

MASS INTENTIONS

As we celebrate Mass together we include in our prayers:

Saturday, November 15
4:15pm † James J. Burns

Sunday, November 16
8:30am † Lawrence V. Galla
10:00am Rick Pitts(Spc. Int.)

Monday, November 17
8:30am † Mickey & Bill Knaapen

Tuesday, November 18
8:30am † Sr. Mary Pat White, RSCJ

Wednesday, November 19
8:30am † George Gabriel Muhek

Thursday, November 20
8:30am † Kathleen M. Burns

Friday, November 21
8:30am † Tony and Lois Jacklevich

Saturday, November 22
4:15pm † Eloisa Perea
& Margaret Rice

Sunday, November 23
8:30am † Aurino Gacad
10:00am † Margaret Rice

DO YOU HAVE AN IRA? DONATE TO ST TERESA FOR TAX RELIEF!

- If you are 70 or over you can transfer up to \$100,000 a year to a charity tax free every year.
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- A qualified charitable distribution is only tax free as long as the distribution is paid from the individual retirement account directly to the charitable organization, like St Teresa

SPEAK WITH FATHER GREG AFTER MASS OR CONTACT YOUR TAX ADVISER FOR MORE INFORMATION.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

THIS WEEK there is no second collection

NEXT WEEK's second collection benefits the St Teresa Campaign for Human Development Fund. Donate



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ARE WE MEETING ON THANKSGIVING DAY?

YOU BET YOUR MASS WE ARE!
9:00 AM SERVICE THANKSGIVING DAY, COME ONE AND COME ALL!

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



St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church
“We should not build castles in the air.” – St Teresa of Avila

NOVEMBER 16, 2025
THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

November is the month of the holy souls. Throughout this month we remember all our loved ones who have died as we hold them in prayer. Bring photos of your deceased friends and family members and place them by the font so the parish can remember them at each mass in November.



Eternal Rest

Remembrance of the Holy Souls
during the month of November

St Teresa Holiday Craft Faire

The St Teresa Holiday Craft Faire is returning to the lower hall this December. Expect a wonderland of home made gifts, sweet treats, and community ambiance.

December 6th is the day of the faire, if you would like to support in any capacity or become a vendor please reach out the Parish Office via email.

Help us decide where we are going!

Please take a moment to fill out the survey in this QR code. The survey will help us narrow down the most popular tasks listed by Mary McLeod in her report from last week and will build a road map for the parish to take action.



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



Please Join Us Today!

The Gun Safety Committee asks that you join us today in the hall after mass and write a few postcards to the Senators in states with the poorest gun safety laws asking them to oppose Senate Bill 65 “Constitutional Carry Reciprocity Act” which would create a federal mandate that would force every state to recognize every other states standards for carrying a concealed and loaded gun in public. Postcards will be addressed and sample messages will be provided. Wine & Cheese will be provided after the 4:15 and donuts on Sunday.



THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS

If you or someone you know can use a SVdP Thanksgiving Dinner Food Basket, please call the Parish Office @415-285-5272, to get on the list of recipients. The baskets are being handed out on November 24th between 10 AM and 12 PM.

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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil 4:15

Sunday 8:30 & 10:00

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday—Friday 8:30am

PARISH OFFICE / MAILING ADDRESS

HOURS—10:00AM TO 4:30PM

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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

Let's All Get Online!

All parishioners are encouraged to support the parish through online giving.



The Cullinan Window: Intrigue Surrounding the Papal Tiara

St. Teresa's has seventeen stained glass windows: twelve in the main body of the Church, one each in the left and right sanctuaries, and three in the vestibule. Since 2010 all seventeen have been restored, and this week's column is a reprint of an earlier column which focused on the Papal Tiara Window, located in the southwest corner of the vestibule facing Connecticut Street.

The Cullinan Window of the Papal Tiara is one of the oldest windows in St. Teresa's Church, dating, perhaps, from the first decade of the 20th century. The fact that the window is obscured by the stairs to the choir loft suggests that this was not the window's original location. We believe that, originally, the window was in the main body of the Church, and that it was one of the windows which survived a major fire. The present twelve windows in the main body of the church – which portray events in the life of Christ – date from the 1930s, suggesting that the Tiara Window was moved to the vestibule at about that time.

