

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

WEEKDAY MASSES
 Monday—Friday 8:30am

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RECONCILIATION
 Monday—Friday
 Following 8:30am Mass
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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



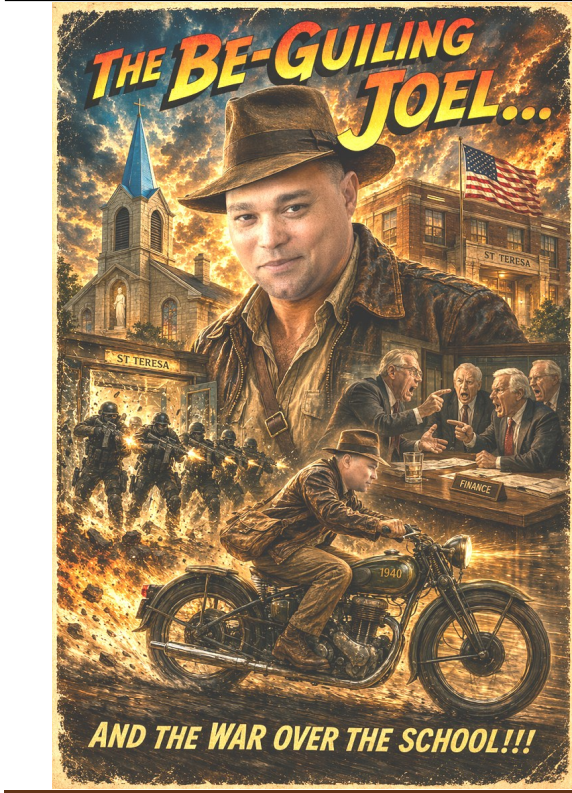


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SECOND COLLECTIONS

THIS WEEK's second collection will benefit the World Central Kitchen Fund. Donate [here](#).

NEXT WEEK's second collection will benefit the St Teresa Society of St 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

St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church

“When you ask God for something difficult, you pay him a compliment.”
 – Saint Teresa of Avila

APRIL 19, 2026
 The Third Sunday of Easter



Pope Leo's Prayer for Disarmament and Peace

Lord of Life, you shaped every human being in your image and likeness. We believe you created us for communion, not for war, for fraternity, not for destruction.

You who greeted your disciples saying, “Peace be with you,” grant us the gift of your peace and the strength to make it a reality in history. Today we lift up our prayer for peace in the world, asking that nations renounce weapons and choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy.

Disarm our hearts of hatred, resentment, and indifference, so we may become instruments of reconciliation. Help us understand that true security does not come from control fueled by fear, but from trust, justice, and solidarity among peoples.

Lord, enlighten the leaders of the nations, so they may have the courage to abandon projects of death, halt the arms race, and place the lives of the most vulnerable at the center. May the nuclear threat never again dictate the future of humanity.

Holy Spirit, make us faithful and creative builders of daily peace: in our **hearts**, our **families**, our **communities**, and our **cities**. May every kind word, every gesture of reconciliation, and every choice for dialogue be seeds of a new world.

Amen

The lay organization, Communion and Liberation, will lead a rosary along with this prayer at 7:00pm today (Sunday) inside the church.

Financial Report

IT HAS BEEN SIX MONTHS SINCE THE LAST WORKSHOP BUT WITH RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IT IS TIME FOR AN UPDATE:
 DATE: SUNDAY, MAY 31ST
 TIME: 11:15AM UNTIL 12-NOON
 PLACE: CHURCH HALL

FIRST & SECOND COLLECTIONS MARCH 2026


Our collection for the World Central Kitchen, two weeks ago totaled **\$807**. This weekend's second collection will also go to World Central Kitchen to help with their very important work against hunger, especially in war-torn areas.

Communion Ministers Workshop

Saint Teresa of Avila communion ministry Workshop is on **Sunday, May 17th**. We'll start during coffee-and-donuts after the 10am Mass. This part will be for all interested parishioners. Then we'll move upstairs for a ministry refresher.

Date: Sunday, May 17th
Time:
 - Part 1, the Spirituality of Communion Service, 11:15 till 12:00 in the Church Hall
 - Part 2, a refresher, 12:00 till 1:15pm in the Church.

Just as we all were kneeling during the 40 days of Lent, let us all stand for the Eucharistic Prayer during the 50 days of Easter. After Pentecost kneeling or standing is your choice.



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The Unnamed Disciple on the Road to Emmaus

It was late afternoon on that first Easter Sunday. A mysterious stranger accompanies two disciples – one named Cleopas, the other unnamed – as they walk and talk the seven miles from Jerusalem to Emmaus. The story hints that the stranger was Jesus, but the disciples do not recognize him . . . that is, until the end of their journey. When they sit down to eat, they recognize him “in the breaking of the bread”.

This story is found only in Luke, and we read it only once every three years (on the Third Sunday of Easter, cycle A). It is my favorite story in the scriptures, and I have been intrigued by this passage long before I formally studied theology. For me, the Emmaus story is not simply a mysterious, cryptic story about an encounter with the Risen Lord. It is also a window into the soul of one of the most intriguing characters of the New Testament, the evangelist, Luke.

