

AAA 2026—WEEK 22

Assessed Amount: \$31,288
Amount Rec'd/Pledged: \$27,116
Balance Remaining: \$4,172

We are at **87%** of our goal! Thank you to all who have donated & pledged. Last year we met our goal within 37 weeks with 104 donors. So far 47 donors have given/pledged. Let's try to wrap this up with a bang!

Please check with your employer to see if they provide matching funds for charitable donations.

Any excess funds received are returned directly back to our parish.

You can donate now on the Archdiocesan website:

<https://sfarch.org/aaa>

You may also donate on our online portal [here](#) or Scan this QR code



Bulletins by email or text:

text "B"
to 84576



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Here are the two
ways you can



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donate to
St Teresa online



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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

SECOND COLLECTIONS

THIS WEEK there is no second
collection.

NEXT WEEK there is no second
collection.

Donate [here](#) to support our Charity
Fund.

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
"It is not we who illuminate the light, but we
are illuminated and made shining by the light."
- Saint Therese of Lisieux

JULY 12TH, 2026
The 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Feast of Our Lady of Mt Carmel

Thursday morning we will have the regular 8:30 Mass and afterward we will have breakfast in the lobby of the church. Scapulars will be available during breakfast.



WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday—Friday 8:30am

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil 4:15 pm

Sunday 8:30 & 10:00 am

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CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Looking for interested parishioners to assist in putting together this year's mid-year gifts. Please contact me to plan a meeting to organize.

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The Fourth Window: Jesus Teaching from the Boat

At St. Teresa’s there are seventeen stained glass windows: twelve in the main body of the Church, two in the sanctuary, and three in the vestibule. Today’s Gospel begins with Jesus Teaching from the Boat – which is captured in the fourth window on the eastern wall.

Here begins today’s Gospel:

“On that day, Jesus went out of the house and sat down by the sea. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat down, and the whole crowd stood along the shore. And he spoke to them at length in parables, . . .” (Mt 13:1-2)

We find this passage both in Matthew and Mark (Mk 4:1). In the Gospel of Matthew, these verses mark the beginning of the *Parabolic Discourse*.

Matthew’s Gospel is structured around five discourses: 1) the *Evangelical Discourse*; 2) the *Missionary Discourse*; 3) the *Parabolic Discourse*; 4) the *Ecclesiological Discourse*; and 5) the *Eschatological Discourse*. By organizing his Gospel in such a manner, the evangelist is consciously drawing a parallel between his Gospel and the Pentateuch (the first five books of the Hebrew Scriptures which – according to tradition – were written by Moses). Matthew does this because his audience has a Jewish background, and the evangelist is making a conscious effort to compare Jesus with Moses, the central figure of the Old Testament.

The *Parabolic Discourse* begins with Matthew 13 and, after setting the scene, the Evangelist continues with six parables: the *Sower and the Seed*, the *Weeds Among the Wheat*, the *Mustard Seed*, the *Yeast*, the *Treasure in the Field*, and the *Pearl of Great Price*. Our stained glass window, *Jesus Teaching from the Boat*, symbolizes Jesus’ teaching through parables, a major dimension of his public ministry.

The window itself is shrouded in mystery. The inscription reads, “*Pray for the Husband of Donor*,” yet it supplies neither the name of the husband nor that of the donor. Thus the dedication and benefactor remain anonymous . . . unless, of course, one of our long-time parishioners knows the identity of the donor and her husband!

The window was restored in 2012, thanks through the generosity of Mario and Emma Brondello. Mario and Emma are also responsible for the restoration of the numbers two and three windows, *The Nativity* and *The Finding in the Temple*.

Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm

MASS INTENTIONS

As we celebrate Mass together we include in our prayers:

4:15pm	Saturday, July 11 † Fr. Edward Murray
8:30am	Sunday, July 12 † Maxelinda Torres Adona
10:00am	† Alphonse Talmadge
8:30am	Monday, July 13 † Bob Jacklevich
8:30am	Tuesday, July 14 † Mary Ellen Healey
8:30am	Wednesday, July 15 † Lupita Perea
8:30am	Thursday, July 16 † Virginia Estrada
8:30am	Friday, July 17 † James J. Burns
4:15pm	Saturday, July 18 † Fr. Edward Murray
8:30am	Sunday, July 19 † Henry Marga
10:00am	† Jake Kotrba

This Week at St Teresa

Saturday – 11th July - 9:00am Yoga In the Hall
Wednesday – 15th July - 7:30pm Online Scripture Study (Google Meet)
Thursday – 16th July - 9:00am Tai Chi in the Garden - 9:00am Feast of Our Lady of Mt Carmel- - 12:00pm Sitting for Peace/Standing for Justice
Saturday – 18th July - 9:00am Yoga In the Hall
Sunday – 19th July - 11:00am Christmas in July Begins

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

ST TERESA’S GREEN TEAM
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Plastic-Free Summer Starts with Small Swaps

Summer often means more picnics, takeout meals, road trips, and outdoor events—all of which can lead to extra single-use plastic waste. Fortunately, a few simple swaps can significantly reduce your environmental impact.

Consider making these easy changes:

- Carry a reusable water bottle instead of buying bottled water
- Bring your own shopping bags and produce bags
- Keep reusable utensils and a travel mug in your car or backpack
- Choose reusable food containers for lunches and leftovers
- Decline disposable straws and plastic cutlery when ordering takeout

These small habits reduce waste, conserve resources, and help keep plastic out of our waterways and neighborhoods.

Resource: [Plastic Free July: https://www.plasticfreejuly.org](https://www.plasticfreejuly.org)

GUN SAFETY COMMITTEE

The Trump administration and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) are acting to revise or eliminate over three dozen federal firearms policies. Key rollbacks include lifting restrictions on bump stocks, easing background check requirements, allowing direct-to-consumer firearm shipments, and loosening oversight of gun dealers. The drastic shift in federal firearms policy—which the administration states is aimed at protecting Second Amendment rights and aligning with Supreme Court precedent—includes several specific regulatory changes: While gun rights organizations and proponents praise the regulatory rollbacks for reducing restrictions on lawful gun owners and modernizing industry sales, gun control organizations warn that these changes could significantly weaken public safety, increase straw purchases, and endanger communities. You can track the administration's broader actions on federal firearm policies via the Everytown for Gun Violence database, or review the current legal and regulatory standing on the official [ATF website](https://www.atf.gov)