

SECOND COLLECTIONS

THIS WEEK there is no second collection.

NEXT WEEK's second collection benefits the St Teresa Conference of St Vincent de Paul. Donate [Here](#).



Parish Finance Report

There will be a full finance report given later in September. We'll talk about:

1. The Fiscal 2025-2026 end-of-year report.
2. The Fiscal 2026-2027 proposed budget.
3. The latest on the ArchSF bankruptcy and Saint Teresa's assessment.

A lot is currently pending so it's a bit too early to give the report now until we have more info.

Note: Father Gregory is available for questions at any time.

Bulletins by email or text:

text "B"
to 84576



stteresasf.flocknote.com/bulletins

Here are the two
ways you can



OSV Regular

donate to
St Teresa online



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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.



The church's hanging plants are in I.C.U.

If you're wondering where the hanging plants are, they are upstairs in an enclosed L.E.D. lit greenhouse. This greenhouse was a generous donation from a green-thumb parishioner and is located over the "Jesus Teaching the Elders" window on the east side.

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.



Magnifica Humanitas Discussion Group

The group studying Pope Leo's encyclical, *Magnifica Humanitas*, will meet in the Teresa of Avila Room from 11:30 til 12:30 today (Sunday). Even if you missed the first session, you are welcome to attend today's second session. Today's topic: Introduction and Chapter One. Note: No meeting will be held on Sunday September 6

Fr Mike Update

Fr Mike continues to get better after his surgery and is more mobile than in past weeks. 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.

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
"Your imperfections do not shock me because I see so many in myself."
- St Teresa of Avila
AUGUST 16TH, 2026
The 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Please join us in celebrating the
Baptism of Leo Novoa



Leo Novoa will be baptized into the Church at today's 10:00am Mass. Welcome Leo and congratulations to your parents and godparents.

ST. TERESA OF AVILA ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE ANNUAL CANNED FOOD DRIVE!

It's that time of year when we call upon our generous Parishioners to help us replenish our SVDP PANTRY.

Our goal is 1500 cans by 9/27, St. Vincent's Feast Day!

The baskets will be out from **Aug. 29th to Sep. 27th**

Our greatest needs this year are:

FRUIT, FRUIT, FRUIT! (We're out'!)

VEGETABLES, (We're running low!)

SOUPS, BEANS, MEATS & TUNA IN THAT ORDER!

You may order items online from Amazon, Costco or Target and have them delivered to: St. Teresa of Avila 390 Missouri St. San Francisco, CA 94107

Pope Leo's Prayer for August

"Lord, may our urban communities be open and welcoming homes, places where hope is shared, where no one feels invisible, and where the joy of your Gospel shines in the hidden lives of so many brothers and sisters.

Make us your witnesses in the city, bold and creative missionaries, who proclaim your love with their lives -- a love capable of overcoming haste, noise, and anonymity. Amen."

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday—Friday 8:30am

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil 4:15 pm

Sunday 8:30 & 10:00 am

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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



Peter the ‘Rock’

This Sunday’s Gospel finds Jesus asking the disciples, “Who do the crowds say that the Son of Man is?” The disciples answer “John the Baptist” or “Elijah” or “Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” Jesus then directly asks them, “And you, who do you say that I am?” Peter is the only one who speaks: “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God!” and, at the end of the passage, Jesus “. . . strictly ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.”

This passage appears in all three synoptic gospels. In Matthew and Mark the conversation takes place on the road to Caesarea Philippi; in Luke it occurs while Jesus and the disciples are secluded in prayer. This is a pivotal story for all three evangelists, but there is a significant difference in the Gospel of Matthew.

In the Gospel of Matthew, when Peter confesses his belief that Jesus is the Messiah, Jesus speaks to Peter at length:

“ . . . you are ‘Rock,’ and on this rock I will build my church, and the jaws of death shall not prevail against it. I will entrust to you the keys of the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you declare bound on earth shall be bound in heaven; whatever you declare loosed on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”

For Roman Catholics, this passage is especially significant, and there are two reasons for this.

First, Catholics believe that, in singling him out, Jesus designated Peter as head of the Church (in other words, the first “pope”). Catholics believe that each successor to Peter is the supreme pontiff and Vicar of Christ on earth, and our justification for this claim rests on this passage from Matthew.