The third evangelist – known as Luke – was a convert to Christianity. Reputed to be “a physician from Macedonia,” Luke is the most prolific writer in the New Testament. He wrote the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles, and the consensus among scholars is that he is the best writer in the Christian Scriptures. Luke’s language is elegant, poetic, and inspirational.

It is also a historical fact that Luke never actually met Jesus. For me, this has always generated a number of puzzling questions. How did Luke become so passionate a believer? What convinced Luke that Jesus was the promised messiah so that he not only abandoned his pagan ways to become a Christian, but also left everything behind to accompany Paul on his second missionary journey (Acts 16 ff)? Essentially, what was Luke’s conversion experience?

We know about the conversion of Luke’s companion, Paul. Blinded by the light on the road to Damascus, Saul’s conversion was so powerful that the great persecutor of Christians became the greatest preacher of Christianity. Which leads us to this question: what happened to Luke to cause him to leave his life in Troas, travel with Paul on his missionary journeys, and become the finest writer in the New Testament? The answer to these questions, I believe, is found in today’s Gospel, in what happened to the two disciples on the Road to Emmaus.

My belief is that Luke’s conversion to Christianity was the result of his interaction and encounter with the Christian community. Luke, like the disciples on the road, had a profound experience of the risen Lord and “recognized him in the breaking of the bread.” For Luke, this did not take place on a road between Jerusalem and Emmaus. Rather, it happened during the community’s celebration of the Eucharist. The disciples on the road recognized Jesus when the stranger “took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them” (Lk 24:30b). Luke, I believe, recognized Jesus’ presence when he participated in the community’s Eucharistic celebration. Today’s Gospel is not simply a story about two disciples on the road to Emmaus; it is also, metaphorically, a story about Luke’s conversion to Christianity.

To take it one step further, today’s story is neither about Luke nor the two disciples on the road; it is a story about us. We, like Luke, were neither alive nor present when Jesus walked the earth. And although we are catechized and learn about our faith, there comes a time when we experience a conversion and accept as true what we have been taught. In today’s Gospel, Luke gives us a paradigm for this conversion experience: we, like Luke and the two disciples, have our faith validated when we experience Christ’s presence in the Eucharistic community. We recognize him “in the breaking of the bread.”

And who is the unnamed disciple with Cleopas on the Road to Emmaus? Metaphorically, it might be Luke. Or you. Or me.

Michael Kwecien, O. Carm

MASS INTENTIONS

As we celebrate Mass together we include in our prayers:

- 4:15pm **Saturday, April 18**
Ricky Tagle, MD(Spc Int)
Paul Lee, MD(Spc Int)
- 8:30am **Sunday, April 19**
† Sr. Kathleen Healy
- 10:00am † Margaret Rice
- 8:30am **Monday, April 20**
† Barbara McGrath(Birthday)
- 8:30am **Tuesday, April 21**
† Raymond McGrath
- 8:30am **Wednesday, April 22**
† Walter Maxwell Miller
- 7:30pm **Thursday, April 23**
† Robert Jones
- 8:30am **Friday, April 24**
Sr. Lucia Lodolo(Spc Int)
- 8:00pm **Saturday, April 25**
William Lee, MD(Spc Int)
Emanuel Lee, MD(Spc Int)
- 8:30am **Sunday, April 26**
† Mary A Burns
- 10:00am † Lois Biniek

GUN SAFETY COMMITTEE

Monday April 20th Police Chief Derrick Lew, District Attorney Brooke Jenkins and Brady United Volunteers will meet, rally and walk around City Hall to observe National Crime Victims Week, The annual walk recognizes the resilience of crime victims, survivors and families to affirm their shared commitment to justice and support for all affected by crime. Brady volunteers also hope to raise awareness of gun violence prevention. Please join them at Civic Center Plaza from 4:30 to 5:30 pm to honor and stand with victims, survivors and our community.

This Week at Saint Teresa

- Sunday – 19th April**
- 11:00am OCIA mystagogia (classroom)
- 1:30pm OCIA Thank You luncheon (classroom)
- Monday – 20th April**
- 6:30pm Choir Practice (church)
- Wednesday – 22th April**
- 7:30pm Online Scripture Study (Google Meet)
- Thursday – 23th April**
- 12:00pm Sitting for Peace (City Hall)
- 7:30pm YAC Bible Study
- Friday – 24th April**
- 10:00 AM Sandwich Makers
- Saturday – 25th April**
- 9:30am Yoga (Avila Hall)

Newly Baptized

We welcome Talitha, Land, and Zephaniah to be baptized at the 10:00am Mass today.

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>

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Why Earth Day Matters: Our Commitment in Action

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Earth Day (April 22) is more than a date—it’s a global reminder that collective action drives meaningful change. For our team, sustainability isn’t a one-time initiative; it’s an ongoing commitment to reduce impact, support our community, and operate responsibly.

This season, we’re focusing on:

- Tracking and reducing operational emissions and waste
- Supporting employee-led sustainability ideas and initiatives
- Partnering with local organizations to amplify impact

Small actions add up when we move together. Earth Day is a chance to reflect on progress, renew commitments, and keep building better habits—at work and beyond.

Resource: <https://www.earthday.org/earth-day-2026/>