

SECOND COLLECTIONS

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



NEXT WEEK there is no second collection.

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



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Here are the two
ways you can
donate to
St Teresa online



OSV Regular

Help the Parish Get Back on Instagram

If you know who set up the Instagram for @stteresasf (yes, that's the parish's 'handle'), the Pastoral Council would like to fire it back up and link it to the parish's Facebook page, please see anyone on the Pastoral Council and/or Father Gregory.

The Relics of Saint Francis

As we conclude the Year of Saint Francis of Assisi, his relics are coming to San Francisco. They will be on display inside the Cathedral beginning on Friday, October 16th and ending on Thanksgiving Day.

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.

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

We're into our 2nd week of our September Canned Food Drive. Please continue to bring in your donations to the Church Baskets, the Parish Office or have them delivered to the Parish Office: 390 Missouri St. CA94107 We're a quarter of the way to 1500 cans! **780** cans so far!! 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.



Saint Francis of Assisi Pet Blessing

Instead of having the 'Pet Blessing' on Saint Francis' feast-day, October 4th, Saint Teresa's and Saint Gregory's clergy will bless your pet(s) during the Farley's Coffee Pet Parade.



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 13TH, 2026
The 24th 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 Care 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 today, September 13th. Please register your youngsters by talking with Anarose or filling out the form found in the lobby, or bring them to class and register then.



ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (OCIA)

Because of next week's Parish Financial Report, the beginning session of OCIA is postponed till the next week, September 27th. We'll meet in the RE Classroom after the 10 o'clock Mass.

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.

**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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Saying Good-Bye

Tom and Yuang Parenty are moving to Danville. Tom has led the parish's Tai Chi group, and has helped with the annual Gaudete Sunday Pancake Breakfast. We'll have goodbye refreshments this **Tuesday**, after the 8:30am MASS.



WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday—Friday 8:30am

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil 4:15 pm

Sunday 8:30 & 10:00 am

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Matthew the Apostle & Matthew the Evangelist

Given the importance of the twelve apostles in our Christian tradition, it is surprising that we know so very little about these original followers of Jesus. What we do know is often a mixture of historical fact and legend, and this week’s column will examine one of the “original twelve.”

Next Monday – September 21st – is the Feast of St. Matthew. This week’s column focuses on Matthew, not simply because his feast is in September, but also because we are in the “A” cycle and our Sunday Gospel readings are taken from Matthew.

In the liturgical calendar, September 21st is listed as the “Feast of St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist.” Notice that there is an assumption that Matthew the Apostle is the same person as Matthew the Evangelist. This assumption – which has been around since the second century – was not challenged until the modern era of scripture scholarship. Today, the consensus among scripture scholars is that the Gospel of Matthew was originally written in Greek, and that the author of this Gospel – whom we call Matthew the Evangelist – was probably a different person than Matthew the Apostle. In all probability, Matthew the Evangelist was a Jewish Christian who lived in Antioch, Syria, where the Gospel was composed, between 80-95 C.E.

Who, then, is Matthew the Apostle? In Matthew’s gospel, the first (and only) time we encounter Matthew the Apostle is in Chapter 9:

“As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the customs post. He said to him, ‘Follow me.’ And he got up and followed him.” (Mt. 9:9)

Later in the passage we find Jesus at table in Matthew’s house, with other tax collectors and sinners joining Jesus and his disciples for a meal. Jesus’ eating with tax collectors and sinners prompted criticism from the Pharisees, to which he replies, “Those who are well do not need a physician, but the sick do.”

When Jesus called Matthew, Matthew was sitting at a customs post. For this reason, scholars concluded that the Apostle Matthew was a tax collector. In Jesus’ day, tax collectors were Jews recruited by the Romans. In effect, they were extortionists. When they collected taxes they would turn over the required amount of money to Rome; whatever was leftover was their income or profit. Jews hated tax collector for two reasons. First, tax collectors betrayed their people in working for a foreign power (the Roman government); and secondly, they extorted their countrymen for profit. In the Gospels, we often find tax collectors named in the same breath as prostitutes and sinners.

When scholars examine the Gospel of Matthew, they note that the evangelist’s native language was Greek and that he was also quite learned and well-educated, especially with respect to Jewish law and tradition. Given these credentials, it is unlikely that such a person would be a tax collector.

