

## SECOND COLLECTIONS

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**NEXT WEEK** there is no second collection.

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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

### Further Questions and Answers from the parish 'town hall meetings' two weeks ago were answered by the lawyer who represents the ArchSF parishes:

1.) Who has the final authority to release the parish savings to ArchSF? Pastor? Parish Finance Council? Majority of parishioners?

Canon law directs the pastor to be the steward of parish property, generally in consultation with the parish finance council. The finance council's role is consultative. Parishioners are not considered to be stockholders and don't have a vote.

2.) Relatedly, can parish savings be released to ArchSF without the parishioners okay? Yes.

3.) Can there be a second parish assessment if ArchSF does not receive enough money to fund the settlement?

There has been no indication of such an intention. The goal is to have all of the folks asked to bear a share of the \$395 million settlement, including parishes, parish schools, and other institutions.

4.) If the parish chooses not to release any funds to ArchSF, can the parish be removed from the settlement provision that prevents future historical misconduct lawsuits?

There isn't a legal option forward if a parish declines to participate in the settlement. ADSF negotiated for a release and channeling injunction for all members of the Catholic "family", including parishes. There is no mechanism to exclude one (or more) parish.

5.) What percentage of the settlement is being shouldered by ArchSF itself? Relatedly, how does this compare to other dioceses who have reached settlement?

In correspondence copied to me, the Archbishop has stated that the archdiocese contribution is expected to be about \$125 million, parishes collectively are being asked to contribute less than 40% of the total settlement amount, other institutions (e.g., high schools, cemeteries, some charities, etc.) roughly 28%.

### Fr Mike Update

Fr Mike continues to get better after his surgery and is more mobile than the past week. Fr Mike and the Parish Office would like to thank everyone who mailed a card, or who came by with blueberry muffins, or left a special gift for him at the office door. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers, the blueberry muffins seem to be healing the arm quicker than the doctor prescribed treatments. The doctors just cleared Fr. Michael to take a shower, hallelujah!



St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church  
"Humility, however deep it be, neither disquiets nor troubles nor disturbs the soul; it is accompanied by peace, joy and tranquility. ."  
- St Teresa of Avila

**AUGUST 16TH, 2026**  
The 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### The Feast of the Transverberation

August 26th's feastday, the "Transverberation," is unique to the Carmelites. The word

"transverberation" means "to strike through" and it refers to Saint Teresa of Avila's image of an angel

that pierces her heart with a flaming arrow. Bernini sculpted a famous statue of this event (see photo). Saint Teresa writes, "The loving exchange that takes place between the soul and God is so sweet that I beg him in his goodness to give a taste of this love to anyone." [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ecstasy\\_of\\_Saint\\_Teresa](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ecstasy_of_Saint_Teresa)



### Religious Education Registration Time

Classes begin September 13th, so it is time to register your youngsters for Religious Education here at Saint Teresa's. See Anarose (Parish DRE) after Mass, or you can email Anarose or fill out a registration form available in the lobby. Faith Formation classes begin Sunday, September 13th.



### ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (OCIA)

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic see Father Greg after Mass. The basic program is called OCIA and it starts in September and ends on Easter Sunday



### CHRISTMAS IN JULY

As you can see, all the gifts and gifts and gifts from the Christmas-in-July are being prepped in the lobby. They'll be delivered to the Boys and Girls Clubs of San Francisco later this week. Thanks and congratulations to all the generous parishioners who so bountifully supported this collection



### Bankruptcy Update

The Parish Pastoral Council and the Parish Finance Council had a joint meeting last Monday to discuss the ArchSF bankruptcy and the Saint Teresa of Avila assessment. Then the Finance Council met on both Monday and on Wednesday to start strategizing and formulate Saint Teresa's response to the Saint Teresa of Avila assessment figure from ArchSF. These Councils are working hard but everything is 'up in the air' right now, so it's a bit too early to report on our response. There will be more as it develops.



### WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday—Friday 8:30am

### SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil 4:15 pm

Sunday 8:30 & 10:00 am

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## Mapping Jesus in Matthew's Gospel



Over the last few Sundays, Matthew's Gospel has chronicled Jesus' public ministry in the northern regions of Palestine. Last week found Jesus literally in the Sea of Galilee, walking on water, and next week finds him on the road to Caesarea Philippi, asking the disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" In today's Gospel, Jesus interacts with a Canaanite woman near Tyre and Sidon, and in light of these gospels taking place in northern Palestine, I thought it might be interesting to focus this week's column on geography.

Notice that Jerusalem and Bethlehem are at the center of the map, and that the setting for our recent gospels is in the north, in Galilee. The distance between Jerusalem and Galilee is not very far – about the distance from San Francisco to San Jose – but, culturally speaking, Jerusalem and Galilee are light years apart.

The main difference between the regions is that Jerusalem is very Jewish, Galilee is not. Jerusalem is the holy city of Judaism where the temple is located; Galilee is described in the gospels as "Galilee of the Gentiles." There are, of course, Jews in Galilee, but there are also Greeks and Romans, Canaanites and

Syrians, and people from other cultures as well. Essentially, Galilee is cosmopolitan, and the cities of Caesarea Philippi and Capernaum were "modern" cities built by the Romans. Because of its multi-cultural diversity, Galilee is much more tolerant of Jesus. Jesus' ministry and preaching does not get him into trouble in Galilee; it is not until he journeys south – into the heart of soul of Judaism – that he encounters hostile Jewish opposition which ultimately results in his crucifixion and death.

