

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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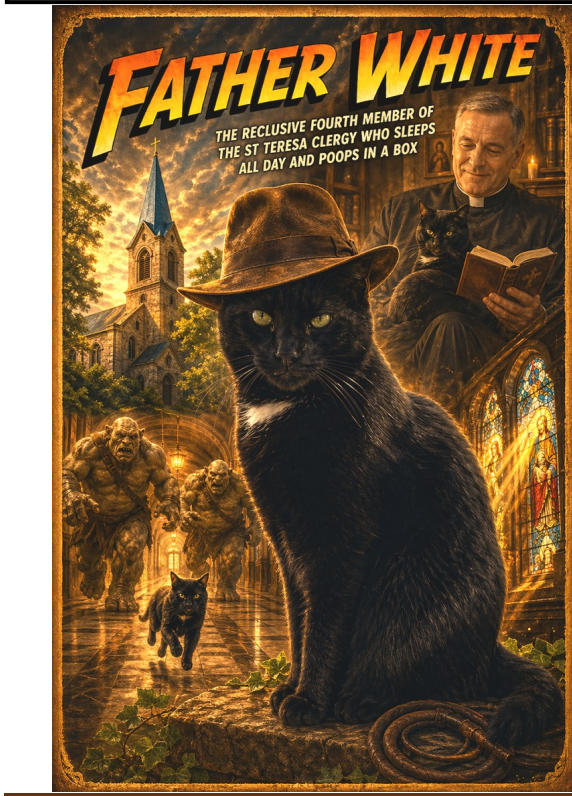


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SECOND COLLECTIONS

THIS WEEK's second collection will benefit the St Teresa Society of St Vincent de Paul Fund. Donate [here](#).

NEXT WEEK's second collection will benefit the St Teresa Society 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
 "Prayer means take time frequently to be alone with him who we know loves us."
 – Saint Teresa of Avila
APRIL 26, 2026
 The Fourth Sunday of Easter



General Bible Study

THE WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY GROUP IS NOW MEETING ONLINE. IF YOU WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION OR TO BE A PART OF THE GROUP, PLEASE EMAIL DEIGO, DVILL079@UCR.EDU, AND HE WILL ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS AND/OR SEND YOU THE LINK FOR GOOGLE MEET

Confirmed in Faith; Confirmed in Spirit

On Saturday morning, Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone confirmed parishioners Rylan and Emma at the Cathedral. Here they are shown with their sponsors Julia and Therese. Congratulations to the newly confirmed, sponsors, and families



WORLD CENTRAL KITCHEN

Your contributions to World Central Kitchen on Easter Sunday totaled \$807 and then you contributed \$820 last week, for a total of \$1627. The parish office will send this to World Central Kitchen this week. Instead of earmarking it for Gaza relief (like we did previously) we'll earmark this "for greatest need." And thank you for your strong support for World Central Kitchen and their amazing and necessary work.

Rosary for Peace and Disarmament!

We won't have a group rosary this evening. Next Sunday, May 3rd, we'll again meet in the church at 7pm.

NAME TAG SUNDAY!

SAINT TERESA'S IS SUCH A WELCOMING AND INCLUSIVE PLACE. SO LET'S SHARE THAT. NEXT WEEK IS NAME TAG SUNDAY - A PERFECT TIME TO BRING A GUEST (FAMILY MEMBER? NEIGHBOR? FRIEND?). YOUR GUEST WILL GET AN EXTRA DONUT. HEY, THAT'S A GREAT INCENTIVE .

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.

Good Shepherd Sunday and Vocations

Especially today (Good Shepherd Sunday) the church asks us to pray for vocations to the religious life (e.g., Franciscans, Presentation Sisters, or Carmelites), priesthood (e.g., Father Peter Sammons), and deacons (e.g., Deacon Chuck). There are vocation flyers from the Archdiocese available in the lobby.


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Good Shepherd Sunday

The window in the southeast corner of the Church depicts Christ as the Good Shepherd. A few years back, when we were restoring the stained glass windows in the Church, I wrote a column on that window. Today – the Fourth Sunday of Easter – is known as Good Shepherd Sunday, and on this day it seems most appropriate to revisit that column.

There are many images of God in the Scriptures, and perhaps the most beloved is that of the shepherd. Over the centuries Christian believers – especially in the face of persecution, war, violence, suffering, sickness and death – have found solace and comfort in Psalm 23 (“The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want. . .”). Additionally, many a Christian has identified with the lost sheep in the Gospel of Luke, a sheep so valued by the shepherd that he risks the safety of the entire flock in order to find the one who is lost. A word search of my Bible turned up 169 references to shepherd, so the image of God-as-shepherd just might be the most prominent image of God in the Scriptures.

