

St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church



"Do we not have in the Eucharist the living, true and real Jesus present before us?"

**Why look for more."
— St Teresa of Avila**

JUNE 22, 2025 CORPUS CHRISTI

1490 19TH STREET (CHURCH)
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Jazz and Pops Concert

Sunday, June 29, 2025

2:00 pm

St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church
1490 19th Street (at Connecticut Street)
Potrero Hill neighborhood
San Francisco 94107

Adults: \$10 donation requested (cash at the door)
18 and under: Free

The program includes music by Count Basie, Ella Fitzgerald, Frank Sinatra, Tony Bennett, Cole Porter, Johnny Mandel and Johnny Mercer, Neal Hefii, Jimmy Webb, The Beatles, John Denver, and selections from "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory."

For more information and a sample of our previous concerts and recordings, please visit our website:

www.royalcourtbrass.com

Please reach out to Laura for more details!
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Please join us in
welcoming Father
Roberto Rodriguez,
MM, of the Maryknoll
Missionary Society.

Father Rodriguez,
MM, welcome to St
Teresa of Avila!
We are glad to have
you with us!



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Corpus Christi

Quick question: In the late Middle Ages, what was the most popular religious feast in Christianity? If you said Christmas or Easter, you'd be wrong because, by the 14th century, the most popular feast in Christianity was Corpus Christi. How did this come about?

In 1264, Pope Urban IV issued the papal bull, *Transiturus de hoc Mundo*, establishing Corpus Christi as a feast throughout the Universal (Latin) Church. But the feast of Corpus Christi did not suddenly appear with this document. Celebration and controversy surrounding the Eucharist had been around for centuries, both in theological debate and popular devotion.

Corpus Christi – Latin for the “Body of Christ” – focuses on the Eucharist. In terms of theological debate, the issue revolves around the question of what do we mean when we say Eucharist. In the early Church there was not much philosophical or theological discussion on the subject. For Christians, Eucharist was a mystery involving liturgy, bread and wine, the Body and Blood of Christ, and the presence of the Lord. Major controversies surrounding Eucharist did not emerge until perhaps the eighth and ninth centuries.

The issue came down to one of consubstantiation -vs- transubstantiation (con- is a prefix that means “with”; trans- is a prefix that means “changed into”). In consubstantiation, Christ “dwells within” the consecrated bread and wine, that is, the presence of Christ coexists within the substances of bread and wine. In transubstantiation, the bread and wine are changed: they are no longer bread and wine because their “substance” has been changed or transformed into the Body and Blood of Christ.

By the 13th century the transubstantiation position became the official theology of the Catholic Church, and it was formally and eloquently articulated by Thomas Aquinas in his *Summa Theologica*. Eventually, the consubstantiation position would be taken up by the Protestant Reformers, and their understanding of Eucharist – coupled with issues concerning the supremacy of the Roman Pontiff and the ordination of women – are regarded as the three “stumbling blocks” that stand in the way of the unification of the Christian Churches.

While theologians argued as to the meaning of the Body and Blood of Christ, devotions and practices surrounding the Eucharist became staples of popular piety. Eucharistic processions and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament were common, and the original feast of Corpus Christi – the Thursday following Trinity Sunday – was a Holy Day of Obligation. By the Middle Ages, the celebration of Corpus Christi bore a striking resemblance to our contemporary “Renaissance Fairs” with entertainment, primitive theater, miracle and morality plays, plenty of food and drink, and religious celebration as well. By the 15th century, Corpus Christi was a more popular feast than Christmas or Easter.

From the perspective of popular piety, Corpus Christi was a huge success, but the catechetical challenge facing the church was, “How do we teach the faithful about the doctrine of transubstantiation?”

The most effective way to do this involved linking the liturgical customs associated with Corpus Christi – processions, exposition, adoration – to the developing theology of Eucharist. By focusing on liturgical practices, the clergy, through preaching, were able to make the connection between people's religious behavior to the emerging theology of Eucharist.

Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm.



Our second annual Christmas in July donation partners us again with the Boys and Girls Club of San Francisco. Last year's generosity overwhelmed them. Let's do it again! Our Giving Trees will be up from June 28 through August 3, loaded with tags listing their specific requests.

For more information contact Lynn Jacklevich here at the office:

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AAA 2025—WEEK 17

Assessed Amount: \$28,663
Amount Rec'd/Pledged: \$23,738
Balance Remaining: \$4,925

We are at **83%** of our goal! Thank you to all who have donated & pledged. Last year we met our goal within 11 weeks with 73 donors. So far 56 donors have given/pledged and. We celebrate Easter this week, let's try to wrap this up with a bang!

Please check with your employer to see if they provide matching funds for charitable donations.

Any excess funds received are returned directly back to our parish.

You can donate now on the Archdiocesan web-site:

<https://sfarch.org/aaa>

or Scan this QR code



← You may also donate on our online portal [here](#) or Scan this QR code

ST TERESA'S GREEN TEAM greenteam@stteresasf.org

Looking to get some fresh air this weekend? Outward Bound California and SF Rec and Park offer free community days once a month to try out the Ropes Challenge Course at McLaren Park! This is a great opportunity to enjoy some of SF's wonderful green spaces (seriously, we're spoiled here) and explore a lovely park if you haven't yet been. Adults and children 12 or older can participate but you need to register ahead of time on a first-come, first-served basis.

<https://www.outwardboundcalifornia.org/programs/challenge-course/#Who%20Can%20Attend>

GUN SAFETY COMMITTEE GUN DEATHS/INJURIES 2025

In the United States, as of June 15, 2025, there have been 6,566 gun deaths, including homicides, unintentional deaths, and deaths in defensive gun uses, according to the Gun Violence Archive. Additionally, there have been 11,668 injuries from gun violence. Here's a more detailed breakdown: Total Gun Deaths: 6,566, Total Injuries: 11,668, Mass Shootings: 153, Children (0-11) Killed: 108, Teens (12-17) Killed: 441, Officer-Involved Incidents: 30 killed, 143 injured, Unintentional Shootings: 603, Murder/Suicides: 275, Defensive Use: 519. It's important to note that these figures are constantly updated and represent a snapshot in time. You can find more detailed information and ongoing updates at the Gun Violence Archive.

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.*

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil 4:15 pm
Sunday 8:30 &
10:00 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday—Friday
8:30am

PARISH OFFICE / MAILING ADDRESS

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MARRIAGE

Please call 6 months prior

BAPTISM

Please call for appointment

RECONCILIATION

Monday—Friday
Following 8:30am Mass
or call for appointment

SECOND COLLECTIONS

THIS WEEK second collection benefits the Missionary Cooperative. Donate [here](#).

NEXT WEEK'S second collection benefits the St. Teresa Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Donate [here](#).

Donate [here](#) to support our Charity Fund.

Donate [here](#) to support Paino Repair Fund.



Anyone looking to contribute, to our piano repair, please donate using the QR code above.

MASS INTENTIONS

As we celebrate Mass together we include in our prayers:

Saturday, June 21

4:15pm † The Deceased Members of our SVDP Conference

Sunday, June 22

8:30am Rick Pitts
10:00am † Paul Sullivan

Monday, June 23

8:30am † Bill Cassidy

Tuesday, June 24

8:30am † Alfonse Talmadge

Wednesday, June 25

8:30am † Steve Hurd

Thursday, June 26

8:30am Maria Joseph Matthew

Friday, June 27

8:30am † Bob Jacklevich

Saturday, June 28

4:15pm † Tony Rodriguez

Sunday, June 29

8:30am † Bob Rose
10:00am Rick Pitts

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

☐ On-Line Giving