

SUNDAY MASSES
 Saturday Vigil 4:15 pm
 Sunday 8:30 & 10:00 am

WEEKDAY MASSES
 Monday—Friday 8:30am


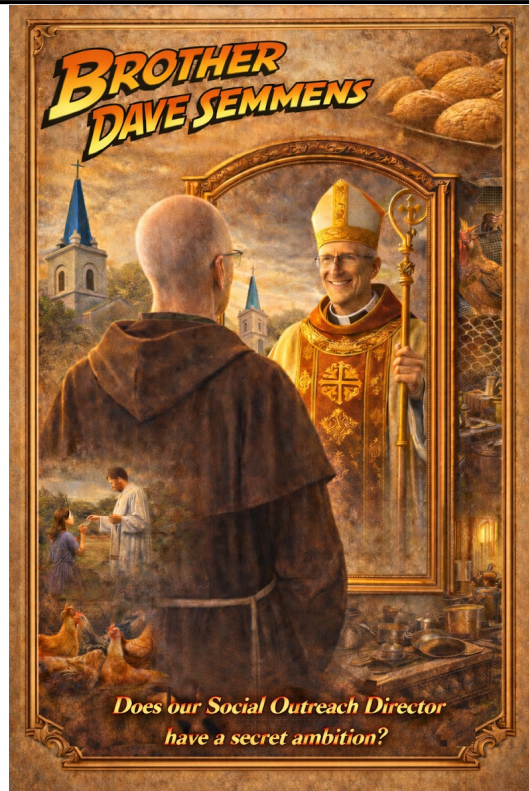
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MARRIAGE
 Please call 6 months prior

BAPTISM
 Please call for appointment


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

AAA 2026 - WE HAVE OUR TARGET
 We have received our goal for the 2026 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal; namely, \$31,288. Yes, this is higher than the past few years, but this is based on our collections, and those have been strong last year. I'd rather not 'preach' this appeal, so I'm hoping that you can support this as you have in past years. **-Fr Greg**





Put Saint Teresa in Your Last Will and Testament

Here are the two ways you can donate to St Teresa online



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SECOND COLLECTIONS

THIS WEEK's second collection will benefit the Catholic Relief Services. Donate [here](#).

NEXT WEEK's second collection will benefit the St Teresa Charity 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

St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church
 "His mercy is so great he excludes no one from striving to come to this fount of life to drink."
 – Saint Teresa of Avila
APRIL 12, 2026
 The Second Sunday of Easter

Time to Start Compiling the Directory
 It's time to start compiling the Parish Photo Directory. Stephani (who retired from the parish office last May) has volunteered to do all the data entry. Meanwhile, all the photos are off the walls, if you haven't filled out your photo yet, there's still time; Francisco has all the unclaimed photos. Or if you'd like to be included see Francisco and he'll take your photo.

Newly-Received and Newly-Baptized
 Congratulations and prayers for our newly-received **Mary Pilar Harkonen**. May your journey in Christ and his Church be filled with blessings, joys, and maybe an adventure or two!


Ambry
 An "ambry" is a locked cabinet situated near the Baptismal Font that contains the holy oils: Oil of the Catechumens, Oil of the Sick, and the Sacred Chrism. Saint Teresa's needs an ambry. Yes, we could buy one, but I think that the ambry should have one made so it looks like the other furniture in the church (altar, pulpit, and Tabernacle table). If you'd like to donate an ambry (in memory of a loved one perhaps) see Father Gregory.

Peace Walk
 This afternoon we're joining the Verbum Dei Sisters in a "Prayer Walk." Please see bulletin insert.

The Dark Bell Tower
 If you have a night-time view of the bell tower, you've seen that some nights it is off, some nights it is very dim, some nights it is at half intensity. No, there is no mystical meaning conveyed here; rather, the dimmer switch is faulty. Repairs are scheduled.

Friends of Jackson Park Speaker

Today during coffee-and-donuts after the 8:30 and 10:00 masses, Jude Deckenbach will give a brief presentation about possible changes and plans for Jackson Park.



Brainstorming Ideas for Independence Day
 This year the United States is celebrating 250 years. Lynn Jacklevich is taking in ideas how Saint Teresa's can commemorate this occasion. If you have an idea or two, please email Lynn (kg6cev@yahoo.com)

Follow Us
 Each month Saint Teresa's features a parishioner in The Potrero View. Tell that parishioner you saw him/her in The View. Similarly, please "like" Saint Teresa's Facebook page. www.fb.com/stteresasf.



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Thomas the Apostle

Given the importance of the twelve apostles in our Christian tradition, it is surprising that we know so very little about these original followers of Jesus. What we do know is often a mixture of historical fact and legend, and, for this reason, when one of the twelve is named in the Sunday readings, I'd like to focus this weekly column on that particular apostle.

It doesn't matter whether it's Cycle A, B, or C: on the Sunday after Easter we always read the same passage from the Gospel of John. This story – which only appears in John – describes Jesus' appearance to ten of the disciples on Easter Sunday night. Thomas is not there, and he states that "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." For his brash behavior Thomas is forever branded the "doubting Thomas," a misnomer since his later confession – "My Lord (kyrios) and my God (theos)!" – is a confession of Jesus' divinity that the other apostles have yet to realize.