When the Tiara Window was removed for restoration, the restorer commented that “we don't make (tiara) windows like this any more.” I found this intriguing and did some research as to why this might be so.

The tiara – the pope's crown – has been worn by popes since the 8th century, and the three-tiered form (depicted in our window) has been around since the 14th century. The tiara is a non-liturgical ornament, which means that it is only worn for non-liturgical ceremonies, such as a ceremonial procession to church and back (the *miter* is worn by the pope when he is at a liturgical function). A representation of the triple tiara combined with two crossed keys (which is portrayed in our window) was and continues to be used as a symbol of the papacy, appearing on papal documents, buildings and insignia.

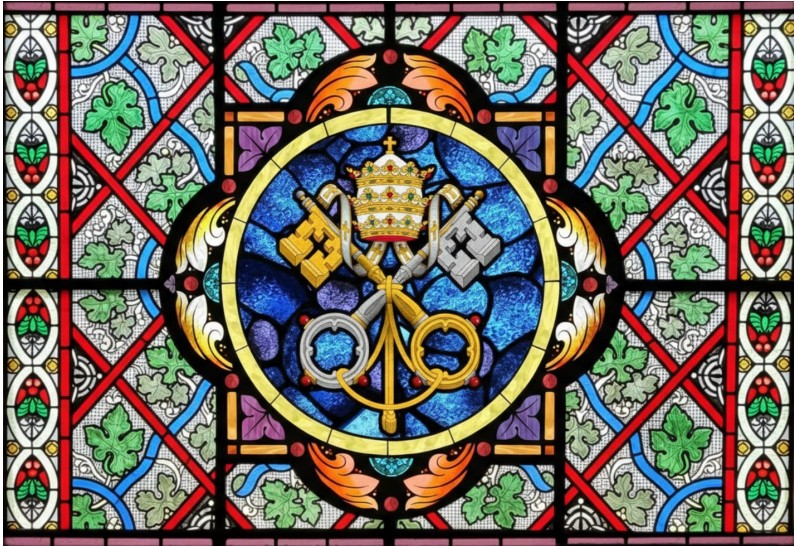
The last pope to wear a tiara was Paul VI. In November 1963 – in a gesture of humility symbolizing the papacy's surrender of any claim to temporal power – Pope Paul placed the tiara on the altar of St. Peter's Basilica and never wore it again. The tiara was to be sold and the proceeds given to charity, but Francis Spellman, Cardinal Archbishop of New York, arranged for the tiara to be bought by the Catholic Church in the United States. It is now on permanent display in the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.

There are at least twenty-four tiaras in existence, the earliest dating from the 16th century. The pope, at his discretion, may choose to wear the tiara. However, following the gesture of Paul VI, the subsequent popes (John Paul I, John Paul II, Benedict XVI, Francis I, and Leo XIV) chose not wear the tiara at the ceremony celebrating their election and investiture.

Because the tiara is a non-liturgical ornament and is associated with temporal power, creating a stained glass window of a tiara would, today, be somewhat “politically incorrect.” However, when St. Teresa's window was installed a century ago, it was during a time that celebrated the “high point” of an almost monarchical papacy, a century-long period that spanned roughly from the reign of Pius IX (1846-1878) through Pius XII (1939-1958).

The window was originally dedicated to the memory of John Cullinan. In 2012, the restoration restored the brilliance and color of the original window.

Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm



ST TERESA'S GREEN TEAM

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The United Nations COP30 conference began on Monday (11/10). COP30's action agenda includes, in part, transforming agriculture and food systems. Two new books related to the transformation of the food system have been published recently: one for growers and one for eaters. These books are:

- 1) The Self-fed Farm and Garden: A Return to the Roots of the Organic Method by Elliot Coleman; and
- 2) *What to Eat Now: The Indispensable Guide to Good Food, How to Find It, and Why It Matters* by Marion Nestle.

To find video interviews of each of these authors, visit the Real Organic Project website.

Would you like to join the Parish Pastoral Council?

Do you like to steer the ship? Do you have a million great ideas? Do you want to work a great group of people who care about their community?

Then come and join us! Reach out to Victoria Michalchuk after mass this Sunday.

