

**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

**Thank You!**


The Gun Safety Committee thanks the many parishioners who wrote 140 post cards to the senators from the states of Missouri, Tennessee, Mississippi, Louisiana, Alaska, Wyoming, Alabama and New Mexico asking them to oppose Senate Bill 65 (Constitutional Carry Reciprocity Act). This bill 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. Let us hope these politicians do the right thing and vote to keep guns off our streets.




**SECOND COLLECTIONS**

**THIS WEEK** there is no second collection

**NEXT WEEK's** second collection benefits the St Teresa Saint Vincent de Paul Fund.

Donate here 



**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

**MASS INTENTIONS**

*As we celebrate Mass together we include in our prayers:*

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

**Sunday, November 23**  
8:30am † Aurino Gacad & Helen Tindol  
10:00am † Margaret Rice & Sineona Santos

**Monday, November 24**  
8:30am † Bob Jacklevich

**Tuesday, November 25**  
8:30am † George Gabriel Muhek

**Wednesday, November 26**  
8:30am † George Gabriel Muhek

**Thursday, November 27**  
9:00am † Justin Wilburs

**Friday, November 28**  
8:30am † George Gabriel Muhek


**Saturday, November 29**  
4:15pm For the sick and troubled who seek Divine help and cure through Ozanam's Intercession\*

**Sunday, November 30**  
8:30am Bernard McLaughlin  
10:00am † Mary Sullivan

\*Blessed Frederick Ozanam is the founder of SVDP

**Let's All Get Online!**

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






**St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church**

**"In this house all are friends, All are loved, All are helped, All are held dear." – Saint Teresa of Avila**


**NOVEMBER 23, 2025**

**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

November is the month of the holy souls. Throughout this month we remembered all our loved ones who have died. Starting next week you can take back any photos you brought in. On Monday December 1st any remaining photos will be available in the church lobby.



**Eternal Rest**  
*Remembrance of the Holy Souls during the month of November*



**Martin de Porres Thanksgiving Pie Drop Off!**

St Martin de Porres House of Hospitality(on Potrero near Safeway) Invites you to help feed the disadvantaged hungry in their annual pie drop off. Bring your pies to St Martin's on Tuesday, November 25th from 4:00 PM to 6:30 PM. Any pie of your choosing: pumpkin, apple, berry, pecan - preferably homemade!

**Martin de Porres House of Hospitality** - no more volunteers for our Thanksgiving meal service on Thursday, November 27. We've gotten a tremendous response from the community and do not have capacity for more volunteers at this time.

**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.



**Advent Giving Tree**

Please take a tag off one of the Advent Giving Trees. Generous support will serve 29 families and 74 children in need. There are three tags: family, child, and age range. If you would like to care for a family match the ID numbers on the tags. See the bulletin insert for further information, or If you have questions, talk to Lynn Jacklevich, Jeanne Burns, or Judi Daddio of The Circle of light and Lantern. Merry Giving!



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## The Solemnity of Christ the King

Today is the Last Sunday in ordinary time, the Solemnity of Christ the King, and let's be honest: Americans are suspicious of kings. Granted, we were glued to our television sets when we watched the funeral of Elizabeth II, but such fascination is always tempered by our subversive memory of revolution. Our roots lie in a revolt against another British monarch, George III, and being suspicious of kings seems to be in our very DNA. For this reason, a religious feast promoting Christ as King makes us a tad uncomfortable.

In both our historical memory and secular imagination, we tend to view kings more as tyrannical than benevolent. We associate kings with divine right and power, notions that are incongruent with democratic ideals.

But there is another perspective regarding kingship, a religious one. In the biblical tradition, kingship is more closely linked with prophecy and priesthood than with politics and power. We see this quite clearly in this prayer from the rite of infant baptism:

*Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, has freed you from sin and given you new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and joined you into his people. He now anoints you with the Chrism of salvation, so that you may remain as a member of Christ, Priest, Prophet and King.*

Notice that this baptismal prayer of anointing draws upon Old Testament imagery wherein the king is not simply the secular leader of the Hebrew people but their religious leader as well. When a person is baptized, he or she is incorporated into God's household, sharing in Christ's priesthood, prophetic nature, and kingship.