In the 10th Chapter of John the first twenty-one verses are devoted to the Good Shepherd. The Lectionary splits these verses over our three-year cycle, and the Fourth Sunday of Easter has come to be known as Good Shepherd Sunday. This year, the most pertinent passage is found in verses 3-4:

“. . . the sheep hear his voice, as he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice.” (Jn 10: 3b-4)

Looking at the Good Shepherd window in the southeast corner of St. Teresa’s Church, it appears that its designer took inspiration from this Johannine text. We have Christ the Good Shepherd walking ahead of the flock, the sheep following him. The artist also has the Lord carrying a lamb, which, perhaps, is an allusion to that Parable of the Lost Sheep found in the Gospel of Luke:

“What man among you having a hundred sheep and losing one of them would not leave the ninety-nine in the desert and go after the lost one until he finds it? And when he does find it, he sets it on his shoulders with great joy . . . because I have found my lost sheep.” (Lk 15:5-6)

Looking again at the window, notice that the artist has drawn on multiple sources in its design. The artist combines both images of Good Shepherd and Lost Sheep into one tableau, and makes a “theological comment” when he portrays the Lost Sheep as a lamb. Symbolically, the lamb is more helpless or vulnerable than an adult sheep, the subtle implication being that God seeks out and cares for the least fortunate and most vulnerable of his flock.

A closer look at the image reveals a rather curious anomaly. The white garment worn by the shepherd (underneath the red cloak) contains quite an elaborate embroidery on its hem. Unless I’m mistaken, the white garment in the window is an alb, an extravagant garment which might be appropriate for a cardinal or bishop but most certainly is quite out-of-place for a first-century Jewish shepherd!

The Good Shepherd window was donated by Jeremiah and Mary Daly in memory of Albert J. Larson.

Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm

MASS INTENTIONS

As we celebrate Mass together we include

in our prayers:

8:00pm	Saturday, April 25 <u>Lillian Lee, MD(Spc Int)</u> <u>Emanuel Lee, MD(Spc Int)</u>
8:30am	Sunday, April 26 † Mary A Burns
10:00am	† <u>Lois Biniak</u>
8:30am	Monday, April 27 † <u>Sr. Kathleen Healy</u>
8:30am	Tuesday, April 28 † Mary Ellen Healy
8:30am	Wednesday, April 29 † Walter Maxwell Miller
7:30pm	Thursday, April 30 † Ayrton Senna
8:30am	Friday, May 1 † <u>James J Burns</u>
4:15pm	Saturday, May 2 <u>Joseph Constantano(Spc Int)</u>
8:30am	Sunday, May 3 <u>Vincent Mokrani(Spc Int)</u>
10:00am	† <u>Alfonso Talmadge</u>

ST TERESA'S GREEN TEAM

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Get Involved: Local Action for Earth Day and Beyond

Earth Day is a great opportunity to step outside and contribute directly to your community. From park cleanups to tree planting, local events help restore ecosystems while building connections.

Ways to participate:

- Join a neighborhood cleanup or shoreline restoration
- Volunteer for urban tree planting or habitat projects
- Contribute to community science efforts tracking wildlife or pollution

Hands-on action not only improves local environments—it also strengthens the shared responsibility that drives long-term change.

Resource: <https://www.earthday.org/take-action/>

This Week at Saint Teresa

Monday – 27th April

- 6:30pm Choir Practice (church)

Wednesday – 29th April

- 7:30pm Online Scripture Study (Google Meet)

Thursday – 30th April

- 12:00pm Sitting for Peace (City Hall)

- 7:30pm YAC Bible Study

*To attend by Google Meet, please email Deigo, dvill079@ucr.edu, and he will send you the link

Saturday – 2nd May

- 9:30am Yoga (Avila Hall)

We are back, and you are invited!

Saturday May 2

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



GUN SAFETY COMMITTEE

Key 2024-2025 Gun Safety and Legal Updates

Microstamping & Serial Numbers: New regulations target un-serialized, privately made “ghost guns”. California requires microstamping on handgun cartridges, aiming to improve crime gun tracing. **“Machinegun-Convertible” Pistol Ban:** In 2025, California enacted the first law in the nation prohibiting the sale of pistols designed to be easily converted into machine guns. **Stricter Public Carry (SB 2):** California strengthened regulations on public carry, including setting a minimum age of 21 for concealed weapon (CCW) licenses, strengthening background checks, and restricting carry in specific “sensitive” public locations. **Safe Storage Requirements:** Laws require parents to be informed annually of child access prevention laws. Firearms are required to be sold with a [California DOJ-approved safety device](#). **Gun Violence Restraining Orders (GVRO):** Laws allow law enforcement, family members, employers, and co-workers to petition for a temporary removal of firearms from individuals deemed a danger to themselves or others.

State of California — Department of Justice