

SECOND COLLECTIONS

THIS WEEK there is no second collection.

NEXT WEEK's second collection benefits the SF Archdiocese Churches in Latin America Fund. Donate [here](#)



Donate [here](#) to support our Charity Fund. The charity fund is considered Restricted.

Priests Convocation

Father Gregory and Father Brian will be attending the Arch SF Priests Convocation at Isilomar (Monterey area) from Monday, September 21st thru Thursday, September 24th. The 8:30am daily masses at Saint Teresa's that week will still be celebrated.

Bulletins by email or text:

text "B"
to 84576



stteresasf.flocknote.com/bulletins

Here are the two
ways you can



OSV Regular

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St Teresa online



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EPA Energy Star

A special Thank You to Gail Kendall and the Green Team who successfully completed the certification of St Teresa's Energy Star rating.



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

Starting this weekend and throughout the month of September please bring in canned food items for the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul drive. You can bring them to the church, the parish office, or have them delivered to the Parish Office:
390 Missouri St., SF CA 94107



Cute Kittens Adoptable

Father Greg rescued two kittens about to be abandoned, and brought them to the priory for care and feeding. After a quick visit to the vet for vaccines and neutering (provided by a generous animal-loving parishioner), we found out that they are approximately 18 months old (black kitten) and 7 months old (gray kitten). Both female. If you are interested in adopting one of them, please see Father Gregory.



POTRERO VIEW ADS

Each month Saint Teresa of Avila has an ad in the Potrero View newspaper. And every month the ad features a different parishioner. If you see the ad and then see the parishioner, let them know how beautiful they look in the ad and how erudite their comments.

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



St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church
"Look for Christ our Lord in everyone and you will then have respect and reverence for all."

- St Teresa of Avila

SEPTEMBER 6TH, 2026
The 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Feast Day of Saint Francis of Assisi

On Sunday, October 4th, we will have only one Mass, at 9:00am. Father John Hardin, OFM, of Saint Boniface/Saint Anthony Ministries will preside and preach. This will close the Holy Year of Saint Francis, mark the 800th anniversary of the death of Saint Francis, and close the Season of Creation. After the Mass, we will have finger foods as well as coffee-and-donuts, all on the patio.

Season of Creation

Pope Leo has extended the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation to be a Season of Prayer ending on Sunday, October 4th - the Feast Day of Saint Francis of Assisi. He encourages us to "place in 'silent mode' the many noises generated by human activity, so that we may hear the melodious voice of creation, through which God, the author of all things, speaks to us."



Faith Formation

The Sunday morning Faith Formation classes will begin on Sunday, September 13th. Please register your youngsters by talking with Anarose or filling out the form found in the lobby.



ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (OCIA)

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) begins Sunday, September 27th at the 10 o'clock Mass. If you're thinking of becoming Catholic and/or being baptized please see Father Gregory.

Parish Finance Report

Father Gregory along with the Parish's Finance Council will give a Parish Financial Report during coffee-and-donuts (i.e., 11 o'clock) on Sunday, September 20th. There's a lot of ground to cover with the end-of-year report, the budget for the new year, and the ArchSF bankruptcy assessment.

NAME TAG SUNDAY!

Today is Name Tag Weekend. Maybe sit in a different spot in church this weekend so you can meet different people and they can meet you? And, as always, bring a friend to church.

Rosary for Peace and Disarmament

Sofia and Carlo will lead a rosary for 'Peace and Disarmament' today (Sunday) at 7:00pm in the Prayer Garden. Pope Leo has asked each parish to say a rosary for peace, as he says, "Enough of the idolatry of self and of money; enough of displays of power; enough of war."

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday—Friday 8:30am

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil 4:15 pm

Sunday 8:30 & 10:00 am

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Son of God & Son of Man

Over the past couple of weeks the terms *Son of God* and *Son of Man* have appeared in the Sunday readings. Two weeks ago the Gospel found Jesus asking the disciples,

“Who do people say the Son of Man is?” (Mt 16:13),
and in today’s first reading we also have a reference to the Son of Man:

“You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel; when you hear me say anything, you shall warn them for me.” (Ezekiel 33:7a)

In today’s column I’d like to focus on the titles *Son of God* and *Son of Mani*.

The Book of Ezekiel dates from the sixth century BC, and in today’s reading Ezekiel uses *son of man* as a synonym for *human being*. There is nothing extraordinary about today’s passage from Ezekiel; *Son of Man* and *human being* are interchangeable.

But in the Book of Daniel (which written about the same time as Ezekiel), son of man takes on a completely different meaning. In Chapter 7, Daniel has a vision in which,

“ . . . I saw one like a son of man coming, on the clouds of heaven; when he reached the Ancient One and was presented before him, he received dominion, glory, and kingship; nations and peoples of every language serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not be taken away, his kingship shall not be destroyed.” (Daniel 7:13-14)

In the Book of Daniel, *Son of Man* refers to a divine being who descends from heaven and initiates the Messianic Age. Jesus’ contemporaries would have been quite familiar with this understanding, and whenever the title *Son of Man* and the name of Jesus were used in the same sentence, those present would immediately connect Jesus with the divine being from the Book of Daniel. Essentially, this means that whenever someone in the New Testament refers to Jesus as the *Son of Man*, that person is implying that Jesus is, to some degree, *divine*.

