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**JULY 17, 2022
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY
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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

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**PHYSICIANS' ORGANIZING COMMITTEE
Speaking at all Masses July 23 & 24**

The issue at hand:

The Labor and Delivery unit at Mission Bernal Campus, formerly St. Luke's, has been shut down for over two years, since the beginning of the pandemic. The shutdown was ostensibly to use the beds for Covid-19 patients, but the beds aren't being used for Covid at all. Instead, there is a shortage of Labor and Delivery beds in the city, and women are being sent as far as Castro Valley or San Jose to give birth, or give birth in the emergency room-- which is dangerous. Sutter Health, a nonprofit, has an agreement with the city to keep the unit open until 2028 or pay a \$2 million fine each year, but the city hasn't enforced that agreement.

Our organization, Physicians Organizing Committee, an all volunteer group that works with doctors and other medical professionals to fight for better patient care, is fighting for Sutter to reopen the unit and pay the stipulated \$2 million per year fine. We're building community pressure on the board of supervisors to enforce that agreement. Any interested in this fight should contact Reed at 415-434-9335.

MARTHA & MARY: A UNIQUE, SPECIAL FRIENDSHIP WITH JESUS

In reading the gospels you can't help but notice that Jesus is surrounded by quite the menagerie of people. Immediately, the twelve apostles come to mind, and off the top of my head I can name a number of other gospel characters: there are the three Marys (Mary Magdalene, Mary the Mother of Jesus, and Mary the mother of James and John); there are three curious little men (Zacchaeus, Nicodemus, and Joseph of Arimathea); and, in today's Gospel, we have Martha and Mary (the sisters of Lazarus, whom Jesus will raise from the dead). Each of these people enjoys a relationship with Jesus, but the gospels tell us very little about the extent or depth of these relationships.

Today's column is pure speculation. I'd like to "read between the lines" of the gospel, making observations and drawing conclusions about some of the people surrounding Jesus. For example, although there are twelve apostles, only three fill prominent roles: Peter, James, and John. These three accompany Jesus to the mountain top for the Transfiguration, and they are also the three who are immediately present when he prays in the Garden of Gethsemane. Turning to Peter, it seems that there's not a thought in his head that doesn't get verbalized, but an apostle such as Jude (Thaddeus) utters not a word in the entire New Testament. From this we might conclude that, although there are twelve apostles, not all apostles are created equal.

Most Catholics assume that Mary, the Mother of Jesus, would be part of the select "inner circle" surrounding Jesus. The Gospels, however, tell a different story. After the infancy narratives, Mary speaks only two additional lines in the entire New Testament. This occurs at the Wedding Feast at Cana. Mary says to her Son, "They have no more wine," and, later, she instructs the waiter to "do whatever he tells you." Granted, Mary was present at the crucifixion, (possibly) at the tomb on Easter morning, and in the upper room with the disciples. From this, we might conclude that Mary had an honored role in the community. However, this honored role may not necessarily have been a prominent or influential one.

Which brings us to Martha and Mary, the subjects of this week's Gospel.

Today's Gospel, found only in Luke, has Mary at the feet of Jesus, listening to him speak. This in itself is remarkable because, in first-century Judaism, no woman would dare assume the position of a disciple sitting at the feet of the master. This image reinforces a Lucan theme that women had significant, egalitarian roles, both in the ministry of Jesus and in the early Church.

But there is more to Martha and Mary than meets the eye. The Gospel of John tells us that Mary was the one who anointed Jesus with perfumed oil and dried his feet with her hair. (Jn 11:2) This serves as introductory material to the story about Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead. In that story, Martha and Jesus engage in a lively theological discussion about resurrection, one which continues when her sister Mary arrives on the scene.

Then something extraordinary happened: Jesus wept. (Jn 11:35)

The fact that Jesus traveled to Bethany to be with Martha and Mary – and that he wept at the death of Lazarus – tells us something about Jesus' relationship with these three people. If we "read between the lines", it seems reasonable to conclude that Jesus had a profound and deep relationship with Martha, Mary, and Lazarus. We note that it was not until the Last Supper on the night before he died that Jesus said to his

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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.

apostles, "I no longer call you slaves; I call you friends." (Jn 15:13-15) Jesus addressed his apostles as friends only hours before his death. Apparently, Martha, Mary, and Lazarus enjoyed a deep friendship with Jesus long before the night preceding the Crucifixion.

Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm.

Please join us in welcoming to our parish community:



David Francis Michka, the son of Brian Michka and Iona Bolboron. David was baptized by Rev. Aaron John Michka, CSC on Friday, July 15 at St. Teresa's

and

Emerson Audrey Nguyen, the daughter of Vu Nguyen & Michelle Fishberg.

Emerson will be baptized by Rev. Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm. this Sunday at the 10 am Mass.



SECOND COLLECTIONS

This week there will be no second collection.

Next week there will be no second collection.

RCIA

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is the process where new members are incorporated into the Church. The preparation takes nearly a year, beginning in the Fall and culminating at the Easter Vigil with the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.

If you know anyone who is interested in becoming a Catholic, please have that person contact Fr. Mike Kwiecien or the Parish Office for information.



ON-LINE GIVING

Scan QR code to register for on-line giving or to make a one time gift.

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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The Parish Office will be closed July 18—22 while our Secretary enjoys vacation time.



We are suspending service of coffee & donuts after the 8:30am Mass. This is due to a combination of low attendance and lack of volunteers. We will re-assess after Labor Day.

Coffee & donuts following the 10am Mass will continue.

ST TERESA'S GREEN TEAM

Jose Aguto, Catholic Climate Covenant's executive director said, "As Catholics, we are called to uphold life and the dignity of every human person. Our care for creation is an integral aspect of that call and part of a wholistic vision for human thriving. This vision includes nutritious food, safe shelter, as well as clean air, clean water and a livable climate: in short, a care for all of creation and every human person including future generations. The climate crisis is one of the greatest manifestations of our lack of care, resulting in evermore devastating and disruptive weather events causing profound human suffering... We know the emission of carbon dioxide through the burning of fossil fuels is one of the largest causes of the climate crisis... As U.S. Catholics we pray our nation can find innovative ways to answer the call to care for creation for all families and all neighbors, especially those most impacted by the climate crisis. We must protect our common home that sustains all life."

MASS INTENTIONS

As we celebrate Mass together we include in our prayers:

- 4:15pm **Saturday, July 16**
† Henry Morgan
- 8:30am **Sunday, July 17**
† Fr. Tiernan O'Callaghan
The People of the Parish
- 10:00am Anita Ramirez (Spec. Int.)
† Angelina Petrccjo
- 8:30am **Tuesday, July 19**
† Fr. Tiernan O'Callaghan
- 8:30am **Friday, July 22**
Bernadette G. Aquino (Spec. Int.)
- 4:15pm **Saturday, July 23**
† Mary A. Burns
- 8:30am **Sunday, July 24**
† Ruby Sanchez
- 10:00am † Francisco M. Aquino, Sr.
The People of the Parish

Preparations for the upcoming Religious Education programs.

Letters/emails will be sent out to parents of students enrolled in the programs last year. For families new to our programs, forms are available in the vestibule. **PLEASE return all forms and payments to the Parish Office, either by mail or by dropping in the collection basket.**

We encourage all parents to register early. Please note the parish expectation that parents and guardians participate in our Sunday Eucharistic celebrations and attend a number of our class sessions. **The parents are the primary teachers** and we are your helpers.



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