

St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church



**"In this house all are friends,
all are loved, all are helped, all
are held dear."
— St Teresa of Avila**



JUNE 29, 2025

**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

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WELCOME WEEKEND JULY 5 & 6

Next weekend we will be celebrating our monthly Welcome Masses (aka Nametag Sunday). We make the first Saturday and Sunday of each month a special "Welcome" experience for inviting new parishioners. We encourage everyone to bring a friend or two and join the community of St. Teresa's in welcoming new parishioners, visitors and old friends. Please save a bit of time to socialize after our Sunday Masses with donuts and coffee.



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Today, June 29, 2025 @2:00 pm
St Teresa of Avila

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 Hefti, Jimmy Webb, The Beatles, John Denver, and selections from "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory."

Please reach out to Laura for more details!
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**Please check the bulletin boards for
NEW** upcoming events at St. Teresa's
and around the Bay Area.

Was Paul really an Apostle?

The twelve apostles enjoy a privileged role in the Christian tradition. However, with the exception of Peter, James, and John, we know very little about these original followers of Jesus (and what we do know is often a mixture of historical fact and legend). When one of the apostles appears in the Sunday readings, I'd like to focus my weekly column on that particular apostle.

In the liturgical year, the Solemnity of Saints Peter & Paul falls on June 29th. Because it is a solemnity, it takes precedence over the Sunday in Ordinary Time. What does that mean? Red vestments are worn instead of green, the readings are taken from the solemnity rather than the "C" cycle, and the proper prayers and preface of Saints Peter & Paul are used.

In today's column I'd like to focus on one of the more intriguing tangents to today's feast: the question of whether Paul was actually an apostle. Technically speaking, the Christian Scriptures distinguish among disciples, apostles, and "the Twelve" according to the following criteria: a disciple is anyone who is a follower of Jesus; an apostle is anyone who was personally called by Jesus, and the Twelve refers to those twelve men who were personally called by Jesus when he walked the earth. Given these parameters, Paul was a disciple but not one of the twelve, and the first-century debate in the early Church was whether Paul was an apostle.

We can say with almost absolute certainty that Paul never met Jesus while Jesus walked the earth. Additionally, we are confident in saying that Paul did not encounter Jesus when the Lord appeared to various disciples in the interim period between the Resurrection and the Ascension. Paul's encounter with the Risen Lord took place several years later when, armed with letters to the synagogues in Damascus, Saul (Paul) intended to arrest "... any men or women who belonged to the Way, (so that) he might bring them back to Jerusalem in chains" (Acts 9:2). It was on the road to Damascus that Saul was struck down by a blinding light, and it was in this experience that Saul (Paul) claimed to have been "personally called by Christ." Herein lies Paul's claim to be an apostle: Jesus personally called him on the road to Damascus.

However, the Christian Community was very skeptical and suspicious of Saul's supposed conversion. The Acts of the Apostles make it quite clear that Saul was responsible for the death of the first martyr, Stephen (Acts 7:54 - 60), and Acts is also quite emphatic in its description of Saul "trying to destroy the Church, entering house after house and dragging out men and women, (handing) them over for imprisonment" (Acts 8:3). The very name of Saul struck terror in the hearts of Christians, and they were skeptical and suspicious as to whether Saul's conversion was real.

As we read through the Acts of the Apostles and the letters of Paul, it quickly becomes apparent that Paul spent the remainder of his life trying to "legitimize" his claim as an apostle. In his missionary journeys, Paul spread Christianity throughout the Mediterranean world, but his success was not without controversy: Paul's liberal understanding was that one did not have to be Jewish to be Christian. Paul's acceptance of Gentiles into the Church did not meet well with the initial followers of Jesus (who were Jewish). Eventually, Paul's vision of Church ("gentile or Jew, servant or free, women or man, no more") prevailed, but this did not occur until about 30 years after the death and resurrection of Jesus. It was not until the end of the Apostolic Period that Paul was accepted as being an "Apostle."

Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm.



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ST TERESA'S GREEN TEAM
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With the 4th of July coming up this Friday, take a moment to think about how you can make your celebrations just a bit more sustainable. Here are some easy, yet impactful options to consider: Use compostable silverware and plates, or better yet just use your normal dishware.

Eat more veggies and pick your meats wisely; chicken and pork contribute less emissions than beef so they make for easy substitutes while still letting you get your grill on!

If you buy drinks, go for canned or glass bottle options over plastic bottle options as they're much easier to recycle.

GUN SAFETY COMMITTEE

Asking Saves Kids Campaign on ASK Day

Brady observes the 25th anniversary of its Asking Saves Kids campaign on ASK Day, which takes place each year on June 21 to remind parents, guardians, and caretakers to ask one life-saving question: "Is there an unlocked gun in the home where my child will play." Keeping guns locked and unloaded reduces the risk of unintentional shooting deaths and gun suicides among youth by 73%. Right now, 4.6 million children in America live in homes with unlocked guns. That's one in three homes with kids. As children spend more time away from home, the likelihood of encountering unsecured firearms increases dramatically. Parents naturally ask about food allergies before playdates. Brady is asking parents to add one more question to safety conversations they're already having. Simply ask "Is there an unlocked gun where my child plays?" This is a crucial step parents can take to protect children.

Anyone looking to contribute, to our piano reconditioning, please donate using the QR code here.



AAA 2025—WEEK 18

Assessed Amount: \$28,663
 Amount Rec'd/Pledged: \$23,813
 Balance Remaining: \$4,850

We are at **84%** 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



Our second annual Christmas in July event 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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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

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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 St. Teresa Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Donate [here](#).

NEXT WEEK'S second collection benefits the Building and Maintenance fund for St. Teresa. Donate [here](#).

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

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

MASS INTENTIONS

As we celebrate Mass together we include in our prayers:

Saturday, June 28

4:15pm [Susan Dal Porto \(Sp.Int.\)](#)

Sunday, June 29

8:30am † Fr. Peter Sammon
 10:00am [Rick Pitts \(Sp.Int.\)](#)

Monday, June 30

8:30am † Bob Jacklevich

Tuesday, July 1

8:30am † Alfonse Talmadge

Wednesday, July 2

8:30am Nick Daddio (Sp.Int.)

Thursday, July 3

8:30am † Lauren Gile (Birthday)

Friday, July 4

8:30am The people of the Parish

Saturday, July 5

4:15pm † Kathleen M. Burns

Sunday, July 6

8:30am † Robert & Lois Biniek
 10:00am † Mary Sullivan

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