Ironically, more often than not, Son of God is not connected with divinity. To be a son or daughter of God has it roots in creation itself. In the book of Genesis we learn that,

“God created man in his image; in the diving image he created him; male and female he created them.” (Genesis 1:27)

In other words, because we are created in God’s image, we are God’s children. Hence, all of us are *Sons of God* or *Daughters of God*. When the Hebrew Scriptures use the term *Son of God*, they are alluding to the fact that we have been created in God’s image. As a general rule, in the Hebrew Scriptures there is usually nothing “divine” about being a *Son of God*.

In the New Testament this begins to change. When Jesus walked the earth, he was often associated with the *Son of Man*, the apocalyptic, divine figure from the book of Daniel. Eventually, people started to speak of Jesus as the *Son of God*, and when they did this it represented an attempt to talk about the divinity of Jesus. Certainly, by the time that the Gospels were written, *Son of God* evolved to take on a new meaning: no longer did *Son of God* mean to be made in God’s image; instead, it referred to the *divine* nature of Jesus. The difficulty is in determining precisely when this shift took place.

As a general rule, when you come across the term Son of Man while reading the Gospels it is a reference to the book of Daniel. When you encounter Son of God in a Gospels text, consider it as an attempt by the Evangelist and Christian Community to articulate their deepening understanding of Jesus as the divine Son of God.

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MASS INTENTIONS

As we celebrate Mass together we include in our prayers:

4:15pm	Saturday, September 5 † <u>Manuel Santelices</u>
8:30am	Sunday, September 6 † <u>Raymond McGrath</u>
10:00am	† <u>Rev Louis Vitale, OFM</u>
8:30am	Monday, September 7 † <u>Raymond McGrath</u>
8:30am	Tuesday, September 8 <u>Paul Spruell(Spc. Int.)</u>
8:30am	Wednesday, September 9 <u>Paul Spruell(Spc. Int.)</u>
8:30am	Thursday, September 10 <u>Paul Spruell(Spc. Int.)</u>
8:30am	Friday, September 11 <u>Paul Spruell(Spc. Int.)</u>
4:15pm	Saturday, September 12 † <u>Alphonse Talmadge</u>
8:30am	Sunday, September 13 † <u>Raymond McGrath</u>
10:00am	† <u>Thomas Piggee</u> † <u>Barbara Collier</u>

Parish Pastoral Council meets this Tuesday, at 7:00pm in the Teresa of Avila Meeting Room. This will be an 'in-person' meeting.

This Week at St Teresa

Saturday – 5th September

- Yoga, Teresa of Avila Mtg Room 9:00am
- Lay Carmelites, 10am-4pm, Teresa of Avila Mtg Room

Sunday – 6th September

- Faith, Action, and Community (FAC) after the 10:00 mass

Monday – 7th September

- choir practice, 6:30pm

Tuesday – 8th September

- Parish Pastoril Meeting at 7:00PM

Wednesday – 9th September

Thursday – 10th September

- Tai Chi, 9:00am, in the patio

Saturday – 12th September

- Yoga, Teresa of Avila Mtg Room 9:00am

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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Be Ready for Wildfire Smoke

While San Francisco isn't always directly impacted by wildfires, smoke from fires across California can affect air quality throughout the Bay Area. Staying informed and prepared helps protect your health and supports community resilience.

A few simple ways to prepare:

- Check the Air Quality Index (AQI) before spending time outdoors
 - Keep windows and doors closed when air quality is poor
 - Use a portable air purifier or HVAC filter if available
 - Limit strenuous outdoor activity during smoky conditions
 - Sign up for local emergency and air quality alerts
- Being prepared for changing air quality helps keep you, your family, and your community healthier throughout wildfire season.

Resource: Air Quality Index: <https://www.airnow.gov/>

We are back, and you are invited!

4:15 Mass, Crackers-and-Cheese 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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GUN SAFETY COMMITTEE VOTING AND GUN SAFETY

- It doesn't have to be like this. Fear of gun violence can affect all of us, but it doesn't have to be like this. Children don't have to exist in a world where going to school is dangerous. We should pass common sense gun violence prevention measures to keep our children safe and to send them to school with peace of mind.
- Everyone deserves safe places to play live and grow. We deserve safe schools, grocery stores, hospitals, movie theaters, and places of worship.
- Gun violence is a choice. No other industrialized country suffers from gun violence the way we do, and we don't have to live like this. Our leaders are making a choice, but we can fight for our kids and our schools at the ballot box.
- Vote on behalf of youth. Students are being killed in their classrooms, but are too young to vote. Every eligible voter must vote to be the voice of these victims and survivors. Gun violence prevention legislation is popular, about 80% of Americans support it. Yet some politicians are blocking life-saving gun safety laws and just offering thoughts and prayers. They're putting kids' lives at risk.