

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

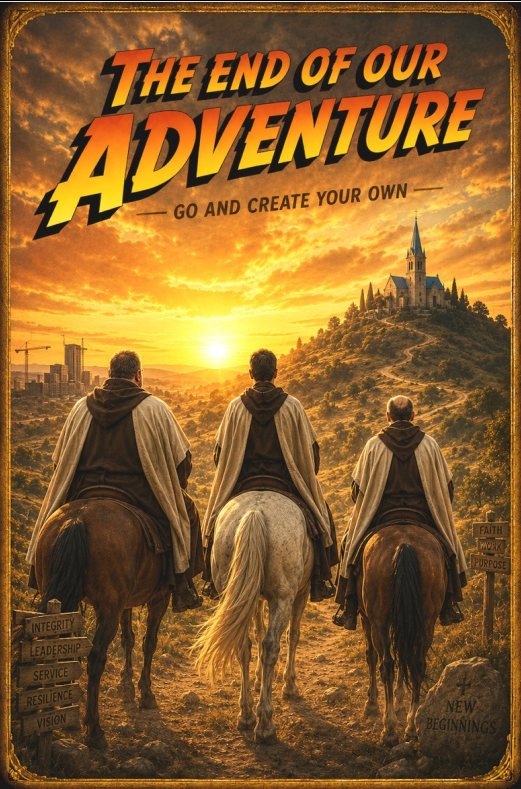
WEEKDAY MASSES
Monday—Friday 8:30am

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MARRIAGE
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BAPTISM
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RECONCILIATION
Monday—Friday
Following 8:30am Mass
or call for appointment



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

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**

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 St Teresa Catholic Charity Fund. Donate [here](#).

NEXT WEEK’s second collection for Catholic Home Missions provides. Donate [here](#).

St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church

“The loveliest masterpiece of the heart of God is the heart of a mother.”
– Saint Therese of Lisieux

MAY 10, 2026
The Sixth Sunday of Easter

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.

Carmelite June Absences

THE CARMELITES HERE AT SAINT TERESA’S WILL BE ATTENDING A WEEKLONG MEETING CALLED "PROVINCIAL CHAPTER." SO FOR THE WEEK OF MONDAY, JUNE 15TH THRU FRIDAY, JUNE 19TH, THERE WILL BE NO DAILY MASS HERE. **NOTE: THIS MEETING OCCURS EVERY THREE YEARS SO THE NEXT TIME THIS WILL HAPPEN IS IN 2029.**

Ascension of the Lord

Although we still call the feast "Ascension Thursday," here in ArchSF it has been moved to Sunday; namely, Sunday, May 17th.

Calling all Extraordinary Ministers

Next Sunday, after the 10am Mass, all Communion Ministers are invited and encouraged to attend a Eucharistic Ministers Workshop - presented by Deacon Chuck and Father Gregory. Part 1, during coffee-and-donuts, is for the entire parish. Part 2, more of a 'how-to' refresher, will be inside the church.

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>

HALF-YEAR FINANCIAL FOLLOW UP

On Sunday, May 31st, Father Gregory will give a half-year update about the parish finances during coffee-and-donuts after the 10 o'clock Mass. Among the 'hot topics' are

- 1) the rental of the school, and
- 2) ArchSF bankruptcy.

Election Day, Tuesday June 2nd

The Hall will be used as a polling place all day, Tuesday, June 2nd. Access to the Hall on that day should be limited to poll workers and to voters only.

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, MAY 30, 2026

Join the St. Teresa’s contingent in the Annual Golden Gate Bridge Walk for Wear Orange in support of Gun Safety. It is a fun, family outing for a great cause.

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Which comes first: Baptism or the Spirit?

In last week's column I wrote about the *Acts of the Apostles* – the “companion book” to the Gospel of Luke – which focuses on the “missionary period” of the early church. This 30-year period begins with the Ascension of Jesus and Pentecost, and continues until the deaths of Peter and Paul, c. 61-64 AD. In last week's column I noted that, at times, Luke's narrative gives us an unintentional and inadvertent glimpse of a situation in the early church, and today's first reading is a prime example of such a case.