Historically, the first 800 years of Israelite history did not include a king. God called Abraham in about 1800 BC, and over 500 years passed until Moses led the Israelites out of Egypt and brought them to the Promised Land. The Judges ruled Israel for 250 years before Saul united the Twelve Tribes, becoming the first Israelite King in about 1000 BC.

Saul was followed by David and Solomon, and the monarchy continued for about 400 years, coming to an end with the Babylonian Captivity (587 – 538 BC). When the Israelites returned from Babylon they did so without a king, and over time a belief developed whereby the return of a king like David would be a sign that God has reestablished "... a chosen race, a holy nation, a people set apart." Essentially, the return of the king would signify the beginning of the Messianic Age, an era when God's reign would be established over all the earth. Reading between the lines, this image is evident in Eucharistic Prayer for Reconciliation II:

*Bring us to share . . . the unending banquet of unity, in a new heaven and a new earth where the fullness of your peace will shine forth, in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

The Feast of Christ the King was established in 1925 by Pope Pius XI and was assigned to the last day of October. Suffice it to say that the origins, rationale, and evolution of this Feast are fascinating material for a homily. A good starting point for such a homily might be the twelfth stained glass window in the body of the Church. Located in the northwest corner of the worship space, the window understands Christ's kingship as a Christological event.

Following the Second Vatican Council, the Feast was elevated to the rank of Solemnity and is annually celebrated on the Last Sunday of Ordinary Time.

Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm



### ST TERESA'S GREEN TEAM

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St. Teresa's church building Energy Star certification was renewed again this year! (Applications were not processed during the government shutdown.) Surprisingly, ours is the first church building to be certified in 2025. It is our eighth consecutive year of certification. Last year only 11 church buildings (of any denomination) were certified nationwide, including ours. Thanks to Gail Kendall who submitted the Energy Star application and sorted out online access to the parish energy accounts.



### 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.
  - This is called a Qualified Charitable Distribution, and it counts toward your required minimum distributions.
  - 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 ON HOW TO OBTAIN TAX RELIEF FOR CHARITABLE DONATIONS.

### GUN SAFETY COMMITTEE

As of mid-November 2025, gun violence statistics for the US in 2025 show a continuing decline in overall shooting deaths from the pandemic-era peak, but still represent a significant public health crisis. Key statistics for the US in 2025 (as of November 17, 2025, according to the Gun Violence Archive) include:

- **Total number of homicides/murders/unintentional deaths:** 12,977
- **Total number of injuries:** 23,566
- **Mass shootings (defined as four or more victims shot, injured or killed, not including the shooter):** 374
- **Children (ages 0-11) killed:** 198
- **Teens (ages 12-17) killed:** 899

WE WILL BE HERE ON THANKSGIVING DAY,  
WHERE WILL YOU BE?

INSTEAD OF STARING AT YOUR RECIPE BOOK SAY-  
ING, "OH GOD, OH GOD, OH GOD", COME TO  
THE 9:00 AM THANKSGIVING SERVICE AND SAY IT  
WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY!

### HOMEBOUND CHURCH SHUTTLE

Do you know someone who would like to attend church in person but is unable? Are you at home catching our updates and bulletins digitally and missing the connection of an in person Mass? Fr. Greg and I are discussing the possibility of adding a shuttle service for the Saturday afternoon mass. This will be a pick up and drop off service provided by the church with a range inside the parish Boundaries (Potrero Hill, Mission Bay, & Mission Dist). If you are interested please email at [info@stteresasf.org](mailto:info@stteresasf.org)

### CHECK OUT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE

There's new content weekly, including Fr. Gregory's homilies, announcements, and great pictures of our church.  
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**Join the Saint Vincent de Paul sandwich makers** in the kitchen after the 8:30 mass. Sandwiches are made every fourth and fifth Friday of the month and the work is typically completed by 11AM. The sandwiches are given to the guests of the SVDP Multicenter: San Francisco's largest and most extensive homeless center. To join the sandwich makers, contact Judi Daddio at [daddios@comcast.net](mailto:daddios@comcast.net).

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