

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

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## SEPTEMBER 19, 2021 TWENTY-FIFTH 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

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

### VOLUNTEER TO HELP OUR SENIOR AND INFIRMED PRIESTS

The Archdiocese is looking for nurse volunteers to assist the Priests' Care Manager in supporting our senior and infirmed priests. This will entail taking priests to appointments, assisting them when discharged to return home from hospital, visiting and helping to evaluate them when homebound. These volunteers will be called upon to help several times a year. The more who volunteer, the lighter the caseload.

Interested active or retired nurses can contact Ms. Rachel Alvelais, Priests' Care Manager: [alvelaisr@sfarch.org](mailto:alvelaisr@sfarch.org) or 415-297-2549

### VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED

**Coffee & Donuts:** To resume serving after our Sunday Masses, we need 2 volunteers per Mass to make coffee and transport carafes and supplies to the patio.

### Eucharistic Ministers:

**10am Masses**—to set altar at Offertory and serve at Mass

**4:15pm & 8:30am**—to set altar at Offertory

**Interested?** Call the Office or see Fr. Greenwell

## SERVANT LEADERSHIP

In today's gospel Jesus catches his disciples talking behind his back. "What were you arguing about on the way?" he asks, and the disciples fall silent, for they had been arguing as to who was the most important among them. Jesus uses this as an opportunity to challenge them regarding servant leadership. He tells them, "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." (Mk 9:35b) Here are a few other examples where Jesus speaks on this issue:

- ". . . let the greatest among you be as the youngest, and the leader as the servant. For who is greater: the one seated at table or the one who serves? Is it not the one seated at table? I am among you as the one who serves." (Lk 22:26b-27)
- ". . . whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve . . ." (Mk 10:43b-45a)
- "So when he had washed their feet . . . he said to them, 'Do you realize what I have done for you? You call me 'teacher' and 'master,' and rightly so, for indeed I am. If I, therefore, the master and teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another's feet. I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have done for you, you should also do.'" (Jn 13:12-15)

These are but a few examples of Jesus advocating servant leadership; in fact, one could make a case claiming that Christian leadership is synonymous with servant leadership. Jesus modeled this type of leadership, both in his relationship with the disciples as well as with those he ministered to.

We should note that servant leadership did not sit well with the Jewish authorities. In a very real sense, the Jewish society of Jesus' day was a caste system. A hierarchy existed which externally separated people into Jews and Gentiles. Within Judaism, distinctions existed between Pharisees and Sadducees. There was also a priestly class by birth, as well as those known as *anawim* (literally, the "poor people of God") who were often lumped together as "tax collectors, prostitutes, and sinners". When Jesus spoke of servant leadership he turned this world upside down: those at the pinnacle of the caste system were challenged to be servants to the poorest of the poor. Jesus' notion of servant leadership was an earth-shaking challenge to the people of his day. It should come as no surprise, then, that those in authority were threatened by this model and plotted to put him to death.

Our present pontiff, Francis I, perhaps best exemplifies what it means to be a servant leader. At times during his papacy, Francis' actions have been a source of tension and controversy. "Francis is not acting like a pope," they say, and I think they're right: instead of taking advantage of the clerical privilege of his office, Francis often acts like Jesus and models servant leadership. For many in authority, such behavior is perceived as a danger or threat.

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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 & SECOND COLLECTIONS AUGUST

First Collection	\$10,344
Building & Maintenance	\$ 2,206
Garden Fund	\$ 1,140
Charity Fund	\$ 200
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 1,336

## SECOND COLLECTION

**This week's** second collection benefits the Priests' Retirement Fund. Many continue to live a life of service, even in "retirement". They celebrate Mass, perform other Sacraments and share their years of experience in ministry with younger priests and seminarians. This fund provides income and medical benefits to retired priests in the San Francisco Archdiocese. Donate on-line [here](#).

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



## SACRED GROUND

The introductory session of Sacred Ground will take place on Zoom next Sunday, September 26 at 3pm. If you're interested in seeing what the program is about, please sign up [here](#).

## 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

## ST TERESA'S GREEN TEAM

Are you having to commute back to your work office? Lots of people grab breakfast on-the-go, whether that's hitting the drive-through or grabbing a snack bar wrapped single-use plastic. These habits result in a lot of packaging waste added up over time. Instead, take a smarter approach and plan ahead. Making breakfast at home is a super-easy way to avoid single-use plastic. If you don't have time for a sit-down breakfast, consider making some overnight oats the night prior. Store them in a reusable jar you take with you and heat it up there or just eat it cold. Of course, there are lots of other breakfast options you can make the night before as well, like granola bars, parfaits, muffins, and more. You just have to think ahead a bit. And don't forget to grab your reusable mug for coffee and tea!

## MASS INTENTIONS

As we celebrate Mass together we include in our prayers:

4:15pm	<b>Saturday, September 18</b> † <a href="#">Mary Maglio</a>
8:30am	<b>Sunday, September 19</b> The People of the Parish
10:00am	† <a href="#">Jason Cortez &amp; Lupe Cortez</a>
8:30am	<b>Tuesday, September 21</b> Rosanna Souza (Sp. Int.)
8:30am	<b>Friday, September 24</b> The Deceased of the Parish
4:15pm	<b>Saturday, September 25</b> † <a href="#">Mary Maglio</a>
8:30am	<b>Sunday, September 26</b> The People of the Parish
10:00am	† <a href="#">Edward &amp; Laura Markey</a>



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## CATHEDRAL SACRED ARTS TREASURY & HISTORY EXHIBIT 2021

October 1 through October 5, 2021 | 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

October 6, 2021 | 10:00 am – 5:30 pm

October 7, 2021 | 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Contact: Deacon Christoph Sandoval | 415-425-3336 | [rcs7777@comcast.net](mailto:rcs7777@comcast.net)

The California Patrons of the Arts in the Vatican Museums is hosting the Cathedral Sacred Arts Treasury & History Exhibit 2021. It will display precious art, artifacts, and historic photographs of the Archdiocese of San Francisco including Sacred Vestments, liturgical chalices, ciboria, patens, Holy Relics, a photograph portrait display of all nine Archbishops and photographic display of famous visitors to the Cathedral including:

- + Saint Pope John Paul II, Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta, Venerable Servant of God Archbishop Fulton Sheen.
- + Funeral Mass of Slain Mayor George Richard Moscone on December 1, 1978.
- + Archbishop John J. Mitty, of the Archdiocese of San Francisco, blesses the casket of Saint Damian of Molokai, before it was taken to St. Mary's Cathedral on February 11, 1936 where it remained in state before proceeding to Belgium.

A special exhibit will be an exact duplicate of the San Damiano Cross by the Knights of Saint Francis and an extraordinary restoration of the mahogany Canopy of our first Archbishop Alemany. There will also be video productions of interviews with key people recalling the Dedication Mass and a video loop with historic photography of the construction of the Cathedral. All are welcomed. Admission is free.