

St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church

"All those who truly love God,
love all that is good, favor all that is good,
and give all that is good." – Saint Teresa of Avila

NOVEMBER 02, 2025

COMMEMORATION OF ALL SOULS



At today's ten o'clock mass we commemorate those parishioners who have died in the past year. Throughout the month of November, we will remember them and all our beloved deceased whose photographs are on display at the baptismal font.



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



We are back, and you are invited!

Saturday November 1

Join us after 4:15 Mass for
community and refreshments!



**OUR TOWN HALL MEETING IS
TODAY! NOVEMBER 2nd**

If you have ideas about what Saint Teresa of
Avila Parish could be doing or should be
doing then come to today's Town Hall
meeting during coffee-and-donuts after the
ten o'clock mass.

NAME TAG SUNDAY!

WE WELCOME ALL NEWCOMERS TO ST TERESA,
PUT ON A NAME TAG AND INTRODUCE YOURSELF

Let's All Get Online!

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

1. It is easier to budget when the Sunday collection is not dependent on the weather.
2. Even if you forget to carry cash (which is more and more likely) Sunday collections remain strong.
3. It is easy to support special collections (World Kitchen, Garden Fund, Retirement Collection).



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.

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All Saints, All Souls, & All Hallows' Eve

Friday night was Halloween, a celebration which, with its spirits, ghosts, and goblins, seems decidedly "pagan." Yesterday, November 1st, was the Feast of All Saints, and today, November 2nd, is the Feast of All Souls. The later two feasts, All Saints and All Souls, are religious in character, and in this week's column I'd like to focus on how these three days are connected.

Beginning with the religious feasts, All Saints' Day (November 1st) is, in a way, much like our American holiday of Veteran's Day. Without naming names, Veteran's Day remembers, celebrates and honors all who have served in the armed forces. In a similar fashion, All Saints' Day remembers, honors, and celebrates the "nameless saints" who are with God.

Broadly speaking, a saint is anyone who has "made it" to heaven. This group includes not only the "official saints" who have been canonized by the Church, but, more importantly, the "unknown saints" (such as our deceased relatives and friends) whom we hope and believe are with God. These unknown saints remain "nameless" only because they have not been officially canonized by the Church.

Today, All Souls' Day (November 2nd) focuses those who are in the process of *becoming* saints. In Catholic theology we have a doctrine of purgatory which, simply stated, refers to the time following death when the soul is "purged" or "purified" before entering the kingdom of heaven. Souls in purgatory are in transition between earthly existence and heavenly glory. When we pray for the dead, we do so with the intention that they might be delivered from purgatory and admitted to heaven. On All Saints' Day, we honor those who have "made it," who are already saints with God. On All Souls' Day, we pray for those who are not yet saints but who soon will be.

Christians have honored and venerated the dead (and the saints) since the earliest days of the Church. For example: In first century Rome, Christians gathered in the catacombs of the city, celebrating the Eucharist on tables that stood over the bones of Christian martyrs (this is the origin of the relics that are sealed in an altar at its consecration). In the liturgy, during the Creed, we confess our belief in the "Communion of Saints." Later in the liturgy, in the Eucharistic Prayer, we not only remember "those who have gone to their rest in the hope of rising again" but also name "Mary, the virgin Mother of God, Joseph, her spouse, the apostles, martyrs, and all of the saints who have done your will throughout the ages."

The two Christian Feasts of All Saints and All Souls follow the celebration of Halloween. The origins of Halloween – or All Hallows' Eve – are really difficult to pin down. In many non-Christian cultures there are feasts or festivals that focus on spirits and the dead. In pre-Christian Britain, for example, there was a fall festival which saluted Samhain, the "lord of death," who was thought to gather together the souls of the year's dead. Similar festivals occur in other cultures as well, and it is safe to assume that the Church "baptized" these celebrations, transforming them from pagan rituals to religious feasts.

Here at St. Teresa's, during the month of November, we have a custom to commemorate the dead. We invite our parishioners to bring photos of their deceased loved ones and arrange them around the baptismal font where they remain on display through the Feast of Christ the King. Additionally, we have a special commemoration for those who have died during the past year or have been buried from this parish. Their names are inscribed on a banner which is on display in the sanctuary throughout the month of November. At the 10 o'clock Mass on the first Sunday of November, we read their names aloud as we light candles in their names to honor their memory.

Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm

MASS INTENTIONS

As we celebrate Mass together we include in our prayers:

- Saturday, November 01**
4:15pm † Margaret O'Neill
- Sunday, November 02**
8:30am † Sr. Patricia Mahoney, BVM
10:00am † Special Mass for Deceased Parishioners
- Monday, November 03**
8:30am † Bob Rose
- Tuesday, November 04**
8:30am † Lupita Perea
- Wednesday, November 05**
8:30am Francisco Ochoa(Spc. Int)
- Thursday, November 06**
8:30am † Bob Jacklevich
- Friday, November 07**
8:30am † Robert & Lois Biniek
- Saturday, November 08**
4:15pm † Alfonse & Alex Talmadge
- Sunday, November 09**
8:30am † Francesca Lodolo Beltran
10:00am † Special Mass for Deceased Pastors

ANOTHER ST TERESA SUCCESS!

A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL PEOPLE ON THE HILL THAT CAME TO FARLEY'S PET PARADE. FATHER GREG AND CO. HAD A HUGE TURN OUT DESPITE THE CHANGING WEATHER, AND MANY A "GOOD BOY" AND "GOOD GIRL" WERE BLESSED. WE ALSO WITNESSED SOME OF THE BEST DRESSED PETS STRUTTING THEIR STUFF FOR ALL TO ADMIRE. A MEGA-THANKS TO ALL INVOLVED!!



Please join us as we celebrate the marriage of

Joseph and Marisol will be joined in the bonds of Holy Matrimony during the 10 o'clock Mass next Sunday, November 9th. Be sure to wear your wedding best :-)



The Mass Intention book for 2026 is now open. If you would like to dedicate a Mass to a loved one, please contact the Parish Office.

November 1st is not a holy day of obligation this year!

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

ST TERESA'S GREEN TEAM

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The UN COP30 conference in Brazil begins November 10 and, in part, will address the alignment of food systems transformation and climate action. In the United States, the Real Organic Project is also seeking food systems transformation.

According to the Real Organic Project, "The USDA has failed to enforce important aspects of the organic law. As a result, it has become ever harder for small to mid-sized farms to survive while staying true to organic principles." To address this issue, "The farmers of the Real Organic Project have created an add-on label to USDA organic, to differentiate organic food produced in concert with healthy soils and pastures."

For more information, go to <https://realorganicproject.org>.

NOT REGISTERED TO OUR PARISH?

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW AND PLACE IT IN THE COLLECTION BASKET. WE WILL KEEP YOU UP TO DATE WITH EVERYTHING WE ARE DOING AT ST TERESA.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

THIS WEEK's second collection benefits the St Teresa Building and Maintenance Fund. Donate



NEXT WEEK's second collection benefits the St Patrick's Seminary Fund. Donate



GUN SAFETY COMMITTEE

What is gun violence?

Gun violence is violence committed with **firearms, such as handguns, shotguns, or semi-automatic rifles**. More than 600 people are estimated to die every day from gun violence with two-thirds of gun-related deaths, including suicides, occurring in just six countries (in descending order): Brazil, the USA, Venezuela, Mexico, India and Colombia. **Up to 71% of all homicides globally involve gun violence.** The majority of victims and perpetrators are young men, but women are at particular risk of violence from an intimate partner possessing a firearm. Sexual violence can also be perpetrated at gun-point.

Firearms cause devastating injuries that leave a lasting impact on **mental and physical health**. Some gunshot victims need intensive, lifelong care. Others may lose their ability to work. Many have little or no access to programs that offer adequate long-term care and rehabilitation.

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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

SAINT GREGORY'S POTLUCK DINNER
Saint Gregory of Nyssa Episcopal Church (Mariposa and DeHaro) invites this parish to a Potluck Luncheon honoring California's Indigenous People next Sunday, November 9th, at 12:30pm. Fr Gregory will attempt to make a wild rice casserole that his grandmother, who was an Ojibwe healing woman, used to make.

Second Sunday Potluck
Bring food to share.
Randy Bowman: Bean and Bison Soup
Katherine Krebs: Pumpkin Soup
Frybread from Wah'pepah Kitchen
Sunday, November 9, 2025 12:30 pm