

St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church



"Know that even when you are in the kitchen, our Lord moves amidst the pots and pans." — St Teresa of Avila

JUNE 15, 2025 THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

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NE CORNER OF 19TH & CONNECTICUT STS.



We have collected \$2156 towards the repair of our piano. This is huge in such a short period of time, Thank You to all who have contributed!



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

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There's new content weekly, including videos of Fr. Gregory's homilies, announcements, and great pictures of our church.

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FIRST & SECOND COLLECTIONS APRIL

First Collection	\$13,303
Building & Maintenance	\$1105
Garden Fund	\$125
Charity Fund	\$765
St. Vincent de Paul	\$1,199
Carmelite Missions	\$923

MAY

First Collection	\$11,049
Building & Maintenance	\$1,673
Garden Fund	\$155
Charity Fund	\$1,075
St. Vincent de Paul	\$1,351
Carmelite Missions	\$361

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Idea Feasts: *Trinity Sunday & Corpus Christi*

During the liturgical year we celebrate several different types of feasts. First and foremost, there are feasts linked to historical events in Salvation History. Examples of this type of feast would be Christmas and Easter (linked to the Birth and Resurrection of Jesus), as well as the feast we celebrated last Sunday, Pentecost (which commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit and the beginning of the Church).

A second genre of feasts honors saints. Perhaps the most "celebrated" of these is St. Patrick's Day, March 17th (although a strong argument may be made in San Francisco for the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, October 4th).

Then we have feasts such as today (Trinity Sunday) and next week (*Corpus Christi*), feasts which neither commemorate a historical event nor honor a saint. These are called *idea feasts* and – in many cases – they are only tangentially grounded in Scripture. Idea feasts deal with Church doctrine or dogma and, as such, properly belong to the realm of *tradition*. This week's column examines idea feasts, and the question becomes how and why they found their way into the liturgical calendar.

To understand how these feasts came about we must recognize that, in the history of the Church, there have always been doctrinal controversies. In the first five centuries most of these controversies centered on the nature of God. They dealt with the humanity and divinity of Jesus, as well as the development of dogma and doctrine pertaining to the third aspect of the Godhead, the Holy Spirit. With a little prodding and background information, it is not hard to realize why this was the case.

In the Hebrew Scriptures, an ever-present, underlying premise is that there is only one God. By the eighth century BC, Jews had become emphatically *monotheistic*, and, given this monotheistic understanding, any claim by Jesus about being one with God or God's son was tantamount to blasphemy. Of course, Jewish belief held that God would send a Messiah, but this belief assumed that this Messiah would be someone like Moses or David, a human being that God would call forth to liberate his chosen people.

As an aside, it is important to note that nowhere in the Old Testament is there any hint that God himself would become a human being. Hence, the notion that "the Word became flesh and dwelt among us" was heretical to this monotheistic people. This was by no means resolved in the early Church, and the inclusion of the Holy Spirit only further complicated the situation.

The Council of Nicea (325 CE) is the first "ecumenical council" to address these concerns, and from this council came the *Nicean Creed* (which we profess to this day). The Creed contains a Trinitarian doctrine in that it speaks of God as Father, Son, and Spirit. Notice that although the Bible makes reference to the Father, Son, and Spirit, the idea and concept of *Trinity* – three persons in one God – is a matter of doctrine or dogma rather than scripture.

We have a similar situation next Sunday with respect to *Corpus Christi*. Just as this Sunday deals with the idea of One God in Three Persons, next Sunday focuses on the theological questions of what we mean by *real presence* (how the bread and wine is the Body and Blood of Christ). In both cases, a theological question (the triune nature of God and real presence of Christ in the Eucharist) forced an articulation of doctrine (Trinity and transubstantiation). In order to explain these theological "ideas" to the people in the pews, feasts such as Trinity Sunday and *Corpus Christi* were added to the liturgical calendar. Including idea feasts on the liturgical calendar meant that the clergy would be required to preach and teach on these doctrinal concerns.

Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm.



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 Hefti,
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:

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Please reach out to Laura for more details!
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ST TERESA'S GREEN TEAM greenteam@stteresasf.org

This Saturday, June 19th, SF Mercantile will host another installment of its Secondhand Saturdays, which it will host every third Saturday of the month through November. If you're in the market for some new-to-you clothes, come by 37th and Ortega to hunt for your new look all while choosing the more eco-friendly option of buying used! If you can't make it, consider this an invitation to check out your local thrift shop next time you feel like changing up your wardrobe. The search is half the fun, the looks are more unique, and you'll help avoid some of the damage done by fast fashion.

<https://sunsetmercantilesf.com/secondhand/>

GUN SAFETY COMMITTEE REDUCE GUN INJURY AND DEATH

Gun injuries are now the leading cause of death for children and teens ages 1-17, surpassing car crashes for the first time in two decades. 82% of Americans agree that having more productive conversations can help reduce gun injury and death among children and teens. (Source: Ad Council-Bully Pulpit International Survey, 2024) Gun violence is a health crisis. Learn how to talk to other parents about guns in the home, know the warning signs, find resources and tools, learn how to talk to your child about gun violence in an age appropriate way and many other topics at this website: [Agree to Agree.org](https://Agree.to/Agree.org).

AAA 2025—WEEK 16

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 website: ➡
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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

MARRIAGE

Please call 6 months prior

BAPTISM

Please call for appointment

RECONCILIATION

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

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday—Friday
8:30am

PARISH OFFICE / MAILING ADDRESS

HOURS—10:00AM TO 4:30PM

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SECOND COLLECTIONS

THIS WEEK second collection benefits the Catholic Relief Services Fund. Donate [here](#).

NEXT WEEK'S second collection benefits the Peter's Pence Fund. Donate [here](#).

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

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

**Please check the bulletin boards for
NEW** upcoming events at St. Teresa's
and around the Bay Area.

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Saturday, June 14

4:15pm + [Michael J Comaich](#)

Sunday, June 15

8:30am + [John Bogordus](#)

+ [Robert Biniek](#)

10:00am + [Lupita Perea](#)

Monday, June 16

8:30am + [Jim Klenk](#)

Tuesday, June 17

8:30am + [Alfonse Talmadge](#)

Wednesday, June 18

8:30am + [Jeanette Unson](#)

Thursday, June 19

8:30am + [Rosie Abella](#)

Friday, June 20

8:30am The Sick of the Parish

Saturday, June 21

4:15pm + [The Deceased Members of our
SVDP Conference](#)

Sunday, June 22

8:30am [Rick Pitts](#)

10:00am + [Paul 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