GUN SAFETY COMMITTEE

CHILD ACCESS to FIREARMS in the US

Children often find or handle firearms in the home without their parents' knowledge

According to Baxley (2006):

3 in 4 children ages 5-14 knew where firearms were hidden in the home

39% of their parents mistakenly thought that their child did not know the location of firearms

1 in 3 children ages 5-14 had handled a firearm in the home

22% of their parents mistakenly thought that their child had never handled a firearm

By the age of 3, some children are strong enough to pull the trigger of a handgun

90% of 7- to 8-year-olds

70% of 5- to 6-year-olds

25% of 3- to 4-year-olds

Naureckas (1995)

*In this infographic, children are defined as under 18, unless otherwise specified

For evidence-informed strategies for prevention, visit our resource guide: [ChildrensSafetyNetwork.org/firearm-resource-guide-2013](https://www.ChildrensSafetyNetwork.org/firearm-resource-guide-2013)

To view detailed sources for this infographic, please visit: [ChildrensSafetyNetwork.org/publications/firearms-child-access-infographic](https://www.ChildrensSafetyNetwork.org/publications/firearms-child-access-infographic)

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“Special Statement on Immigration”

by the Roman Catholic Bishops of the United States

On November 12, 2025, and for the first time in 12 years the U.S. bishops issued a Special Message addressing their concern for the evolving situation impacting immigrants in the United States. Collectively the bishops have invoked this particularly urgent way of speaking as a body of bishops.

As pastors, we the bishops of the United States are bound to our people by ties of communion and compassion in Our Lord Jesus Christ. We are disturbed when we see among our people a climate of fear and anxiety around questions of profiling and immigration enforcement. We are saddened by the state of contemporary debate and the vilification of immigrants. We are concerned about the conditions in detention centers and the lack of access to pastoral care. We lament that some immigrants in the United States have arbitrarily lost their legal status. We are troubled by threats against the sanctity of houses of worship and the special nature of hospitals and schools. We are grieved when we meet parents who fear being detained when taking their children to school and when we try to console family members who have already been separated from their loved ones.

Despite obstacles and prejudices, generations of immigrants have made enormous contributions to the well-being of our nation. We as Catholic bishops love our country and pray for its peace and prosperity. For this very reason, we feel compelled now in this environment to raise our voices in defense of God given human dignity.

Catholic teaching exhorts nations to recognize the fundamental dignity of all persons, including immigrants. We bishops advocate for a meaningful reform of our nation's immigration laws and procedures. Human dignity and national security are not in conflict. Both are possible if people of good will work together.

We recognize that nations have a responsibility to regulate their borders and establish a just and orderly immigration system for the sake of the common good. Without such processes, immigrants face the risk of trafficking and other forms of exploitation. Safe and legal pathways serve as an antidote to such risks.

The Church's teaching rests on the foundational concern for the human person, as created in the image and likeness of God (Genesis 1:27). As pastors, we look to Sacred Scripture and the example of the Lord Himself, where we find the wisdom of God's compassion. The priority of the Lord, as the Prophets remind us, is for those who are most vulnerable: the widow, the orphan, the poor, and the stranger (Zechariah 7:10). In the Lord Jesus, we see the One who became poor for our sake (2 Corinthians 8:9), we see the Good Samaritan who lifts us from the dust (Luke 10:30-37), and we see the One who is found in the least of these (Matthew 25). The Church's concern for neighbor and our concern here for immigrants is a response to the Lord's command to love as He has loved us (John 13:34).

To our immigrant brothers and sisters, we stand with you in your suffering, since, when one member suffers, all suffer (cf. 1 Corinthians 12:26). You are not alone!

We note with gratitude that so many of our clergy, consecrated religious, and lay faithful already accompany and assist immigrants in meeting their basic human needs. We urge all people of good will to continue and expand such efforts.

We oppose the indiscriminate mass deportation of people. We pray for an end to dehumanizing rhetoric and violence, whether directed at immigrants or at law enforcement. We pray that the Lord may guide the leaders of our nation, and we are grateful for past and present opportunities to dialogue with public and elected officials. In this dialogue, we will continue to advocate for meaningful immigration reform. As disciples of the Lord, we remain men and women of hope, and hope does not disappoint! (cf. Romans 5:5)

May the mantle of Our Lady of Guadalupe enfold us all in her maternal and loving care and draw us ever closer to the heart of Christ.