

SECOND COLLECTIONS

THIS WEEK second collection benefits World Mission Sunday. Donate [here](#)

NEXT WEEK there is no second collection.

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



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stteresasf.flocknote.com/bulletins



Online donation
Here are the
two ways you
can support St.
Teresa's



OSV Regular



MEETING TODAY
In the Hall RE Room
(follow the signs)



**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.**

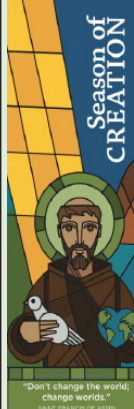
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**Season of CREATION**

The banners in the rotunda commemorate:

- 1) the year of Saint Francis,
- 2) the Season of Creation,
- 3) and Saint Francis' feast-day.

The quotation is Saint Francis' call that we do something (anything) to make the world a better place.

The banners will stay up until Thanksgiving.

Pope Leo XIV Prayer for Peace

Lord Jesus, you conquered death without weapons or violence: you shattered its power with the strength of peace. Grant us your peace, as you did to the women filled with doubt on Easter morning, as you did to the disciples who were hiding in fear. Send forth your Spirit, the breath that gives life and reconciles, that turns adversaries and enemies into brothers and sisters. Inspire in us to trust in Mary, your mother, who stood at the foot of your cross with a broken heart, firm in the faith that you would rise again. May the madness of war cease and the Earth be cared for and cultivated by those who still know how to bring forth, protect and love life.

Hear us, Lord of life!



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*"In this house, all are friends, all are loved,
all are helped, all are held dear." - St. Teresa of Avila*

October 18, 2026 | 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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100 YEARS OF WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

World Mission Sunday
October 18, 2026

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Sunday **October 25th** St. Francis Pet Blessing



The clergy of Saint Teresa's and Saint Gregory's will be on hand during the Farley's Coffee Pet Parade on Sunday, October 25th, to bless your pets.

Yes, this is customarily done on October 4th, but the 'Pet Parade' is an opportunity too good to pass up.

A Prayer for Pope Leo's Recovery - James Martin S.J.

God, at the very dawn of creation, you breathed upon the waters, making them the wellspring of creation. In those same times, after your divine breath entered into Adam's lungs, you gave life to all humanity. When your Son, Jesus, died on the Cross, He offered his very last breath to you, his heavenly Father. After the Resurrection, when you breathed new life into your Son, He, in turn, breathed on his disciples and gave them the gift of the Holy Spirit. In our time, that Holy Spirit guided the cardinals in their election of Pope Leo XIV. Now we turn to you and ask you to fill his injured lungs with that same Holy Spirit, making him strong and healthy, and removing any trace of illness. As Leo faces treatment, give him all the gifts of the Holy Spirit, especially fortitude. Guide the actions of his doctors, nurses and caregivers, giving them the Spirit's gifts as well, especially wisdom and knowledge. Finally, help your Son's Vicar, and our Pope, Leo, trust in you, Both now in his time of illness, during his treatment and after his recovery. Come, Holy Spirit! Amen.

OCT 18

When: 11:30am (after the 10am mass)
Where: Downstairs - St. Teresa of Avila Room
How Often: Every Other Sunday

**Pope Leo's Magnifica Humanitas (Magnificent Humanity)**
ON SAFEGUARDING THE HUMAN PERSON IN THE TIME OF AI
Study Group

Council Meetings:
Finance Council: Tuesday, October 20th, at 10:30am in the Parish Office.
Pastoral Council: Tuesday, October 20th, at 7:00pm in the Teresa of Avila meeting room.

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

**WEEKDAY MASSES**
Monday—Friday 8:30am 

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Pharisees & Sadducees

In today’s Gospel, the Pharisees and Sadducees try to trip up Jesus with a question about whether they should pay taxes. Next Sunday, they’ll try to do it again when they ask, “Which commandment is the greatest?” Regarding the scribes, Pharisees, and Sadducees, Jesus instructs the crowd to “Do what they say, not what they do.” As curious readers with inquiring minds, we may want to know, “Just who are the Pharisees and Sadducees?”

All too often Christians speak of Pharisees and Sadducees in the same breath, as if the two groups could be lumped together. Such is not the case. Speaking of Pharisees and Sadducees in the same sentence would be like talking about Republicans and Democrats as if there were no differences between the two political parties.

The fact is that, during the time of Jesus, the Pharisees and Sadducees were the two major groups within Judaism. The Sadducees were an aristocratic, priestly caste primarily located in Jerusalem. A person was a Sadducee by birth in that he or she was born into this priestly class. Sadducees traced their ancestry to the Tribe of Levi, and the high priest, the temple priests in Jerusalem, and the majority of members of the Sanhedrin were primarily Sadducees.

The Sadducees were politically liberal but religiously conservative . . . which initially sounds strange. They were politically liberal because they cooperated with the occupying Roman power. Why did they do this? Because, by cooperating with Rome, they were allowed to continue to practice their religion and maintain Temple operations. In other words, cooperation with Rome allowed the Sadducees some degree of religious freedom. For these reasons, Sadducees were regarded as politically liberal because they cooperated with the (gentile) Roman authority.