The setting for today's Gospel is the region of Tyre and Sidon. Looking at the map, these port cities on the Mediterranean Sea are actually in Phoenicia . . . which is beyond the boundaries of Palestine. If Jesus traveled to these regions it is not surprising that the Canaanite woman who approaches Jesus in today's Gospel is not Jewish. Nor should we be too surprised when Jesus says, "I was sent only to the sheep of the house of Israel."

Too often the assumption is made that, because Jesus grew up in the small village of Nazareth, he is a "country boy" who is naive regarding the ways of the world. What recent biblical scholarship has shown is that the area where Jesus grew up (Galilee) would have exposed Jesus to people of many cultures. Such biblical scholarship has an ironic twist: it turns out that those Jews in the south – in and around Jerusalem – were the ones who were naive because they were insulated from the Greco-Roman world.

Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm.

## MASS INTENTIONS

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

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|---------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| 4:15pm  | <b>Saturday, August 15</b><br>† Sr. Kathleen Healy            |
| 8:30am  | <b>Sunday, August 16</b><br>† Bianca & Peter Lodolo           |
| 10:00am | Stella Talmadge(Spc. Int.)                                    |
| 8:30am  | <b>Monday, August 18</b><br>† Rachel Cariglia                 |
| 8:30am  | <b>Tuesday, August 18</b><br>† Mary Ellen Healey              |
| 8:30am  | <b>Wednesday, August 19</b><br>Sr. Lucia Lodolo(Spc. Int.)    |
| 8:30am  | <b>Thursday, August 20</b><br>Fr. Michael Kwiecien(Spc. Int.) |
| 8:30am  | <b>Friday, August 21</b><br>† Lupita Perea                    |
| 4:15pm  | <b>Saturday, August 22</b><br>† Fr. Peter Sammon              |
| 8:30am  | <b>Sunday, August 23</b><br>† Meaghan Kathleen Mulcahey       |
| 10:00am | † June Otoboni                                                |

## GUN SAFETY COMMITTEE

### Current California Laws on 3D Printed Guns

California law limits individuals without a manufacturing license to making a maximum of **three firearms per calendar year**. Crucially, using a **3D printer** to manufacture *any* number of firearms is entirely prohibited unless you hold official federal and state manufacturing licenses.

- **The 3-Gun Personal Limit:** Hobbyists without a license can traditionally build up to three personal-use firearms a year by other means, but this exception explicitly **excludes** 3D printers and CNC milling machines.
- **License Requirement:** Using a 3D printer to make even a single gun part or frame requires a valid Federal Firearms License (FFL) and a California Department of Justice (DOJ) manufacturer's license.
- **Upstream Printer Restrictions (AB 2047):** The California Legislature has advanced proposed legislation (Assembly Bill 2047, the Firearm Printing Prevention Act) to mandate that all new 3D printers sold in the state include certified firearm-blocking software and blueprint-detection algorithms.

Contact Assemblyman Matt Haney District 17 at [415-557-3013](tel:415-557-3013) to support Assembly Bill 2047

ST TERESA'S GREEN TEAM  
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## Growing a More Fire-Resilient Landscape

Thoughtful landscaping can help conserve water while reducing wildfire risk. Choosing climate-appropriate plants and maintaining outdoor spaces creates healthier, more resilient neighborhoods.

A few ideas to consider:

- Plant drought-tolerant, fire-resistant native species when possible
- Remove dry leaves, branches, and other combustible debris regularly
- Keep plants healthy with efficient watering practices
- Maintain defensible space around your home where appropriate
- Replace water-intensive landscaping with climate-friendly alternatives

Small changes in our outdoor spaces can help protect homes, conserve resources, and support California's changing climate.

Resource: CAL FIRE – Ready for Wildfire: <https://readyforwildfire.org/>

## This Week at St Teresa

### Saturday – 15th August

- 9:00am Yoga In the Hall

### Thursday – 20th August

- 12:00pm Sitting for Peace/Standing for Justice

### Saturday – 22nd August

- 9:00am Yoga In the Hall

**If you are interested in any of these events, please email the office for more information**

### Faith, Action, and Community (FAC) Prayer Group

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|-----|--------------------------------------------------|
| AUG | When: 11:30 – 12:30                              |
| 16  | Where: Downstairs – St. Teresa of Avila Room     |
|     | How Often: Every other Sunday starting August 16 |

*Faith, Action, and Community* is a small group ministry rooted in Carmelite spirituality and inspired by St. Teresa of Ávila's call to deep interior prayer that naturally leads to loving action. The purpose of this group is to create a space where parishioners can deepen their relationship with God through prayer, reflect on how God is speaking in their lives, and discern concrete ways to live out their faith in service to others. In keeping with the rhythms of parish life, the group will meet following the Sunday 10:00 AM Mass, offering a natural continuation of worship into reflection and action.

For more information, there is a handout at the back of the church or see the emailed Flocknote version of the bulletin insert.