Like the majority of apostles, Thomas only enjoys a brief "fifteen minutes of fame" in the gospels. For Thomas, his first moment occurs when he comments on Jesus' proposition to journey to the tomb of the recently deceased Lazarus (John 11). When Jesus and the apostles had last visited the area, the crowd wanted to stone him, and Thomas' comment – "Let us also go to die with him." – reveals a degree of cynicism about Jesus' raising Lazarus from the dead. This attitude surfaces again on Easter Sunday night when Thomas questions both the resurrection of Jesus and his subsequent appearance to the apostles.

In each of the four gospels Thomas is included in the list of apostles; thus, his is not one of the names under dispute. However, the only time he speaks is in the Gospel of John, the two instances taking place at the raising of Lazarus from the dead and in the upper room a week following the Resurrection.

According to tradition, Thomas was the apostle who went to India. As far-fetched as this idea may seem, we do have evidence that there was a Jewish community in the diaspora present in Kerala (India) at that time. If this is true, there would be nothing unusual about one of the Christian missionaries (Thomas) taking the Gospel to this foreign land. Supposedly, Thomas arrived in India in about the year 52 AD. He ministered in India for two decades and is believed to have been martyred in 72 AD at St. Thomas Mount in Chennai, India. Originally, he was buried on the site of San Thome Cathedral.

In the year 232 AD, the greater part of his relics are said to have been brought from India to the city of Edessa, Mesopotamia. Eventually, in 1258 AD, the relics were transported to the West, and now rest in Ortona, Italy.

There is little doubt that Thomas did, in fact, travel to India; certainly, much has been written about his presence and activity there. Having said this, it is nevertheless difficult to sift through the material to separate fact from fiction, truth from legend. In this sense Thomas is no different from other historical figures of the Apostolic Era. We also have a difficult time reconstructing the historical lives of Peter, Paul, and (yes) Jesus!

Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm

MASS INTENTIONS

As we celebrate Mass together we include in our prayers:

- Saturday, April 11**
 † Dr. Cornelius Banag, MD
 † Mayette Balmores
- Sunday, April 12**
 8:00pm Betty Jean Lackey(Spc Int.)
 8:30am Audrey Rose Family(Spc. Int.)
 10:00am **Monday, April 13**
 8:30am † Mary Katherine Law
- Tuesday, April 14**
 8:30am † Mary Ellen Healy
- Wednesday, April 15**
 8:30am † Walter Maxwell Miller
- Thursday, April 16**
 7:30pm † Bob Jacklevich
- Friday, April 17**
 8:30am Sr. Lucia Lodolo(Spc Int)
- Saturday, April 18**
 8:00pm Ricky Tagle, MD(Spc Int)
Paul Lee, MD(Spc Int)
- Sunday, April 19**
 8:30am Sr. Kathleen Healy(Spc Int.)
 10:00am † Margaret Rice

This Week at Saint Teresa

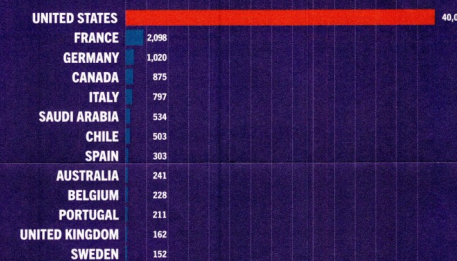
- Monday – 13th April**
 - 10:30am SVdP Team Meeting
 - 6:30pm Choir Practice (church)
- Tuesday – 14th April**
 - 7:00pm Pastoral Council (Avila Hall)
- Wednesday – 15th April**
 - 7:30pm Online Scripture Study (Google Meet)
- Thursday – 16th April**
 - 9:00am Tai Chi (patio)
 - 12:00pm Pantry grocery bags distribution
 - 12:00pm Sitting for Peace (City Hall)
 - 7:30pm YAC Bible Study
- Saturday – 18th April**
 - 9:30am Yoga (Avila Hall)
 - 12:00pm Finance Council Meeting

Please join us for the in-person "Sitting for Peace/Standing" for Justice on the steps of San Francisco City Hall this Thursday at 12PM.
<https://www.sfsangha.org/peace.html>

GUN SAFETY COMMITTEE

Time to move to Sweden

Number of Gun Violence Deaths Per Year by Country*



People in the U.S. are 26x more likely to die by firearm homicide than in other high-income countries.



ST TERESA'S GREEN TEAM

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Support Biodiversity: Small Steps to Protect Big Systems

Healthy ecosystems depend on biodiversity—from pollinators to soil microbes. Even in urban environments, small choices can help protect and restore these vital systems.

Consider:

- Planting native flowers that support bees and butterflies
- Reducing or eliminating pesticide use
- Composting food scraps to return nutrients to the soil
- Cutting back on single-use plastics that harm wildlife

Supporting biodiversity doesn't require a backyard—balconies, windowsills, and community spaces all play a role in creating healthier ecosystems.

Resource: <https://xerces.org/pollinator-conservation>