The Sadducees were religiously conservative for two reasons. First, they rejected any notion of the resurrection of the dead, and second, they had a rather constricted notion of what constituted Sacred Scripture. The Sadducees strictly adhered to the Law or Torah, placing particular emphasis on the first five books of the Bible. One final thing: because the Sadducees were the priestly class, the majority lived in Jerusalem so as to be in close proximity to the temple.

Pharisees were politically conservative but religiously liberal. The Pharisees were not a priestly caste like the Sadducees; rather, they were devout “lay people” who were trying to live a holy life. Since the Pharisees did not have political power, they didn’t “get their hands dirty” by cooperating with Rome. For this reason, Pharisees were considered politically conservative. And although there were Pharisees living in Jerusalem, the majority of Pharisees lived in other areas of the country (such as Galilee) or in the diaspora (Jewish communities outside of the geographical boundaries of Palestine, such as Alexandria, Egypt). In fact, many Pharisees in the diaspora probably were more fluent in Greek than in Hebrew.

It’s important to note that, because Pharisees were spread throughout the empire, they were exposed to a variety of ideas and cultures. In other words, because Pharisees were exposed to new ideas and ways of thinking, they were more “open” to ideas regarding resurrection and afterlife. Such radical thought would brand the Pharisees as being religiously liberal.

In spite of their differences, Sadducees and Pharisees were in agreement regarding their suspicion of Jesus. Jesus preached that “. . . the last will be first and the first will be last,” and “tax collectors, prostitutes, and sinners will get into heaven before you (Sadducees and Pharisees)”. Should Jesus’ ideas become reality, the social order would be turned on its head. For this reason, neither Pharisees nor Sadducees were especially responsive to the message of Jesus.

With the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD, the state of Israel ceased to exist. The temple was destroyed, there was no longer a high priest, and the temple priesthood disappeared. Essentially, the Sadducee party ceased to exist in 70 AD, and the Judaism which survives today traces its roots in what was, in Jesus’ day, the Pharisaic movement.

--Michael Kwiecien, O. Carm.

MASS INTENTIONS

- Saturday, October 17
04:15am + [Thelma Cavillo](#)
+ [Andy Parker](#)
- Sunday, October 18
08:30am + [Bianca and Peter Lodolo](#)
10:00am + Fr. Peter Sammon
- Monday, October 19
08:30am Sr. Lucia (Sp. Int.)
- Tuesday, October 20
08:30am + Carole Arret
- Wednesday, October 21
08:30am Judi Daddio (Sp. Int.)
- Thursday, October 22
08:30am Sandra Seibel (Sp. Int.)
- Friday, October 23
08:30am Jeanne Burns (Sp. Int.)
- Saturday, October 24
04:15pm + Carole Arrett
- Sunday, October 25
08:30am + [Gino Garilbaldi](#)
10:00am + Fr. Peter Sammon

This Week At St. Teresa's

- Sunday—18 October
- 11:30am Encyclical study group downstairs in the Teresa of Avila room
- Tuesday — 20 October
- 10:30am Finance Council meeting in Parish Office
- 7:00pm Pastoral Council meeting in Avila room.
- Wednesday—21 October
- Zoom Bible Study 7:30-8:30pm contact jvhphd@icloud.com for info
- Thursday – 22 October
- Sitting for Peace - 12:00—1:00pm on City Hall Steps
- Saturday – 24 October
- Yoga - 9:00AM in the Teresa of Avila room.

ST. TERESA'S GREEN TEAM

Plug-In or Balcony Solar

California Governor Gavin Newsom signed Senate Bill 868 (the Plug and Play Solar Act), making plug-in balcony solar legal starting January 1, 2027 through January 1, 2030.

- Portable solar panels connect directly into a standard indoor or outdoor wall outlet without needing a complex rooftop installation.
- Systems are capped at a maximum of 1,200 watts of aggregated AC output per dwelling unit
- Systems must carry a UL or equivalent national lab safety certification and include an automatic grid-down shutoff feature.
- The exemption from utility interconnection rules remains in effect until January 1, 2030
- Renters and homeowners can plug small solar kits directly into a standard indoor or outdoor three-pronged wall outlet to lower monthly electricity bills.

Resource: [CalMatters \(SB868\)](#)

GUN SAFETY COMMITTEE

Empowering Hollywood in the Movement to End Gun Violence

We've trained and met with over 2,000 screenwriters, producers, and studio executives about how to responsibly depict firearms in film and television. And the best part? The steps are simple — and natural. We're not asking to take guns out of storytelling. We're asking writers, directors, and producers to be thoughtful and intentional. Our Show Gun Safety team works in partnership with reative leaders to positively shift attitudes toward gun safety without impeding storytelling independence. Our Show Gun Safety Principles 1. Model responsible gun ownership, especially secure storage. Show consequences for reckless gun use. 2. Have at least one conversation during pre-production on the way guns will be portrayed on screen. 3. Limit scenes including children and guns. With guns the #1 cause of death for kids in America, even small choices on screen — like naturally showing a gun safe — can prevent a tragedy and save lives.

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