It is important to note that this person Matthew (who, in the other synoptic gospels is known as *Levi* (Mk 2:11-17, Lk 5:27)) does not speak a word in the entire New Testament. In fact, aside from being named in the lists of the apostles, the only “story” in which he appears is the story of his call (Matthew, Chapter 9 (above)). The fact that Matthew never speaks suggests that his function as an apostle was to be the “representative” who was a tax collector. When Jesus includes a tax collector among the twelve he was assembling a group that represented a virtual cross-section of Jewish Society. The fact that both Matthew (the Tax Collector) and Simon (the Zealot), were included among the twelve solidifies this point, since Zealots (who advocated violent revolution against Rome) would despise tax collectors (who were Jews working with the Roman authorities). To eavesdrop on a conversation between Matthew the Tax Collector and Simon the Zealot might provide a most intriguing answer to Jesus’ question, “What were you arguing about on the way?” (Mk 9:33)

Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm

MASS INTENTIONS

As we celebrate Mass together we include in our prayers:

	Saturday, September 12
4:15pm	† <u>Alphonso Talmadge</u>
	Sunday, September 13
8:30am	† <u>Raymond McGrath</u>
10:00am	† <u>Thomas Piggee</u>
	† <u>Barbara Collier</u>
	Monday, September 14
8:30am	† <u>Paul Seibel</u>
	Tuesday, September 15
8:30am	† <u>Paul Seibel</u>
	Wednesday, September 16
8:30am	† <u>Paul Seibel</u>
	Thursday, September 17
8:30am	† <u>Paul Seibel</u>
	Friday, September 18
8:30am	<u>Paul Spruell(Spc. Int.)</u>
	Saturday, September 19
4:15pm	† <u>Alphonso Talmadge</u>
	Sunday, September 20
8:30am	† <u>Fr. Peter Sammon</u>
10:00am	<u>Paul Spruell(Spc. Int.)</u>

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

This Week at St Teresa

Saturday – 12th September

- Yoga, Teresa of Avila Mtg Room 9:00am
- Cheese and Crackers Social 5:15pm

Sunday – 13th September

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

Monday – 14th September

- choir practice, 6:30pm

Saturday – 19th 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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Clean Air Starts with Community Action

Building climate resilience is about more than preparing for emergencies—it's also about taking everyday actions that contribute to healthier air and stronger communities throughout the year.

A few ways to make a difference:

- Walk, bike, carpool, or use public transit when possible
- Support local tree planting and green space initiatives
- Reduce outdoor burning and properly dispose of yard waste
- Participate in community preparedness events and volunteer opportunities
- Encourage conversations about climate resilience at work and home

Together, small everyday actions can improve air quality, strengthen community connections, and help create a more resilient future.

Resource: Bay Area Air Quality Management District: <https://www.baaqmd.gov/>

2026 Season of Creation

Running from September 1 to October 4, 2026, the Season of Creation is an annual ecumenical period where Christians worldwide unite in prayer and ecological action around the theme "Living Water," drawing deeply from the climate exhortations of Pope Francis.

- Join "Open Hearts" Virtual Prayer Gatherings: Participate in the network’s regular Pacific Time virtual prayer circles to pray in solidarity with Bay Area residents for climate healing, ecological conversion, and regional watershed protection.
 - Lead Prayerful Outdoor Witness Along SF Coastlines: Partner with network members to combine prayer with local environmental action by conducting outdoor prayer walks (Via Creatonis) or quiet reflective gatherings along Ocean Beach, the Presidio, or the San Francisco Bay shoreline.
- Resource: <https://laudatedeumsolidarity.org/>

GUN SAFETY COMMITTEE
September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

We're sharing these important facts. Most people who die from suicide use a gun. Reducing easy access to a gun could mean saving a life. Secure storage can save lives by keeping guns secure from those at risk of suicide, specifically children and teens. One of the most helpful things people can do to prevent suicide is to learn more about secure gun storage and to advocate for stronger gun safety laws. Every day in the United States an average of 74 dies from firearms. Help us spread awareness. If you or someone you know is struggling , is depressed or in crisis, call **988** Suicide & Crisis line or text **988**.