Second, the authority to “bind and loose” – that is, the power to forgive sin – is also grounded in this Matthian text. Catholics believe that Jesus gave Peter (and the Church) the “power of the keys”. For Roman Catholics, our doctrines on the Papacy and the Sacrament of Penance are grounded on this material found only in Matthew.

Nevertheless, there is another way to look at this passage, and what follows is an account of how my “eyes were opened” during my seminary days.

I did my seminary studies in the nation’s capital, and one of the requirements of my program was to take a theology course in a seminary of another denomination. I took a course in Church Music at Wesley Theological Seminary (Methodist), and it was not uncommon that my “Catholic” theology classes also included non-Catholic students from different Christian traditions. In one of those classes we were discussing the passage from today’s Gospel, and both I and the other Catholic students associated the words of Jesus with our Catholic understanding of the Papacy and the Sacrament of Penance.

It was at that point that some of the non-Catholic students suggested a different analysis of the passage. They pointed out that, in the Protestant tradition, ‘Rock’ was not associated with the person of Peter; rather, ‘rock’ was associated with the faith of Peter. Give this nuanced understanding, a re-reading of the Matthian text might be, “You are Peter, and it is upon faith like yours that I will build my Church.”

For me the eye-opening experience was that, although the Catholic and Protestant traditions interpreted this passage from Matthew quite differently, both interpretations were valid. This insight taught me that, as Catholics, we may use today’s Gospel to support our understandings of the Papacy and Penance. But at the same time, it taught me that there can simultaneously coexist other valid interpretations as well.

Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm

MASS INTENTIONS

As we celebrate Mass together we include in our prayers:

4:15pm	Saturday, August 22 † Fr. Peter Sammon
8:30am	Sunday, August 23 † Meaghan Kathleen Mulcahey
10:00am	† June Otoboni
8:30am	Monday, August 24 Judi Daddio(Spc.Int)
8:30am	Tuesday, August 25 Rose Marie Ostler(Spc.Int)
8:30am	Wednesday, August 26 Sr. Lucia Lodolo(Spc. Int.)
8:30am	Thursday, August 27 Fr. Michael Kwiecien(Spc. Int.)
8:30am	Friday, August 28 † Manuel Santelices
4:15pm	Saturday, August 29 † Manuel Santelices
8:30am	Sunday, August 30 † Lupita Perea
10:00am	† Meaghan Kathleen Mulcahey

This Week at St Teresa

- Saturday – 22nd August**
- 9:00am Yoga In the Hall
 - Thursday – 27th August**
- 12:00pm Sitting for Peace/Standing for Justice
 - Saturday – 29th August**
- 9:00am Yoga In the Hall
- If you are interested in any of these events, please email the office for more information

We are back, and you are invited!

4:15 After Mass Get Together will begin monthly starting September 12.
Mark your calendars and join your Mass community.
If any suggestions for food/snack items please share.

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Supporting Our Community During Climate Events

Extreme weather and wildfire smoke can affect everyone differently, especially older adults, young children, and those with health conditions. Looking out for one another strengthens our entire community. A few meaningful ways to help:

- Check in on neighbors, friends, or family during poor air quality events
- Share reliable emergency information and local resources
- Offer assistance with errands if someone needs to stay indoors
- Consider donating to organizations supporting wildfire response and recovery
- Build an emergency kit with supplies for your household

Simple acts of kindness and preparedness make communities more resilient when challenges arise.
Resource: Listos California –
Emergency Preparedness:
<https://www.listoscalifornia.org/>

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.
www.sfsangha.org/peace.html

GUN SAFETY COMMITTEE
Real people, not just statistics---
Major Weekend Shootings

Hartford, Connecticut: One person was killed and four others were injured early Sunday morning, August 16, in a mass shooting on Wethersfield Avenue after a crowd gathered.
Lexington, Kentucky: A mass shooting at Charles Young Park during an East End Day event on Saturday evening, August 15, left 16-year-old Di’Zhon Robertson dead and four other individuals injured.
Virginia State University (Ettrick, Virginia): Early Saturday morning on August 15, a shooting near campus residence halls wounded five people. A suspect, 19-year-old Camron Harris, was later arrested hiding on campus, while police search for additional potential shooters.
Washington, D.C.: Three men suffered life-threatening injuries during a shooting in the Congress Heights neighborhood on Saturday morning, August 15. **This year:** A total of 269 people have been killed and 1,202 people have been wounded in 281 shootings, as of July 31, 2026.
Go to the following web site to see pictures of real people killed by guns: gunmemorial.org/latest