On the surface, today's first reading seems quite simple and straightforward. Philip preaches with great success in Samaria, and – when the apostles in Jerusalem learn of Philip's success – they send Peter and John to Samaria to pray over these people,

“ . . . that they might receive the Holy Spirit. It had not as yet come down upon them since they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. The pair upon arriving imposed hands upon them and they received the Holy Spirit.” (Acts 8:15b-17)

The problem with this reading is not immediately apparent until we contrast it with a similar passage found later in Acts. Peter is preaching to a crowd when,

“ . . . the holy Spirit fell upon all those who were listening to the word. The circumcised believers who had accompanied Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should have been poured out on the Gentiles also, for they could hear them speaking in tongues and glorifying God. Then Peter responded, “Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have? He ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.” (Acts 10:44-47)

The question is, what comes first? Baptism with water? Or the descent of the Holy Spirit? In this Sunday's reading, the converts in Samaria were baptized, but did not receive the Holy Spirit until Peter and John journeyed from Jerusalem and laid hands upon them. In the second passage, the exact opposite takes place: the Spirit is first poured out on the Gentiles, and only then are they baptized.

What we have here is a contradiction in the Scriptures: in once case, the Spirit manifests itself before baptism; in the other, the Spirit appears only after the person is baptized. Thus, if one wants to use scripture to “prove” when a person receives the Holy Spirit, one gets different answers, depending on which passage one cites. How does the Church resolve this dilemma?

The answer is simple: we draw upon doctrine, dogma, and tradition. In the Roman Catholic (and mainline Christian) Churches, we speak of God's revelation coming to us through the two “fonts” of Scripture and Tradition. Generally speaking, Catholics favor Tradition over Scripture, whereas the Protestant denominations usually prioritize *Scripture over Tradition*.

The point I am trying to make is that it's a mistake to rely on Scripture alone. As illustrated above in the passages from Acts, Scripture sometimes presents us with mutually exclusive points of view. When this happens, we have to find some way to resolve the inconsistency. With respect to Baptism, the Roman Catholic Church takes the position that a person receives the Holy Spirit when he or she is baptized. For Catholics, this is a matter of dogma or doctrine. It also serves as an excellent example of why we draw upon Tradition (in addition to Scripture) to clarify God's revelation and determine our liturgical/sacramental practice.

Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm

MASS INTENTIONS

As we celebrate Mass together we include in our prayers:

4:15pm	Saturday, May 9 <u>Joseph Constantano(Spc Int)</u>
8:30am	Sunday, May 10 † June Ottoboni
10:00am	† Marie McDermott
8:30am	Monday, May 11 † <u>Dory Yochum(Birthday)</u>
8:30am	Tuesday, May 12 † Mary Ellen Healy
8:30am	Wednesday, May 13 † Walter Maxwell Miller
8:30am	Thursday, May 14 † Fr. Peter Sammon
8:30am	Friday, May 15 † Raymond McGrath
4:15pm	Saturday, May 16 <u>Roy Kent(Spc Int)</u>
8:30am	Sunday, May 17 † June Ottoboni
10:00am	<u>Audrey Rose Family(Spc. Int.)</u>

GUN SAFETY COMMITTEE

Key National Gun News (May 5, 2026):

As of early May 2026, the DOJ and ATF are implementing a major regulatory overhaul, proposing 34 new rules to roll back previous restrictions, including the formal rescission of the 2023 stabilizing brace rule. These changes aim to reduce burdens on gun owners, while some, like Gun Owners of America, have raised concerns over potential record-keeping changes. The DOJ is moving to repeal “ambiguous” rules and replace them with clearer guidelines, deemed one of the most comprehensive reforms in ATF history. This includes officially rescinding the stabilizing brace rule following court rulings that found it violated the Administrative Procedure Act. Gun Shop Regulation Debate: A new bill in Delaware is facing opposition from gun shop owners and the NRA who argue that increased security, surveillance, and licensing requirements are burdensome and ineffective, as according to the article most guns used in crimes are not stolen from shops.

This Week at Saint Teresa

Sunday – 10th May

- 7:00pm Rosary

Monday – 11th May

- 6:30pm Choir Practice (church)

Tuesday – 12th May

- 5:30pm Green Team Meeting

- 7:00pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Wednesday – 13th May

- 10:30am Gun Safety Team Meeting

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

Thursday – 14th May

- 12:00pm SVPD Food distribution(Lower Hall)

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

- 7:30pm YAC Bible Study

Saturday – 15th May

- 9:30am Yoga (Avila Hall)

Sunday – 16th May

- 7:00pm Rosary

Bulletins by email or text:

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ST TERESA'S GREEN TEAM

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May is the perfect time to start biking in San Francisco to take advantage of Bike to Wherever Month, featuring community events and the annual Bike to Wherever Day on May 14.

Consider:

• On May 14, Bike to Wherever Day, map out a route that hits the "Energizer Stations" scattered across the city. If you roll up during the morning commute, you can snag the 2026 commemorative canvas tote bag, free coffee, snacks, and sometimes even a quick "peace of mind" bike tune-up from local mechanics.

Resource: <https://sfbike.org/events/>