to-face group meetings would be permitted.

The course is free and will be facilitated by members of St. Gregory's. The syllabus consists primarily of videos, and will also include some reading. Here's a link to the *Sacred Ground* website: <https://episcopalchurch.org/sacred-ground>

If you are interested in participating in the program, here is a link to sign up (you should cut & paste this into your browser):

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<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfdk9TD7b0291LC9fvRyg-RnDI7zTp8h52HCAkYdKR-UUX7jQ/viewform>

The introductory session will take place during the week of September 13<sup>th</sup>. If you need more information or have any questions, please drop me an email. My address is: [mkwiecien@stteresasf.org](mailto:mkwiecien@stteresasf.org)

Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm.

## **ARCHDIOCESE OFFER ON-LINE CLASS**

The school of Pastoral Leadership announces 6-week online course to explain immigration through the lens of Catholic social teaching in response to World Day of Migrants and Refugees starting September 22.

The School of Pastoral Leadership in collaboration with the Office of Human Life & Dignity is pleased to announce an online course called **Immigration: The In-Between Life Issue**.

How is immigration a life issue? Isn't it simply a matter of political policy--over which Catholics may certainly disagree? The Church's position on provocative topics like abortion is well-known. However, the spiritual and intellectual sources behind the headlines--the Catholic social tradition (CST)--is less known. In fact, it has been called "the Church's best kept secret." CST provides the foundation for the Church's consistent life ethic, an understanding of life issues that extends beyond abortion to include physician-assisted suicide and capital punishment. The Church's view on immigration, and support for immigrants, draws on the same CST resources. This course will examine these sources--ranging from Scripture to papal encyclicals and recent bishops' statements--to appreciate immigration's position, particularly in the American context, as another "life issue" worthy of Catholic consideration.

To learn more or sign up visit: [www.sfarch.org/immigration-class](http://www.sfarch.org/immigration-class)

## **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](mailto:kg6cev@yahoo.com) if you have questions.

