

We Welcome You To St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church

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**JUNE 12, 2021
TRINITY 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

PARISH OFFICE / MAILING ADDRESS

HOURS—10:00AM TO 4:30PM

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THIS SUNDAY

You are invited . . .
to attend a piano recital
by the students of our
parishioner Therese
Labuguen on Sunday,
June 12 at 3pm here at
St. Teresa's.



MASKS REQUIRED

COME, ENJOY THE MUSIC!

IDEA FEASTS: TRINITY SUNDAY & CORPUS CHRISTI

During the liturgical year we celebrate several different types of feasts. First and foremost, there are feasts linked to historical events in Salvation History. Examples of this type of feast would be Christmas and Easter (linked to the Birth and Resurrection of Jesus), as well as the feast we celebrated last Sunday, Pentecost (which commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit and the beginning of the Church).

A second genre of feasts honors saints. Perhaps the most “celebrated” of these is St. Patrick’s Day, March 17th (although a strong argument may be made in San Francisco for the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, October 4th).

Then we have feasts such as today (Trinity Sunday) and next week (*Corpus Christi*), feasts which neither commemorate a historical event nor honor a saint. These are called *idea feasts* and – in many cases – they are only tangentially grounded in Scripture. Idea feasts deal with Church doctrine or dogma and, as such, properly belong to the realm of *tradition*. This week’s column examines idea feasts, and the question becomes how and why they found their way into the liturgical calendar.

To understand how these feasts came about we must recognize that, in the history of the Church, there have always been doctrinal controversies. In the first five centuries most of these controversies centered on the nature of God. They dealt with the humanity and divinity of Jesus, as well as the development of dogma and doctrine pertaining to the third aspect of the Godhead, the Holy Spirit. With a little prodding and background information, it is not hard to realize why this was the case.

In the Hebrew Scriptures, an ever-present, underlying premise is that there is only one God. By the eighth century BC, Jews had become emphatically *monotheistic*, and, given this monotheistic understanding, any claim by Jesus about being one with God or God’s son was tantamount to blasphemy. Of course, Jewish belief held that God would send a Messiah, but this belief assumed that this Messiah would be someone like Moses or David, a human being that God would call forth to liberate his chosen people.

As an aside, it is important to note that nowhere in the Old Testament is there any hint that God himself would become a human being. Hence, the notion that “the Word became flesh and dwelt among us” was heretical to this monotheistic people. This was by no means resolved in the early Church, and the inclusion of the Holy Spirit only further complicated the situation.

The Council of Nicea (325 CE) is the first “ecumenical council” to address these concerns, and from this council came the *Nicean Creed* (which we profess to this day). The Creed contains a Trinitarian doctrine in that it speaks of God as Father, Son, and Spirit. Notice that although the Bible makes reference to the Father, Son, and Spirit, the idea and concept of *Trinity* – three persons in one God – is a matter of doctrine or dogma rather than scripture.

We have a similar situation next Sunday with respect to *Corpus Christi*. Just as this Sunday deals with the idea of One God in Three Persons, next Sunday focuses on the theological questions of what we mean by *real presence* (how the bread and wine

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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.

is the Body and Blood of Christ). In both cases, a theological question (the triune nature of God and real presence of Christ in the Eucharist) forced an articulation of doctrine (Trinity and transubstantiation). In order to explain these theological "ideas" to the people in the pews, feasts such as Trinity Sunday and *Corpus Christi* were added to the liturgical calendar. Including idea feasts on the liturgical calendar meant that the clergy would be required to preach and teach on these doctrinal concerns.

Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm.



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 cumulating 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 regarding the process.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

This week there will be no second collection.

Next week's second collection will benefit Peter's Pence Collection to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including helping Pope Francis to carry out his charitable works. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Donate to this collection [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

The Catholic Climate Covenant is delighted to invite you to participate in the Vatican's **Synod on Synodality**, a global process of discernment and listening so that we may strengthen the Church's mission to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We join the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops, who invite us and other Catholic organizations to "help in reaching out and listening to various people that might not connect with the Church, especially those on the margins."

To participate in our Synodal Listening Sessions, please register below for a date and time that works for you. (Each session will be limited to 100 people. If one is booked, try another date!)

<https://www.synod.va/en.html>

Tues, 6/14, 7:00am PDT [REGISTER HERE](#)

Tues, 6/14, 12noon PDT [REGISTER HERE](#)

Wed, 6/15, 8:00am PDT [REGISTER HERE](#)

Wed, 6/15, 5:30pm PDT [REGISTER HERE](#)

Sat, 6/18, 10:00am PDT [REGISTER HERE](#)

A NOTE FROM SR. DOROTHY FABRITZE, MCS

It was a joy for me to be present with you last month. I shared with you the efforts of the MSC Sisters to empower the local church in 21 countries around the world to continue a tradition of compassionate presence through skilled and creative responses to needs. I am grateful for your generosity in response to my mission appeal. Our indigenous Sisters are grateful that they can be the heart of God in our world. Without your generosity and shared mission, much of our work would be in jeopardy. Our sisters will continue to pray for all of you — and we ask that you continue to pray for us as well.



St Teresa of Avila Church is an EPA ENERGY STAR® certified building.

MASS INTENTIONS

As we celebrate Mass together we include in our prayers:

Saturday, June 11

4:15pm † [Lupita Perea](#)

Sunday, June 12

8:30am † [Fr. Peter Sammon & Dante Lodolo](#)

10:00am † [Lupita Perea](#)

The People of the Parish

Tuesday, June 14

8:30am [Anita Ramirez](#) (Spec. Int.)

Friday, June 17

8:30am † [Lupita Perea](#)

Saturday, June 18

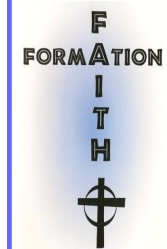
4:15pm † [Michael J. Comaich](#)

The People of the Parish

Sunday, June 19

8:30am † [Mary Morgan](#)

10:00am † [Paul Sullivan](#)



We have begun making 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 will be 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.